

**Kingsburg City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2026**

Invocation was given by Council Member Laura North, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brandon Pursell.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pursell called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:01pm.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Silva, Vince Palomar, Laura North, Staci Smith and Mayor Brandon Pursell.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the agenda, as published. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

Police Chief Neil Dadian Retirement Presentation

City Manager Henderson, Larry Salinas from Representative Costa's Office and City Council thanked Chief Dadian for his dedicated 11 years of service to the City of Kingsburg and Kingsburg Police Department.

*Sponsor: City Manager's Office*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cindy Reiger, Community Member, spoke about the idea of a Swedish telephone booth for the downtown.

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

1. Approval of City Council Minutes: Approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.  
*Sponsor: City Clerk's Office*
2. Kingsburg Community Service Commission Appointment- Accept Mayor Pursell's appointment of Diana Weston Johnson to the Kingsburg Community Service Commission to a term that is set to expire November 2029.  
*Sponsor: City Clerk's Office*
3. Approve the proposed 01/01/2026 Salary Chart. – Staff Report by Assistant City Manager Christina Windover  
*Sponsor: Assistant City Manager's Office*
4. Approve the Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Kingsburg and Century Communities of California, LLC, in the amount of \$50,543.50 for construction of oversize waterline improvements required by the project conditions of approval and authorize the City

Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.- Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

*Sponsor: City Engineer*

5. Adopt Resolution 2026-001 accepting and receiving the Development Impact Fee Report for FY 2024-25.- Staff Report by Finance Director Alma Colado  
*Sponsor: Finance Department*
6. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2025-06 Amending and Adding Various Chapters and Sections within Said Chapters of Title 15 of the Kingsburg Municipal Code and Adopting the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, 2025 Edition, Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as Amended; Repealing Ordinance 2025-01 and Ordinance 2022-02 with the following recital constituting reading the title of the Ordinance:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG AMENDING AND ADDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS WITHIN SAID CHAPTERS OF TITLE 15 OF THE KINGSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, 2025 EDITION, PARTS 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12, AS AMENDED; REPEALING ORDINANCE 2025-01 AND ORDINANCE 2022-02 OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG”

- Staff report by Building Official AJ O’Connell

*Sponsor: Community Development Department*

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **Consideration of Ballot Measure to Renew/Enact Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax –**

Staff report by Matthew E. Richardson, Special Counsel

*Sponsor: City Manager’s Office*

A presentation was given by Special Counsel Richardson. Council discussed that after they take action, they can no longer advocate for the measure on dais and on City time. Council reminded the public that they support this measure and that it is not a new tax.

Council Member Palomar motioned, seconded by Council Member Silva, to adopt Resolution 2026-002 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Kingsburg, California, Calling And Giving Notice Of Holding A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On June 2, 2026, Calling For The Placement Of A Measure To Enact A Special Transactions And Use Tax At The Rate Of One Percent (1%) As Required By Provision Of The Laws Of State Of California Relating To General Law Cities And Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Consolidate The Special Election With The Statewide General Primary Election To Be Held On The Same Date Pursuant To Section 10403 Of The Elections Code. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council Member North motioned, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt Resolution 2026-003 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Kingsburg, California Calling For The Placement Of A Special Tax Measure On The Ballot For The June 2, 2026 Special Municipal Election For The Submission To The Qualified Voters Of An Ordinance To Enact A Special Transactions And Use Tax At The Rate Of One Percent (1%) with the direction to staff that council will submit and argument in favor with the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem as the authors. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Henderson presented the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for FY2026.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member North reported that CenterPoint will be meeting in Kingsburg this month. She also noted that the Health Care District approved funding for a new scoreboard at the high school pool. The Business Improvement District (BID) discussed the telephone booth project, and the Chamber of Commerce reflected on the positive outcomes of recent community events.

Council Member Smith reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on January 26, and the Community Services Commission will meet on January 28. She attended the Chamber mixer held at Ramos Torres Winery. She also attended the ribbon cutting at Bella Bakery on Monday.

Council Member Silva reported that the Southern Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SKGSA) met and approved the hiring of consultants for water-related matters.

Council Member Palomar reported that the Public Safety Committee will meet on February 10. He also noted that the Planning Commission and SFK are both scheduled to meet the following evening.

Mayor Pursell reported on matters related to the Council of Governments (COG), stating that Measure C is facing significant challenges and that an emergency meeting is scheduled for this evening. He noted that substantial funding has already been invested and indicated the measure may not move forward. He advised that citizen initiatives may be forthcoming and encouraged residents to remain attentive to future information.

## **2026 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION -**

City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard called for nominations for Mayor. Mayor Pursell nominated Staci Smith. There were no other nominations.

Council Member Palomar motioned, seconded by Council Member North, to close the nomination period. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. All Council Members confirmed Staci Smith as Mayor by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Smith called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Smith nominated Brandon Pursell. There were no other nominations. Council Member Silva motioned, seconded by Council Member Palomar, to close the nomination period. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. All Council Members confirmed Brandon Pursell as Mayor Pro Tem by a unanimous voice vote.

**Mayor Smith adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting into Closed Session at 7:07pm.**

**Public Employment: California Government Code Section 54957**

Title: City Manager

**Mayor Smith adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and Report Out Of Closed Session at 7:33pm.**

City Attorney Noland announced that Council has approve an 8% merit bonus for the City Manager.

**Mayor Smith adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:33pm.**

Submitted by:

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Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk