

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022**

Invocation was given by Pastor Clayton Paull, Hope Kingsburg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call: At 6:04 P. M. Mayor Laura North called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Council Members present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Michelle Roman, and Mayor Laura North.

Council Member(s) Absent: Brandon Pursell, Jr.

Approve Agenda:

A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Roman, to approve the Agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

Presentations: *None.*

Public Comments:

Mark Medley, resident, said that he has a code enforcement issue with fence height for security and privacy. He stated that the level of the alleyway is at a lower grade than his fence height and he can see into his neighbor's house.

Jeff Lewis, resident, stated that he is here for the same reason. He is looking at having a 9 foot fence since his back fence is lower than the grade of the house. He stated that he has the right to this for objective privacy. The City Planning Department is approving 9'3" fences in new developments for this exact reason.

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

- 5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the January 19, 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 Approve The 2022-2023 City of Kingsburg Budget Schedule**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.4 Accept the TCP Mitigation – GAC Treatment at Wells 12 &13 Project completed by Steve Dovali Construction, Inc. and authorize the City Engineer to file the Notice of Completion.** - Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

Sponsor: Engineering Department

REGULAR CALENDAR

Community Development Department 4th Quarter 2021 Update- Presentation by Community Development Director Holly Owen

Sponsor: Community Development Department

Presentation by Community Development Director Holly Owen – Ms. Owen gave a summary and progress report of what has occurred in her Department (Planning, Building, and Code Compliance). She went over her changes and improvements to the Department. She spoke about GIS and reviewed current projects. Mayor North asked that we give residents more information when they are cited for a code violation. She asked how often ordinances are reviewed? Staff said ordinances are reviewed as they come up. Council Member Palomar asked about the single-family homes. Council Member Roman asked about the code enforcement process and responses. Ms. Owens reviewed inspection numbers: 2018, 1,572; 2021 2,810. Council Member Hurtado thanked Ms. Owens for the report, including current projects. Ms. Owens thanked Keith Alvarado, intern, who made the graphs.

Informational/No Action Necessary

Housing Allocation - 2nd Round- Consideration of Second Competitive Allocation Process. Staff Report by Community Development Director Holly Owen

Sponsor: Community Development Department

Presentation by Community Development Director Holly Owen- Ms. Owen stated that it is optional for Council to open it up a second time. She reviewed the process. Mayor North stated, to clarify, there were no allocations in the first round. Now we have the opportunity to open it again. Council Member Roman stated that we had a good discussion at the workshop. Council Member Palomar asked how many allotments could there be in the second round. Ms. Owen said 30. City Manager Alexander Henderson explained that last time we allocated was in 2018, and there is a 3-year rolling allotment amount. Council Member Palomar said that he would not like the housing allocations to roll over. Sandra Staats, representing Weststar Construction, stated that they did have a submittal for Phase 5 in 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to open the 2nd Round Housing Allocation Process. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

Housing Element Update- Staff Report by Community Development Director Holly Owen

Sponsor: Community Development Department

Presentation by Community Development Director Holly Owen – Ms. Owen stated that we are looking for approval to initiate the next Housing Element Cycle. She stated that we worked together with 13 local cities the last time and it worked well. We shared knowledge, staff reports, templates, etc. It will be for 2023-2031. It is not needed for building, but for grants.

Council Member Roman said that Fresno COG will go down to \$108,000. It could be less, and COG is looking for additional funding. Council Member Palomar asked if this helps Kingsburg keep local control? Ms. Owen said, yes, local conservation as to where you want to grow and what change will

look like. Mayor North stated that for the community to have a voice for where they would like to have multifamily housing would be good.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman to approve Kingsburg's participation in the MJHE process and to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement to participate in the process. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that they met on January 16th and discussed the dog park and Prop 68 for bathrooms at Athwal park.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that they plan to meet on March 7th.

Chamber of Commerce- Mayor North reported that she gave an update at the last meeting.

Economic Development – Council Member Roman reported that they have not met.

Finance Committee – It was reported that they met last week and discussed budget amendments.

Planning Commission- It was reported that they haven't met since the workshop.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA)- Council Member Hurtado reported that they have not met.

Downtown Business Improvement District – Council Member Hurtado reported that they are looking at photographer proposals and really got down for what they are looking for in a photographer. The District had dedicated leadership, starting from scratch.

Council of Governments – Council Member Roman reported that State Route 99 Manning Avenue ramps will be closed for 4 months. Next will be on Merced Street. They are looking for grants to install electric charging stations. Sandra Staats asked if the City is looking for sponsorship.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Hurtado said that she enjoyed the Chamber Dinner. It is great to honor the awardees. Mayor North said that on January 24th she met with T-Mobile. They wanted to discuss the lack of childcare in Kingsburg. They are working on investing in daycares. They have had lots of applications.

City Manager's Report - City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the City was awarded the FY 2021-2022 GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 7th year in a row, the highest form of recommendation for city budgets. He also reported that Blossom Trail Opening is Friday at 10 AM in Fowler.

Future Agenda Items: None.

At 7:08pm the Kingsburg City Council adjourned out of the Regular Calendar into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
California Government Code Section 54956.8
Fresno County Assessor's Parcel Number: APN: 394-042-04
City Negotiator: Alexander J. Henderson
Under Negotiation: Rental Terms and Conditions

At 7:38 P. M. the City Council Adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session.

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

The Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk