

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2021**

Council Chamber, 1401 Draper Street, Kingsburg, CA 93631 (559) 897-5821 www.cityofkingsburg-ca.gov

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS OPEN AT 25% CAPACITY (including City Council Members and City Staff) TO THE PUBLIC. THE PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE TO BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 4:30 P. M. ON 04/06/2021. THEY WERE NOT READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Pete Querin of the New Life Ministries Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call - At 06:04 P. M. Mayor Laura North called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

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 Colado, Planning Consultant Greg Collins, Administrative Services Director Christina Windover, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None.

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

Presentations: Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board – Annual Business of Excellence Award
Veronica McAlister, Workforce Development, shared that Cencal CNC Inc., located in Kingsburg, is the 2020 Annual Young Adult Business of Excellence Award winner. They have been serving the community for 15 years as a manufacturer of fabricated steel. They have partnered with Workforce Connection for the past two years to provide work experience opportunities to young adults in Fresno County. Council gave direction to make the certificate to honor Cencal CNC Inc.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., 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 March 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 March 11, 2021 through March 31, 2021 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.

Sponsor: Finance Department

- 5.3 Adopt Resolution 2021-012- Expanding Worker’s Compensation Coverage to Peace Officers From Out of State-** Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover.

Sponsor: Administrative Services

- 5.4 Adopt Resolution 2021-013- Providing Worker’s Compensation Coverage to Non-Safety Volunteers-** Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover.

Sponsor: Administrative Services

REGULAR CALENDAR

Planned Unit Development (PUD) 2020-01 and Growth Allocation for 35 Multi-Family Dwellings, Sohal. -Staff report prepared by City Planning Consultant Greg Collins

Sponsor: Planning Department

City Planning Consultant Greg Collins reviewed the history since 2018. He stated that the Kingsburg Planning Commission has had 4 Public Hearings regarding this project and ultimately denied the PUD since it did not meet the zoning requirements of the RM 5.5 district. He reviewed the zoning requirements - one unit per 5,500 sq. ft. lot.

Mayor North thanked Mr. Collins for all his work on this project and stated that she has been listening to the Planning Commission meetings. She stated that a lot of staff time and Planning Commission hours have been spent going over the map, with the developer not completely following the North Kingsburg Specific Plan (NKSP).

City Attorney Michael Noland clarified that the City Council is reviewing the record and the decision of the Planning Commission, not re-reviewing the application. Council will need to decide if it was an appropriate decision.

Council Member Palomar asked, if the denial is upheld, will the applicant bring it back in the same form or single-family homes?

Mr. Collins said that he cannot answer that, but the applicant can.

Mario Miramonte, designer, said the total square feet is not 178,386, it is over 200,000 square feet. They are exceeding the requirement. He said they are consistent with the zoning and the NKSP.

Council Member North clarified that they are including the single-family that is not a part of the PUD. Planning Consultant Greg Collins confirmed that this is correct.

Mr. Miramonte said that they would like to re-submit a site plan to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Palomar asked what type of project they would bring back.

Mr. Miramonte said apartments. He said that a lot of people wanted the property. The property owner has been waiting 11 years to go with the apartments.

Council Member Palomar stated that public comment has shown that residents are not for apartments in this area.

Mayor North stated that it is not our decision whether or not it should be apartments. It is, did the Planning Commission do its job?

Paul Kruper, speaking as a City resident, said that the applicant was very compliant. He is hoping that Council will modify the decision of the Planning Commission to deny.

Council Member Hurtado asked, what would be the proposed modification?

Mr. Collins said that it is to modify the map to have more green space.

City Attorney Michael Noland reminded Council that they are reviewing whether there is something wrong with the Planning Commission's decision, not the map. If you reverse it, it is because the Planning Commission made an incorrect decision.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. stated that the Planning Commission has given the developer a lot of time and effort. By the time it gets to Council, it needs to be correct. He said he does not see anything that the Planning Commission did that was incorrect.

Council Member Roman stated that she appreciates the Planning Commission and the time they spend looking at each project. She said that by the time it gets to me, I know they have done their due diligence. We have the NKSP so developers know what we are looking for.

Council Member Hurtado stated that those meetings went so long because of public participation. She said she agrees that it is not a complete plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Palomar, to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-014 Affirming the Kingsburg Planning Commission's Decision Denying Planned Unit Development No. 2020-01, Sohal. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 stated that Fire Station 2 is now hosting vaccinations for the public. He stated that he would like to start to discuss how to use the CARES Act Fund. He talked about the rental relief resources.

Mayor North asked if there is a way to let people know there are extra doses other than by using Facebook? Mr. Henderson said, not really. Council Member Roman asked if we have reached out to larger employers in case there are extra doses? Mr. Henderson said that next week it will open for more people. He said that altogether about 500 doses have been administered. Council Member Roman said that a lot of people think it is just for Kingsburg residents and it is for all. She asked about Crestwood residents getting the shots. Mr. Henderson said they should be getting them next Wednesday. He said that there have been some challenges. Sending notices to the schools, church leaders, and other stakeholders was discussed.

Council Member Hurtado said that she would like utility relief notices to go out in the utility bills. Maybe a general update from Chief Perkins.

Coronavirus Leave Policy Update- Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover.
Sponsor: Administrative Services

Presentation by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover

Ms. Windover stated that new legislation has come out regarding corona virus leave guidance. It extends emergency paid sick leave, and expanded family medical leave. Public agencies can qualify for tax credits now. California passed SB 95 which requires supplemental paid leave. We are mandated to provide leave, but we do not qualify for reimbursement.

Mayor North commented that there has been about \$38,000 in leave and it is not reimbursable? Ms. Windover said that is correct. We could use CARES Act to reimburse, but there will not be an additional allotment of reimbursement. Council thanked Ms. Windover for explaining the rules. Ms. Windover stated that they change every 3 months with mandates, not suggestions.

Staff was directed to draft a policy covering the leave.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that he would like to have covid leave covered for military members who return and must quarantine.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that they met last week regarding Prop 68 grants. \$180,000 must be earmarked to be spent by June. They also discussed the Tri-County Grants. Senior Inc. is going to submit a grant application for a new kitchen. The dog park was also discussed.

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

Chamber of Commerce- Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that it will meet Tuesday.

Economic Development – Mayor North reported that they have not met.

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell, Jr. reported that it met last week to discuss the consulting firms for PROP 218 for disposal fees.

Planning Commission – Mayor North reported that that their action was discussed at the first part of this meeting. They will be meeting tomorrow night.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Council Member Hurtado said that she will report out next month.

Downtown Business Improvement District – Council Member Hurtado reported that they met this morning. They must have a structured budget approved by Council. They are looking at marketing and advertising.

Council of Governments – Council Member Roman reported that the Highway 99 project is delayed to the middle of July. Next section will be Selma to Fowler.

Council Member Reports

Mayor North reported that Bella Boots will have its line dancing event at 6:00 P. M. this Friday. Ramos' Friday Night Hangout is every Friday. Grocery Outlet Grand Opening is tomorrow at 8:00 A. M. She and Council Member Pursell, Jr. met with Congressman Valadeo last week. He was interested to talk about things going on in Kingsburg.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the Car Show is next week, and that T-Mobile is now under construction.

Mayor North asked if the Housing Connection is in charge of Deli Delicious building. Mr. Henderson said it is and there are a couple businesses that are interested.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn – Mayor North adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:40 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk
City of Kingsburg