

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Invocation was given by Pastor Ricky Chambers of The Kingsburg Community 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 Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, Finance Director Alma Colado, Consulting City Planner Greg Collins, City Engineer Dave Peters, Community Services Director Adam Castaneda and Police Chief Neil Dadian.

Public Comments: None

Approve Agenda: Council Member North moved to approve the Agenda with Item No. 5.4, Athwal Park, moved to Item 5.1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blayney and carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dix, 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 16, 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 May 10, 2018 through May 30, 2018 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
- 4.3 Lighting & Landscape Maintenance District No. 93-01 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019-** Approve resolutions initiating proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report and declaring the City's Intention to levy assessments within the Landscape Assessment District No. 93-01 for fiscal year 2018/2019. Staff Report prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado.
 - a. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-040 initiating proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments for Assessment District No. 93-01 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, and as provided by Article XIII D of the California Constitution; and ordering the preparation of an engineer's report in connection therewith.
 - b. Adopt Resolution No. 2018- 041 preliminarily approving the report of the engineer in connection with the annual levy of and collection of assessments for Assessment District No. 93-01 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, pursuant to

the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, and as provided by Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

- c. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-042 declaring the City's intention to order the annual levy and collection of assessments of Assessment District No. 93-01 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, and provided by Articles XIII D of the California Constitution, and appointing a time and place for hearing protests.
- d. Set for Public Hearing at the June 20, 2018, City Council meeting at 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Athwal Park Discussion- Staff Report prepared by City Manager Alexander Henderson

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented the master plan and costs for Athwal Park Improvements. He said that staff is looking for direction for application of the Hospital Grant and direction on phasing if we do not get funds from the Hospital District. The Hospital Board said to ask for everything, but to prioritize. Mayor Roman asked if this plan was already approved. Mr. Henderson said that there was general discussion but no formal adoption of the plan.

Mayor Roman asked Community Services Director Adam Castaneda to come up and speak about the recent Community Services Committee Meeting. Mr. Castaneda said that the park layout was presented at their May 23, 2018 meeting. The only difference was the parking. The Committee discussed the layout and felt that the skatepark is the priority, especially since the skatepark started this discussion. They also felt that the fitness court should be prioritized.

Council Member Dix spoke about the benefit for the most members of the community. What is the priority and what do we want to spend; City money or grant money? Mayor Roman said that we have been working on a skate park for years and the Committee has been out looking for funds for the skate park. She said that this design benefits many different age groups; this is a great design. She said that she wants to make sure we don't take away any (athletic) fields.

Council Member Dix asked about soccer. Mr. Castaneda said that he attended the Youth Soccer Board meeting and they have seen the design.

Council Member North asked if the first thing we must do is approve the map? Council Member Blayney asked if we all agree on this map.

Mayor Roman invited public comment.

Katrina Alvarez, Kingsburg Youth Soccer, said that they have not seen this design. She said that they love this location for more field space. She talked about asking for more grant money from US Soccer. She said that one field is not enough. We are asking if the skatepark can be moved to another location; like Cody Lane. This location is important because it is by Reagan School where they use their field. We are looking for a hub for all sports. Mayor Blayney asked if she has worked

with the Community Services Committee. She said no, just Adam and the Recreation Subcommittee.

Mayor Roman commented that not everyone does organized sports. This one was chosen because of previous discussion.

Leslie Lakey, representing the Kingsburg softball league, said that this has not been brought to our attention.

Melissa Bethel, Chair for the Community Services Committee, said that we have meetings every month. It is on the City calendar and we invite the community. She said that there has not been a lot of input from the community. She spoke about how younger children can have a safe place to play while older kids play sports. She said that we wish we had a sports complex, but we do not.

Council Member Dix asked how we are negotiating a lease with soccer when things have changed. City Manager Alex Henderson said that only the parking has changed. We asked soccer what they needed, and it was one full size soccer field. We are hoping this could be a long-term solution for soccer. Hubs for each sport would be our choice since we do not have a sports complex. This map is drawn from community and Council input.

Council Member Dix said that he is not sure about the fitness area, and, do we need two play structures and a splash pad if we are short on space?

Mayor Roman said that we are looking at one large grant funder and they may want a skatepark and fitness for adults.

Council Member North said that we asked for changes in the map and they have been done. These issues brought up tonight haven't been discussed until now. We have done everything they have asked for on this map.

Council Member Blayney said that we have one chance to do this; one chance to do this right. By not rushing into things, it gives more time for feedback. He suggested that the different stakeholders meet with the Community Services Committee. Mr. Castaneda said that we can make sure we touch base with all stakeholders to gain their input. Council Member Blayney said that to send this back and defer action wouldn't be different than what we have done before.

Mayor Roman stated that we are under a deadline for a grant. Council Member Blayney said that he was not aware you had an opportunity for funding for the full park. Mayor Roman said she has continuously looked for funding for this project.

Council Member Smith said that part of the confusion of the soccer league is that they need two smaller fields. We could tweak the design a little bit to meet their needs the best we can. We do need the hubs, and we do need to meet their needs.

Council Member Blayney asked if the design must be set in stone for the grant? Mayor Roman said she is going to apply for the entire thing. We need the cost breakdown if they are going pay for phases.

The concern of the Kingsburg softball league losing a lot of green space for practice and games was discussed. They are already losing green space from the track at Rafer Johnson Jr. High.

Sara Chambless, Member of the Community Service Committee, said that we have been working on this for 5 years. She said that she likes this plan because of the variation for the ages this is for. She said that we can't forget about the kids that came in 5 years ago that had a voice for the skatepark. This is what has been asked of us.

Council Member Dix said that the Committee has worked hard, and we appreciate it.

Chris Wiest, Soccer League, spoke about the changes at Rafer Johnson that have impacted the soccer needs for green space. He said that you can put a skatepark just about anywhere, but you cannot for soccer and other sports because of trees. If you go forward (with this plan), don't do it thinking it will benefit soccer. It is a great plan and will be used, but it will not benefit soccer.

Julie Sharp said that four youth teams could play in the outer space where the play structures and the skatepark is in this plan.

Council Member Blayney said that the Mayor has a concern because she must have something to present by the 30th. Mayor Roman said that she already has grant money for the skatepark at this location.

Mayor Roman said that we had this out (for public input) at the Swedish Festival. The community was excited about the splash pad, skatepark and fitness court.

Council Member Dix said that when it comes down to who is utilizing the field, we don't have resources for what people are asking for.

Stephanie Beer asked, if we tweak this plan, leave the skatepark and the green space, do you have funds to maintain these spaces? She said that if it is green space, you could maintain through soccer. She mentioned the second fire station and how it is not maintained.

Lindsey Roman, citizen, thanked the Council for trying to include everyone. She said that as a teenager in this town, we seem to be overlooked. This park needs to be used for the public, an inclusive map.

Council Member Blayney moved to readjust the plan layout to include more greenspace, bathrooms, skatepark, and pavilion, as the essential elements. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Dix said that he likes the community aspect including the multigenerational aspects, but we must consider the sports leagues losing the green space.

Mayor Roman said again that the Committee has worked hard on this. It is frustrating. Council Member Blayney said that it is frustrating for me that you have a deadline you must meet, and it is forcing our hand, when in the past we have gotten a lot of public input and we were not rushed.

Council Member Dix said that we are not asking for different items; we are asking to remove items. Council Member North said that the location of the skatepark is where it was moved because of resident input.

City Manager Alex Henderson reviewed the background of the discussion where Council asked for a full masterplan. He said that if it is Council's desire, he can meet with the boards and we can have a new map made.

Council Member Blayney moved to table this discussion to the June 20th meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Blayney said that we need to consider the girls softball also.

Council Member North suggested that we phase ours with the school's construction. She suggested also that we bring back two maps.

Council Member Dix said that he wants each cost separated in the budget, not combined.

Council Member North thanked Mayor Roman for going out and looking for the grants.

Council Member Blayney stated that, as a Member of the Finance Committee, he is worried about the money. We have \$800,000 in the fund and this is a 2.4 million-dollar project.

Council Member Dix said that he is not diminishing this; he just doesn't want to fund stuff that will not be used. He then moved to direct staff to reach out to the stakeholders and continue this matter to come up with an alternate plan with an alternate in the budget and a member of the Community Services Committee being a part of this. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blayney and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Measure E Update- Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson

Mr. Henderson said the unofficial results are 70% "yes". This is good news. We would expect it to start on October 1st of 2018; seeing the money coming in November. We are going to reach out for volunteers for the Oversight Committee and Council will decide on the guidelines.

Planned Unit Development 2016-01, Crinklaw Project- Staff Report prepared by City Planner Greg Collings

City Planner Greg Collings reviewed the history of the project. This PUD and tentative map follows the North Kingsburg Specific Plan (NKSP). Council will see the final map at another date.

Council Member Dix said that the map is great and fits in with the NKSP. He said that we should offer in-lieu fees for the pocket park, so we can use the money for a larger park. Mr. Collins said that the pocket park is for the immediate residents and we would hope that it would make the development more desirable.

A motion was made by Council Member Dix to adopt Resolution No. 2018 - 039 approving Planned Unit Development (PUD) 2016-01 (Crinklaw) and approving the necessary findings consistent with Chapter 17.76 of the Zoning Ordinance and subject to the listed conditions located in the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and carried by unanimous voice vote.

All Day Summer Recreation Discussion- Staff Report prepared by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda

Mr. Castaneda said that staff has been working on extending the Summer Recreation Program to include mornings as an option for residents starting at 7:30 A. M. He explained the benefits of this program stating that we are not a daycare. We are a recreation program that offers enrichment and physical recreation.

Following brief Council comment, a motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dix, to adopt Resolution 2018-044 adding an All-Day Summer Recreation Fee to the City Master Fee Schedule. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Endorsement of the November Water Bond Discussion - Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

Following presentation by Dominic Figueroa, Campaign Coordinator, and brief Council discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Blayne, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt Resolution 2018-043 Endorsing the November 2018 Water Bond. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Review – Consider 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Recommended Executive Budget. Letter from the City Manager prepared by City Manager Alex Henderson

City Manager Alex Henderson reviewed the Strategic Goals, Special Funds, Capital Improvement Projects, fund balances, and CalPERS.

Following brief comments, Staff was directed to set the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget for public hearing at the June 20, 2018 regular City Council meeting.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

- 6.1. **Community Services Committee-** Mayor Roman reported that the Athwal Park Master Plan has been their main project and they are frustrated in the process. Council Member Blayne spoke about the history of Athwal Park.
- 6.2. **Public Safety Committee-** Council Member Dix reported that it will meet June 12th.
- 6.3. **Chamber of Commerce-** Mayor Roman reported that they meet next Tuesday.
- 6.4. **Economic Development Committee –** City Manager Alex Henderson reported that it has not met.
- 6.5. **Finance Committee-** Council Member Blayne reported that it plans to meet the 19th.
- 6.6. **Planning Commission-** Council Member Blayne reported that it met regarding the PUD that was presented to Council tonight.

- 6.7 South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority-** Council Member Blayney reported that it met on the June 4th and is moving forward. He commented about re-negotiating the agreement with CID to include Del Rey.
- 6.8. City Manager's Report-** Mr. Henderson reported that the HASH project got through the Tulare Planning Commission and now will go in front of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

- 1. Cancellation of the July 4, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.** Council agreed.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session – 9:06 P. M. Council Member Sherman Dix excused himself due to conflict of interest.

8.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: Fresno County APNs: 394-390-05 and 394-390-06

Agency Negotiator: Alexander Henderson

Under Negotiation: Sale, lease, easement or license of property.

Adjourn out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out 9:22 P. M.

City Attorney Michael Noland said that there would be no report out.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting – 9:22 P. M.

Submitted by:

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