

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2022**

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 100% CAPACITY.

Invocation was given by Police Chaplain Cathleen Lawler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call – Mayor Laura North called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:01 P. M.

Council Members Present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Brandon Pursell, Jr., Michelle Roman, and Mayor Laura North.

Staff Present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, City Engineer Dave Peters, Public Works Superintendent Daniel Galvez, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Approve Agenda: Action by the Council to approve the agenda or to make modifications. Items that can be added to the agenda is constrained by State law. A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, Jr., seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to approve the Agenda as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Presentations: Pinning and Swearing In of Police Department Employees

Police Officers Monique Gonzales and Alexis Ramirez were sworn-in, pinned, and welcomed.

Public Comments:

Rene Nuenes, resident of Reedley, stated that he is running for office, Assembly District #33, and if anyone has questions, please reach out.

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

- 5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting 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 23, 2021, through January 10, 2022, as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2022-008 approving the final map for Tract 5073 accepting on behalf of the public the streets and easements as offered on the map in accordance with the terms of the dedications and authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement on behalf of the City, subject to review as to form by the City Attorney.** -Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters
Sponsor: Engineering Department
- 5.4 Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Awards:**
 - * Citizen of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2022-001
 - * Junior Citizen of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2022-002
 - * Educator of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2022-003
 - * Public Safety Officer of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2022-004

* Business of the Year Award – Adopt Resolution No. 2022-005

* Agribusiness of the Year Award– Adopt Resolution No. 2022-007

*Note: Resolutions are not included in order to maintain anonymity until Awards are presented at the Chamber Dinner on January 27, 2022, and will be available to the public on January 28, 2022.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Consider Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance NO. 2022-01 to amend Chapter 8.12, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND/OR DISPOSAL in its entirety of the Kingsburg Municipal Code for Organic Waste Collection and Disposal Per Senate Bill (SB) 1383- Staff Report by Public Works Director Daniel Galvez

Sponsor: Public Works

Presentation by Public Works Director Daniel Galvez- Director Galvez stated that this action is mandatory for compliance with the SB 1383 Organic Waste Recycling Program. Start date of SB 1383 is 1/1/2022. He stated that he thought about applying for a waiver, but we would have given up local control.

Council Discussion - None.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., to: waive the reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2022-01 amending in its entirety Chapter 8.12, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND/OR Disposal, of the Kingsburg Municipal Code for Organic Waste Collection and Disposal Per Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and its Regulations relating to Organic Waste Disposal Reduction, Recycling, and Solid Waste Collection and with the following recital constituting reading of the entirety of the Ordinance:

“AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG AMENDING
IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 8.12 OF TITLE 8 OF THE KINGSBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE REGULATIONS OF SB 1383,
THE SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT OF 2016”

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program- Staff Report by Public Works Director Daniel Galvez
Sponsor: Public Works

Presentation by Public Works Director Daniel Galvez- Mr. Galvez explained that this is a grant to assist in complying with SB 1383. Base award is \$20,000. He stated that we can purchase compost or mulch. We will adopt some of the best practices. Council Member Roman stated that she had spoken to Mid Valley about it, kudos on applying before the 2/1 application date. She appreciates the information in the water bill, stating that we will have a lot to teach our residents. Education outreach is really important. Council Member Palomar asked about the City having to buy mulch. Public Works Director Daniel Galvez said that we will have to purchase renewable energy. We can use it in medians and parks. Council Member Hurtado said that she appreciates the swift movement.

A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado to adopt Resolution No. 2022-009, Authorizing Submittal of Applications for all CalRecycle Grants for which the City of Kingsburg is eligible. The motion was seconded by Council Member Palomar and carried by unanimous voice vote.

American Rescue Plan Funding – Final Rule Update- Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson- Mr. Henderson stated that these are Federal funds to assist local governments that have been negatively impacted by COVID. We held a workshop on 7/28/2021 and staff has updated the list for eligibility. We can't use it for contribution of pensions, debt service, or for replenishing any rainy-day funds. The first report is due by April 30, 2022. We recommend holding additional workshops. Council will have ultimate say with the budget process. He reviewed the list from the July 28th workshop. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if the 4/30/2022 report is for money already spent? Mr. Henderson said that he thinks that is correct. They have not come out with any guidance on reporting yet. Council Member Hurtado asked about setting up a public workshop. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that we will have to start narrowing it down and have a long-term projection after we get input from the public from at least one public hearing. Council Member Hurtado said that at the July 28th workshop we felt the pandemic was almost over.

South Kings GSA Developer Impact Fee Study- Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

Sponsor: Engineering Department

Presentation by City Engineer Dave Peters – Mr. Peters stated that the South Kings GSA started a study to develop fees for developers for different cities. The fees would help offset the impact. This is informational for now. Council Member Palomar asked if other cities are looking at impact fees. Mr. Peters said that all cities in the South Kings GSA are, and he believes other cities in the valley are too. We are not asking for them to fix our existing problem, but to offset future costs. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if it will be will up to us to determine the amount. Mr. Peters said yes, we will recommend the amount. Most cities would adopt the defendable cost, the city can discount the rate. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if a different city adopts a lower amount is there recourse? Mr. Peters said that you can't go above. Mr. Henderson said that there is a 5-year period for impact fees. Mr. Peters said that the fees will go to the the City, not to the GSA. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if we get more recharge basins, will there be a benefit? Mr. Peters said that it can be located anywhere in the GSA, according to the State. It is better for our groundwater table if the basin is in Kingsburg. Council gave Council Member Hurtado direction to approve the American Rescue Plan Funding at the next meeting of the South Kings GSA.

Crime Statistics Report for the Month of December 2021 and General Police Department Update

Presentation by Police Chief Neil Dadian. Chief Dadian briefly reviewed the report stating that we have one or two catalytic converter thefts per week. He stated that we might have to hire someone full time to report to the State for all their new regulations. He spoke about the Tobacco Grant application for an SRO. Cookies with a cop is this Saturday. Chaplain Cathleen Lawyer spearheaded this event.

Council Member Hurtado thanked Chief Dadian for a swift turnaround on a constituent's problem.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that it has not met.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it will meet next week.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that the new Executive Director is Barbara Little.

Economic Development Committee – Council Member Roman reported that it has not met.

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that it has not met.

Planning Commission - Mayor North reported that it met last week and discussed managing growth in Kingsburg.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Council Member Hurtado reported that it will meet in February.

Downtown Business Improvement District – Council Member Hurtado reported that it will meet in February.

Fresno County Council of Governments – Council Member Roman reported that it has not met.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Roman talked about an issue with the T-Mobile website. A resident reached out and now it is up and running, very receptive.

Council Member Roman said that she is chair of SKF, the Zoo Authority, and spoke about Measure Z which will be on the ballot in November.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Alexander Henderson said, save the date 1/27/2022 for the Chamber Dinner, and 2/4/2022 for the Blossom Trail Opening Ceremony in Fowler. He reported that T-Mobile now has job positions you can apply for online. He met with the construction team, and they are hoping to be done by the end of March. Supply chain problems and PG&E has set them back.

Mayor North asked about an update on the Swedish Mill. Mr. Henderson said that they have abated the graffiti but he has not had a firm update.

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council – 7:00 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk