

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2023**

Invocation to be given by John Palms, Kingsburg Task Force, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vince Palomar.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call: Mayor Vince Palomar called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:03 pm.

Council Members Present: David M. Silva, Staci Smith, Laura North, Brandon Pursell, Jr., and Mayor Vince Palomar.

Council Members Absent: None.

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

Presentations:

Recognition of Citizen Warren Yoshimoto

Warren Yoshimoto was recognized by Building Official AJ O'Connell's mom and wife, Anne & Jackie O'Connell, Fire Chief Daniel Perkins and City Council for his life saving efforts of when Mr. O'Connell's ladder failed and he fell while inspecting a building.

Sponsor: City Council and Staff

Public Comments:

Miguel Ramirez, SoCal Gas, gas prices are up because gas prices are high. Reduce energy bills- reduce temps at thermostat, water heaters, and there is a gas assistance fund.

Brenda Pardo, resident, requests that Council tours Second Chance Animal Shelter. Believes that the conditions there are poor.

Mr. Robinson, resident and pedestrian, had an issue at 14th and Sierra Street, was almost hit while crossing the street. Would like a blinking crosswalk. 14th street floods between Winter and Tulare Street. There is not a storm drain.

Brent Anderson, resident, would like address Second Chance and reevaluate the issue of animal control and having an animal control officer. It is unfair that a resident has to take a dog to Second Chance.

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

5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes: Approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 Regular Council Meetings as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.2 Check Register: Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period December 15, 2022 through January 9, 2023 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.

Sponsor: Finance Department

- 5.3 Approve the Trolley Driver Job Description-** Staff Report prepared Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Christina Windover
Sponsor: Administrative Services
- 5.4 Approve the revised proposed Wage Schedules for 01/01/2021-** Staff Report prepared by Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Christina Windover
Sponsor: Administrative Services
- 5.5 Approve The 2023-2024 City of Kingsburg Budget Schedule**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.6 Community Service Commission Appointment-** Accept Mayor Palomar's appointment of Jenn Guerra to the Community Service Commission to a term that is set to expire November 2026.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office
- 5.7 Planning Commission Appointment-** Accept Mayor Palomar's appointment of Barbara Taylor to the Planning Commission to a term that is set to expire November 2024.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office
- 5.8 Cancellation of the February 1, 2023 City Council Meeting-** Staff Report by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office
- 5.9 Approve the KPFA MOU Appendix A: Incentive Plan-** Staff Report prepared by Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Christina Windover
Sponsor: Administrative Services
- 5.10 Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Awards:**
- * Citizen of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-001
 - * Junior Citizen of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-002
 - * Educator of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-003
 - * Public Safety Officer of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-004
 - * Public Safety Officer of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-005
 - * Public Safety Officer of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-006
 - * Business of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2023-007
 - * Recycler of the Year Award– Adopt Resolution No. 2023-008
 - * Agriculture Business of the Year Award– Adopt Resolution No. 2023-009
- *Note: Resolutions are not included in order to maintain anonymity until Awards are presented at the Chamber Dinner on January 26, 2023 and will be available to the public on January 27, 2023*
- Sponsor: City Clerk's Office*
- 5.11 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-010 certifying and adding 393-112-41 to CFD No. 2017-01.-** Staff Report by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

- 5.12 Approve the Requested Closure of Marion Street for the Uptown Sprouts Event on 2/11/2023** - Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda
Sponsor: Community Services Department
- 5.13 Approve the CalHFA Agreements and authorize Alexander Henderson, City Manager, to execute the CalHFA Agreements on behalf of the City.** - Staff Report by City Attorney Michael Noland
Sponsor: City Attorney's Office

Regular Calendar

State and Federal Legislative Platform Discussion with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. – Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented as part of our contracted agreement with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA), Council has the opportunity to consider a State and Federal legislative platform for 2023. The City of Kingsburg's legislative platform for 2023 reflects the priorities of the Mayor and the City Council. The strategic platform will allow the City and Townsend Public Affairs to rapidly and effectively respond to and advocate for legislation, regulations, and funding opportunities that are consistent with the City's stated goals. In 2023, the Administration and Legislature are expected to focus on the following priority topics: Climate Resiliency; Homelessness; Housing/Affordable Housing; Behavioral Health and Fiscal Sustainability/Economic Development.

Andres Ramirez, Townsend Public Affairs, presented to Council that adopting a legislative platform will allow them to act quickly, remain nimble. It will also give transparency to residents and solidify Council's identity and reputation.

Council Member North said in regard to priorities- she was surprised there was not water storage. Would like that to be listed on the platform. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if it is a living document that we can make changes to? Mr. Ramirez said yes, with council approval. Council Member Silva agreed that the infrastructure of water is important. Streets and roads are important for EV or any vehicles. Council decided to bring it back 2/15/2023.

Fiber Optic Broadband Update – Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

City Manager Alexander Henderson reviewed the fiber optic broadband project. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked about the phases and for a general timeline. Reggie Gierke, Kingsburg Media Foundation, explained that phase 1 will have 2 to 3 weeks of construction and 2 to 3 for set up and equipment. Adam Hughes, VAST, said phase 1 will be completed in quarter 1 or 2. Phase 2 will be completed in quarter 3, and phase 3 will be completed in 4th quarter. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked for quarterly updates. Mr. Gierke said yes. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if there is anything Council can do to help? Mr. Gierke said everything is well spelled out on the agreement. VAST has a good relationship with Caltrans, but we might need help in the future. Mayor Palomar asked if VAST has had a problem with materials? Adam Hughes, VAST, said yes, we have had issues in the past but currently we are ready for phase 1, getting what we need for phase 2 and phase 3. City Manager Henderson said it will be a lot of construction going on throughout the community.

Crime Statistics Report for the Month of December 2022 and General Police Department Update- Crime Statistics Report prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.

Sponsor: Police Department

Police Chief Neil Dadian spoke about focused enforcement and reviewed some local arrests. They have seen EBT card scams, vehicle burglaries and organized day crimes. The criminals come in and take what they want between 3-5pm. Spoke about staffing. Body worn cameras- looking for grants. Training. Police station re-model bid opening next week. Mayor Palomar asked out the arrest with meth. Asked about fentanyl in Kingsburg? Chief Dadian said yes, it is ongoing, and it is common now.

Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District Grant Cycle– Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda

Sponsor: Community Services Department

Community Services Director Adam Castaneda – Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District Grant Cycle has a deadline of May 1st deadline. Staff would like to know if there are any projects that Council is interested in applying for. Staff will come back 2/15 with their list. Council Member North would like to see what Townsend would say about the sports complex, walking paths and the swim complex issues.

Roster of Council Appointments- Staff Report by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

Mayor Vince Palomar recommended:

Community Services Commission:
Council Liaison – Mayor Vince Palomar
Alternate – Council Member Staci Smith

Public Safety Committee:
Member- Mayor Vince Palomar
Alternate- Council Member David M. Silva

Economic Development Committee:
Council Liaisons – Council Member David M. Silva
Alternate- Council Member Staci Smith

Finance Committee:
Council Member Staci Smith
Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr. – Chairperson

Planning Commission:
Council Liaison – Mayor Vince Palomar
Alternate – Council Member Laura North

Kingsburg Downtown Business Improvement District Advisory Board:
Council Liaison – Council Member Laura North
Alternate – Mayor Vince Palomar

Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District:
Tokuo R. Fukuda

Five Cities Economic Development:
Member- Council Member Laura North
Alternate- Mayor Vince Palomar
Staff- City Manager

Fresno County Council of Governments (COG):
Member- Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr.
Alternate- Mayor Vince Palomar

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA):
Member – Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr.
Alternate – Mayor Vince Palomar

Fresno County Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF):
Member – Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr.
Alternate – Mayor Vince Palomar

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control – City Selection Committee:
Member – Council Member David M. Silva
Alternate – Council Member Staci Smith

Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation Dist.:
Member – Mayor Vince Palomar
Alternate – Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr.

Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission:
Member – Council Member Staci Smith
Alternate – Council Member Laura North

The Association for the Beautification of Highway 99:
Member – Council Member Laura North
Alternate – Council Member David M. Silva

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA:
Member – Council Member David M. Silva
Alternate – Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Pursell, Jr.

Fresno County Office of Tourism:
Liaison – Council Member Staci Smith
Alternate – Council Member David M. Silva

Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce:
Liaison – Council Member Laura North
Alternate – Mayor Vince Palomar

Council Member North motioned, seconded by Council Member Silva, to accept the above listed appointments. The motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

Senate Bill 1439 (Glazer) Information- Staff Report by City Attorney Michael Noland
Sponsor: City Attorney's Office

City Attorney Michael Noland presented SB 1439 that mandates Council members to recuse themselves from taking action on items when they have received \$250 in contributions from the party that has applied for a permit, license or other Council issued item for 12 months after the contribution. Council members can return the \$250.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Meets 1/25/2023.

Public Safety Committee - Meets 2/14/2023.

Chamber of Commerce – Meets Tuesday.

Economic Development – Have not met.

Finance Committee - Have not met.

Planning Commission - Have not met.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Have not met.

Downtown Business Improvement District – Looking for a Social Media Manager.

Council of Governments - Nothing to report.

City Manager's Report - Nothing to report.

Future Agenda Items: None.

The Kingsburg City Council adjourned out of the Regular Calendar into Closed Session at 7:27pm:

9.1 California Government Code Section 54956.9

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: APN: 394-390-04, .689 acres; APN: 394-390-06T, .769 acres.

Agency Negotiator: Alexander Henderson

Under Negotiation: Exchange

City Council Adjourned out of Close Session into Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session at 7:45pm.

City Attorney Mike Noland said there was no report.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. At 7:45 P. M. Mayor Palomar adjourned the meeting.