

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
NOVEMBER 19, 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 Jim Garaventa, Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Hawkins, Councilmembers Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetta, City Attorney Douglas White (present at 5:17 p.m.), Administrative Services Director Christopher Gorsky, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Turu VanderWiel (present at 5:10 p.m.), Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: None.

There was no Closed Session Meeting this date.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 10:00 a.m. on the 16th day of November, 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

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Angela Brown, President of the Tuolumne County Historical Society, thanked the City for partnering with the Historical Society on the annual 4th grade historical tours which are very successful. Complimenting her enthusiasm and quality of work, she thanked Special Events Coordinator Sheala Wilkinson for the great job she does. Brown invited the Councilmembers to come and help out with the tours next year. Mayor Garaventa noted that Sheala was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Board of Supervisors for coordinating the docents and the activities associated with the 4th grade historic tours.

Greg Popovich commented that he continues to have problems with the homeless, which has progressed to his calling the Police Department two to three times a week; he finds human feces and syringes in his parking lot, and there are continual other issues. He would like to see the committees working on the homeless issues to move forward with action. Stating that there are safety issues along the southwest portion of Stockton Street with the homeless walking out into the road, parking issues and trespassing, he asked the City to erect no parking signs and also to enable the

Department to stop the camping and trespassing and remove the homeless off the private properties. He complimented the Police Department stating that they are awesome in response to his calls and for doing the best they can.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Williams asked that approval of the November 5, 2018, Regular Session Minutes be voted on separately to allow for a correction.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on November 20, 2018, in the amount of \$63,331.56; and
2. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$148,521.38, on November 9, 2018, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

MOTION by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried the Regular Session Minutes for November 5, 2018, be amended as follows: Page 6, Councilmember/Department Head Reports, "Mayor Garaventa reported his attendance at the Chamber Mixer held at Let'er Buck, the Visitors Bureau Marketing Meeting, and the City and County quarterly Staff Meeting".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) - Discussion and Direction. Administrator Miller reviewed background information in regard to the City's participation in the TCEDA through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Tuolumne in light of numerous issues raised by the public, recent court action against the TCEDA and a Grand Jury investigation into the TCEDA. The Grand Jury Report has cited a number of findings. Miller asked for Staff direction whether to agendize the City's continued participation in the TCEDA for consideration, and if so, what additional information the Council may need to assist with its decision. Miller also noted that pursuant to the JPA, the City needs to provide written notice to withdraw at least 180 days in advance of the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Such asked if the JPA could be amended to reduce the 180 day notice. Attorney White said that it could, but the matter would need to be agendized for one of the Council's December Meetings or a Special Meeting.

Mayor Garaventa asked for public comment limiting it to three minutes per person. **Ken Perkins**, the plaintiff in the lawsuit filed against the TCEDA, commented that if the Council does not know what direction to go after the Grand Jury findings, then he does not know what other information the Council will need to make a decision. **George Segarini** commented that the TCEDA is working diligently and as fast as it can on the financial report which will be completed soon, and that the management audit will be completed by the end of the year. If the reports are not completed by the end of the year, then at that time, he would like to see the Council request the reduction in the length of time. He did not agree with a comment made by Perkins that the Grand Jury Report is "bad". He said the TCEDA changes requested by the Grand Jury should be, and they are being, made. He also commented that he feels the Board would be willing to allow a reduction of the 180 days if the Council does not receive all the information it needs to make a decision. **Diana Cooper** encouraged the Council to make a decision and not wait; that the TCEDA Board has had nine years to oversee the TCEDA and its mission. She referred to materials that she has sent to the Councilmembers containing data research she has done. She provided information from the State Economic Development Department with labor force market data in Tuolumne County which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for reference. City Clerk Cassinetto read correspondence received from **David Morgan** commenting on City financials and tax revenues since the inception of the TCEDA; Morgan's concluding comment was, "Well now is the time for the City Council to make it's opinion known on the direction of the TCEDA". A copy of said correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof for reference. There was no further public comment.

Council and Staff had discussion. For confirmation, Attorney White summarized the Council's desired direction: (1) Staff will reach out to the County to request a 90-120 day extension, not to exceed 120 days, to allow additional time for a decision; (2) Staff will make sure that whatever extension is received will be consistent with receiving the management audit from the TCEDA; (3) In the event the extension is granted, Staff would not be coming back to the Council with the options; (4) If the extension is not granted, Staff will present options for the Council to consider at that time. White also noted that if the City decides to opt-out, it would be effective in Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Administrator Miller commented that language for the amendment could be crafted for Council consideration at its December 3, 2018, Meeting; the Board of Supervisors would not meet until

December 18, 2019, so the City would not have that decision until December 19, 2018; Staff can prepare alternative options for preview at the December 3, 2018, Council Meeting.

It was Council consensus that Staff direction be given as summarized by Attorney White above including a preview of options at the December 3, 2018, Meeting.

