

KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION MEETING:

Mayor Michelle Roman called the Kingsburg City Council to order at 5:33 P. M.

Council Members present: Staci Smith, Sherman Dix, Bruce Blayney, and Mayor Michelle Roman. Council Member Laura North was absent due to illness.

Staff Members present: City Manager Alexander Henderson (arriving at 5:55pm) and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard (leaving after roll call).

The City Council went immediately into Closed Session to discuss the following item:

- 1. Public Employee Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957**
Title: City Manager

The Closed Session was adjourned at 5:58 P. M.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING:

Invocation was given by Pastor Douglas Shoelles of the Kingsburg Concordia Lutheran Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Mayor Michelle Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:01 P. M.

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

Council Members absent: Laura North (due to illness).

Staff Members present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Police Chief Neil Dadian, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, Kingsburg Police Sgt. Kevin Pendley, Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla, and Administrative Assistant Marnie Jones.

Public Comments:

Council was presented with a certificate from Congressman David Valadao's Fresno Office for the hard work that everyone in Kingsburg did on the Small Business Revolution.

Council was presented with a plaque from the Fresno County Economic Development Committee recognizing the City of Kingsburg's being in the Small Business Revolution.

Kingsburg resident, Mr. Jones, spoke to Council concerning his having a trampoline in the front yard on his property. He said that he is a single father to his grandson and he doesn't let him go too far off his property. He said that he is asking for a Conditional Use Permit to keep his trampoline where it is for his grandson. Mr. Jones was advised to come into City Hall and talk to the City Manager.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Blayney, seconded by Council Member Dix, to approve the Agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Blayney to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017 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 February 8, 2017 through February 22, 2017 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Swearing in of New Police Officers

Kingsburg Police Chief Neil Dadian presented and read a short bio of the two new full time Police Officers, Derek Gagnon and George Gomez, and new Reserve Police Officers, Rene Cadena, Charles Underwood, Alec Rael, James Ramirez, Jason Delgado, Jon Pino, Neil O'Brien, Luis Gutierrez and Marisol Guzman.

Chief Dadian and Police Department Administrative Assistant, Marnie Jones, passed out the badges. City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard did the swearing in, followed by the pinning of the badges by family members of the officers.

Council and City Manager congratulated the new Police Officers.

Mid Valley Disposal Bi-Yearly Report- Presentation by Bella Lopez, Recycling Coordinator

Bella Lopez, Recycling Coordinator for Mid Valley Disposal, introduced Kasey Austin, government consultant for Mid Valley, stating that she is here to help elected officials.

Ms. Lopez said there have been great numbers for recycling. Also, great turn out for events, not by just Kingsburg residents, but also by other local communities. Lincoln School won Recycler of the Year which was well deserved. They are recycling 150 pounds per day per lunch. They are looking to implement it in other school. She said that they were represented at the Santa Lucia parade, a good time to introduce themselves to the community.

Council Member Blayney asked about green waste diversion. Ms. Lopez said they are working with the City on rates so they can implement green waste to commercial accounts. City Manager Alex Henderson clarified that landscapers in the community do take it in as green waste.

Mayor Roman thanked Mid Valley for adding "Recycler of the Year" to the list of annual awards. She asked when spring clean-up is. Mr. Henderson said he believes it is April 17th through the 29th.

Economic Development 2016 Report - Presentation by Consulting Economic Development Coordinator Jolene Polyack

Mrs. Polyack stated that 2016 was a great year in Kingsburg. She reviewed the report on the status of existing or new businesses in Kingsburg. She pointed out the enhanced Economic Development communication to developers, brokers, and others who are doing business or interested in doing business in Kingsburg.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update – Staff Report Prepared by City Manager Alex Henderson

City Manager Alex Henderson stated that staff has been working on formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to be in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Formation of the GSA must occur by June 30, 2017. He reviewed the purposes of SGMA, and for Kingsburg the main priorities in complying with the new law. His report reviews options, cost estimates, and background information. The City is acting within the confines of State legislation while ensuring local control remains in place. Mr. Henderson said that he would like to have a Council Member attend the next meeting with him.

This is informational at this time. No action necessary.

Council Reports and Staff Communication

Community Services Commission – Mayor Roman reported that they met Monday night and discussed the budget of the \$40,000 for the skate park.

Public Safety Committee- City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard reported that they are working toward March 14th as the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce- Council Member Smith reported that tomorrow evening is the Denim and Diamonds event in downtown Kingsburg.

Economic Development- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that the next meeting is later in the month.

Finance Committee- Council Member Blayney reported that they met last week. He thanked Finance Director Maggie Moreno for her hard work and the good job she has done for Kingsburg. Maggie said that Kingsburg will always be in her heart, adding that working with City Manager Alex Henderson has been great. Mayor Roman said that Maggie has done an amazing job and thanked her for all she has done here.

Mr. Henderson said that the Finance Committee also talked about continuing the façade program, and looking at a new incentive program. He said that the upper floor of the Ostrom building is being renovated for upper floor apartments. He said that in 2012 Council passed new rates to go up each year for recharge fees. He said citizens have done a great job conserving water. The Finance Committee is going to recommend the water rates not be increased in 2017.

Planning Commission- Council Member Blayney reported that they discussed new housing projects and gave the public a chance to voice their opinion and clarified that the maps are tentative. Out of the meeting there were concerns about roads, traffic patterns, and public safety funding to cover the new houses. There were concerns about a need for more schools; green space and walkable corridors. Green spaces being parks and not ponding basins.

Council Member Dix said that he understands that people are concerned because this is their property. It is good that we brought in the citizens and are proactive. It doesn't happen everywhere. He said he is doing his best to bring all interested parties together. Mr. Henderson said that we have already reached out to schools. The City is working on getting answers from Police and Fire. Again, Council Member Blayney stated that he hopes people understand it is a tentative map.

City Manager's Report- City Manager Alex Henderson reported that last Thursday we submitted a parks grant application. We qualified because of Marion Villas. He is hopeful that we will see some funding. Next coffee with the City Manager will be at 5:30 P. M. here. We just got word that we got the GFOA Budget Award. He thanked Finance Director Maggie Moreno.

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

Mayor Roman thanked everyone, staff members and citizens, for reaching out and supporting us in the Small Business Revolution process. It put us on the map and hopefully it will bring in more tourism. It was a good run and a lot of fun.

Alex Henderson, Bruce Blayney and Michelle Roman went to a League of Cities dinner and represented the City.

Adjourn - Mayor Roman adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:42 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk