

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MARCH 4, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor, Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Attorney, Doug White, Administrative Services Director, Chris Gorsky, Community Development Director, Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief, Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 3:00 p.m. on the 28th day of February, 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Earl Randall, Give Someone a Chance, discussed the Shower Bus and the need for trash pickup and portable toilets at the homeless camp requesting the Council consider his request.

Laurie Lehman, advised the Council of the In-Focus competition being held at Angelo Hall in Columbia.

Hazel Mitchell, Give Someone a Chance, advised the Council of the incentive program for the homeless requiring certain numbers of bags of trash for different luxury items and the pilot program for trash pickup at the homeless camp.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on March 6, 2019
2. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$143,375.27 on March 1, 2019 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar be approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 855 amending various sections of the municipal code to define and allow indoor storage facilities.

A summary of the ordinance was provided by Rachelle Kellogg. Councilmember Such questioned the number of storage facilities that could be built. Director Kellogg and Administrator Miller provided additional information. There was no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that Ordinance 855 be adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve a Special Event Permit application to close School Street for the Every 15 Minute event

An Every 15 Minute committee member presented their request. Fire Chief New expressed her support. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams seconded by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to allow the closure of School Street

2. Consideration to approve the temporary closure of Linoberg Street between Stewart and Washington Streets for one year as a trial period.

Administrator Miller introduced the request. Laurie Lehman reviewed the Vision Sonora Committee's proposal.

Robert Newton was opposed to closure should be maintained for vehicles. John Williams was concerned how the activities may affect his business. He stated better notice is needed when special event permits are considered, that the loud music affects his business and customers and the area needs to be kept clean. Marianne Wright stated that the review should be less about events and more about access and that the area could be a resting place and encourages shopping. Sharon Marovich stated there was local support and favored a historical mural and the location was originally a creek. Ann Leonard supported the creation of an outdoor space especially one that is pet friendly. Barbara Dressler stated the City needed to address

the fencing used and type and volume of music for permitted events. **Ruben Churnside** expressed support and commented that it would be good for tourism

Councilmember Hawkins expressed concerns about need for notice and noise and suggested trash and recycle containers. **Councilmember Plummer** commented that Mr. Williams had legitimate concerns and the trial period would provide time to get input but the closure should encourage more foot traffic and walking. **Councilmember Such** questioned the need for the street for an evacuation route and a concern to open the road in case of a fire and not to over decorate the streetscape. **Councilmember Williams** suggested a review in six months, should reevaluate table and chairs instead of the metal tree, have trash and recycle cans and the project will be built in phases. **Mayor Garaventa** stated he liked the proposal but not ready to make it permanent yet, that Mr. Williams raised valid concerns, that he was not sure the street should be painted and that more shade should be considered for summer use.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to allow the closure of Linoberg Street for a one year trial period with a review after six months.

3. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 03-04-2019-A imposing a fifteen percent tax for any cannabis business operating without a Development Agreement.

City Attorney White provided the history of the City's process, the Bureau of Cannabis regulation and the need for the tax. During public comment **Marianne Wright** asked how the tax may affect availability of medical cannabis. The City Attorney advised that local dispensaries provide medicinal cannabis. **Dave Morgan** questioned how the tax would encourage business and was advised it was to protect the local businesses.

Council members expressed the need for the tax to protect local business and the businesses that follow the City process.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 03-04-2019-A.

4. Consideration to accept the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Second Quarter Budget Report for the six month period ending December 31, 2019

Director Chris Gorsky presented the budget report and responded to questions by the Council. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to accept the second quarter budget report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director Kellogg reported on the ongoing work at the Dragoon Gulch Trail and the success of the trail run. **Councilmembers Hawkins and Plummer** had no reports. **Councilmember Williams** reported attendance at an ATCAA, IRWM, Visitor's Bureau, Energy Action Plan, Access Tuolumne and GAC meetings; and requested agendaizing the Special Event Permit application process and rental of portable toilets; **Councilmember Such** reported attending IRWM, CSEDD, SBC, Fire Safe Council meetings and working with OES on Fire Safe plan; **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending TCTC, TCEDA Board, Visitor's Bureau, Access Tuolumne, GAC and Energy Action Plan meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date