

MINUTES

KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 17, 2021

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HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS CAN STILL BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS IS 02/16/2021 at 4:30pm. THEY WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastoral Minister Bill Mathews, 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 6:04 P. M.

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

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Police Chief Neil Dadian, Finance Director Alma Colado, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Roman, to approve the Agenda as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Presentations: None.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, 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 27, 2021 Workshop and the February 3, 2021 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 January 28, 2021 through February 10, 2021 as prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado.
Sponsor: Finance Department

- 5.3 Adopt Resolutions 2021-003; 2021-004; 2021-005; 2021-006; 2021-007; 2021-008; 2021-009- Approving the Budget Amendments Presented and Recommended by the Finance Committee-** Staff Report Prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.4 Approve entering into a 5-year contract extension, with a rate lock, with Central Valley Sweeping.** - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Regular Calendar

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson – Mr. Henderson spoke regarding vaccines and how they are being allocated. As more vaccine doses become available, healthcare providers will be giving them out. He stated that there are 300 less cases in the hospital compared to the end of December. The trend is going down.

Council Member Hurtado asked when we will be able to do our own clinic for our residents. Mr. Henderson stated that we have applied to get direct allocation of doses from the State. There is a backlog and a deficit of vaccinations. We have submitted and now we are waiting to hear back. Council Member Hurtado asked if we have a plan if we get vaccinations. Mr. Henderson stated that we have a plan, we don't know if it will be approved.

Council Member Palomar asked if the State is handing off the vaccinations to Blue Shield and Kaiser and, if so, do you think they will be who we deal with? Mr. Henderson stated that the State is relying on their already existing network.

Mayor North asked if we are waiting for local guidance for administering the vaccine. Mr. Henderson said we are but we have a plan so when we can move forward, we can hit the ground running.

Council Member Roman said that it is frustrating that other counties are getting more doses. She said that she is surprised that they weren't aware that our seniors can't drive to Fresno or maybe not have access to the internet to register. She stated that we have home-bound seniors. We know our vulnerable population.

Mayor North stated that lots of other counties are already moving on to 1. A where educators are being vaccinated.

Council Member Pursell said that he wants someone in person to let us know how we are falling behind. He would like someone here from the Fresno County Health Department. Council Member Hurtado stated that we need to advocate to our Assembly Member to have the vaccinations brought here. Council Member Pursell asked, what is our plan of notification once we get the notifications because we will have to move fast. Mr. Henderson stated that our Fire Department and Community Services Department have a good list of folks that are home-bound or unable to drive to get the vaccination. We can put a flyer with their lunch that we deliver. The hard part is that we do not know what requirements there might be. There must be pre-planning so we don't have a massive line. Council Member Pursell asked if it is possible to start gathering data from our residents so we can distribute the information as quickly as possible. Mr. Henderson said that we can do an interest form that is Kingsburg specific. Council Member Pursell said that he would

like to see more than just seniors notified in case there are extra doses that may go to waste. Mayor North suggested setting up a Remind Account so that we can send out information through text messaging. She also suggested working with the Valley Health Team to give the vaccine. Mr. Henderson said yes if they will release some doses, our firefighter/paramedics are qualified for distributing.

Mr. Henderson talked about the present Covid Relief package stating that there is direct aid included. They hope to have it go to the President by March 8th. All funds would be non-competitive. Council Member Roman stated that today the Governor released more information to help businesses and residents.

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

Crime Statistics Report prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.

Sponsor: Police Department

Presentation by Police Chief Neil Dadian – Chief Dadian reported on mailbox thefts, stating that there is not a lot of evidence left. He also reported on the theft of catalytic converters. He reviewed staffing and training. Mayor North asked about how much time we have left on the Prop 56 Grant? Chief Dadian stated that we can apply once we are in the final part of the grant. Council Member Pursell asked if he is getting help from postal inspectors. Chief Dadian said that he doesn't think so. One was damaged and it was turned in to the Post Office, but they never told the Police Department. Council Member Pursell asked if there is something we can put in our newsletter to make sure people get their mail? He also asked if we are getting cameras on our off and on ramps. Chief Dadian said yes, we are working on adding those. He stated that it is a Caltrans issue and it is more complicated. Council Member Pursell said that these issues will continue as off freeway issues. Council Member Palomar asked if there are any suspects in the drive-by shooting? Chief Dadian said that we haven't gotten a lot of cooperation. Our officers are investigating.

2020 Census and Re-districting Requirements Discussion- Staff Report by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

Presentation by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard – Ms. Palsgaard reviewed her report which states that every 10 years and/or after the US Census is updated, cities with district elections must redraw the boundaries for their districts so that they have substantially equal populations and comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. She reviewed the new requirements that are designed to maximize public participation and increase transparency in the process.

Informational- No action necessary at this time.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission- Mayor North reported that it will meet on February 24th.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it met yesterday and reviewed the crosswalk striping. They look good. He also spoke about the Committee Members getting CPR and First Aid training. Mayor North said that the School Board wanted to thank the Public Safety Committee for having the crosswalks painted around the school.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell reported that they met last week and had questions about adding information to the note sections of the water bill regarding community events. They also talked about the potential car show.

Economic Development Committee – Mayor North reported that it did not meet.

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell reported that we met and discussed the street sweeping contract and the budget amendments.

Planning Commission – Mayor North reported that they met last week and are still working on the apartment project. Council discussed the project and noted that there have been so many public hearings.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Council Member Hurtado reported that it has not met this month.

Council Member Reports - Council Member Roman reported that she was appointed to boards on COG. Mayor North mentioned that there are grants for police vehicles that are energy efficient. Council Member Hurtado reported that they met with business owners in the Kmart area with Jolene Polyack to let them know about new developments in the area. She commented that Jolene Polyack did an amazing job. Council and City Manager discussed the train that was stopped in town for 4 hours. It was recommended that people report it to the railroad, squeaky wheel gets the grease.

City Manager's Report- City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the BID met. He commented on a proposed project in Tulare County. We sent them a comment letter and will probably meet with the County. We are in the process of updating our Development Standards, looking at camera options, and high-speed internet. Those standards will come before the Council. Council asked that BID and COG/FCRTA be added to the agenda

Future Agenda Items: None.

7:25 P. M. Mayor North Adjourned the Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session to discuss the following item:

- 9.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN 396-09-01
Agency Negotiator: City Manager Alexander Henderson**

7:48 P. M. Mayor North 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 Zreport.

7:49 P. M. Mayor North Adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk

