

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2017, 6:00 pm.**

**5:15 P.M. CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**Call to order:** Mayor Roman called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

**Council Members present:** Staci Smith, Bruce Blayney, and Mayor Roman. Laura North arrived at 5:24 P. M. and Sherman Dix at 5:55 P. M.

**Staff present:** City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

The Council Members present went immediately into closed session to discuss the following items.

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiators**  
California Government Code Section 54957.6  
City Designated Representative: Alexander Henderson  
Kingsburg Professional Firefighters Association (KPFA);
2. **Public Employee Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957**  
Title: City Manager

The closed session was adjourned at 6:04 pm. No report out.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Invocation was given by Associate Pastor of Worship Ministries Monty Gilmore of the Kingsburg First Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** At 6:06 pm Mayor Michelle Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

**Council Members present:** Staci Smith, Laura North, Bruce Blayney, Sherman Dix, and Mayor Michelle Roman.

**Staff present:** City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, Police Chief Neil Dadian, and Fire Chief Tim Ray.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Blayney, to approve the Agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
2. **Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period January 12, 2017 through February 7, 2017 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
3. **City of Kingsburg Code of Ethics Filer Resolution-** Adopt City of Kingsburg Resolution No. 2017-009 updating the City's Code of Ethics filer list. Resolution prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
4. **Public Works Vehicle Surplus Resolution –** Adopt Resolution No. 2017-010 approving the surplus of vehicles that are no longer in use and to dispose of them as deemed appropriate. Resolution prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
5. **Tract 5609 Reimbursement Agreement-** Authorize city staff to enter into a reimbursement agreement with Kamm Housing, LLC related to infrastructure improvements associated with Tract 5609 – Kings Crossing Estates.

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

**Presentation of an Award of Appreciation to Dr. Bruce Trevino from the Kingsburg Fire Department-** Presentation by Fire Chief Tim Ray

City of Kingsburg Fire Department Chief, Tim Ray, presented an award expressing appreciation for Dr. Bruce Trevino's assistance in making it possible for the Department to get medical supplies necessary to keep their services going.

The City Council thanked Dr. Trevino for all he does.

**Swearing-in of New Reserve Fire Fighters** (Isaias Barbosa, Adrian Bavery, Jeff Bowers, Trevor Deniz, Skyler Ellis Gilmore, Gabe Medina and Mike Wukits)

Fire Chief Tim Ray presented the incoming Reserve Fire Fighters who in turn introduced themselves and shared their goals.

City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard administered the Oath Office following which the new reserve firefighters were pinned.

## **2016 Annual Fire Department Report – Staff report prepared by Kingsburg Fire Chief Tim Ray**

Fire Department Chief Tim Ray presented his Fire Department Response Activities Report for calendar year 2016. The report shows the total number and types of calls for 2016 with comparisons to 2015 and 2014, plus other comparison statistics. Call volume is up by 5%. The department receives 6 ½ to 7 calls per 24 hour working shift. We also got a Class 2 rating for insurance which is a big deal for a mostly volunteer department. Chief Ray said that he has applied for an AFG grant to replace all of the breathing apparatuses. He also said that he graduated from the Fire Executive Academy and is working on succession planning and replacing equipment.

Council briefly commented on the report and thanked Chief Ray and his department for what they do with what they have.

## **SKF County Sanitation California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Awards- Presentation by Ben Muñoz, General Manager, and Veronica Cazares, District Engineer**

Ben Muñoz, General Manager, stated that SKF was awarded Plant of the Year for a medium size collection site; received an Engineer Achievement Award for the Master Plan Update, and Supervisor of the year for Karen, nominated by her staff.

Council expressed appreciation for the District's service.

## **Crime Statistics Report for January 2017 – Prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.**

Chief of Police Neil Dadian briefly reviewed the report, pointing out that calls for service are down, which is expected. His goal is to have reduced calls for service over all compared to next year. Part one crimes have dropped for 2016. He said that he would have more information at the next update.

## **Skate Park Recommendation- Staff Report prepared by City Manager Alex Henderson.**

City Manager Alex Henderson explained that this matter has been at the Council level a few times and sent back to the Community Services Committee and a sub-committee. The group has brought this proposal from American Ramp Co. The subcommittee has met with school officials and 40 residents that live adjacent to Athwal Park. Also included is a quote from Larry McClasky for concrete.

Joy Bratton, representing the Community Service Committee, said that they would like to recommend that Council approve the \$40,000 towards the skate park. She said that she is here because of her son Austin's love of skating and there not being anywhere in Kingsburg where he could skate. She said that a lot of time and process has been put into this proposal. They are asking for \$40,000 for the skate park and they are going to apply for grants and private funding.

General discussion ensued. Council Member Dix asked about the access to the park. Joy Bratton said that a sidewalk is a goal. Council Member Blayne asked about the phasing. Ms. Bratton said that we are hoping to get \$40,000 from the City and then get \$40,000 in matching funds. Mayor Roman said that they are trying to find pieces for every level of ability. We want to make sure it is accessible for all children that want to skate.

Council Member Dix asked about the fence around it. Ms. Bratton said that there is not a fence in the design right now. She said that there was a Bill passed in 2011 that takes the liability away from the City. Council Member Smith asked about lights. Ms. Bratton said that they are not having lights at this point. We do not want to encourage skating at night. Rather, we are encouraging dawn to dusk. Council Member Dix asked if we are deciding on the designs tonight. He said that he is worried about a trek across the grass if there is an injury. He said that there may be a need for some parking over there too.

Council Member Blayney asked if there has been some thought into the full design of the park. He asked if there is a water source and mentioned the importance of ADA requirements. Council Member Dix said that there is some need to do some of this together with the skate park.

Council Member Blayney said that there are questions about maintenance of the park. City Manager Alex Henderson said it would fall on to Public Works. Council Member Blayney asked about plans for public restrooms in the long- term plan. Ms. Bratton said it would be expensive but it would be a long-term goal. Council Member Blayney asked if there is a comprehensive plan to this park. He asked Council Member North if this affected her school at Rafer Johnson. She said it has benefited with the upkeep of the fields. They do not allow them to use the bathrooms. They would bring their own port-a-potties. Council Member Blayney asked if there are any long- term groups that would help support the skate park. Ms. Bratton said that we have an obligation to help our youth. If it does fail, worst case scenario, we can sell the parts to other cities and then we have the concrete slabs. Council Member Dix said that a fence is something we would need, especially if there is no lighting back there.

Council Member Smith said that a few citizens have raised concerns about having it there. Noise is a concern. Council Member Blayney said he thinks we need to have a comprehensive plan for this park, along with concrete access to the park.

Council Member Dix asked for clarification concerning our pledging \$40,000. He said that they will have to bring a proposal that Council agrees with. City Manager Alex Henderson clarified that it can be a part of the motion. Council Member Blayney asked if they are going to use the full budget for this. Ms. Bratton said that they would like to use \$10,000 for other projects. Council Member Dix said he would like it conditional for the final design.

Council Member Blayney asked if Reagan School has concerns. Mayor Roman said that they met with the principal and the assistant superintendent and worked with them on the location. Council Member North thanked Joy Bratton for sticking with the project and seeing it through.

Tony Redfern, Kingsburg resident, said that he works with kids who have special needs with law enforcement. He supports this project, loves the location, and thanked the Committee and Council.

Cindy Carender, teacher at Rafer Johnson Jr. High, said that she also supports this project. It is important for our community to allow our kids to skate without them being told no.

Alex, a student, said that he would like to see if scooters and bikes would be allowed. Mayor Roman said that the design would allow bikes and scooters.

Melissa Bethel, Community Services Committee Chair, said that this would be a stepping stone, asking for the \$40,000.

Mayor Roman said that we have stuff for small kids and seniors to do but not for this part of our community. It is important to have their input in the process for designing it.

At this point, Council Member North moved to allocate the \$40,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Dix said that he would move to allocate the \$40,000, subject to the committee coming back with the final design. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Blayney said that we need to have a comprehensive phased design of what we will build this park out to be, including access to it, water and bathrooms. He said that he strongly suggests that City staff brings a plan for other uses of the park. Also, the proposal needs to include other funding.

Council Member Dix said that he would move to allocate the \$40,000 from the 2016/17 budget, contingent on the approval of the plan by the City Council and the Committee securing other funding. Council Member North asked if the \$40,000 would carry over to next fiscal year. Mr. Henderson said that we wouldn't spend the \$40,000 without the outside funding and that is something we would discuss during budget proposals. Council Member Blayney said that he would like to clarify the motion adding that the contingency is just for Phase I. Council Member North wanted to know if there are future phases, would the City commit more money in the future. Council Member Dix stated that the contingency of the motion doesn't say that. Council Member Blayney said that the City couldn't ensure \$40,000 each year. Council Member North said that she doesn't want to set them up to fail in the future with the requested updating of the park and the committee not having money for it. Council Member Dix said that he agrees. There could be grants or other outside funding to help pay for a parking lot or other needs. He said that this is a pretty reasonable cost for a park and the committee has done a great job bringing this project in with this cost. He stated that he wants to make sure there is proper access.

Council Member Dix restated his earlier motion to approve the \$40,000 for Phase 1 of the skate park project, contingent on the committee securing other funding and final approval of the project plan by the City Council. Council Member North seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Council Reports and Staff Communications**

**Community Services Commission** – Mayor Roman said that the Skate Park presentation was her report.

**Public Safety Committee** – Council Member North reported that they have not met.

**Chamber of Commerce** – Council Member Smith reported that the Chamber monthly Mixer is February 21<sup>st</sup>. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ladies Night Out.

**Economic Development** – Mayor Roman reported that the Small City Revolution voting is continued to midnight tomorrow. Jolene Polyack is coming on the March 1<sup>st</sup> for an economic development update.

**Finance Committee** – Council Member Blayney reported that their next scheduled meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Planning Commission**- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that Crestwood was approved for the renovation and their conditional use permit. They discussed axillary structures, and are looking at updating the code to go with the reality of what people purchase.

**City Manager's Report-** Mr. Henderson reported that we are speaking with hotels about their properties and code enforcement. He mentioned the possibility of apartments in the second story by the library.

**Other Business that may come properly before the City Council**

City Manager Alex Henderson spoke about the proposed subdivision maps. There will be a public workshop on 2/28/2017 at 6pm to go over the process with the public. They all have green space, pedestrian corridors and connections, all single family at this point. Council Member Blayne said tomorrow night is the South San Joaquin Valley meeting, going to talk about water and cap and trade.

Mr. Phillips, resident of Kingsburg, asked about Walmart coming to Kingsburg. Was worried about what happens in the community when Walmart moves in. City Manager Alex Henderson said he hasn't been approached by Walmart or has heard anything regarding Walmart. He did say the Kmart building is privately owned.

Cynthia Rocha, Youth Leadership Institute, has been doing work here since July. They are a nonprofit for youth development. Builds leadership capacities with the youth. Funded by Fresno County departments, they are tasked with having lower levels of alcohol and tobacco use by the youth.

Derrick Hirschfield, 392 Troop Boy Scout, said he is working on his eagle scout. His Troop is here to see what is going on in the city and to have an opinion. Put out crosses for Memorial Day at the cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. Garrett Back said his Eagle Scout project was remodeling the Police Department's shooting range. Braydon Colbert, working on his Eagle Scout project. Jacob Phillips said he is working on his Eagle Scout project. Council thanked them for being here.

**Mayor Roman adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 8:18pm.**