FY 2018-2019 First Quarter Budget Report. Administrative Services Director Gorsky presented the Fiscal Year 2018-19 first Quarterly Budget Report for the three-month period ending September 30, 2018. He commented that revenues are tracking similar to last year's first quarter with the most economically sensitive revenue sources of Sales Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax tracking at 17% of budgeted totals, both slightly lower than in prior years, but within the expected range. The City is under Budget on its expenditures. Staff is recommending acceptance of said Report. The complete Report is on file in the Office of the Administrative Services Director for review.

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, and unanimously carried that said Report be accepted as presented.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief New reported that a strike team was sent out to the devastating Camp Fire in Paradise on November 8, 2018, and returned safely to Sonora today at 4:00 p.m., and she cautioned everyone about the severe fire danger and to be vigilant. **New** commented on the success of the 158th Firefighter Ball and said she is planning a themed event for next year and welcomes suggestions, and that she is looking forward to the Mayor and City Attorney Nubia Goldstein riding on the City firetruck in the Annual Historic Downtown Christmas Parade. **Community Development Director Kellogg** reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 23, 2018, with 63 entries and Retired Sgt. Glen Roberts will be the Grand Marshall. **Kellogg** reported that the plans for the Red Church Intersection Project and the Stockton Street Project are being finalized and will come to the Council in December, and that she will be receiving clearance from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to work on the Housing Element update which is due in August 2019, and that there are many new laws and changes resulting in a complex task. Additionally, the City is appealing HCD's unit numbers because they differ from Tuolumne County. **Clerk Cassinetto** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. **Councilmember Williams** reported that she attended the TCTC Meeting in the stead of Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting, the Tuolumne County Chamber Community Awards Banquet, the installation of new Post Master Latanya Degraffenreed, the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance Fundraiser Gala, and reported that

as part of its new hometown shopper program, the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau will have new shopping bags available at the Bureau on December 23, 2018, displaying the words, "I'm a Hometown Shopper". **Councilmember Such** reported that she attended the Ethics Training at the County, the YES Partnership Meeting, she was in the audience at the Tuolumne County Economic Development Board Meeting, attended the Vision Sonora Design Review Committee Meeting and the Central Sierra Economic Development Agency Meeting. **Councilmember Plummer** wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and that he is especially grateful. **Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins** thanked Councilmember Williams for attending the TCTC Meeting in his stead. Encouraging other Councilmembers to do the same, **Mayor Garaventa** reported that he took a tour of the new jail facility, attended the TCTC Meeting, the Volunteer Appreciation Open House for the Historic Downtown Sonora 4th Grade Tours, the Second Saturday Art Night, the Gold Rush Bash at the Opera Hall, watched the League of California Cities webinar along with the Administrative Services Director on the effect of the new laws on Sonora, attended the Visitors Bureau Board Meeting, and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and invited all to the Christmas Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. to the to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date

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- Business and Industry Groups
- Researchers











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2017	Annual	Tuolumne County	20.320	Not Prelim	
2016	Annual	Tuolumne County	20.290	Not Prelim	
2015	Annual	Tuolumne County	20.060	Not Prelim	
2014	Annual	Tuolumne County	19.760	Not Prelim	
2013	Annual	Tuolumne County	19,410	Not Prelim	
2012	Annual	Tuolumne County	19,420	Not Prelim	
2011	Annual	Tuolumne County	19,440	Not Prelim	
2010	Annual	Tuolumne County	19,170	Not Prelim	
2009	Annual	Tuolumne County	22,590	Not Prelim	
2008	Annual	Tuolumne County	23,700	Not Prelim	

The Sonora City Council

Board Meeting Nov 19th 2018

Unfortunately I am in Florida on business and unable to attend the Sonora City Council Board meeting on Nov 19th 2018.

It is my understanding that the Council members will be discussing the option of withdrawing from the JPA between the City of Sonora and the County of Tuolumne which is the TCEDA.

I requested the city financial reports going back to the inception of the TCEDA and after analyzing them found that in no one year, or on average over all the years has the City Sales tax revenue increased by more than 50% of the City's contribution to the TCEDA. In other words the City has been investing \$1 to receive 50c in return for a number of years.

The TCEDA sub-contracts to an organization that surveys City businesses and asks for input on how to retain existing business.. This contract is worth \$10,000 per year. The City could easily maintain this service if it felt it was needed.

The TCEDA board has been reluctant to release information to the public that would allow the City to verify that it was getting value for the tax payer dollars it spends on the TCEDA. Three City council members presently sit on, or in the past have sat on, the TCEDA board. Will they state in public that they have been presented with ample evidence, in closed session of the TCEDA board, that the City is getting value for it's investment and that Mr. Cope has been open, transparent and effective with his business outreach efforts.

I have talked with City and County TCEDA board members about the operation of the TCEDA and some say " I don't agree with that but that was before my time on the board" or " I am only one vote on the board" . Well now is the time for the City Council to make it's opinion known on the direction of the TCEDA

Yours sincerely

David Morgan

232 June Street Sonora Ca.

EXHIBIT "B"

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