

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MAY 15, 2017**

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 5:01 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, City Attorney Douglas White, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief Aimee New, Acting Police Chief Turu VanderWiel. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

Mayor Williams recognized the presence of former Mayor and Councilmember Ron Stearn and his daughter Martha, who were present at the Council Meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 12:00 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2017, 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

1. Administrator Miller introduced Acting Police Chief Turu VanderWiel; Turu's badge was pinned by Jennifer Stevens, and he thanked the City for the opportunity, and said that he was looking forward to serve in his new capacity of Acting Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, seconded by Councilmember Plummer, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

- 1. Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Session Meetings of May 1, 2017;**
- 2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on May 16, 2017, in the amount of \$132,409.51; and**
- 3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$133,114.48 on May 12, 2017, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries,**

employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions. There was no public comment, and the **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 839, Rezoning of 15 Pesce Way. The Council considered waiving the second reading and adopting Ordinance No. 839 amending the City of Sonora Zoning Map for Assessor's Parcel Nos. 035-230-39, 41 and 42 from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC), located at 15 Pesce Way relating to the proposed Arco Food Court project. Administrator Miller presented the Ordinance noting Staff's recommendation for approval.

Rubin Churnside of Land and Structure was present on behalf of the applicant.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini that the second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 839 amending the City's Zoning Map for the above referenced parcels from PD to GC be adopted as presented. There was no public comment, and the **MOTION passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Street Closure for Special Olympics Torch Run. The Council considered approving temporary closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street and Stockton Road) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. between St. James Episcopal Church and the Mother Lode Fairgrounds to accommodate the Special Olympics Torch Run on Saturday, June 17, 2017. Recommending approval Administrator Miller presented the Staff report noting that the request was submitted by Officer Faustino Pulido of the California Highway Patrol. Officer Faustino and Special Olympics Area Director Dave Dushane presented information on the event noting that the event is an annual fundraiser for local Special Olympians.

There was no public comment, and upon **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Plummer, it was unanimously carried that said requested temporary closure be approved as requested.**

Appointments to City Planning Commission. The Council considered approval of the Mayor's recommended appointments to the Planning Commission for the pending two four-year term

vacancies. Administrator Miller reported that the notice of pending vacancies was published in the Union Democrat on April 25, 2017, pursuant to the City's Ordinance Code, with the application deadline of May 8, 2017, and applications were available on the City's web page. Two applications were received, one from current Commissioner Christopher Garnin, and one from current Commissioner John Richardson whose terms expire July 1, 2017. Mayor Williams has recommended reappointment of applicants Christopher Garnin and John Richardson to fill the pending two vacancies for the four-year terms expiring July 1, 2017.

The Mayor asked for public comment. A member of the public said that she was opposed to the reappointment of Garnin and Richardson, said the application process was too short, and asked that more applications be solicited.

Mary Ann Wright asked if she could speak on traffic impact in regard to the proposed Food Court project on Pesce Way. Attorney White informed Wright that at this time she could only speak to this specific Agenda item, and that action was already taken on the adoption of Ordinance No. 839 which rezones the property to which she is referring. Wright said she did not recognize that said Ordinance was referring to the Food Court project. Attorney White suggested to Wright that she write a letter with her concerns and submit it to the Clerk for distribution to the Councilmembers. Administrator Miller suggested that Wright stay longer because the Council would be addressing the applications for positions on the Traffic Commission and TCTC Citizens Advisory Committee for which she may be interested.

Councilmember Segarini asked for clarification of the notification process, and Community Development Director Kellogg confirmed that the required process and notification requirements were followed.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Planning Commissioners Garnin and Richardson to the Planning Commission for the two four-year terms commencing on July 1, 2017.

The same member of the public stated that the current terms do not expire until July 1, 2017, and asked the Council to extend the application process. There was no further public comment.

Councilmembers Segarini and Hawkins withdrew their Motion and second, respectively. Administrator Miller said if the Council

chooses the option to extend the application process, the Mayor could withdraw her recommendations, and it could be re-noticed and come back to the Council on either June 5 or June 19, 2017. The Mayor withdrew her recommendations. It was Council consensus to re-notice for the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the application process be extended up to the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting.**

Appointments to the Following: Marijuana Working Group; Traffic Commission; Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) Citizens Advisory Committee. Administrator Miller reported that in regard to the Marijuana Working Group, one application was received for the Industry Member from Kira Tucker, and none were received for the Public Member; in regard to the City's Traffic Commission, one application was received from Dave Feltenberger for Residential Member, and none were received for Commercial Member; in regard to the TCTC Citizens Advisory Committee, no applications were received. The Council considered the recommendations of the Mayor for the appointments.

The Mayor recommended the appointment of Kira Tucker as Industry Member for the Marijuana Working Group, and suggested that the application process for the Public Member be extended. Attorney White reminded Council that delay should be minimized to allow the City time to prepare for the implementation of State policy taking effect in January 2018.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Segarini that the Council approve the Mayor's recommended appointment of Kira Tucker as Industry Member, and that advertisement for a Public Member be extended to the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting. Mayor Williams asked for public comment.

Kira Tucker said that it will be an honor to work with the City. She noted that the State regulations are now open for public comment until June 15, 2017, and suggested the Council take a look at them to see what is coming down from the State. A member of the public said that he will apply for the Public Member position, and he supports the time extension as he was not aware of the notification process. A member of the public asked what the Councilmembers have done to get new members on the City's Committees and Commission; she had concerns that Kira Tucker would be on both the County and City Working Groups, and said that she would like to see more members of the public step up.

The above MOTION as stated passed unanimously.

In regard to the Traffic Commission, Mayor Williams recommended appointment of Dave Feltenberger as the Residential Member. Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa asked that the application process be extended to the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting to allow for additional applicants as has been done for the other appointments.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Segarini that the Council approves the Mayor's recommendation of Dave Feltenberger as Residential Member, and that the application period for the Commercial Member be extended to the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting. The Mayor asked for any public comment.

A member of the public opposed the appointment of Feltenberger because she has not seen him at Commission Meetings, and does not know if he has any experience or is interested; she would like to see someone appointed with experience and who has shown interest in attending Meetings. She was in favor of extending the application process and wanted the City to develop additional means for solicitation. Mayor Williams stated that she had reached out to Mr. Feltenberger because she knew he had concerns about traffic issues in Sunrise Hills, and he had the desire to serve.

The above **MOTION passed four to one as follows: Ayes: Williams, Hawkins, Plummer, Segarini; No: Garaventa.**

In regard to the appointment of a Public Member to the TCTC Citizens Advisory Committee, Administrator Miller noted that no applications were received, the application process will automatically be extended to the June 5, 2017, Council Meeting, and a motion is not required. Mayor Williams asked for any public comment.

A member of the public commented on the importance to appoint applicants who will show up at the Meetings; she has attended Meetings and said often it is difficult to get a quorum. Mary Ann Wright asked for clarification as to the parameters of the TCTC and of the Traffic Commission. Administrator Miller and the Councilmembers commented on the parameters of both.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Community Development Department
2. Public Works Department
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department

No public comment.

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None - No public comment. The next Meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS

None - No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg informed the Council that staff has submitted a grant request to Lowes for \$100,000 for the Stewart Street Restroom Project, that Sunset Magazine is doing a featured article in an upcoming issue on the Dragoon Gulch Trail, that the Energy Action Plan, greenhouse gas emissions study, will have its first public outreach at the June 8, 2017, Planning Commission Meeting which will be presented by the Sierra Business Council, and that the Stewart Street multi-family housing project is almost ready for occupancy, and staff is screening tenants for CDBG low income eligibility. **Acting Police Chief VanderWiel** reported that May 14 through May 20, 2017, is National Police Week which recognizes all those who have fallen this past year in the line of duty, and many ceremonies will be held throughout the State. A recognition for local fallen police officers will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. **VanderWiel** also noted that on June 3, 2017, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will hold an honors ceremony in Woodland, California, at which Sonora Police Officer Naomi Kneip who has been named *Top Gun Officer of the Year* will be honored; the award is given to officers who have the highest number of drunk driving arrests. **Administrator Miller** reported that the Mother Lode Parade and Roundup were both successful and without any major issues. **Councilmember Hawkins** attended the recent Police Field Training at the City shooting range, stated that it was really interesting, and commented that the training and the Police Officers are amazing. **Hawkins** said that he has heard of concerns about noise and asked the City Attorney to check into a way to protect the range from being closed down. **Attorney White** said that he would research the matter. **Councilmember Plummer** said that he attended the Scholarship Awards Ceremony last week, and that over \$250 Million was given out in scholarships, and the generosity of local scholarship donors is quite amazing; he also noted that Jonathan Skelly was the recipient of numerous scholarships. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Police Department appreciation party for Interim Chief Harden, the Fair Board Meeting, the Visitors Bureau Open House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the Transfer Station Solid Waste tour, 2nd Saturday Art Night, and that the Fire Museum did very well selling hotdogs and tri-tip sandwiches at the Mother Lode Parade. **Councilmember**

Segarini reported that he attended the Vision Sonora Marketing Committee Meeting, the Vision Sonora Finance Committee Meeting, the TCTC Meeting, the Visitors Bureau Open House, and the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council Meeting. **Mayor Williams** reported that the Farmers Market will begin this Saturday, May 20, 2017, and continue through October 13, 2017, and that the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department will celebrate its 4th Annual Mental Health Awareness event this coming Friday, May 19, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. **Williams** additionally reported that the State Treasurer, who is the Chair of the Scholarship Share Investment Board, has notified the City that from May 24 to May 26, 2017, when parents or grandparents invest a minimum of \$50 and commitment of six months auto payment of \$25 per month into a 529 College Savings Plan Account for the child, the State will add \$50 to the account.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date