

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
FEBRUARY 20, 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 Cassinetta, City Attorney Douglas White, Interim Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo and Fire Chief Aimee New.

Mayor Williams announced that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 12:00 p.m. on the 16th day of February, 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 (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of February 5, 2018;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on February 21, 2018, in the amount of \$170,024.30; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$132,903.10 on February 16, 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

Cannabis Business Pilot Program. The Council considered approving a Request for Proposals to select qualified candidates for participation in the Cannabis Business Pilot Program. City Attorney White presented the matter recommending approval stating that this action is how the City begins to implement the Cannabis Program. White briefly reviewed background information and the process of solicitation and selection. White recommended that a timeline of 30 days be placed on the RFPs for dispensaries, and that manufacturing and testing would have an open timeline with Staff having the ability to close the date. Mayor Williams stated that she still has concern about allowing volatile businesses, and she asked that investors be disclosed on the proposals.

The Mayor asked for public comment. **David Peters** said that the regulation prohibiting businesses within 600 feet of schools and parks indicates what kind of business this really is. He stated that volatiles are not necessary and feels this is irresponsible. **A member of the public** asked for a map that would clearly indicate the 600 foot requirement areas, asked for confirmation that the \$7,500 application fee was not refundable, asked what an ML zone is, asked for confirmation that only medicinal business was allowed, and asked that the Council consider local citizens first before selecting applicants from other areas like Los Angeles and San Francisco, and stated that it is better for the City if the money stays here. Staff answered his questions. County resident **Charles Lacamp** stated that his personal experience with marijuana is trying to save his son from exposure; he opposes it because of the abuses, asked for careful consideration of how to police the medical users, and he dislikes the decision to allow growing outside the residence. He said that the City needs to take a hard stand on who gets permits and who it is sold to. **Jeff Muzio** asked if the City is considering renting its properties to cannabis businesses. Mayor Williams asked that Muzio speak with the City Administrator about his question. **A member of the public** asked for clarification as to what this Agenda Item means. There was no further public comment.

Councilmember Hawkins explained his position on why he supports medical marijuana business. There was Council and Staff discussion on the Mayor's request to place whether to disallow volatile manufacturing for discussion on a future agenda. There was not a consensus to do so. The Mayor reiterated her request to add the disclosure of investors to the proposals.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that said Request for Proposals be approved as recommended with the added requirement that investors be disclosed, and with the timelines of 30 days for dispensaries, and

open-ended for testing and manufacturing with Staff authorized to close the date.

Compensation Study Report and Classification Study Report. The Council considered accepting the Total Compensation Study and the Classification Study Report prepared by Koff & Associates, and adopting the new Classification Descriptions set forth therein. Reviewing background information and recommending approval, Administrator Miller presented the Reports. Miller noted that the Reports will serve as a guide for Staff for implementation. There was brief Council and Staff discussion. There was no public input.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that said Reports be accepted as presented, and that the new Classification Descriptions be adopted as set forth therein. Copies of the Reports are on file in the Office of the City Administrator for reference.

Education Center Re-Roof and Exterior Rehabilitation Project at 326 North Washington Street. The Council considered accepting the work as completed by Harris Builders Inc. for the Education Center Re-Roof and Exterior Rehabilitation Project, and authorizing the Community Development Director to file the Notice of Completion with the Tuolumne County Recorder. Recommending acceptance, Community Development Director Kellogg presented background information and noted that there was a Change Order in the amount of \$25,468.38 for lead based paint abatement. The scope of work included removal and replacement of the existing roofing, sheathing, flashing and damaged wood siding boards and repainting of the building exterior. The original contract amount was \$167,539.00 and with the addition of the Change Order, the final amount was \$192,998.38. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Project be accepted as complete, and that the Community Development Director be directed to record a Notice of Completion with the Tuolumne County Recorder.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

1. E-mail regarding possible support for a visit from representatives representing the International Exchange Association from the City of Kirishima, Japan. There was brief favorable Council discussion, and Administrator Miller said that he would be happy to host a visit at City Hall.

No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that the 5 and 10K Fundraiser Run on the Dragoon Gulch Trail and Extension will be held on February 25, 2018, beginning at 8 a.m., and that the ribbon cutting for the trail extension will be held at that time. **Interim Police Chief Vanderweil** invited the public to attend *Coffee with a Cop* on February 21, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the 81 Coffee & Bakery restaurant. **City Clerk Cassinetto** noted that her brother Jack Cassinetto had presented one of his paintings to Ambassador Jun Yamada at the Japanese Embassy in San Francisco, and it will be taken to Japan by the Ambassador who is being transferred back to Japan this month. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** noted that the Homeless Task Force did not meet for its last scheduled Meeting due to lack of a quorum, and that the next Meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Meeting, the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting, and that the next Merchants/Townhall Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on February 28, 2018, at 8 a.m. **Mayor Williams** noted that she attended the new County Jail ground breaking ceremony, the Mother Lode Job Fair, the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency Meeting, the Vision Sonora Design and Marketing Committee Meeting, and the Tuolumne County Transit Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date

**Minutes
Subject To
Council Approval**