

**Kingsburg City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1, 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. THE PUBLIC ALSO 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@CITYOFFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 05/31/2021 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 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 6:05 P. M.

Council Members present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Brandon Pursell, Jr., and Mayor Laura North.

Council Members Absent: Michelle Roman.

Staff Present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Finance Director Alma Colado, City Engineer Dave Peters, Community Services Director Adam Castaneda, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments:

Joseph Stevens, not a resident, said that he is here for LGBTQ+ recognition.

Tamra Norris, resident, said that she is here for LGBTQ+ recognition.

Brenda Prado, resident, called in stating that she would like to discuss the animal control policy at a City Council meeting.

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

Presentations: None

Consent Calendar: Mayor Laura North asked that Item No. 5.4 be pulled for financial conflict. A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., to pull Item No. 5.4 and approve the remainder of the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Council Members present.

Mayor North stated that she has a financial conflict with Item No. 5.4 and left the chamber. A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr., to approve pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 5.4. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of the Council Members present. Mayor North and Council Member Roman were absent.

5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes: Approve the minutes from the May 19, 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 May 13, 2021 through May 26, 2021 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.

Sponsor: Finance Department

5.3 Approve Requested Closure of Smith Street for Bella Boots Event 6/25/2021- Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.

Sponsor: Community Services

5.4 Adopt resolution No. 2021-031 approving the final map for Tract 6373 accepting on behalf of the public the streets and easements as offered on the map in accordance with the terms of the

dedications and authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement on behalf of the City, subject to review as to form by the City Attorney. - Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters.
Sponsor: Engineering Department

5.5 Review the proposed SB 1 Project List and approve Resolution 2021-032.- Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters.
Sponsor: Engineering Department

REGULAR CALENDAR

Mayor North returned to the Chamber.

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

City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the vaccination Clinic continues, having administered over 2,500 doses. There has been more interest as people are getting out and about. He gave an update on the ARPA Funds and rules for spending it. Council Member Hurtado asked what the future of the clinic at Fire Station 2 will look like? Mr. Henderson said that he thinks Fresno County will want to limit the days since there is less interest. Council Member Palomar asked about the lottery. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked to confirm that this is all reimbursable. Mr. Henderson stated that it is confirmed.

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with National Demographics Corporation to Provide Demographic and Districting Services related to the Mandated 2020 US Census Analysis - Staff Report by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard stated that she is bringing before the Council the Professional Services Agreement with National Demographics Corporation (NDC). As the Government releases census data every 10 years, cities must examine district registered voter information and re-draw lines to ensure each district is substantially equal in population, be geographically contiguous, respects existing local neighborhoods and communities of interest, be easy identifiable, be geographically compact, and neither favor nor discriminate against political parties. By contracting with NDC, as we did in 2018, Council and public will have a streamlined process with easy-to-use tools for public engagement. We have budgeted \$25,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, Jr., seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with National Demographics Corporation to provide Demographic and Districting Services Related to the Mandated 2020 US Census Analysis. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those Council Members present.

2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Introduction- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

City Manager Alexander Henderson reviewed last year's budget. Not knowing about COVID and reductions for expenditures, funds were not as low as expected. TOT's were lower. He discussed Special Revenue Funds, Measure E, breakdown of General Fund, and other funds. He also discussed Development Fees, Landscaping and Lighting, CFD, Parks, and PERS.

Council Member Hurtado said that she is frustrated with the conditions of the alleys. She would like a running list of alley conditions and would like to find funds for alley repairs. City Engineer Dave Peters said that this has been an issue for the last 20 years. We have limited funds. An air quality issue for grants for non-paved alleys was discussed. Council Member Hurtado brought up senior center meals and said that she supports putting funding into the senior center. Mr. Henderson said that we are figuring out what it will look like if we go in person. Staff is working on different options regarding the kitchen. Council Member Hurtado asked about the funding of the Golden State Highway. Landscaping, maintenance of the median and bike path, and picking up litter, was discussed. Mr. Henderson talked about re-doing Simpson/Golden State next summer, funded through Measure C.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked about the 2 new positions and if you have space for them? He stated that we need to start looking at what we need to do to get a new City Hall. Mr. Henderson said that we have a work-space consultant coming in to help. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that he would like to sell the land by the river to fund a new City Hall. Council Member Hurtado brought up a garage or shade structure at Public Works for larger vehicles.

Tamra Norris, resident, asked about funding for mental health related to LGBTQ+. Mayor North stated that once we find out the guidelines for the ARPA funds, we think we can use it for that. Council Member Hurtado stated that after ARPA, does Council want to support a nonprofit for mental health? She said that she doesn't want to just do it once, she would like it recurring. Mr. Henderson said that mental health is eligible for ARPA funds,

but it must have some Covid base. He warned about committing future Councils. The budget is approved year-to-year. Council Member Pursell, Jr. stated that he wants to make sure that we are not paying for services that Fresno County already does. Council Member Hurtado said that she would like to support a focused group. Mayor North said that she would like one spot for mental health resources on our website.

Tamra Norris said it sounds like you are side-stepping. Just because their needs are not yours, they are theirs.

Council Member Palomar stated that we said we would support anti-bullying and youth who need help, not just LBGQ+. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that we represent everyone, why would we just help LBGQ+. Mayor North stated that the youth need help in general. Some do not know what is wrong, just that something is wrong, so ensure the providers are LBGQ+ friendly? Tamra Norris, yes.

Michael Brewer, resident, stated that he encourages considering mental health for everyone. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said, so if we would have language that they are non-discriminatory, and they are, then maybe we can cancel the contract. Treat everyone without bias. Tamra Norris said that is a step in the right direction. Michael Brewer spoke about 'All 4 Youth' that assists with mental health for any student in Kingsburg.

Council Member Hurtado spoke about social workers that respond with the Police Department for mental health. She would like the social workers, instead of cops, to respond to mental health calls.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that there are designated mental health workers in the rural areas. If you call the police, you are going to get the police. The Police Department must make sure it is safe for the social worker. I know the Police Department has had de-escalation and mental health training. Those are all done through the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health. Council Member Hurtado said that she would like to reimagine what Public Safety looks like. Maybe fund a part-time social worker through Measure E.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that the last meeting was cancelled.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it will not meet till August.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell, Jr. said that he has nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – City Manager Alexander Henderson 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 be meeting next Wednesday.

Downtown Business Improvement District -Council Member Hurtado reported that it is meeting tomorrow at 8:00 A. M.

Council of Governments – Mayor North reported on behalf of Council Member Roman that the Highway 99 improvements should be done the 2nd half of July.

Council Member Reports – Council Member Hurtado reported that she rode along with shifts B & C with Fire.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that Kingsburg Youth Baseball Association's Open House is next Monday night. He also reported that he held a call with UPPR and they have made changes with their routes and length of trains.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting – Mayor North adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk