

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2021**

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 100% CAPACITY.

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, THE PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (425) 436-6335 PASSCODE 5290024 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT. WRITTEN COMMENTS COULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 8/03/2021 AT 4:00P. M. THEY WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Ricky Chambers, Kingsburg Community 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 6:03 P. M.

Council Members Present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Branden Pursell, Jr. (present electronically), Michele Roman, and Mayor Laura North.

Staff Present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Fire Chief Daniel Perkins, Fire Department Administrator Rolinda Hernandez, Community Services Director Adam Castaneda, and Building Inspector Edward Jakubowski.

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

Presentations:

(1) Nisei Farmers League President Manuel Cunha, Jr., stated that he has hand sanitizer and K95 masks for the City's residents. He stated that he is here asking for support of an immigration bill regarding agriculture. He discussed the definition of agriculture. Currently the language does not include packing sheds and processing plants. There is also "Dreamer" language in the bills. We want Dreamers to be a regulation. Council Member Roman commented that it is important to add packing houses and processing plants.

Mayor North stated that Council is for it, but Council Member Pursell Jr. would like to do more research before agreeing. Council, however, gave direction to move forward with the letter of support.

(2) Fresno LAFCo Executive Officer, David E. Fey, explained that they only have authority over boundaries. They look at what communities provide when considering annexation. He talked about the Sphere of Influence and the City's ability to provide services. Municipal Service Review (MSR) is what they do when cities ask to expand their Sphere of Influence. He stated that we ask for a 20-to-25-year plan.

Council Member Palomar asked how they appoint their commission? Mr. Fey stated that Supervisors are appointed by the Chair of the Board. City members are chosen by COG. The 2 people from both the cities and the county then appoint a member of the public.

Public Comments:

Lee Darling, resident, stated that he is concerned with the crosswalk across Sierra Street going to Memorial Park. He would like to see a safer option with more light at this crossing and the crosswalks repainted before school starts. He would also like a crosswalk at Avenue A.

Consent Calendar:

- 5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the July 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 July 15, 2021, through July 27, 2021, as prepared by Account Clerk II Marsha Alves.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.3 Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-001, An Ordinance of the City of Kingsburg accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation to add Truck Terminals and Truck Sales as Conditional Uses in the Highway Commercial Zone District and with the following recital constituting reading of the title of the Ordinance:**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG AMENDING TITLE 17 - ZONING, OF THE KINGSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 17.40.040, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BY ADDING TRUCK TERMINALS AND TRUCK SALES TO THE CONDITIONAL USE LIST OF THE CH DISTRICT”

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

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.

Regular Calendar

Recognition of Retiring Planning Secretary Mary Colby

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Building Inspector Edward Jakubowski talked about Mary's service and her help in the Building Department.

Mayor North read the resolution and shared a personal story from 20 years ago when Mary joined the Kingsburg City Hall staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to adopt Resolution 2021-045 Recognizing Planning Secretary Mary Colby for her 20 years of service with the City of Kingsburg and the Kingsburg Community. 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

City Manager Alexander Henderson commented on the ever changing mask mandates and the rise of covid cases in Fresno County.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Approve the Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District Grant Agreement- Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Mr. Henderson presented the Grant for \$366,654 for 6 Fulltime Paramedics as a cost sharing with the City.

Council Member Roman asked about the other grants. Mr. Henderson stated that they were not selected for funding.

Council Member Palomar asked if this grant is for new hires. City Manager Alexander Henderson said that it is.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Palomar, to approve the Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District Agreement for 6 Fulltime Paramedics as a cost sharing with the City. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Policy For Naming of Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Other Park Assets- Staff Report by Community Service Director Adam Castaneda

Sponsor: City Manager's Office

Community Service Director Adam Castaneda presented two proposals for different scenarios regarding naming parks. The proposed naming policy recommendations establishes that the City Council has final authority over the naming of such Park Assets, pursuant to the prior evaluation and recommendations of the City Manager.

Council Member Palomar asked if anyone has come in asking? City Manager Alexander Henderson stated that we have new developments coming in with parks and the sports park. We would like to have something in place as we start to establish it. We can go to the public, the Community Services Commission, and then to Council. City Manager Henderson commented that there are 3-4 parks going in new developments.

A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Roman, to adopt the Naming Policy, Procedures and Guidelines for parks, recreation facilities and other assets (collectively, "Park Assets"). The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that they have not met.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that they meet on August 16 at 4 P. M.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell Jr. reported that they are meeting next week to discuss the 10/18 Truck Show and 9/18 Crayfish Festival.

Economic Development Committee – Mayor North reported that they have not met. Council Member Roman asked if there is anything new with the Swedish Mill. City Manager Alexander Henderson stated that there is not anything other than covering up graffiti. There has been some weed clean up. The parttime Neighborhood Improvement Officer will be starting work soon.

Finance Committee – Mayor North reported that they will be meeting on August 24th.

Planning Commission -Mayor North reported that they will meet on August 12th.

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

Downtown Business Improvement District- Council Member Hurtado reported that they met this morning and continued discussion about social media and forming a hybrid. They will be sponsoring and managing the Cornhole Festival. Jolene Polyack, Economic Development Coordinator, had a report about Dala Dollars.

Council of Governments (COG) Council Member Roman reported that Highway 99 improvement in the Kingsburg area is finishing up, but now moving on to Selma to Fowler. Caltrans will keep us updated with that construction. Looking to do a ribbon cutting. She was nominated and voted to stay Vice Chair of COG and FCRTA and now the Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Committee.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Hurtado stated that all of Council attended the ARPA workshop. She attended the Senior Center reopening with Mayor North. It was a great event. She would like the Kingsburg Carrier to have an update about food insecurity and rental assistance. She discussed some issues at Athwal Park. She is hosting an event at Athwal on 8/11 from 6-8pm with free snow cones, and a bounce house. Kingsburg Police and Fire personnel will be there to promote the safety of the park.

Council Member Palomar reported that he met with Congressman David Valadao. They are available to help. He stated that he is concerned with SB 9 and SB 10, State bills that will allow the building of large complexes, some against zoning areas. Mayor North stated that she wanted to congratulate the Cal Ripken U8 Baseball Team. Council Member Roman thanked city staff for assistance with standing water issues downtown and watering the trees downtown.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Alexander Henderson brought up the California League of Cities Annual Conference Designation of Voting Delegates; 1 vote, 2 alternates. Council decided on Mayor North, Mayor Pro-Tem Palomar, and Council Member Roman.

Future Agenda Items: None

The Kingsburg City Council adjourned out of the Regular Calendar into Closed Session at 7:24 pm to discuss the following item(s):

- (9.1) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
California Government Code Section 54956.8
Fresno County Assessor's Parcel Number: APN: 396-111-15T (tax exempt)
City Negotiator: Alexander J. Henderson
Under Negotiation: Rental Terms and Conditions**

The Kingsburg City Council Adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session at 7:40pm.

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

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:40pm.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk
City of Kingsburg