

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
APRIL 4, 2016**

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 Ronald Stearn, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Williams, Councilmembers Bill Canning, George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Contract City Attorney Byron Smith, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Fire Chief Aimee New, Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 9:30 a.m. on the 31st day of March, 2016, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Stinson introduced and swore in Police Sergeant Chris Rogers who was welcomed by the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

Elena Linehan downtown property owner, employee and former Downtown Revitalization Manager who brought the Farmers Market to Sonora, said that the benches downtown which are currently green will be painted black, and she was told that black was chosen to make them historically accurate. Linehan said that the benches downtown have been green since their inception at the time she was the Downtown Manager. She noted that the benches in Jamestown are green, and that Jamestown has put in bulb outs and sidewalk planters, much like those planned for Vision Sonora, which are now riddled with weeds. Linehan mentioned that the revitalization of San Luis Obispo is a highly regarded example of successful downtown revitalization; when she was Downtown Manager there, San Luis also installed bulb outs which, unfortunately, are now filled with weeds and cactus. Linehan attended the Merchants and City Town Hall Meeting on March 30, 2016, where some merchants and attendees said that they want to expand or start a business but feel that City restrictions make it undesirable.

Laurie Lehmann, as Co-Chair of the *Mural in a Day Project*, reported that some graffiti was successfully removed from the Mural with some "elbow grease", but she had purchased a can of Wipe Out Graffiti Remover, and did not need to use it, so she is donating it to City Public Works. Lehmann, as Vision Sonora Committee Member, requested that the City purchase a steam cleaner for cleaning downtown sidewalks; and as a downtown resident, Lehmann requested that the Council adopt a noise ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of March 21, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on April 5, 2016, in the amount of \$494,128.70; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$13,699.21 on March 23, 2016, and \$140,185.00 on April 1, 2016, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions and leave payout.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams noted one correction to the Regular Council Minutes; the addition of Police Chief New to those who were present. There was no public comment. The above **MOTION was amended to add the presence of Chief New, and passed unanimously.** Williams also requested that the Vision Sonora Committee Report be included on the next Council Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 838, City Initiated Rezoning. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to introduce by title Ordinance No. 838, and waive the first reading, which amends the City of Sonora Zoning Map from Commercial (C) to Tourist and Administrative (CO) for the following Assessors Parcels in the City: 002-181-19, portion of 002-181-21, 002-181-02, portion of 002-181-03, 002-181-17, 002-181-18, portion of 002-181-27, 002-181-27, 002-181-09, portion of 002-181-20, 002-183-01, 002-183-02, 002-183-03, 002-183-04, 056-081-03 and 056-181-04.

Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed background information, and recommended approval. Kellogg noted that an application for rezoning at 488 S. Stewart Street, Parcel No. 002-181-19, was received from Robert and Sharon Ozbirn to rezone from Commercial (C) to Tourist and Administrative (CO) which will allow single family residential use. This application spurred City review of surrounding parcels, and Staff has determined that the Tourist and Administrative (CO) zoning is more consistent with the existing uses for the parcels. Kellogg

reported on the public notice process. Robert Ozbirn was present and spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Mayor Stearn opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. There being no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:31 p.m. **MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 838 be introduced with the first reading waived.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA). The Council considered approving the FY 2017 Budget for the TCEDA. TCEDA Director Larry Cope passed out the proposed Budget to Councilmembers along with the Work Plan and the 2016 Annual End of Year Report for accomplishments and activities in 2015. Cope reported that the preliminary budget estimate for expenses is \$411,545.00, \$21,145.00 over FY16 expenses, and revenues of \$411,545.00 with \$271,839 being supplied by the County of Tuolumne and the requested amount of \$87,261.00 from the City of Sonora. The final \$52,445.00 will be supplied by miscellaneous revenues such as outside contracts, transfers from reserves, reimbursements and interest income. Cope stated that he will be focusing on attracting businesses into vacant buildings, and reviewed the businesses that are currently planning to go in. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority be approved as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Stinson reminded the Council that School Street will be closed from 8:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, for its Every 15 Minute Mock Accident event. **Stinson** reported that Detective Kahil Ibrahim was recognized by the Tuolumne County Victim Witness Department as its Victim Witness Advocate; and, **Stinson** noted that if you receive a parking citation, either pay it or contest it quickly as there is a time limit of 21 days to pay or contest, and if not done, it will be

sent to Tuolumne County Revenue Recovery for collection. **Interim Finance Director Sadeghian** reported that the new Finance Director will come on board next week, and this is his last Council Meeting. **Sadeghian** sincerely thanked Administrator Miller and all staff for their support over the past two and a half years. Councilmembers thanked him and applauded his service. **Councilmember Segarini** noted that the annual *Prescription Drug Take Back* event will be held on April 29-30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Junction Shopping Center; he reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Government Affairs Meeting at which it was announced that SB876, taking local control away in regard to the homeless, was "killed" in Committee; that a Candidates Night will be held on May 12, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers; and that the Merchants and City Town Hall Meeting held on March 30, 2016, was very well attended with standing room only, and he thanked the businesses attending and announced that the next Meeting will be held on April 27, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** reported that she was a celebrity waiter at the Sonora Sunrise Rotary Fundraiser on April 1, 2016, which provided funding for refurbishing of the fire engine donated to the Columbia College Fire Academy; she attended the *Taste of Mentoring* successful and well attended fundraising event on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at the Elks Lodge, and she reported that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on April 28, 2016, at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. **Councilmember Canning** said that it is nice to see that the rain has stopped and that it is warming up. **Mayor Stearn** said that the bulb outs in Jamestown have black tire marks all over them.

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 next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date