

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** At 6:02 P. M. Mayor Michelle Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

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

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

**Public Comments:**

Dean Ziegel, introducing himself as a resident of the community on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the placement of shipping containers on his property. He also said that he would like to see lighting and a crosswalk around the cemetery.

Eleanor Dix said, while visiting a park in Pismo Beach, she saw how much kids love to swing on a tire swing. She said that she would like to see one in Kingsburg for all the kids to enjoy.

David Keyes, candidate for Fresno County Auditor, said that he is introducing himself since cities are important clients to the office.

Johnathan Cole, who lives on Cody Lane, stated that he has a complaint against his neighbor who lives across the street. In April they brought in a 30-foot seatrain. He said that he doesn't dislike their neighbor, just their action. A letter was sent by the City to remove it and it is supposed to be removed. He said that it looks like a manufacturing complex and shouldn't be the view in a residential area. They have yard sales every Saturday.

**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 Dix, seconded by Council Member North, 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 April 18, 2018 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 April 12, 2018 through April 25, 2018 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-037-** A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Kingsburg Prohibiting Animals at All Public Events as Defined by The Kingsburg Municipal Code in regard to the Swedish Festival May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- 4. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-038-** A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Kingsburg Approving Parcel Map 18-02- Staff Report prepared by City Engineer Dave Peters.

### **Regular Calendar**

**PUBLIC HEARING-** To review and receive additional public input regarding the maps submitted to the City identifying boundaries for election districts for a district based electoral system for City Council elections; select and approve a map identifying boundaries for election districts; and introduce an ordinance establishing district elections for City Council elections, adopting district boundaries and setting the City Council election sequence. - Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

### **Open Public Hearing 6:24 P. M.**

**Presentation by Doug Johnson, National Demographics Corporation-** Mr. Johnson explained that this process is the transfer from at-large to district elections. Residents will be voting for 1 candidate that resides in their district. He stated that we used 2010 census information and looked at protective classes. Traditional criteria are to respect communities of interest; follow major roads and make it easy for citizens to know which district they are in; and try to avoid pairing council members if possible to respect the voice of the voters. He said that the challenge of small cities is every block impacts population.

**Council Discussion -** Council Member Dix asked when this must be updated. Mr. Johnson said that we will use this in the 2018 and 2020 elections. You have till November 2021 to update the districts for the 2020 census information. Council Member Dix asked if maps have been challenged. Mr. Johnson said that a couple of cities have but in all the cities have prevailed.

Council Member Blayney said that since we all live very close; can you walk us through the maps as to where council members live. He also asked for clarification if 2 council members are in the same district. Mr. Johnson said that ideally, if we pair 2 in one, we try to have both in the same term.

Council reviewed, and Mr. Johnson addressed, the various ramifications of each map. Council Member Dix asked how we arrived at these three maps. City Attorney Michael Noland said that out of all the maps, these three are the most defensible.

### **Open Public Comment - 6:55 P. M. - None**

### **Close Public Comment -6:56 P.M.**

**Continued Council Discussion –** Council Member Dix asked when we pick the map. City Attorney Michael Noland said that on May 16<sup>th</sup> the Council will formally approve the map and election sequence they prefer and adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Johnson said that under the California Voter Rights Act we need a district with a majority of Hispanics who are voting age. This would be District 5.

City Attorney Michael Noland commented on the election sequencing. He said that Council should consider holding off any election in District 5 until 2020. Election Code Sec. 10010. analysis stated that a protected class new district should not be up to election in a mid-term election.

Council Member North said that since we are being challenged on this, wouldn't delaying having a member from District 5 to serve immediately be a negative? City Attorney Michael Noland stated that if we do it in 2018, this district will always elect in the midterms and not in the presidential election. Because of this, there is a legal justification. Mr. Johnson clarified that either cycle is fine.

Council continued discussion of the ramifications of the orange and green maps. With the green map Districts 1, 4, and 5 would run in 2018. Districts 2 and 3 would run in 2020. Council Members North and Dix said that they would prefer the Green Map. Council Member Blayney asked the City Attorney if an Election Sequence of Districts 1,4 & 5 in 2018 and Districts 2 and 3 in 2020 would be acceptable. The City Attorney said that it would be.

### **Close Public Hearing – 7:27 P. M.**

A motion was made by Council Member Blayney to Waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-003 An Ordinance of The City Council of The City of Kingsburg, California, Adopting Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 2.04, of The Municipal Code of The City of Kingsburg To Establish By-District Elections for City Council and pass to a second reading with the following recital constituting reading of the title of the Ordinance:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG, CALIFORNIA  
ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.04, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF  
THE CITY OF KINGSBURG TO ESTABLISH BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR CITY  
COUNCIL”

The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Continued from April 18, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting:**

**Countywide Oversight Board for the Successor Agencies to the Redevelopment Agencies in Fresno County** - Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

**Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson-** Mr. Henderson said that the Fresno COG Mayors will select one person.

Informational- No Action Necessary

### **2018/2019 Capital Improvement Project Discussion- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson**

Mr. Henderson stated that the Finance Committee met last week and reviewed this list of requests from department heads. Cost includes well treatments. He went over the list of completed projects from 2017/2018 and ones in progress. Council discussed the proposed 2018/2019 CIP Projects including road improvements, Athwal Park improvements, new equipment, and improvements to the pool. Mr. Henderson stated that we would like Council and public input.

Council Member Blayney asked about the funds to look at more property. Mr. Henderson said the funds are included in the line item. A question from the public was raised concerning Clarkson road improvements. Mr. Henderson said that we are working on it. It is partially in Tulare County and we are working with them to move forward.

Informational- No Action Necessary

**Discussion on the City Hall/City Council Chamber Lease-** Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

City Manager Alexander Henderson stated that last meeting, 4/18/2018, we spoke about the lease of City Hall. At that time Council asked staff to see if the property owner would be interested in selling. He stated that we are close to capacity. The Finance Committee wanted to get the consensus of Council to see if staff can look around town for a larger space. Council Member Blayney stated that the Committee spoke about looking at other spots. This building is not the most efficient and it can free-up retail space. We would be willing to sign a one-year or two-year lease while looking at underutilized space and determining where the funds would come from. Council agreed that locking in to 10 years is not a good idea.

Informational- No Action Necessary

## 6. Council Reports and Staff Communications

- 6.1. **Community Services Commission-** Mayor Roman reported that it will be meeting soon.
- 6.2. **Public Safety Committee-** Council Member Dix reported that it will meet in June.
- 6.3. **Chamber of Commerce-** Council Member North had no report.
- 6.4. **Economic Development-** City Manager had no report.
- 6.5. **Finance Committee-** Council Member Blayney reported that it met last week. You have information in front of you.
- 6.6. **Planning Commission –** Council Member Blayney reported that they meet May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Nelson Tract will come back for discussion.
- 6.7. **South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority-** Council Member Blayney reported that they did not meet in April and have had no notice for this month.
- 6.8. **City Manager's Report-** Mr. Henderson reported that he has spoken to service club groups on Measure E items that will be on the June 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The city doesn't have a position for or against. Just answering questions.

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

- a. Council Member Blayney recognized that City Manager Alex Henderson has been accepted to attend the Local Governance Summer Institute, Stanford University. Mr. Henderson thanked Council for their support.
- b. Council Member Blayney stated that he has been approached regarding the Sanctuary City Program. The grass roots movement is still being pushed by different groups. The City has not taken a stance either way.
- c. Council Member Dix stated that the Recreation Sub-committee will be meeting on Thursday to discuss potential uses of 3.5 acres donated by the Hash's.
- d. Mayor Roman said that she spoke to Wes Sever. He said that Pickle Ball lines will be drawn at Rafer Johnson Jr. High. At the COG meeting we received \$830,000 in funds which are hard for rural areas to get it. We didn't receive the Fresno County transit facilities, Selma received it.

**Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting – 7:57 P. M.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk  
City of Kingsburg**