

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
JUNE 20, 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, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, Contract City Attorney Byron Smith, Fire Chief Amiee New, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 1:30 p.m. on the 16th day of June, 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**

None.

**PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)**

**Thanking Mayor Stearn for his 55 years of dedicated service to the City of Sonora**, Elena Linehan stated that she cannot imagine what it will be like not to have him on the Council, and gave him a jacket with "Downtown Defender" on it. Linehan also noted his love of music, and gave him a Big Bad Voodoo Daddy CD. Mayor Stearn thanked Linehan.

**A Member of the Public** stated that there were no restaurants serving breakfast downtown on Saturdays and Sundays before 8:00 a.m.; that last Saturday night in Columbia the State Poet Laurette did a presentation, and she ran into him on Sunday in downtown Sonora and gave him a tour; that downtown Sonora is still dirty and needs to be cleaned up; that she does not see many low flush toilets; that she sees joggers and walkers who are not wearing reflective clothing; that Shames Construction purchased a bench under the Vision Sonora Sponsor a Bench Program, and that Wal Mart is building a covered transit stop.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, and second by Councilmember Garaventa, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of June 6, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on June 21, 2016, in the amount of \$239,106.14; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$141,195.70, on June 10, 2016, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

There was no public comment, and the above **MOTION passed unanimously.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 06-20-2016-A Regarding No Parking Zones.** The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 06-20-2016-A which authorizes temporary No Parking Zones along certain streets for the Mother Lode Fair from Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 10, 2016. Police Chief Stinson presented the Resolution reviewing the No Parking Zones and recommending approval. A member of the public said that she hopes the Explorers will be wearing reflective and colorful shirts while they help with street crossing. There was no further public input. **MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that said Resolution authorizing the No Parking Zones be approved and adopted as presented.**

**Resolutions Pertaining to the FY 2016/17 Operating Budget.**  
The Council considered adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 06-20-2016-B establishing the FY 2016/17 Gann Appropriations Limit;
2. Resolution No. 06-20-2016-C approving the FY 2016/17 Operating Budget, including minor corrections and adjustments or additional changes as directed by the City Council; and
3. Resolution No. 06-20-2016-D approving the City of Sonora classification and salary schedules effective January 1, 2016.

**Administrator Miller** introduced the matter. Recommending approval, Administrative Services Director Callaway reviewed the provisions of Resolution 06-20-2016-B, which sets the Gann Appropriation Limit of \$42,014,407 for the City based on the change in California per capita income of 5.3%. Also

recommending approval, Callaway reviewed the provisions of Resolution 06-20-2016-C noting that Staff has made no recommendation to deter with the past action of allocating 25% of TOT monies to the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau, thus the Budget remains the same as it was presented at the last Council Meeting. Callaway reported that said Resolution also incorporates elements required by the Government Finance Officers Association which the City is migrating into its Budget, and includes edits for correction of some minor errors. Councilmember Segarini and Mayor Stearn both stated their desire to maintain the 25% allocation of TOT monies to the Visitors Bureau. Also recommending approval of Resolution 06-20-2016-D, Callaway reviewed the provisions of said Resolution which brings the City into compliance with regard to classifications and salary schedules effective January 1, 2016.

Mayor Stearn asked for any public comment. A member of the public stated that she is in favor of continuing the allocation of 25% to the Visitors Bureau, and she is impressed with what Executive Director Lisa Mayo has accomplished at the Bureau with very little money. There was no further public comment.

**MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that, as presented, the above three Resolutions be approved and adopted. The Staff Report with Budget correction edits is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for reference.**

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Traffic Signal Maintenance. The Council considered approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Tuolumne County for Traffic Signal Maintenance. Recommending the MOA approval, Administrator Miller reviewed its provisions. Miller stated that as of the end of this fiscal year, CalTrans will longer provide traffic signal maintenance for the City and the County of Tuolumne, and the City and County will need to contract with a private company to perform maintenance services which cannot otherwise be performed by in-house staff. The County is soliciting bids for such services which include a provision for the City to contract with the successful bidder. Provision is included that provide for a fair share allocation of signal maintenance that serve both the City and the County.

Mayor Stearn asked for any public comment. There was none.  
**MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that said MOA be approved, and that the City Administrator be authorized to sign the MOA on behalf of the City.**

Amendment to Fire Captain Job Description. The Council considered approving an Amendment to the Fire Captain Job

Description. Recommending approval, Fire Chief New presented the Amended Description noting that the amendment will provide for an allowance of six months to obtain a Class C California Drivers' License. This will allow recruitment of persons interested in the position from outside of California. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Amendment be approved as presented.**

**Nomination Procedure for Mother Lode Fair Board.** The Council considered approving the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors correspondence to Governor Jerry Brown requesting his support for an Ad Hoc Committee to perform local vetting of candidates for the Mother Lode Fair Board. Administrator Miller noted that this item was placed on the Council Agenda by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Stating that the Fairgrounds is very important to the City as it is within the City limits, Mayor Pro-Tem Williams requested input from the Council on the proposed letter. The Council discussed the matter stating a number of concerns indicating a consensus not to support the County's letter and proposal, as the Fair is a State entity and not a local jurisdictional matter.

Mayor Stearn asked for any public input. A member of the public said that it is a State entity and does not fall under the jurisdiction of the County or the City, so "the City should stay out of it". There was no further public comment, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, and second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that the City not support the letter.**

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Community Development Director Kellogg** reported that the *Home Ownership Expo* will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sonora Opera Hall on Saturday, June 25, 2016, and encouraged the public to attend; that Public Works is laying the gravel for the ADA portion of the Dragoon Gulch Trail which gravel was donated by George Reed, Inc.; RFP's for design of the City website are out; a Public Hearing will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016, for input on requested CDBG Funding; she is working on the next CDBG applications for a water line project and possible reinstatement of the First Time Homebuyers Program; and that she is working on

RFP's for the Park and Ride Project. **Administrative Services Director Callaway** reported that the State Controller's Tax Audit for FY2014/15 was found in compliance. **Councilmember Garaventa** reported that he attended the Parking and Traffic Commission Meeting last week. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Yes Partnership Meeting at the Columbia College on June 9, 2016; he attended the Tuolumne County Economic Development Board Meeting at Blue Mountain Minerals stating that everyone should make an appointment to take a tour because it is a great addition to our community; and he attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** requested that the Parking and Traffic Commission consider increasing the time limit for parking on Bradford Street across from the Bradford Inn and across from the County building, and also in the City parking garage; and she received a letter from a Bed & Breakfast in the City which is confused about the TOT in regard to Air B&Bs. **Administrator Miller** stated that the City has an Ordinance that requires payment to the City for locations within the City. **Williams** requested that an Air B&B Agreement be agendaized for discussion. **Mayor Stearn** attended the Fathers' Day Fly-In at Columbia Airport which had a great crowd, and he took a trip to Kennedy Meadows noting that the river is running high with lots of water, and that dead trees are being removed along Highway 108.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. (July 4<sup>th</sup> is a Legal Holiday.)

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date