

**Kingsburg City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021**

Council Chamber, 1401 Draper Street, Kingsburg, CA 93631 (559) 897-5821 www.cityofkingsburg-ca.gov

HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS COULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 02/02/2021 at 4:30pm. THEY WERE NOT READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Dennis Fast, Hope Kingsburg Mennonite Brethren Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call: At 6:04 P. M. Mayor Laura North called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Council Members present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Brandon Pursell, Jr., and Mayor Laura North.

Council Member present via teleconference: Michelle Roman

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Finance Director Alma Colado, Planning Consultant Greg Collins, City Engineer Dave Peters, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., to approve the agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Presentations: None.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes: Approve the minutes from the January 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.2 Check Register: Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period January 14, 2021 through January 27, 2021 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
Sponsor: Finance Department

REGULAR CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION AND THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY ON BETHEL AND SIERRA STREETS IN KINGSBURG BY THE

KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Sponsor: Planning & Engineering Departments

Open Public Hearing – At 6:07 P. M. Mayor North opened the Public Hearing.

Presentation by City Planner Greg Collins – Mr. Collins explained that this is a two-part application. One is the initiation of annexation of small parcels of land on all four corners of Bethel and Sierra Streets. To move ahead with the roundabout, the property that is outside the City Limits needs to be in the City. The second consideration is the approval of a Negative Declaration by resolution.

City Engineer Dave Peters stated that the project is fully funded by a Highway Safety Grant, having been deemed unsafe.

City Council Discussion – At 6:10 P. M. Mayor North called for Council discussion. Council Member Palomar asked if we reached out to trucking companies. City Engineer Dave Peters said, yes, and we haven't heard back so no complaints.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that he sees that there is a truck apron. He asked if it is for their trailers. Mr. Peters said yes. It is to assist with trucks and cars will move faster with more room. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked what will go in the middle? Mr. Peters said that it will come before Council. Council Member Hurtado asked how long it will take to construct since this is a busy intersection? Mr. Peters said about 3 months. Council Member Hurtado asked if there have been conversations with property owners? Mr. Peters said yes, there is one owner of two sections, and he is very easy to work with. Council Member Palomar asked if it is single or double lane? Mr. Peters said, single. Mayor North asked if Mr. Peters knows when it will start? Mr. Peters said, this fall or early next spring. Mayor North said that she would like it done before T-Mobile opens. Mr. Peters said that is a good idea. It just depends on how quickly annexations can happen. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if it includes lighting? Mr. Peters said, yes, it is all standard. Council Member Roman said that she reached out to Supervisor Mendes about his concerns and he is now for this project.

Open for Public Comment- At 6:18 P. M. Mayor North opened for public comment.
None.

Close Public Comment – Being no one wishing to speak, Mayor North closed the Public Comment period at 6:18 P. M.

Continued City Council Discussion – Council Member Hurtado commented that she is happy for the project and that it will be funded by a grant. Mayor North said that the timing is great with adding new jobs. Council Member Palomar said that he was a little apprehensive, but the safety aspect of it will be good. Council Member Hurtado asked about the middle design coming back. Mr. Peters said that it will come back with possible ideas.

Close Public Hearing - Mayor North closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 P. M

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-001 initiating the Reorganization (annexation) of approximately 14,851 square feet of land, located at the intersection of Bethel and Sierra Streets, into the City of Kingsburg and detachment from the Kings River Conservation District, Fresno County Fire Protection District and the Consolidated Irrigation District.

A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, Jr., seconded by Council Member Palomar, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-001 as stated above. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-002 approving a Negative Declaration for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Bethel and Sierra Streets as well as the annexation of certain parcels of land that will be added to the rights-of-way of these two roadways.

A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Palomar, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-002 as stated above. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson – Mr. Henderson stated that the regional stay at home order has been lifted, we are back into the purple tier. Covid numbers are now going down. Hospital bed availability is going up. Fresno County is still working through getting enough vaccinations for the public. The Fire Department has received 1st and 2nd doses and now the Police Department is receiving doses. Once doses are increased, we are working on having local clinics or mobile vaccination options. Maybe having vaccinations at Fire Station 2 with continuity with testing. Council Member Roman asked if we could use Station 2 and the Senior Center? Mr. Henderson said yes, we are working with the County, but they want to make sure that where you get one, you should also get your second. They do not want confusion. Council Member Hurtado asked about using the Kmart parking lot? Mr. Henderson said that we didn't talk about that as an option. Maybe as a drive through but there is no protection from the weather. They also need internet connection and we already have that available at the other spots. Council Member Hurtado asked about people who do not have cars. Mr. Henderson stated that maybe rural transit is an option. We would like the firefighters to be able to go to senior's homes. Mayor North said that she knows schools are not using cafeterias and some have drive-throughs. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that he does see an issue of a drive through, the liability of having them drive afterward. Maybe it should be more of a drive in. Some side effects are loss of feeling in feet and vision. Mayor North asked if churches are an option, stating that Grace Church has a huge parking lot. Council Member Palomar asked if the shots will not be available till April? Mr. Henderson said that they really do not know, it is once the County gets enough. FEMA will reimburse fire. President Biden changed it to 100% instead of a split. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if it would include equipment, including big freezers. Mr. Henderson said that we have discussed that. It is anything COVID related. Council Member Hurtado asked if vaccinations are through insurance? Mr. Henderson said that he hasn't heard. If you fit the requirement, you get the vaccination. Council Member Palomar said that, from experience, they are not asking for insurance. Council Member Hurtado asked if there is any other way to ask for a vaccination other than filling out a form? Mr. Henderson said that you can call a number from a provider site.

No action deemed necessary.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Economic Impact- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson. *Sponsor: City Manager's Office*

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson – Mr. Henderson went over knowns and unknowns, stating that we are projecting a 3.9% GDP growth for 2021. He reviewed different recovery scenarios. Small businesses are struggling, while businesses like Amazon are doing good. Property Tax has been coming in as budgeted. March – November was down 14% for Sales Tax. All together we are down about 6%

(\$30,000). We had a conservative budget and cut down on expenditures. Measure E is up 13% for the fiscal year and full impact from the pandemic it is 8.6% (\$120,000). Online orders we get a full 1%, along with vehicle purchases. Permits and developments are up. Water/solid waste payments are in line. Ambulance calls are up 8%. Council Member Hurtado brought up afterschool and summer rec programs and asked if we will restart them? Mr. Henderson said that the challenge right now is that we utilize schools. We have all the kids go to one school from every grade but, right now, the different cohorts are not supposed to be together. It depends on how things change in the schools in the future. She asked if full-time employees were laid off. Mr. Henderson said that the only full-time employees are Adam and Christina. We are monitoring the situation and understand the value. She asked about Leep Grants. Mr. Henderson said that he thinks they were SB1. We didn't apply to those because there weren't things that we needed that fell under the grant. Council Member Palomar asked if there is an opening date on the Grocery Outlet or Adventist Health? Mr. Henderson stated that the Grocery Outlet is shooting for May and Adventist will be after that. Council Member Hurtado asked if motels locally were participating in quarantining farm workers. Mr. Henderson said that he thinks Motel 6.

No action deemed necessary.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that it will meet on February 24th.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it will meet on February 17th.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that it will meet next Tuesday.

Economic Development -Mayor North reported that they have not met. Council Member Roman commented that City Manager Henderson did a great job with the update. Mr. Henderson stated that this is the time we send out rebate letters for businesses for Sales and Property Taxes.

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that it meets tomorrow.

Planning Commission – Mayor North reported that it will meet next Thursday.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Council Member Hurtado reported that we are meeting this month.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Roman reported that at the COG meeting they asked for an update from Caltrans for the highway construction. Due to cement, holiday closures, and cold weather, construction will continue until May. Mayor North stated that there seems to be a lot of accidents. She stated that she wanted to thank City Manager Henderson for steering the ship through the pandemic and the way he led staff in a difficult without a manual. All of Council thanked him.

City Manager's Report- Mr. Henderson said kudos to Alma Colado, Finance Director, for getting our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report out. We do it for transparency reasons. The audit will be presented in March. We have been rewarded GFOA.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s)

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
California Government Code Section 54957.6
City Designated Representative: Alexander Henderson
Employee Organization: Kingsburg Police Officer Association (KPOA)

2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 14028 S. Madsen, Kingsburg, CA
Agency Negotiator: David Peters, City Engineer
Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions of Transaction

Mayor North Adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session.

City Attorney Michael Nolan reported that Council approved paying \$125,000 to the Brandon's for purchase of property to improve the Madsen Bike Path with the City Manager to execute all documents for the purchase of the land.

Mayor North adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:40 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk