



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, ISSUED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 12, 2020, THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT (CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950, ET SEQ.), AND THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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AND WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

CLOSED SESSION -

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Hawkins

Mayor ProTem Mark Plummer

Councilmember Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Colette Such

Councilmember Jim Garaventa

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)): one case

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Nothing to report out on from Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION -

5:00 PM

Open Session called to order by Mayor Matt Hawkins at 5:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor ProTem Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Hawkins
Mayor ProTem Mark Plummer
Councilmember Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Colette Such
Councilmember Jim Garaventa

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted at 3:45 pm on January 14, 2021.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga asked the Council to approve moving item 13 Covid Compliance Update under New Business. Councilmembers approved

PRESENTATIONS

District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg

2. Receive an introduction of District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg.

David Goldemberg introduced himself and presented his priorities as District 1 Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a five (5) minute presentation.

A member of the public is concerned about private property and would like the Councilmembers to make their decisions carefully tonight.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce gave a 2020 rap up report

A member of the public commends the City of Sonora and the County for working together

A member of the public requests the City Council to make a statement about the flying of the Confederate Flag in Sonora

A member of the public supports opening back up.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

Councilmember Segerstrom pulled item #3 Meeting Minutes

3. Approve City Council Minutes for November 4, 2019, November 18, 2019, December 2, 2019, July 6, 2020, and July 20, 2020

Councilmember Segerstrom, correction on July 20, 2020 Minutes page 26 Councilmember Connie Williams's name needs to be removed and Councilmember Segerstrom's name needs to be put on.

No public comment

Motion made by Councilmember Garaventa, Seconded by Mayor ProTem Plummer. Garaventa to approve City Council Minutes for November 4, 2019, November 18, 2019, December 2, 2019, July 6, 2020 and amended July 20, 2020. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Council member. Passes 5-0

4. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$142,746.29 and \$138,044.53 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay and other adjustments.

No public comment

Motion made by Councilmember Garaventa, Seconded by Councilmember Such to approve disbursements in the amount of \$142,746.29 and \$138,044.53 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay and other adjustments. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor ProTem Plummer, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Councilmember Garaventa. Passes 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Consideration to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 876, amending Chapter 2.08, Officers' Duties, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code to establish the offices of the appointed City Clerk and appointed City Treasurer.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga, the City Administrator can delegate duties of the appointed City Clerk and appointed City Treasurer and is asking the Council to wave the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 876.

No public comment

Motion made by Councilmember Garaventa, Seconded by Councilmember Such to consideration to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 876, amending Chapter 2.08, Officers' Duties, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code to establish the offices of the appointed City Clerk and appointed City Treasurer. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor ProTem Plummer, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Councilmember Garaventa. Passes 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

6. Authorize the Fire Department to submit an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) application, authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents relating to the grant application, and direct the Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the award.

Fire Chief Aimee New asking Council to give authorization to apply for two Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG). It is a 5% fund matching and would not exceed \$25,000. Councilmembers discussed.

No public comment

Motion made by Mayor ProTem Plummer, Seconded by Councilmember Segerstrom to authorize the Fire Department to submit an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) application, authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents relating to the grant application, and direct the Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the award. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor ProTem Plummer, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Councilmember Garaventa. Passes 5-0

7. Authorize the Sonora Police Department to submit a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Grant application, authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents relating to the grant application, and direct the Police Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the award.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel is asking for authorization from the Council to apply for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Grant application. The City's match would be 25% of \$70,833 per vehicle. Councilmembers discussed.

No public comment.

Motion made by Mayor ProTem Plummer, Seconded by Councilmember Segerstrom to Authorize the Sonora Police Department to submit a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Grant application, authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents relating to the grant application, and direct the Police Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the award. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor ProTem Plummer, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Councilmember Garaventa. Passes 5-0

8. Consideration to approve an increase to the Social Equity Committee outcomes to include a Community Workshop on communication strategies that promote inclusivity, listening and social equity.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga, the Social Equity Committee is asking the Council to approve a Community Workshop. Councilmember Such presented why she feels the Community Workshop is important for the Social Equity Committee. Councilmembers discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public request the Committee and Council to not use group identity.

Niki Coleman stated our goal with the workshop is to not create division

Several members of the public are for the workshop

A member of the public feels a Social Equity Committee divides us

A member of the public is against the workshop

Darren Duez read a list of issues he has with the committee

Councilmembers discussed.

Motion made by Councilmember Segerstrom to approve an increase to the Social Equity Committee outcomes to include a Community Workshop on communication strategies that promote inclusivity, listening and social equity. Seconded by Council member Garaventa. Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Councilmember Segerstrom, Councilmember Such, Councilmember Garaventa Voting Nay: Mayor ProTem Plummer

9. Receive an update concerning the City of Sonora COVID-19 Education and Compliance program as related to the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance 866.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga COVID enforcement is complaint driven, we have issued four cease and desist letters to businesses this year. Presented the Council with a timeline of cease and desist letters and the businesses that received them. Councilmembers discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several members of the public would like to see small businesses open and not to receive fines or citations.

Businesses owners would like to know who is making the complaints

Cindy Zelinsky owner of Emberz stated she has only heard from 2 Councilmembers, City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga is doing an amazing job. They chose to open their restaurant because their employees asked and they tried to do it safely. Asking the City to not make it harder

A member of the public wanted to thank Mayor ProTem Mark Plummer for standing up for the businesses. And to find a way for businesses to survive.

A member of the public stated people are leaving the state to go to states that are open

A member of the public stated businesses are doing what they have to survive

A member stated let state enforce

Thomas Silva owner of Sonora Brewery stated he started serving outside, the Council refuses to help with Bradford Street and feels he is not being treated fairly and will start to serve inside he can no longer stay closed.

Councilmembers discussed.

MONTHLY REPORTS

10. Receive the Community Development Department Staff Report for December 2020.

Nothing to report.

11. Receive the Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2020

Nothing to report.

12. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for December 2020.

Nothing to report.

13. Receive the Public Works Department Report for December 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Aimee New reported they received \$300 dollars from the Walmart Grant and will be spent on new computers for training. The new engine has been transferred to Los Angeles and hoping to have the engine here in Sonora by the first of February. **Police Chief Turu VanderWiel** reported they received \$350 dollars from the Walmart Grant and will be spent on safety equipment for control. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** we will be having our Goal Setting meeting on January 25, 2021, it will be broadcasted via zoom. **Councilmember Ann Segerstrom** attended the YES Partnership meeting last Thursday. Mel Kirk did donate \$10,000 to the YES Partnership. Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to still make Sonora a Christmas City if COVID will comply. **Councilmember Jim Garaventa** attended the Transportation Council meeting, I am the new Chair of the Transportation Council and looking for a at large Councilmember. **Councilmember Mark Plummer** thanked **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** for all she does. And would like the City Council to reconsider the Sonora Brewery Bradford Street request. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** advised we need three Councilmembers to bring the Bradford Street closure back on the agenda. Bradford Street was not approved to bring back onto the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

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