

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2016**

Invocation was given by Pastor Jim Collins of Kingsburg First Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruce Blayney.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Blayney called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Ben Creighton, Staci Smith, Sherman Dix, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Roman and Mayor Bruce Blayney.

Council Members Absent: None.

City Staff Present: City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Rissa Stuart, Fire Chief Tim Ray, Police Sergeant Kevin Pendley, Records Supervisor Corina Padilla, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments-

Sharon Little John, 1172 5th Avenue, said she is concerned with stray animals in her neighborhood. She said she has 12 dogs that come in every night to eat from her because they have no food. Her property is close to the County line and she is lost as to what to do.

Approve Agenda – A motion was made by City Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roman to approve the agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Calendar – A motion was made by City Council Member Creighton, seconded by Council Member Dix to approve the amended Consent Calendar with Item No. 4 being pulled. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 2, 2016 and the Joint Meeting held March 8, 2016, as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
2. **Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-001** – Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-001 Amending Section 17.56.040 of Title 17 of the Kingsburg Municipal Code, relating to regulation of signs and outdoor advertising and temporary signage, with the following recital constituting reading of the title of the Ordinance:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG
AMENDING CHAPTER 17.56.040 TO TITLE 17 OF
THE KINGSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE”

3. **Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-002** – Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-002 amending Title 15 of the Kingsburg Municipal Code, relating to capital facilities fees/development impact fees, with the following recital constituting reading of the title of the Ordinance:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG AMENDING TITLE 15, OF THE KINGSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO CAPITAL FACILITIES FEES/DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES”

4. Pulled

Pulled Consent Calendar Items:

Item 4. Approval of Final Tract Map 6094 for the 34 lot residential subdivision submitted by Lennar Homes, Inc. for the property on the west side of 18th Avenue, south of Kamm.

Mayor Blayne asked for Item No. 4 to be pulled due to a potential conflict of interest. He excused himself and stepped out of the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Roman continued the council meeting.

A motion was made by City Council Member Creighton, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Item 4, Approval of Final Tract Map 6094 for the 34 lot residential subdivision submitted by Lennar Homes, Inc. for the property on the west side of 18th Avenue, south of Kamm. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present. Mayor Blayne returned to the meeting after the vote was completed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING – General Plan Amendment 2016-01; Kingsburg 2015-2023 Housing Element Update and Approving the Accompanying Mitigated Negative Declaration

Open Public Hearing 6:08pm.

Planning Consultant Holly Owen and Veronica Tam, Countywide Housing Element Consultant, commented on the completed Housing Element Update. Ms. Owen said it involved a regional collaboration of 13 cities working together to create a result that is a common book, but we all have our own appendix. She said this is one of the 7 elements of the General Plan and that it will allow Kingsburg to apply for certain funding. She reminded Council that it is not a requirement for the city to build houses.

Veronica Tam said that they are now in the tail end of the process. She said this is the only part of the General Plan that must be approved by the State. She said they established one set of goals and policies for all jurisdictions and that it incorporates a regional housing needs assessment. Ms. Tam said that in 8 to 10 years the 13 cities in the Housing Element Update are projected to need 41,470 housing units. Kingsburg's part of that number is 374 housing units. Those 374 housing units are then divided by income levels. She said it is not a construction obligation but a goal from a policy situation. Ms. Tam said they took building since 2013 including Marion Villas 48 affordable housing units. When they submitted the Housing Element

Update to the State, the State issued a conditional approval on 2/22/2016 upon adoption by City Council tonight. She said the State had comments regarding farm worker housing needs and regional concerns about density.

Close Public Hearing 6:18pm.

Open Council Discussion 6:18pm.

Council Member Staci Smith asked what the State asked for and is that included in what is being presented. Ms. Tam said we agreed to continue to meet collaboratively with the region, to look into facilitating and encouraging farm worker housing and some cities needed to add annexation wording.

Open Public Comment 6:22pm.

Todd Thomson, 7821 22nd Court, asked about the 900 housing unit surplus. With adding 374 units the City will need new infrastructure and asked who will pay for it. Ms. Tam said there is no requirement to build houses, just that you have the possibility to build it in the current General Plan. Mayor Blayney said we have impact fees, SKF has sewer fees and schools have fees. Mr. Thomson said his fear is that the State is going to come in and tell Kingsburg to build these low income houses. Mayor Blayney said we have to show there is adequate land, we have to show in our General Plan that we have zoned for all housing types. We already have 350 allocations right now but we are not required to build it.

Close Public Comment 6:27pm

Continued Council Discussion 6:27pm

Close Public Hearing 6:27pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by City Council Member Creighton to adopt Resolution 2016-016 approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the 2015-2023 Housing Element. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by City Council Member Creighton to adopt Resolution 2016-017 approving General Plan Amendment 2016-01 and adopting the City of Kingsburg 2015-2023 Housing Element. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Crime Statistics report for the Month of February 2016

Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla said she would like to correct the report in regards to Part 1 Crimes. The correction is February 2016 had seen an increase from January 2016 with the biggest increase in burglaries. Ms. Padilla asked City Council to give feedback on the look of the graphs. Council Member Creighton said auto thefts are up too. Ms. Padilla said yes, they are up all throughout the County. She said some people are still leaving their vehicles running and they had several vehicles from one company stolen and then recovered in Fresno. Ms. Padilla said they are no longer calling Part 2 Crimes 'part 2'. They will now be called Other Offensives. Other Offensives will still include vandalism and child abuse. She said she has included volunteer and intern hours. Ms. Padilla told the Council the

intern is being trained on livescannig so they can live scan for the public. Another intern has asked to stay on as a volunteer. As for dispatch she said they are down to 3 dispatcher and herself because the per diem dispatchers being called back to their own police departments. She said the ring down line and the sally port is ready to go. The sally port has a remote to enter and exit and it can't be tampered with from the outside. She said she provided the Fresno Sheriff's Office with an informational sheet for FSO dispatch that included important phone numbers, after hour numbers for public works or if there is a water problem, and animal control. She said she also gave them the muni-codes for parking issues. She said new radios for officers should be delivered this week. Mayor Pro Tem Roman thanked Ms. Padilla for putting the volunteer time on the report and that their contribution and all volunteer contribution helps us have a great city. Council Member Creighton said I know we just voted, when will we start the new lobby hours? City Manager Henderson said it hasn't been set yet, but we will open longer until tech is trained and hired.

2015 Annual Fire Department Report

Fire Department Chief Tim Ray said he has a new report system and altogether in 2015 the total incidents were 2201 which averaged 6 calls per shift (24 hours). He said this year is similar to last year and the year before. He reported that 2015 highlights are the new ambulance, hiring 18 new reserves, of which eight are paramedic certified. Chief Ray said this Friday we are doing job interviews, the Fire Department has two people who are leaving for Visalia, one is retiring, so we have three potential full time positions.

Chief Ray reported on the party for Gardenia Loya who is fighting leukemia. He said they have moved ambulance billing to Novato who is charging more thoroughly. He said they did away with pay per call, and that the reserves are paid while on call and training. The fire chief became full time in 2015. He said morale is high and having reserves is working out great. He said his goals for 2016 are to have alternate revenue to maintain staffing. He would like to increase reserves to 30. Another goal for 2016 Chief Ray said is to have a Standard Operating Procedures that are complete, functional and approved. He said he would like to maintain a hiring list. He would also like surplus unused equipment replaced with compliant equipment. He said he would like to maintain high performance evaluations and finish his education. Mayor Blayney said he would like to compliment Fire Chief and the Finance Department for turning around the ambulance fund and that he is glad it is not using up money and we can charge accordingly. Chief Ray said Novato has really helped out. The Council thanked Chief Ray.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission

The City Manager said there is a meeting scheduled for 3/28 and that they will be working on items approved at the last Council meeting.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Creighton said they met last week and finalized the Klass Kids Printathon. He said the Sheriff's Office will bring a boat for the kids to see. The Klass Kids Printathon will be April 30th from 10am to 2pm at the Kingsburg Fire Department. Conni Delinger asked if we can get it in the Kingsburg Carrier. Council Member Creighton said you should be able to get a PDF of the flier from Adam at the Chamber.

Chamber of Commerce

Council Member Smith said they had a good joint meeting last week, and that the car show is the 3rd weekend in April and the Swedish festival the 3rd weekend in May.

Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Roman said they met last week. City Manager Henderson said there was an update on grants and potential incentives for residential rehab downtown.

Finance Committee

Mayor Blayney said there will be a meeting tomorrow at 6pm. He invited the public to attend.

Planning Commission

Mayor Blayney said they met last week on 3/10/2016. There was a discussion on a partial property split and that it is still ongoing with the applicant. He said they anticipate having more development proposals. He said they are making sure the commission is up on the North Kingsburg Specific Plan.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Henderson reported that last Monday the City hosted an introductory 21st Avenue meeting in regards to rehab of their street (aka Shady Lane). He said there was a good turnout. He met yesterday with City Engineer Dave Peters and an architect to see what some of the options are. He said that he also met with property owners on the 11 parcels at Kamm and Mendocino where the potential annexation is. He said there were a lot of good questions. Most had questions about connecting to city utilities. He said the application for housing permits deadline is 3/31/2016. Once they are received, the staff will review them and then they are brought before the Planning Commission, and then City Council. He said he had his first 'Coffee with the City Manager' last Friday, Conni Delinger made snacks. He said 20-25 people turned out and now the City is looking for volunteers to host the next one. He said the Spring Cleanup is April 18th through April 30th and it will be held at Mid Valley. He said we are trying to get them to take household waste and paint, but we are running into problems since they are in Tulare County. He also said we are working with KCAPS for clothing donations. Council Member Ben Creighton asked if they will be taking electronics, and if so, will there be a charge? City Manager Henderson said yes and that he thinks it depends on the size of electronics. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said the high school does accept e-waste also.

Other Business as May Properly Come Before the City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she was asked to be a guest speaker at Mrs. Siebenaler class at the High School for two days about government and City Council. She said a lot of their questions were about rumors around town. She said they had great questions and had a lot of really good information. She said some of them wanted to talk about feeling unsafe walking to and from school and walking their younger siblings to Lincoln School. They inquired about adding stop signs.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting

Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.