

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2023**

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Invocation was given by Pastor Alex Brumley, The Refinery Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vince Palomar.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call: Mayor Palomar called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:01pm.

Council Members Present: David M. Silva, Staci Smith, Brandon Pursell, Jr., Mayor Vince Palomar.

Council Member Absent: None.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, Jr., seconded by Council Member Silva to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by an unanimous voice vote.

Presentations: None.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member North, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by an unanimous voice vote.

- 5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the August 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

- 5.2 Check Register:** Ratify and approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period July 26, 2023, through August 8, 2023, as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.

Sponsor: Finance Department

- 5.3 Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-001. - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson**

Sponsor: City Manager's Officer

Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-001, An Ordinance Of The City Of Kingsburg Amending Chapter 16.09 Of Title 6 Of The Kingsburg Municipal Code Regarding The Growth Management System and adopt with the following recital constituting reading the title of the Ordinance:

"An Ordinance Of The City Of Kingsburg Amending Chapter 16.09 Of Title 6 Of The Kingsburg Municipal Code Regarding The Growth Management System."

- 5.4 Approve the City of Kingsburg Injury & Illness Prevention Program. - Staff Report prepared Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Christina Windover**

Sponsor: Administrative Services Department

- 5.5 Approve the Fire Department Health Management Agency (HMA) Amendment and Continuation Contract with the 5% increase for each year over next 2 years.** – Staff Report by Fire Chief Daniel Perkins.
Sponsor: Fire Department
- 5.6 July 2023 Crime Stats.** - Accept and file the Police Department’s July 2023 Crime Stats.
Sponsor: Police Department
- 5.7 August 2023 Townsend Public Affairs Update Report.** - Accept and file the August 2023 Townsend Public Affairs Update Report.
Sponsor: City Manager’s Office
- 5.8 Award the Athwal Park Improvements Project to Power Design Electric in the amount of \$55,595.00.** - Staff Report prepared by City Engineer Dave Peters
Sponsor: City Engineer’s Office

Regular Calendar

Measure C Golden State Blvd Project Update - Report by City Engineer Dave Peters
Sponsor: City Engineer’s Office

City Engineer Dave Peters presented that Fresno Council of Governments, Fresno County and Fresno County Transportation Authority has been working collaboratively for improvements on Golden State.

With the project there were supposed to be bike paths that pass over the railroad tracks. Union Pacific Railroad (“UPRR”) required improvements, and the project decided to not go forward with the proposed bike path that would cross over the tracks. With these changes, UPRR required additional improvements and permits. The Project has been split into 2 phases. Phase 1 is removing the corridor, and not the intersection. Phase 2 would be the intersections.

Phase 2 might not begin for 1 year. They are going temporarily improve the Kamm/Bethel intersection and but not temporarily improve the Stroud intersection due to complicated nature of the temporary work.

Council discussed funding and the design. The full project is funded by Measure C, including Phase 2. Mr. Peters believes the MOU states that the City will fund any shortages, but there should be enough funding.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked if we have pay for the temporary improvements at Stroud if we want to have it done before the County does it. Engineer Peters answers yes, \$56,104.

Informational- No Action Necessary

City Engineer Project Progress Report - Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

Sponsor: City Engineer's Office

City Engineer Dave Peters listed the following projects as completed; downtown parking lots and 2023 streets project (with the exception of striping work in some locations), and the Police Station remodeling (with the exception of minor work). Engineer Peters discussed various updates for ongoing projects, such as Laurel Street Dog Park that is currently in the design phase and the conceptual design will be reviewed by the Community Services Commission on August 23rd, 2023. Construction and installation of rapid flashing along Sierra Street will begin once an encroachment permit is obtained from Caltrans. Athwal bathrooms is estimated to be complete October of this year.

Council Member Smith asked about the 18th avenue sidewalks. Mr. Peters said we have permits, we are waiting for a federal approval. We will notify residents, go out to bid and then come to council for bid approval.

Council Member Smith asked about the local road safety plan. Mr. Peters said it looks at where accidents occur, how can we resolve it, rank them and then we can apply for grants.

Mayor Palomar asked if the Sinclair site plan, ~~if it~~ includes where Pubs and Subs was. Mr. Peters said yes, it takes up the whole lot. Asked about the grace church streetlights. Mr. Peters said they have a deferment from some requirements. They are now completing them including sidewalks and lighting.

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

Sponsor: City Engineer's Office

City Engineer Peters presented potential projects. He would like Council direction as to which ones they are interested in so staff can perform research before applying for a grant through The Fresno County Council of Governments.

Typical projects include intersection improvements, bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. Staff has identified the following candidate projects to be submitted for funding consideration: Gilroy Ave / Mariposa Ave/ 18th Avenue Roundabout, 19th/20th Alley Paving from Sierra St to Mariposa Street, 18th / 19th Alley Paving from Sierra Street to Mariposa Street, Sierra Street (SR 201) / 18th Avenue Intersection Improvements, and Sierra Street (SR 201) / Marion Street Roundabout.

Staff recommend identifying one or two of the identified candidate CMAQ projects for inclusion in the application.

Council was interested in intersection improvements- Gilroy Ave / Mariposa Ave/ 18th Avenue Roundabout and Sierra Street (SR 201) / 18th Avenue Intersection Improvements.

Water Consumption and Conservation Report - Staff Report by Public Works Director Daniel Galvez

Sponsor: Public Works Department

Public Works Director Galvez updated Council on water usage for the first six months of 2023, as well as an update on the Turf replacement program and conservation efforts. While the population has increased, water usage has not increased. Newer houses in Kingsburg have less green landscaping and sprinkler systems. Mayor Palomar inquired how many citizens have utilized the Turf Replacement program, Galvez reported over the last fiscal year 37 households have participated in the program.

Informational- No Action Needed

Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District 2023 Grant Awards- Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda

Sponsor: Community Services Department

Community Services Director Adam Castaneda presented 4 applications that were awarded \$621,000 by the Tri-Health Care District (KTCHD). KTCHD provides grants to various public and private organizations that provide health related services to the Kingsburg community and surrounding area. Grants are awarded for any purpose allowed by state law, including to aid in the operation of free clinics, health education programs, wellness and prevention programs, rehabilitation, and any other health care which is necessary for the maintenance of good physical and mental health in the Kingsburg community and surrounding area.

Council reviewed the four grants.

Council Member North motioned, seconded by Council Member Silva to approve KTHCD Grant Public Healthy & Playground Safety Updates as presented. The motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Smith motioned, seconded by Council Member Pursell Jr. to approve KTHCD Grant Public Service Vehicle & Officer First Aid Kits as presented. The motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Silva motioned, seconded by Council Member North to approve KTHCD 50% of 6 Full Time EMS Support Employees as presented. The motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Pursell Jr. motioned, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve KTHCD Paramedic EKG/ Heart Monitor Upgrade 4 as presented. The motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Nothing to report.

Public Safety Committee– Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce – Working on upcoming events. Received 14k in profit from fireworks fundraiser.

Economic Development – Nothing to report.

Finance Committee – They discussed the potential sports park and if it is feasible. They will discuss financing at the next committee meeting. Memorial Park bathroom renovations funding will come to council. City Solar project where SitelogiQ had promised 1% interest loan, but it is no longer an option. The State ran out of funds before our approval. Options are 4.75% or push it out by a year in hopes to get 1% allotment. Will be coming back to council and there will be potential financial ramifications.

Planning Commission– Nothing to report.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Met last week, the state accepted our ground water sustainability plan.

Downtown Business Improvement District– Nothing to report.

Council of Governments – Will meet August 31, 2023.

Council Member Reports – None.

City Manager’s Report – Fiber optic project update, phase 2 has only about 14% remaining, which is in Tulare County. Phase 3 has 18% remaining, only thing outstanding is Caltrans permits. However, the project is still on track. Stone plaza will begin framing the commercial spaces. Residents can begin moving in October 1, 2023. Council will be able to view the apartments beforehand.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting: At 7:03 P.M. Mayor Palomar adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk