

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MARCH 5, 2018**

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, George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, City Attorney Douglas White, Fire Chief Aimee New, Interim Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, 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 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2018, 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. The Mayor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Shirley Sarno who has been part of the leadership of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and President of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau, and has been responsible for the creation of many programs and activities in Sonora over the past 20 years. Sarno is moving out of State to North Carolina.
2. Employee Awards:
 - a. Fire Department: Fire Chief New presented the following awards:
 - 1) Trevor Mayo-Corallo - Volunteer Firefighter
 - 2) Alec Espino - Intern Firefighter
 - 3) Captain Brittan Gregory - Career Firefighter
 - 4) Tina Ratliff - Historical Company Volunteer
 - 5) Patrick Kerrigan - Part-time Firefighter (absent)
 - b. Police Department: Interim Police Chief VanderWiel presented the following awards:
 - 1) Erik Weber - Officer of the Year
 - 2) Gordon Winningham - Reserve Officer of the Year
 - 3) Char Logan - Civilian Employee of the Year
 - 4) Robby Roberts - Community Service Volunteer of the Year
 - 5) Ron Watson - Ronald Billings II Explorer of the Year
 - c. Service Awards
 - 1) Jason Morey - 10 years; presented by Administrator Miller
 - 2) Deborah Dills - 20 years; presented by Interim Police

- Chief VanderWiel
- 3) John Bowley - 15 years (not present)
 - 4) Toni Arola - 20 years (not present)
 - 5) Kim Campbell - 20 years (not present)

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Williams thanked all awardees for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mary Lynn Ashburn asked that the City work together with the County to identify and prepare a list of preapproved emergency shelter facilities.

David Peters stated that all of the praises given to the firefighters and police in their above awards rings hallow in light of the City approving cannabis businesses when the Fire and Police Departments did not recommend approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. **Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of February 20, 2018;**
2. **Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on March 6, 2018, in the amount of \$165,263.95; and**
3. **Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$135,726.80 on March 2, 2018, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 03-05-2018-A Mother Lode Parade and Round-Up.

The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 03-05-2018-A which authorizes the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) along with other City Streets for the 2018 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade and Rodeo which will be held on Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, 2018. Interim Police Chief VanderWiel presented the Resolution recommending approval. Jim Opie, Parade Chairman for the Tuolumne County Sheriffs Posse, noted that this will be the 61st year for the Parade and Round-Up and thanked the Council for its continued support. The Manager of the Grocery Outlet stated that he is in

favor of the Parade, that the Sheriff's Posse does a great job every year, and the event brings business to his store and all of Sonora. There was no further public comment. Mayor Williams thanked Opie and the Posse for their many years of organization and sponsorship.

MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 03-05-2018-B Re: Alcohol Possession and Use During Mother Lode Parade. The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 03-05-2018-B which authorizes the possession and consumption of alcohol within specific street closure areas for the Mother Lode Parade which will be held on Saturday May 12, 2018, from 10 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Recommending approval, Interim Police Chief VanderWiel presented the Resolution noting that the condition has been added to not allow containers constructed of glass. VanderWiel noted that historically, open containers and public consumption of alcohol has been permitted for the duration of the Parade. Prior to re-opening of the Streets, all open containers are removed from public areas and private lands open to the public. VanderWiel commented that the City's Ordinance Code and California Business and Professions Code Section 25620 prohibits such possession and consumption, but temporary suspension is allowed by the adoption of a Resolution.

The Mayor asked for public comment. A member of the public said that she objected last year and objects to it this year stating that the City has an Ordinance against it, and that it is inappropriate for the Police Chief to ask for approval. Administrator Miller commented that it has been a long-standing tradition, that the Council is taking this formal action to recognize an exception to the Ordinance, and that possession and consumption of alcohol as an exception has always been recognized in a controlled area for special events.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented.

Proposal for Dog Waste Stations. The Council considered a proposal from Tuolumne County Land Trust, Inc., to provide dog waste stations in downtown Sonora. Recommending endorsement of the proposal, Administrator Miller reviewed the proposal and recommended that it be referred to the Vision Sonora Design and Marketing Committee to work with the Trust for implementation. Land Trust Board President Brian Kermeen discussed its proposal noting that the Trust will supply one station and is challenging other agencies and organizations to match its purchase until three or more stations are donated, and he reiterated that the proposal includes the provision that the City be willing to maintain the stations once in place.

Trust Board Member Barbara Baylen encouraged favorable consideration by the Council. The Mayor asked for public comment.

A member of the public said that there is definitely a need to do something and she knows of three organizations that have volunteered to step up to donate, and that it will provide a way for people to be more responsible with their dogs. She also said that she is not in favor of referring it to the Vision Sonora Committee.

Councilmember Segarini said that the merchants gave approval of it at the last Merchants/Townhall Meeting. Administrator Miller said that the Vision Sonora Committee can recommended suggested locations and design. Segarini asked that their recommendations come back to the Council.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the proposal be approved, and it be referred to the Vision Sonora Design and Marketing Committee for suggested locations and style, and come back to the Council for final approval.

City of Sonora Energy Action Plan. The Council considered accepting the City of Sonora Energy Action Plan (Plan), as prepared by the Sierra Business Council and supported by Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg reported that at its Meeting of April 3, 2017, the Council authorized an Agreement with the Sierra Business Council, under the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program, to prepare the Plan. A public study session was held at the Sonora Planning Commission Meeting of May 11, 2018, to provide for input, and public input was also encouraged to be submitted on an online survey.

Business Council Project Director, Paul Ahrns, presented the Executive Summary which provides the big picture overview of energy use in Sonora, and the goals and potential savings associated with the implementation of the Plan, which all provide a roadmap for the City to reduce energy. Ahrns noted that there is a lot of work to be done to meet goals and required program implementation, with the three focus areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy and water efficiency. He reviewed public input, energy use, goals and strategies, and implementation actions.

Justine Quealy, Business Council Planning Technician, reviewed case studies. Clark Stevenson introduced himself as the Local Government Commission's CivicSpark AmeriCorp fellow who will be working with the working group to assist with implementation and alleviate demand on City Staff time.

The Mayor asked for public comment. City resident Charles Segerstrom who has worked in this field for many years, offered his personal services to help facilitate the Plan and noted that the

Programs have already been paid for by the citizens of California, and utilizing the programs recoups investments already made and recycles them back into the community. Mary Lynn Ashburn spoke in support, and noted savings she has experienced by implementing a number of energy savings programs and installations.

Councilmember Hawkins noted some of the ways he has saved in his current residence. Councilmember Plummer had concerns about the expense of up-front costs to get projected savings, what the cost for the City would be, and that he sees the word *encourage* a lot in the Working Group actions and asked if any part of the Plan is compulsory. Ahrns responded that the Plan does not set any requirements upon the City; it is designed to be voluntary, nothing is compulsory. City Attorney White noted that there are no municipal resources; the City aids in putting companies in place to be able to offer certain incentives; the City's role amounts to active moral support.

A member of the public noted that Tuolumne County has made the decision to not use the PACE Program, and therefore, would not help the City with that Program if it so chooses.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the City Council accepts the City of Sonora Energy Action Plan as prepared and presented.

Mayor Williams thanked the Sierra Business Council for its preparation of the Plan, and she thanked Charles Segerstrom for volunteering his assistance.

City Fiscal Year 2017 Audit. The Council considered approving the City of Sonora Fiscal Year 2017 Audited Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2017, as prepared by Clendenin Bird & Company, Inc., Certified Public Accountants. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller reported the good news that the Audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control considered to be material weaknesses, and the results of the tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Miller additionally reported that the Audit complies with the requirements set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, and in accordance with GASB No. 34, the Audit contains Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) which provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year. Commenting on notable fund information set forth in the MD&A, Miller credited Jennifer Callaway for its preparation.

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that the City Council approves said FY 2017 Audited Financial Report as prepared and presented. A complete copy of said Report is available in the Office of the City Administrator for reference.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None. No public comment.

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None. No public comment. The next Meeting will be held on March 8, 2018, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Consideration to support Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements endorsing Proposition 69 and/or opposing ballot measure to repeal SB1, the "Road Repair and Accountability Act". Administrator Miller reported that Steve Qualls from the League of California Cities has asked cities to act on this matter.

Darin Grossi, Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) supported the request by the LLC noting multiple positive SB1 funding projects in our community, for both short term and long term projects, including funding for Tuolumne County roads of \$1,000,000 this year and \$3,000,000 next year, and also noted that CalTrans will largely benefit. Grossi added that SB1 funds could provide for the Regional Transportation Plan 20-year North/South Connector Congestion Relief Project to be moved up and done within 10 years, and be included in next year's work program to actively work towards that Project.

The Mayor asked for public comment. A member of the public said that she was fascinated that whenever Steven Qualls makes a request, it always makes it on the Agenda, and when she asks, she never gets on the Agenda.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini that the Council support the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements and endorse Proposition 69 and oppose the ballot measure to repeal SB1. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa that the Council support the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements and endorse Proposition 69. The MOTION passed four to 0 as follows: Ayes: Williams, Garaventa, Plummer, Segarini; Noes: None; Abstain: Hawkins.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that the *Sonora Business Expo* will be held at the Sonora Opera Hall this coming Wednesday beginning at 8 a.m., and is free to the public. **Fire**

Chief New reported that a Job Fair along with training will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Sonora Fire Station in conjunction with the Columbia College Fire Academy. **Chief New and Interim Police Chief Vanderweil** reported on the recent blood drive competition between the two Departments which was very close with Fire receiving 39 donations and Police receiving 34 donations, and they thanked the public for their participation. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Economic Development Authority Meeting, and the Merchants/Townhall Meeting. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Homeless Task Force Meeting, the Open House for Shirley and Mark Sarno, and the Economic Development Authority Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date