

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
DECEMBER 5, 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 Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer and George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, City Attorney Douglas White, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of December, 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

Mayor Williams announced the retirement of Police Chief Stinson and invited everyone to stay after the Meeting for a presentation to and retirement reception for Chief Stinson.

Lisa Mayo, Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau Executive Director, presented the Bureau's 2015-2016 Annual Report. Mayo described 2015-2016 as "a tremendous year", and introduced the Bureau's new Marketing Coordinator Jen Lopez. Mayo gave a power point presentation which included a review of the three Visitors Centers in the County, marketing and promotions, media highlights, videos and commercials, strategic partnerships, and what will be new in 2016-2017. She reported \$221.7 Million in travel spending in 2015. Mayo thanked the Council for its support, and the Council thanked Mayo for the great job she does.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

A member of the public applauded Administrator Miller and Staff for impressive compliance with AB2257 with regard to the posting of the Council Meeting Agenda on the website, said that

she observed disorderly conduct outside two alcohol serving establishments on South Washington Street and was concerned that those businesses may not be following alcohol serving laws, suggested the Council write a letter of support to the Fair Board on its decision to hire a new CEO, and she hopes the Board will include more people in their search for CEO, and she said that local law enforcement is handling issues with the mentally ill well, and she applauded the Modesto Bee for its story on that issue.

Harry Ohls, City resident, spoke on his interpretation of the Brown Act in hopes of opening more communication in the City, and commented on preparation of a three year strategic plan that he has requested the City to consider establishing.

Tuolumne County Sheriff Department Lieutenant Eric Erhardt appeared on behalf of Sheriff Mele to thank retiring Police Chief Stinson for his service to the City and the community, and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Chief Stinson thanked the Sheriff and his Department for all the help and support given him over the years.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of November 21, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on December 6, 2016, in the amount of \$128,409.22; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$141,533.71, on November 23, 2016, 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 above **MOTION passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tentative Map Extension, Cuesta Heights Subdivision. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider a two-year Tentative Map Extension for Dave and Cheri Cowden for the Cuesta Heights Subdivision - Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, excluding AP# 035-070-52 from the Final Map. The Project is located on 21.92 acres north of the intersection of Shaws Flat Road and Roble Road. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed background information,

and noted that said Map was approved by the Council on March 3, 2008, and the requested approval will extend the Map to March 3, 2019.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 5:46 p.m. Robert Ozbirm, L.S., of Land & Structure Surveying, Engineering and Design, appeared on behalf of the Cowdens in support of approval. Applicants Dave and Sheri Cowden were also present. Maiya Morrison, nearby resident, stated safety and traffic congestion concerns about the 47 lots adding traffic flow to Shaws Flat Road, especially with regard to Sonora High School. There was no other public comment, and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Plummer, that the two-year Tentative Map Extension for the Cuesta Heights Subdivision - Vesting Tentative Map, excluding AP #035-070-52 from the Final Map, be approved as requested with extension to March 3, 2019.

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that this Public Hearing was noticed to all property owners within 300 feet of the Project, and that mitigation measures regarding traffic were addressed and included in the Tentative Map approval.

The above MOTION passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau Lease Extension. The Council considered approving Addendum #4 to the Lease Agreement with the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau for the facilities at 542 Stockton Street which extends the Lease until February 15, 2017. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller reported that the Visitors Bureau has requested said extension, and has given notice that it will move from the premises on February 15, 2017. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that Addendum #4 authorizing approval for the requested extension be approved as presented.**

Housing Successor Annual Report. The Council considered accepting the Housing Successor Annual Report for the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund for Fiscal Year 2016.

Community Development Director Kellogg recommended acceptance, and reported that said action is required pursuant to State annual housing reporting requirements. Kellogg reported an ending Housing Asset Fund balance of \$96,462.11. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Council accepts said Housing Successor Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

None - No public comment.

VISION SONORA REPORT

No Report. Mayor Williams noted that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on January 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

None - No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief New reported on the fire training done last Sunday where the two residences at the corner of South Washington and Lytton Street were burned. **New** said that it was a perfect training in all aspects, and she thanked the owner of the property for permission to use the houses for training, the public for its cooperation and support, and the news media for their great coverage. **New** congratulated retiring Police Chief Stinson. **Administrator Miller** reported that Santa's House was installed on Linoberg Street, and it will open this coming weekend. **Miller** also reported that the baseline crew from the Sierra Conservation Center will be falling bark beetle hazard trees and doing cleanup on and around Dragoon Gulch Trail; closures will be noticed. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he drove Santa in the Christmas Parade, attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Strategic Plan Meeting and the Fair Board Meeting. **Garaventa** also reported racist and homophobic vandalism at his residence, and that it has been distressing and tough to deal with. **Mayor Williams** said that she was sorry to hear of the vandalism and racism, and hopes that City residents take Garaventa's sentiments to heart. **Councilmember Segarini** also extended his empathy; and he reported that the next Town Hall/Merchants Meeting would be held on Monday, January 25, 2017, at 8 a.m. in the Council Chambers. **Councilmember Hawkins** stated his stance beside Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa in regard to the racism and vandalism; he congratulated Chief Stinson on his

retirement saying that his legacy will be seen. **Councilmember Plummer** stated his empathy for the vandalism and racism commenting that it was a cowardly action. **City Clerk Cassinetto** congratulated Chief Stinson on his retirement. **Police Chief Stinson** thanked the Council, Staff, fellow officers and the public for their cooperation, help and support. **Administrator Miller** thanked Stinson for his service to the City. **Councilmember Segarini** noted that the Chief's legacy was demonstrated by the full support of his constituents, community, and fellow workers at the Council's last Meeting. **Mayor Williams** noted that there will be a presentation to Chief Stinson at the reception following this Meeting, and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date