

**Kingsburg Finance Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023**

Council Chamber, 1401 Draper Street, Kingsburg, CA

Call to order: Chairman Brandon Pursell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Members present: Alma Colado, Alexander Henderson, Staci Smith and Chairman Brandon Pursell, Jr.

Member absent: None.

Approval of Minutes: Member Henderson motioned, seconded by Member Smith, to approve minutes from the August 14, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard. The motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

City Solar Array Projects Financing Update

Public Works Director Daniel Galvez gave the background and update. Jessica Ritter, SitelogIQ, presented 3 cash flows. They will reduce the overall project cost by \$50,000 and eat the cost of the first 5 years of O&M all together \$150,000 of savings.

The committee discussed interest rates with Oppenheimer Group.

Member Colado said the equipment loan, and not a bond would be better for staff. Staff has worked with Oppenheimer in the past. Public Works Director Galvez said if we were going to stick to their proposed timeline, we would need to turn in the staff report by Friday to go to Council at the next meeting. Member Henderson said action at Council on the 6th will not lock us in, it will finalize the rates on the 15th. Council could then cancel the project.

Member Smith would like to go forward with the equipment lease. The committee discussed how much more expensive the project would be if the City couldn't lock in a rate before they potentially go up, as they have been. Member Henderson said if we go forward with the project, it still makes sense financially, and if we stay with SitelogIQ we at least save the \$150,000. Chairman Pursell, Jr. is still not happy, but glad they came with the \$150,000 savings. He would like to go forward with equipment lease. It is not a good time to go out to bid with the Federal government potentially raising rates. Member Colado feels the same way. The Committee gave direction to move forward with SitelogIQ with equipment lease to go to council 9/6/2023.

Sports Park Financing Discussion

Oppenheimer Group's Michael Garcia reported on different funding options. The Committee discussed challenges of funding the construction and upkeep of such a large park. Such a large price would have an impact in the city and with staff. The M&O will be very expensive as would the cost to underground the canal, road improvements, hiring new staff, equipment, vehicles. The only logical funding would be a sales tax, which we are already one of the highest in the county. The Committee agreed that the city can't afford the park and that they do not even want to go forward with polling, we can use the \$75,000 on something else. Their decision to not go forward will be reported out at council, and if new funding comes up in the future, we can revisit the idea.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting at 6:22pm.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk