

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
NOVEMBER 18, 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 Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; Acting City Administrator and Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, City Attorney, Doug White, Administrative Services Director, Chris Gorsky, Fire Chief, Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Acting City Administrator, Rachelle Kellogg, advised the **Council** that at 1:55 p.m. on the 14th day of November 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. No Changes.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition: **Karie Lew**, V-O-Cal and **Kevin Anderson** were recognized for their vision, coordination and hard work on the Dragoon Gulch Trail Building Project.

Mayor Garaventa and **Councilmember Such** presented plaques to Karie Lew and Kevin Anderson for their work on the Dragoon Trail. **Councilmember Such** presented **Kevin Anderson** with a memorialized shovel and **Karie Lew** a pick to recognize the hard work on the trail project.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Ambassador Trisha Thompson with Access California advocating for mental health.
2. A member of the public commented on the Transient Occupancy Tax rates, feels that raising the TOT will only hurt business.
3. A member of the public commented on abandoned property at the dead end of Yany Street and would like to acquire this property to put up a parking structure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the following meeting minutes for the City Council:
 - a. City Council Open Session Meeting of October 7, 2019
2. Approve to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on November 19, 2019

3. Approve disbursements in the amount of \$158,674.88 on November 8, 2019 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, with the exception of item 1(a.) carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, that items 2 and 3 of the Consent Calendar be approved.

Item 1(a.) was continued to the December 2nd meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Such second by Councilmember Plummer, carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, Item 1(a.) was continued to the December 2nd meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration to waive the first reading and introduce **Ordinance 862, Loading Zones** on South Green Street between Bradford and Jackson Street.

Chief VanderWiel commented on the ordinance and the effects on loading zone enforcement. **Councilmember Williams** asked a question on allowable times to use the parking and future signage. A member of the public commented in support of the change.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance 862, Loading Zones carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, to waive and introduce as presented.

2. Consideration to waive the first reading and introduce **Ordinance 863, Trespass on Private or Business Premise Prohibited.**

Chief VanderWiel presented the ordinance and the changes in California law that required the City to develop a new ordinance.

Council asked questions on misdemeanor violations defined in the ordinance and penalties. **Councilmember Williams** read a statement from **Greg Popovich** into the record supporting the ordinance. **Councilmember Such** asked questions about the deficiencies in the current trespass laws and the limitations of public versus private property and how the new ordinance provides more protection for

property owners. **Chief VanderWiel** discussed and answered questions from council.

Several Members of the Public commented in favor of the ordinance and shared their detrimental experiences to their businesses, such as overnight sleeping in parking lots, long term camping in parking lots, changing oil in the parking lots, vandalizing, harassment of employees and customers, defecating out in the open and in front of businesses, trash and drugs. Many businesses have incurred extra expenses due to the rising issues with transients.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance 863, Trespass on Private or Business Premise Prohibited carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, to waive and introduce as presented.

3. Consideration to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance 864, Dismissal Notice of Chapter 2.48, Administrative Officer, of the Sonora Municipal Code to remove the ninety (90) day written notice requirement for the dismissal of the City Administrator.

City Attorney White presented the Ordinance and discussed the 90-day notice requirements for the City Administrator.

**No Public
Comment**

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance 864, Dismissal Notice of Chapter 2.48, Administrative Officer, of the Sonora Municipal Code to remove the ninety (90) day written notice requirement carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, to waive and introduce as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to accept the Fiscal Year 2019-20 First Quarter budget Update.

Director Gorsky reviewed the first quarter budget update as presented. Noting revenues and expenditures are at or under budget through September 30, 2019. Revenue is on budget; expenditures are slightly below due to a few open positions.

No Public Comment

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, to accept the 1st quarter budget update and status report for FY 2019-20.

2. Consideration to adopt **Resolution No. 11-18-2019-A** approving an application and receipt of SB2 Planning Grant Program Funding and Authorize the City Administrator to execute the Grant.

Acting Administrator Kellogg presented the Resolution as written and discussed possible uses of the grant funding. **No Public Comment.**

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, carried on a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent, to approve Resolution No. 11-18-2019-A approving an application and receipt of SB2 Planning Grant Program Funding as presented.

3. Consideration of appointment of a subcommittee of two (2) members of the City Council to file arguments in favor of, and rebuttal arguments submitted against, a ballot measure to change the City Clerk/Treasurer from an elected to an appointed position.

City Attorney White discussed the need for a subcommittee to place a measure on the ballot to change the City Clerk/Treasurer position from elected to appointed. **No Public Comment.**

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, appointing Councilmember Such and Mayor Garaventa to the Ballot Measure Subcommittee carried by a 4-0 vote, Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins absent.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Reports receive from the Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Works Department.

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Attorney White discussed the City Clerk Treasure position from elected to appointed position. **Acting City Administrator Kellogg** gave an update on the Christmas Parade. **Councilmember Williams** reported on the Linoberg Closure and progress on the park. **Councilmember Such** reported attending YES Partnership meeting's and their importance to the youth in the community. **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending several meetings.

ADJOUNED INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Appointment - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): City Administrator **No Action taken.**

ADJOURNMENT The City Council meeting was adjourned

at 8:15 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date