

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 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 50% CAPACITY (including City Council Members and City Staff) TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC ALSO HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 05/04/2021 at 4:30pm. THEY WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Mayor Laura North, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North.

6:00 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 6:06 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 Director Daniel Galvez, 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:

Certificate for Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District for their efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor North presented Dr. Wes Sever with the certificate. Dr. Sever commented that the District wants the best for kids.

Certificate for Kingsburg Joint Union High School District for their efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor North presented Mr. Thom Sembritzki with the certificate.

National Public Works Week Proclamation.

Public Works Superintendent Daniel Galvez stated that it is an honor to be here to represent the Public Works Department. There have been lots of changes and the staff has not missed a beat. A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Hurtado to approve the National Public Works Week Proclamation. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 April 21, 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 April 15, 2021 through April 28, 2021 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution 2021-018- Master Fee adjusting the fee for Summer Recreation Program Fee.** Staff Report Prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office
- 5.4 Adopt Resolution 2021-019 and Approve the Amendment and Novation Agreement between Municipal Resource Consultants and MuniServices, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Kingsburg.** - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager's Office
- 5.5 Adopt Resolution 2021-020 and Accept the Funding Claim for Local Transportation Funds (TDA) and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) apportionment and authorize the Finance Director to sign and submit the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Transportation Funding Claim.** - Staff Report by Finance Director Alma Colado.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.6 Approve Koster Extraterritorial Water Service Agreement** - Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters.
Sponsor: Engineering Department

REGULAR CALANDER

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 demand for vaccination is low. It could be because Johnson & Johnson was pulled. We only had 100 new appointments last week. Johnson & Johnson has been re-released and we are hoping to get more doses. A pop-up clinic was discussed and maybe having a Johnson & Johnson clinic at Fire Station 1 during Swedish days. He stated that we are hoping to have doses for our paramedics to administer, as needed, in the field. There is still no guidance on the ARPA funds.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Bethel Avenue / Sierra Street Roundabout Median Alternatives
Sponsor: Engineering Department

Presentation by City Engineer Dave Peters – Mr. Peters gave an update and 3 examples of roundabout center island concepts. Council asked about pedestrians that may want to take pictures and asked about sidewalks. Council liked the coffee pot with the blue sign around the bottom.

No action necessary.

Proposed Capital Improvement Projects for FY2021-2022- Staff Report by City Manager

Alexander Henderson.

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson – Mr. Henderson reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects list for FY 2022. There are 54 projects that have been selected, based on priority as outlined by respective Department Heads, for a total of \$5.8 from various funding sources.

There was brief discussion with Council Member Roman asking if the owners of the council chamber would help with the recarpeting. Council Member Palomar commented that Madsen Avenue, from Sierra to Stroud, is really bad. City Engineer Dave Peters said that they are working on getting it fixed this summer. The Linnaea Villa project was discussed. Council Member Palomar said that the county part of the road on Mehlert is the worst. Dave Peters said that we have reached out to the County and haven't heard back. Mr. Henderson said that we have also reached out to the County Supervisor in the area and their funding process makes it difficult for them to just do a project.

No action necessary.

CalPERS Discussion- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Presentation by City Manager Alexander Henderson – Mr. Henderson spoke about the City's pension fund and the City's unfunded liability. He reviewed the history and three different options for paying down the unfunded liability. The City is doing a hybrid of making their own trust and making extra payments. He stated that we should have an up-to-date number in August.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that they met and discussed grants.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that they will be meeting later this month.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell reported that they have not met.

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

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell reported that they met about CIP and Rescue Act funding and CalPERS.

Planning Commission – Mayor North reported that they have not met.

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

Downtown Business Improvement District Board – Council Member Hurtado reported that they met this morning, approved their budget, and had social media management quotes presented. The Board is looking to hold a town hall.

Council of Governments – Council Member Roman reported that north bound Sierra is closed until July due to Caltrans Project.

Council Member Reports – Council Members Roman and Hurtado met with Congressman Valadao and discussed parks and train stoppage problems in our town. We discussed ARPA and showed him the downtown. We also discussed the Veteran’s funeral parades and how neat it was to see the streets lined with supporters.

Mayor North brought up the rental assistance in town. She stated that she would like to get the word out. She mentioned the Chamber dinner is 5/27 and Swedish Days.

City Manager’s Report- City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that 1536 21st Avenue is going to auction.

Future Agenda Items:

Council Recognition and Proclamation of the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Kingsburg.

Sponsor: Council Member Hurtado

Council Member Hurtado stated that she is asking to add this topic to the next agenda to be discussed and she is asking for a proclamation. She stated that she believes actions are stronger than words. She shared a story of support and stated that she would like to get direction to bring it as an agenda item. Council Member Palomar asked if we do this for other groups? He said that he remembers discussing this before. Council Member Pursell asked for clarification. City Attorney Michael Noland said that tonight you are deciding if you want it on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting. Mayor North said that she wants to be clear that if we open this up, in the future we can get more requests. She said that is fine, she just wants to make sure we are aware of this. Council supported putting it on the agenda.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. Mayor North adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk