

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2019**

6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Invocation was given by Father Greg Beaumont of the Kingsburg Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Call to Order and Roll Call: At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Michelle Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Council Members present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Sherman Dix, Laura North, and Mayor Michelle Roman.

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, City Attorney Rissa Stuart, Finance Director Alma Colado, Community Services Director Adam Castaneda and City Engineer Dave Peters.

Public Comments: None

Approve Agenda: Council Member Dix stated that he would move to approve the Agenda and would like to move Item 5.2 to be first. Council Member North seconded the motion with that change. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Regular Calendar Item 5.2 – Oral Report by Kingsburg Youth Baseball Board Members

Steve Ramirez with 4 other members of the board were present. Mr. Ramirez stated that we are proud of our association with the City and Safarjian Field. A lot of work has been done to the field and it is beautiful. There are 385 kids involved in Youth Baseball from age 5 to 15 years old. They have won State, Regional, and World Series Titles. There is lots of support from the community. Jason Garcia said 2019 will include Babe Ruth. We hope to raise money to have a nice Majors Babe Ruth complex. We wanted to thank the City Council and the City Manager for the donation of 3.5 acres. We will have a state tournament for 2019. As thanks, he handed out baseballs signed by the 12-year-old World Championship Team.

Council Member Dix asked who produced the layout and if it is to scale. Mr. Ramirez stated that they got the information from google maps and had a contractor draw it with required lengths of the field. He said that there will be room for parking and maybe a small field for the rookies.

Council Member Palomar asked if Majors could play there. Mr. Ramirez said that they can, and we can have big tournaments and that teams from all around the nation and even Guam come to play.

Mayor Roman thanked them for all they do and for putting Kingsburg on the map.

Consent Calendar: Council Member Dix asked that Item 4.2 be pulled for clarification. A motion was made by Council Member North, seconded by Council Member Dix, to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar except for Item 4.2. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Pulled Consent Calendar Item:

- 4.2 Award the Wayfinding Improvements project to Frank & Son, Inc. dba Express Sign & Neon in the amount of \$76,290.00-** Staff Report prepared by City Engineer Dave Peters

Council Member Dix stated that he wants clarification for what signs will not be included.

City Manager Alex Henderson stated that we started to work with the Historical Society for the map. They wanted to make a walking tour and it is not finished yet. We imagined it being a phased project. We received a quote for the banners, which is something Council can decide to purchase in the future. Council Member North asked why we are not going forward with the banners. Mr. Henderson stated that we didn't have it budgeted for this fiscal year. She asked if we have used the micro-grant money yet. Mr. Henderson said no, we have \$35,000. Council Member North asked if we can use it for the banners. Mr. Henderson said that it would be at the pleasure of the City Council.

The map and timeline were discussed. Council would like to see it installed by the Swedish Festival.

A motion was made by Council Member Dix, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to approve pulled consent calendar item 4.2. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Regular Calendar

PUBLIC HEARING Continued from December 19, 2018— ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON TWO PARCELS OF LAND (WITH A COMBINED ACREAGE OF 5.36 ACRES) THAT ARE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE FRESNO/TULARE LINE IN SOUTHEAST KINGSBURG. (PREVIOUSLY THE HASH DEVELOPMENT- NOW ANDERSEN VILLAGE "AVP")

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE CONTINUED TO THE FEBRUARY 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Council Member North, seconded by Council Member Palomar, to continue the Public Hearing to the February 6, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Athwal Park Alternatives - Staff Report prepared by City Engineer Dave Peters

City Engineer Dave Peters- presented updated design and pricing for Athwal Park. Phase 1 base bid is \$861,000 for stake park, fitness court, play equip, and supporting improvements. Add alternate restroom & splash pad adds an additional \$687,000. Mayor Roman asked what the cost would be if it was a pre-fab unit bathroom. Mr. Peters stated that if it is pre-fab with a room for splash pad equipment it would be \$150,000.

Mr. Peters shared different fitness course and play structure options as well skate park and shade structure options. Council Member North asked about the \$500 trashcans. Mr. Peters said that they are installed and made for heavy duty for use. Council Member Dix said that he would like a nice play structure with a toddler one next to it instead of a splash pad.

Mr. Peters presented two strategies; contractor provided and installed, or City furnished, and contractor installed.

Mayor Roman asked how long the bid must be out there. Mr. Peters said at least a month. Council Member North asked what we did last time. Mr. Peters said that Downtown Park was contractor procurement, but it was a small project.

Council discussed the cost of the fitness course. Council Member Hurtado said that she thinks the first one is too busy. She wants it to fit in with the park. She said that she likes the 2nd one which is more of a park setting. Council agreed on mid-price play structure, fitness court and shade structures.

Mr. Peters stated that we must get a splash pad designer and some contractors do not want to be involved in it. If we do not include it in the first phase, we will have more bidders. Council agreed to not have the splash pad or bathroom in the Phase One bid package.

Special Event Application Discussion- Staff Report prepared by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda

Community Services Director Adam Castaneda stated that a little over a year ago we updated the form to ensure all departments got the information that they needed which has been beneficial. Now there have been more events that are for profit such as private business and citizens. There are no guidelines for staff to approve or deny the application. It is not problematic now, but it could be in the future.

Council Discussion – Council Member North asked what type of criteria are you looking for? Mr. Castaneda said, a higher fee for for-profit applicants or getting permission from property owners. Mayor Roman said that she thinks the Chamber should have priority, and then what is for the greater good. Council Member Dix suggested a different tier of events with different costs.

City Manager Alex Henderson said that we would like to be consistent in how we treat everyone. He asked if there is a limit to what streets are shut down and a certain number allowed. Some communities have street closures go to council, but we will still need some criteria to go off of. Council agreed Draper Street would need to be protected.

Mr. Henderson stated that we are looking for direction. Council directed staff to look into what other communities do. Council Member North said that if Draper is being closed, it should be calendared by a year, so businesses can plan ahead.

Swedish Mill Update- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson

City Manager Alexander Henderson briefly reviewed the history of the item. The last 30-day extension ended in December. We have reached out to the owner and the local contractor who is here, Josh O'Bannon. Council Member North asked why the owner is not here. Mr. O'Bannon said that he trusts me, and he is difficult to understand. Council Member North said that it would be nice if he was here.

Josh O'Bannon, Trinity Group, stated that he is representing Mr. Ghazale and Country Waffles. He said that discussion regarding a franchisee is still on going and not secured in writing. The overall look of the property has improved. It is not in the state to open, but it is substantially better. Homeless people are not getting in and it is structurally sound. He said that it would be unfortunate to tear it down. The owner has authorized getting a plumbing permit and later an electrical permit and ADA improvements. It doesn't appear to be unsafe which was the purpose of the abatement.

Council Members Dix and North agreed that the parking lot is not safe. The brush has been just moved to one side.

Mr. O'Bannon said that he would like to request to come to the next meeting with a schedule of milestones that the owner would have to commit to. Council is upset he is not here tonight.

City Manager Alex Henderson said that if Council would like we can get a quote to fix the outside and give him a 30-day notice.

City Attorney Rissa Stuart said that we would have to give him a 30-day notice to demolish. If the owner doesn't, then the City could with a cost.

Council Member North said that the outside of the building looks better. What does the inside look like? Mr. O' Bannon said that we have cleared it out for improvements. He said he would hope we can improve and get a franchisee within the timetable to demolish.

Council Member Dix said that he thinks we need to send a message that we are serious.

Mr. Henderson said that it is clear he is waiting on the franchisee for their funding to continue. Frankly, he said, we haven't heard from the owners. He said we can give him 30 days to demolish or remediate all problems. He said that we could probably get firm pricing on demo or repairing it to the shell. City Attorney Rissa Stuart said that she thinks that if it a safety hazard we could include the parking lot.

Council agreed to provide the 30 day notice.

Affirm the Roster of City Council Appointments – Affirm the appointments of City Council Members as liaisons to various Committee and Commissions by Mayor Roman. Roster prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Council affirmed Mayor Roman's appointments of City Council Members as liaisons to various Committees and Commissions.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission- Mayor Roman reported that they have not met.

Public Safety Committee- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that they will check on the bid.

Chamber of Commerce- Council Member North reported that they meet next week.

Economic Development- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that they have not met.

Finance Committee- Council Member Dix reported that they have not met.

Planning Commission- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that it hasn't met.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that they haven't met. Mayor Roman said that this should item should be put under "City Manager's Report".

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

Council Member North said that she would like to know what our agreement is with the High School for adding events to their new sign. Mr. Henderson said that he will report back.

Future Agenda Items

These items will be added to a future agenda with direction from Council.

Council Member Dix requested that the use of the AIR BNB be addressed.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session at 8:28 P. M. to discuss the following item(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

California Government Code Section 54957.6

City Designated Representative: Alexander Henderson

Employee Organization: Kingsburg Professional Firefighters Association (KPFA)

Adjourn out of Closed Session into Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session – 9:08 P. M.

Mayor Roman - nothing to report out.

Continue or Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. The Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P. M.

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk
City of Kingsburg