

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SONORA
FEBRUARY 4th, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Hank Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald E. Stearn, Councilmembers Gary Anderson, Bill Canning and David Sheppard; City Administrator Greg Applegate, City Clerk Marijane Cassineto, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Community Development Director Edward J. Wyllie, Finance Director Karen Stark, Police Chief Mace McIntosh, Fire Chief Mike Barrows (present at 5:04 p.m.) and Grants/Redevelopment Program Manager Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Attorney Richard Matranga.

Mayor Russell announced that there was no Closed Session Meeting this date.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Anderson, second by Councilmember Sheppard, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of January 22nd, 2008; and
2. Approval of invoices for previously budgeted expenses to be paid on February 5th, 2008, in the amount of \$66,137.02.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassineto advised Council that at 7:04 a.m. on the 31st day of January, 2008, the Agenda for the City of Sonora's Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tentative Parcel Map for Leonard. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider the application by Larry Leonard for Lewis Leonard, for a Tentative Parcel Map to divide an existing parcel into two lots of .15 and .28 acres. Said property is located at 391 S. Stewart Street at the intersection of William Street in an R-3, Multifamily Residential zone; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-168-08. Councilmember Anderson was excused from the Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest in that he is the owner of property adjacent to said parcel. Community Development Director Wyllie presented his Staff Report noting the conditional approval by the Planning Commission on January 14th, 2008, and recommendation for approval.

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. Dave Ragland, Surveyor/Engineer appeared in favor of said Tentative Parcel Map on behalf of the applicants. The applicants were present. There being no further appearances, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Russell asked for action on New Business Item #1.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Parcel Map Application by Leonard. In consideration of information provided at the above Public Hearing, **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Stearn, second by Councilmember Canning, that said Tentative Parcel Map as heretofore described for Lewis Leonard be approved subject to the following conditions:**

1. **Consistent with other residential properties along South Stewart Street, access to Parcel B-1 is to be**

from William Street, and denied from Stewart Street. Specific vehicular access and off-street parking design issues will be deferred to a future review for development on the parcel;

2. As requested by the Historical Society Landmarks Committee and the Tuolumne Heritage Committee, the rock wall along the Stewart Street frontage will be preserved within the future development of Parcel B-1;
3. Water and sewer service to proposed Parcel B-1 will require the applicant or developer's payment of connection fees and reimbursement for the actual cost of installing water and sewer service laterals, in accordance with fees that may be in effect at the time of application and as adopted by the TUD Board. Verification of water and sewer service to Parcel B-1 to be provided to the City Building Department upon application for a building permit.
4. The Final Map shall include all necessary easements for water and sewer service to both parcels as required by TUD, as discussed in TUD's letter dated December 20th, 2007;
5. Future development on Parcel B-1 will require that a qualified professional approved by the Community Development Director be present during initial ground disturbance to observe for the presence of historic resources. If such resources are found to be present, that professional will make recommendations for how the resources are to be treated, and those recommendations be followed by the applicant or developer.
6. Other issues to be evaluated upon development of Parcel B-1 include pedestrian access and landscaping. Although building design review is presently not required by the zoning ordinance, it may become required as a result of implementation of the City General Plan.

In taking this action, the following findings were recommended:

1. The project is consistent with the intent and purpose of the City of Sonora General Plan; the provisions for lands designated for Historic Mixed Use and Historic Mixed Density Residential by the City General Plan Land Use Element and Map; and the land and structure regulations of the R-3, Multifamily Residential zone; and
2. Environmental review has been completed in compliance with State CEQA and City EIR Guidelines.

The foregoing MOTION passed four to zero with one abstention as follows: Ayes: Russell, Stearn, Canning and Sheppard; Abstain: Anderson; Noes: None.

Councilmember Anderson reentered the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)

Tuolumne County Administrator Craig Pedro appeared before the Council to invite the Council and the public to attend a two-day Economic Development Summit facilitated by the California Association for Local Economic Development on Thursday and Friday, February 21st and 22nd, 2008, at the Tuolumne County Board Chambers from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and at the Sonora Oaks Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., respectively. The Summit is sponsored in partnership with the City of Sonora, the Economic Development Company of Tuolumne County and

the County of Tuolumne. The purpose of the event is to begin economic development planning with a fresh start with ideas from the community and local government. Administrator Applegate will distribute an interview schedule which will be set up between Councilmembers and City Staff and the Association for Local Economic Development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Expenditure Plan for \$400,000 of Proposition 1B Funding. The Council engaged in consideration of adopting an Expenditure Plan for Proposition 1B Funding in the amount of \$400,000. Said Bond monies will fund maintenance and improvement of local transportation facilities. Engineer Fuccillo reviewed the funding requirements noting that an expenditure plan must be adopted to file electronically. Administrator Applegate stated that filing immediately increases the best chances for the City to be granted the funding. Fuccillo reviewed the proposed expenditure plan which would include 2.37 miles of City Streets which he presented by providing a spreadsheet contained in the the City's Pavement Management Program that he had prepared in June of 2006. There was discussion regarding the evaluation and repair process. Fuccillo recommended that the Group 4 through 7 consisting of 2.37 miles of pre-evaluated streets be approved and adopted as the Expenditure Plan. Based upon the 2006 overlay costs with inflation and support costs, Fuccillo estimated that the \$400,000 would just about cover the costs of said Grouping. A full copy of said Pavement Management Program is on file with the City Engineer for reference.

MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Stearn, and unanimously carried that the City Council adopts an Expenditure Plan for Proposition 1B Funding in the amount of \$400,000 as follows:

1. **Allocate the amount to City Street Overlays as recommended in said report dated 06/30/06, specifically 2.37 miles of City Street shown as Overlay Groups 4 through 7;**
2. **Authorize City Staff to divide the overlay groups up between FY 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 in accordance with the anticipated revenue stream (to be determined); and**
3. **Authorize City Staff to prepare an Expenditure Plan to be filed with the Department of Finance and bring forth budget items for this funding in future budgets.**

Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for FY 2007-2008. The Council engaged in consideration of adopting Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for FY 2007-2008. Finance Director Stark presented General and Miscellaneous Fund adjustments resulting in a total estimated transfer to reserves at year-end of \$95,400. Copies of the proposed adjustments are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and "B", and included herein and made a part hereof by reference.

MOTION by Councilmember Anderson, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for FY 2007-2008 be approved as presented.

WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

1. Correspondence from 14th District Senator Dave Cogdill, outlining the highlights from the Governor's 2007-2008 January Budget proposal.
2. A letter from Pat Dennen, Fire Chief of the San Bernardino County Fire Department thanking Sonora Fire Department Employees for responding to their call for assistance through the California Mutual Aid System for the Slide Fire and the Grass Valley Fire.
3. Correspondence from Comcast informing the City of programming changes.

4. December 2007 Bond Market Review from Chandler Asset Management.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief Barrows reported that his Department will host an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshop on February 26th, 2008. **Police Chief McIntosh** reported that he is in interviews for the Dispatcher position, and reminded citizens to lock their cars to help prevent theft. **Community Development Director Wyllie** reported that the two pickups recently authorized for purchase had been purchased, equipped and are in service. **Clerk Cassinetto** noted that the filing date for Declaration of Candidacy for the June General Election is February 11th through March 7th, 2008. **Councilmember Anderson** reported that the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee had approved the planting of roses at Rother's Corner by the Golden Sierra Rose Society. **Councilmember Canning** noted that Arbor Day is March 11th, 2008, and the City would be planting several trees. **Mayor Pro-Tem Stearn** listed a handful of repairs needed to street signs, the Visitor Bureau facility and sidewalk grinding. **Mayor Russell** encouraged participation in the Economic Development Summit to be held on February 21st and 22nd, 2008. **Councilmember Sheppard** listed items he felt were important for frank discussion at said Summit.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 19th, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall (no meeting on Monday, February 18th, 2008, as it is President's Day, a legal holiday).

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk