

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2018**

6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Invocation was given by Council Member Bruce Blayney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Call to Order and Roll Call – At 6:01 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 Finance Director Alma Calado, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, and Kingsburg Police Chief Neil Dadian.

Public Comments: None.

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

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

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the May 2, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 4.2 Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period April 25, 2018 through May 9, 2018 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.

REGULAR CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING- To waive a second reading and adopt an ordinance establishing district elections, establishing district election boundaries and setting the City Council election sequence for City Council elections. - Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

Open Public Hearing - 6:04 P. M.

Presentation by City Attorney Michael Noland – He stated that this is the last of 5 public hearings to receive suggestions and comments with regards to districting for council elections. Before you is the ordinance that was introduced at the last Council meeting. It identifies that Council candidates in Districts 1,4 and 5 will run in 2018 and Districts 2 and 3 in 2020. The exhibit identifies the map.

Council Discussion – 6:07 P. M. None

Open Public Comment – 6:07 P. M.

Charlie Soto, citizen, spoke about the NDC Tan Map commenting on that he believes that some of property included in District 1 is outside of the City limits, that the map should be inclusive of the

North Kingsburg Specific Plan, that he looked at the populations, but not in depth, and that the NDC Tan Map would have been better connected and more balanced.

City Attorney Michael Noland explained that the NDC Green Map complies with the California Voters Right Act in that the districts are continuous and is the most defensible as discussed in previous public hearings. This is the map that has been recommended with the understanding that the map will change with a new census and annexations.

City Manager Alex Henderson explained that the North Kingsburg Specific Plan is a planning map. It does not have any part in this districting process.

Close Public Comment – 6:11 P. M.

Continued Council Discussion – 6:11 P. M. Council Member Blayney said that he would like to have the streets listed on the map so there is no confusion. The City Attorney said that we will have the demographer label the streets for the attachment.

Close Public Hearing – 6:11 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Blayney to waive a second reading and adopt 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 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.

City of Kingsburg Proclamation for the 2017/18 Kingsburg High School Girls’ Soccer Team- Presentation was made by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Public Service Award Presentation for Recipient, Kristin Hernandez, City Hall- Presentation was made by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Crime Statistics Report for the Month of April 2018 and General Police Department Update- Crime Statistics Report prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.

Police Chief Neil Dadian reviewed the report stating that Part 1 crimes were flat. Once it gets warmer crimes will go up with calls for service. We have one officer in charge of Truck Route enforcement as we get into the heavy agriculture months. He said that this year’s training is focused on crisis intervention. He said that he is working in a county-wide team battling teenage suicide, so we can detect and intervene. Three years ago, there were 3 and it was tragic. We are working on the safety of the students. The annual Public Safety Review will be on Friday and we are looking forward to the Swedish Festival.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Update Regarding the Abatement of Substandard Buildings- Staff Report prepared by City Manager Alexander Henderson

City Manager Alexander Henderson provided an update on proactive code enforcement activity that relates to the abatement of substandard buildings and recent activity with some of the properties. He stated that last year an ordinance was adopted that allowed the City to move forward on un-used and under-utilized buildings. Staff has been working with property owners of the five key sites enumerated in his report:

1. Old Stone Hotel located at 1450 California Street
2. Former Larson Properties located at 1430 Lincoln Street
3. Woods Building located at 1491 Draper Street
4. Vacant lot at 1301 Lewis St.
5. Old Swedish Mill located at 475 Sierra Court

Council Discussion

Mayor Roman asked, as far as a hearing, would it be a special hearing or during a Council meeting?

City Attorney Michael Noland said that it could be either. The purpose would be how to abate the nuisance and lien the property. The purpose of the new code enforcement provisions mirrors what is in the California Health and Safety Code. It is an administrative process which is a faster process than having to go to court.

Council Member Blayney stated that he would like to commend staff for using the ability to move forward on these properties which have been an issue for a long time. Mayor Roman concurred.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Council Reports and Staff Communications

- 6.1. Community Services Commission-** Mayor Roman reported that they have a meeting next Week. City Manager Alex Henderson said that a new version of the Athwal Park will be presented. Council Member Blayney asked for numbers with the cost figures with phasing. Mr. Henderson said that there is not a definite number. The City Engineer is working on it. Council Member North said that she has been approached about restrooms. Mr. Henderson said that would be one of the first things. Council Member Blayney said that we should put up the infrastructure, parking and restroom. He said that he appreciates the additional parking to help the neighbors in the area. Mayor Roman said that she would like to see it on the website. Council Member Blayney agreed and suggested that other improvements that we are working on should be as well.
- 6.2. Public Safety Committee-** Council member Dix reported that they will meet in June.
- 6.3. Chamber of Commerce-** Mayor Roman commented on it being Swedish Festival Week and discussed ribbon cutting which the Chamber will do for all new businesses.

- 6.4. Economic Development** – City Manager Alex Henderson reported that they haven't met. He mentioned the Global Unmanned Spraying System (GUSS) 20,000 sq. ft. facility ground breaking.
- 6.5. Finance Committee** – Council Member Blayney reported that they have not met.
- 6.6. Planning Commission** – Council Member Blayney reported that they met and approved two subdivision maps (Nelson and Crinklaw) which will be coming before the Council. He commented on some of the features of the maps.
- 6.7 South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority-** Council Member Blayney reported that they will meet May 30, 2018.
- 6.8. City Manager's Report-** Mr. Henderson reported that he and Neil Dadian took first place at the SSJV golf tournament and that today is Alma Colado's birthday.

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council - None

Mayor Roman adjourned the Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session at 7:05 P. M. to discuss the following item(s):

- (1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**
California Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Vernon Franklin v. City of Kingsburg, et.al.
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 18CECG01029

Mayor Roman Adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and Report Out of Closed Session at 7:26 P. M.

City Attorney Michael Noland said that there is nothing to report out.

Mayor Roman adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:26 P. M.

Submitted by:

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