

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2021**

HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS COULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 03/02/2021 at 4:30pm. THEY WERE NOT READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Mark Thompson, Kingsburg First Baptist Church, 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 6:00 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, Finance Director Alma Colada, Community Services Director Adam Castaneda, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, 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 Jr., 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 February 17, 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 February 11, 2021 through February 24, 2021 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution 2021-010; A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Kingsburg Declaring City Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus-** Staff Report Prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.4 Approve Updated Planning/Community Services Administrative Secretary Job

Description- Staff Report prepared by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover.
Sponsor: Administrative Services

REGULAR CALENDAR

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

City Manager Alexander Henderson stated that we will be kicking off a clinic, maybe two days a week, with Valley Health Team.

David Pomaville, Director of Fresno County Department of Health, shared graphs, and stats, stating that numbers are going down although we are still in the purple tier. He discussed vaccinations and efforts to get it for those 65 and older, first responders, food and agriculture workers, education and childcare.

Council Member Pursell Jr. stated that our biggest concern is getting our residents vaccinated. Most of our seniors are not able to get to Fresno. He asked how many have shots in rural areas? Mr. Pomaville stated that we do not want to overlook the rural area. The staff and residents of the skilled health provider in town have been vaccinated. Valley Health Team and Adventist now have vaccinations that they can give to the 65+ residents. Council Member Pursell Jr. said that he appreciates his commitment to getting our resident's vaccinated.

Mayor North asked what our allocation is. Mr. Pomaville said that we do not allocate by city. Mayor North asked if Blue Shield is getting information through MyTurn. Mr. Pomaville said that Blue Shield and the State are getting information from MyTurn. Mayor North asked how our seniors sign up for you to come to them. Mr. Pomaville said that this is a little difficult right now. We would like Council to identify at-risk communities and let the City Manager know. Mayor North stated that we know our at-risk community. How do we let you know and how quickly can you come to Kingsburg? Mr. Pomaville said that caregivers have been bringing their elderly clients to Fresno. Council Member Roman stated that in speaking to the Valley Health Team, they say they only get 100 vaccinations a week. That is not enough to cover their patients and then the public. For a lot of Kingsburg seniors, signing up online is difficult and then driving to Fresno is a problem. To have something here is still difficult since we have residents without the first dose. Mr. Pomaville said that we would like to get a site set up with a predictable location. He said that the 100 doses are from weeks ago. Council Member Roman asked what they are going to up the 100 doses to? Mr. Pomaville said that it is part of their plan to get the vaccinations administered. Council Member Palomar asked if they will be getting the Johnson and Johnson vaccinations since it will be only one shot. Mr. Pomaville stated that it has not been approved in California. Once it is, this week, we should see those vaccinations in Fresno County next week. Council Member Hurtado asked if there are CBOs that are reaching out to Kingsburg residents if they have a digital divide. Mr. Pomaville said that we have a spot on our website where you put in your name and your phone number and we will call them. They do not have to come to Fresno for the vaccination. Council Member Hurtado asked about the County phone number and if we can add this information into the water bill or senior meals. Council talked about putting up banners and flyers and collaborating with the schools for digital signs to notify the public when we are going to have a clinic.

Mid Valley Disposal SB 1383 Organics Presentation

Sponsor: Public Works Department

Presentation by Joseph Kalpakoff, President- Mr. Kalpakoff stated that the last bill that regulated disposal was in 1989. This one will now go into effect on 1/1/2022. The Bill passed in 2016 and regulations were adopted in 2020. By 1/1/2024 local governments must take enforcement. By 2025 there must be a 75% reduction in organics and a 20% increase in edible food recovery. He talked about food waste and adding it to their program. The City will need to work on the Edible Food Recovery Program; conduct education and outreach to the community, procure recyclable and recovered organic products, secure access to recycling and edible food recovery, and monitor compliance and conduct enforcement.

Council Member Palomar asked Mr. Kalpakoff for his opinion. Mr. Kalpakoff said initially he support the bill until CalRecycle added to it. Council Member Palomar asked if it will be another bin? Mr. Kalpakoff said, no, cost might go up a little, but we already have the infrastructure. We will just ask our clients to not put food waste in their trash cans. Council Member Pursell Jr. asked how many commercial accounts in Kingsburg? Mr. Kalpakoff said 275. Council Member Pursell Jr. asked if we have reached out to them? Mr. Kalpakoff said, yes, we have for a couple years. Some businesses are already doing it. Council Member Roman asked if the fine will go to the City. Mr. Kalpakoff said that this is a completely jurisdictional Bill. There was discussion about what can go into the green waste. Council Member Hurtado asked what the food waste kitchen is. Mr. Kalpakoff said that it can be saving extra food and giving it to people who need it. Mayor North spoke about kids in school and how training the kids will help at home.

No Action Necessary

Kingsburg Tri-County Hospital District Grant Policy & Grant Application Discussion- Staff

Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.

Sponsor: Community Services

Presentation by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda – Mr. Castaneda talked about the grant process and what the City has received in the past. Grant applications are due May 1st.

Council Discussion- Council Member Hurtado asked if we already have a Grant for Phase 2 of Athwal Park? Mr. Castaneda said that we applied but we were not rewarded. Council Member Hurtado said that she would like to see a bathroom at Athwal Park. Council Member Roman said that she would like to see a bike park. She would also like to move forward with a sports park.

No Action Necessary

Requested Closure of Smith Street for Bella Boots Event 4/9/2021- Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.

Sponsor: Community Services

Presentation by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda – Mr. Castaneda gave a background on the special event regulations for street closures. Paige Coehlo, representing Bella Creamery and Bella Bakery, would like to provide the community an event for free that will allow the community to come together while following covid restrictions. Line dancing, food, and music outside. She feels the community has missed out on socialization.

Council Member Hurtado asked if it was a dance where people link arms? It was established that this is line dancing. Following brief comment, a motion was made by Council Member Palomar to approve the request for street closure for the Bella Boots event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roman and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Requested Closure of Ellis Street for Jonny Needs a Lift Event 4/24/2021- Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.
Sponsor: Community Services

Presentation by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda- Mr. Castaneda presented the Application for Street Closure and Special Events Permit submitted by New Life Ministries for a fundraiser event. The event will be open to the public and will consist of a catered tri-tip dinner and live band. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to speak on stage and a silent auction for those willing to participate. Ms. Garcia explained about her son who lost mobility and their vehicle is not equipped to move him. This will be a fundraiser to purchase a lift to make it possible for her son to be transported in their vehicle. It was noted that vendors will be from Kingsburg.

Council Member Roman asked that they speak to Creighton Memorial to make sure there is not a funeral at that time. Council Member Pursell Jr. asked about covid protocol. Mr. Castaneda said that there will be separate tables. We are trying to have whole units buy tables. The food will be boxed and ready to purchase.

A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado to approve the street closure for the Jonny Needs a Lift Event on April 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Palomar and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that it met last week and discussed Prop 68 Grants. The City received \$186,000.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it will meet in May.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell Jr. reported that it has not met.

Economic Development – Mayor North 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 has not met.

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

Downtown Business Improvement District- Mayor North reported that it met this morning and discussed allocating money towards a website, social media and branding, a potential meet and greet, and using the trolley in the future.

Council of Governments (COG) – Council Member Roman reported that it discussed a telecommuting survey. Caltrans is still looking till the end of May for our highway improvement. Next it will be Selma to Fowler. FCTRA will give free rides to a vaccination site.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Hurtado reported on the Head Start Policy Board. Council Member Palomar reported that Jake Misners, representative for Devin Nunes, wanted to know about Kingsburg’s concerns and if we need anything to be in touch. Mayor North spoke to Kiwanis and said that they are thankful for what is going on for the City. Council Member Roman discussed meetings regarding covid vaccines and speaking to Carrie from the Governor’s task team.

City Manager’s Report- City Manager Alexander Henderson spoke about the State release of new funds for covid relief grants for small businesses. Federal relief is being discussed in the Senate. They are trying to push a vote by the end of this week. Linnaea Villas is now accepting applications. Age requirement is 62 and older.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Mayor North Adjourned the Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting into Closed Session at 8:01 P. M. to discuss the following item:

- 9.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
California Government Code Section 54957.6
City Designated Representative: Alexander Henderson
Employee Organization: Kingsburg Police Officer Association (KPOA)

Adjourned out of Closed Session into Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session – 8:03 P. M.

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

Mayor North Adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk
City of Kingsburg