

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
JUNE 5, 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 5:05 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.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 12:00 p.m. on the 2nd 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. Mayor Williams thanked Shelly Hance, former Executive Director of the Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency, for the great job she has done in that capacity and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hance honoring her for 35 years of service to the residents of Sonora and for her leadership and inspiration. The Councilmembers thanked Hance for her excellent service. Hance stated her appreciation for the City "being a true partner" with the County of Tuolumne and ATCAA, and introduced new Executive Director Raj Rambaub.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. **Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Session Meetings of May 15, 2017;**
2. **Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on June 6, 2017, in the amount of \$133,022.91; and**

3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$142,651.85 on May 26, 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

Mayor's Appointments to Committees, Commissions and Working Groups. The Council considered ratification of the Mayor's recommended appointments to the Marijuana Working Group, the Traffic Commission, the TCTC Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Planning Commission. After discussion at the last Meeting, due to the few applications received, the positions were re-advertised. Applications were received as follows:

- a. Marijuana Working Group - Public Member: Harry Ohls and Dale Baxter
- b. Traffic Commission - Business Member: Marianne Wright, Jessica Williams and Derek Nunes
- c. TCTC Citizens Advisory Committee - Public Member: No applications were received
- d. Planning Commission: John Richardson and Chris Garnin for the four-year terms ending July 1, 2021; no new applications were received.

Mayor Williams made the following appointments: Marijuana Working Group: Harry Ohls; Traffic Commission: Marianne Wright; Planning Commission: John Richardson and Chris Garnin. As no applications were received for the Citizens Advisory Member to the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC), Councilmember Segarini encouraged the public to apply. Mayor Williams thanked the applicants for stepping up to the plate. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that the Mayor's appointments as set forth above be ratified.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 06-05-2017-A Re: Temporary No Parking Zones. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 06-05-2017-A which establishes temporary no parking zones along certain City streets during the Mother Lode Fair from Friday, July 7, 2017

through Sunday, July 9, 2017. Acting Police Chief VanderWiel presented the Resolution reviewing the proposed closures and recommending approval. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 06-05-2017-A be approved and adopted as presented.

Proposed FY 2017-18 Operating Budget. The Council considered the proposed 2017-18 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and possible direction to Staff. Administrator Miller introduced the matter recognizing the efforts of Staff, Department Heads and Administrative Services Director Callaway for their assistance in bringing forth a balanced budget and for its compilation. Miller also noted that the Annual City Report has been incorporated into the Budget report.

By power point presentation, Administrative Services Director Callaway reported a total Operating Budget of \$11.2 Million with anticipated General Fund Revenues of \$4.9 Million, she reviewed by Department and Funds the total General Fund Expenditures of \$5.2 Million, and General Fund Reserves of \$1.46 Million. She discussed salary and benefit cost impacts, reviewed quarterly budget reports, and a five year financial forecast including State Budget impacts, and on-going issues, and concluded with the notation that the FY 17/18 Budget proposes to maintain service levels with an essentially status quo budget.

Councilmember Plummer thanked Callaway for the clarity of the report. Councilmember Segarini thanked Staff for the efforts put into the Budget preparation. There was brief discussion regarding the possible sale of City properties to generate revenues, and possibly charging applicants for special events. The Mayor thanked Staff and all Departments for coming through with a balanced budget, and she asked for any public comment.

A member of the public said that WalMart anticipates \$100 Million in sales this year, and the City needs to find some way to get more big business generators. She thanked the Council for its decision to not spend the \$5,000 on the Stewart Street Restroom Project, and \$10,000 for the Vision Sonora Branding, and that she has collected 37 cents toward the Restroom Project and will continue to collect more; she also asked why she does not see more of the benches downtown that were donated by members of the public.

There was no further comment or discussion, and no Staff direction for any Budget changes was given.

Submission of Letters Regarding AB 1250 and SB 649. The Council considered submitting letters of objection to the Legislature regarding AB 1250 and SB 649 as requested by Steve Quails, League of California Cities Central Valley Regional Public Affairs Manager. AB 1250 restricts local governments contracting ability for numerous services; SB 649 prohibits local discretionary review of "small cell" wireless antennas and restricts numerous matters related thereto. Administrator Miller reported that he had received notice today that cities will be exempted from AB 1250. Attorney White stated that he was glad to see cities exempted but still has concern about the precedent being set; he recommended waiting on sending a letter to see what happens in the Senate. There was discussion about to whom to send the letter to be most effective. White said that informal letters of concern could be sent to Representatives Berryhill and Bigelow stating that the City is opposed to the principal of eliminating any kind of contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini to send an informal letter to legislators. Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa said that he does not support sending a letter feeling that it is an exercise in futility, and would like to see letters sent that can make a difference rather than symbolic letters. **The MOTION was seconded by Councilmember Plummer.** The Mayor asked for any public comment.

A member of the public said that she did not see the point in sending the letters; she objects to lobbyists making these requests, and objects on general principals.

The Motion as stated passed four to one by the following vote: Ayes: Williams, Hawkins, Plummer, Segarini; Noes: Garaventa.

The Council considered sending the letter opposing SB 649. Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa suggested that language be added relating to the consideration of historical values in historic corridors. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that a letter be sent stating the Council's opposition to SB 649, with addition of the historical values language.

Cancel July 3, 2017, Council Meeting. The Council considered cancelling the July 3, 2017, regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Administrator Miller reported that as the Meeting falls on the Monday before the Tuesday, July 4, 2017, National Holiday, there may be Councilmembers and City employees considering vacation around this time. In addition, Miller

stated that there are no urgent agenda items that cannot wait for the July 17, 2017, Meeting. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Council Meeting for Monday, July 3, 2017, be cancelled, and that approval is given to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on July 5, 2017.

Schedule Marijuana Working Group Meeting. The Council considered setting the date and time for the first Marijuana Working Group Meeting. Attorney White reminded Council that time is of the essence so that certain things can be accomplished before December 31, 2018, when the State law takes effect. Dates, times and frequency for Meetings were discussed. The Mayor asked for public comment.

Harry Ohls asked how all of the information necessary for Committee decisions would be gathered. Attorney White said that information would be provided by Staff. A member of the public asked that availability of Industry Member Kira Tucker be considered when setting dates.

It was Council consensus that the first Meeting be set for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers, and that the schedule for future Meetings could be considered at that time.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None - 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 the first Study Session with public input on the preparation of the Energy Action Plan will take place at the regular Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017; it will be the sole item on the Agenda. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Visitors Bureau, the Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting, the Special Council Meeting, and the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Central Sierra Economic District Meeting, noting

its Joint Powers Members of Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties and the Cities of Angels Camp and Sonora; he attended the Merchants/Townhall Meeting, and its next Meeting will be on June 28, 2017, and Acting Police Chief VanderWiel will be present and available for questions. **Mayor Williams** reported that she attended the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau Tourism Summit, that the Editor of Sierra Living Magazine was in town on May 25, 2017, and is writing an article on new business coming to Sonora, and that a Sunset Magazine representative visited Sonora last week and is doing a story on Sonora. She attended the Memorial Service at Mt. Shadow Cemetery which honored all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, attended the Christian Heights Church Memorial Day Celebration for the community which honored all those who serve, and the City was given a wooden cross with a plaque stating that the Church is praying for wisdom and protection for the City; and she opened the Tuolumne County Relay for Life fundraising event.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date