



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: October 2020 Staff Report

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Community Development Department Staff Report for October 2020.

DISCUSSION

The following highlighted projects were undertaken by the Community Development Department:

GENERATOR PROJECT – The City of Sonora received \$217,551 under a Public Safety Power Shutoff Preparation Grant for the City's Generator Project. The project includes a new generator for City Hall and the Sonora Police Department. A portable generator will also be placed at the Public Works Facility. Originally scheduled to be replaced, the Fire Departments' current generator was repaired with project funds and is now in good working order. Generator equipment quotes are due to the City on or before November 10th. Once received the equipment supplier will be selected, approved by the City Council, and equipment ordered. Request for bids are also out for the electrical upgrades that are necessary for each facility to provide for the generator installation/use. This work will be completed while the City is awaiting delivery of the generators.

CANNABIS ORDINANCE – Staff assisted the City Administrator and City Attorney with the proposed changes to the City's Cannabis Business Regulations that were presented to the Planning Commission on October 13th and the City Council on November 2nd.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Staff continues to follow up on code enforcement complaints. The Department saw an increase in the number of complaints during the initial COVID Stay At Home Order but levels have returned to normal. All complaints received are reviewed and inspected by staff. If a violation is found to exist, the property owners are notified.

BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY – The Tenant Improvement Plans and Civil Plans have been approved and permits are ready to be issued for the Bank of Stockton Project at S. Washington and Lytton Street. The required parcel merger has also been approved by the City Engineer which includes acceptance of additional public right-of-way by the City. A permit has also been issued to renovate the 34 guestrooms at the Lumberjack Hotel (former Roadway Inn) and for the Red Church's ground-mounted solar project at Wyckoff and N. Washington Street. The City has also had an increase in residential solar and generator permits.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES – Planning is continuing for the Sonora Christmas Parade and Visits with Santa. All City Departments have been included in the planning efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

None