

**MINUTES
KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 8/31/2021 AT 4:00 P.M. THEY WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Cathleen Lawler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call – At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Laura North called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

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

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

Presentations- None.

Public Comments:

Steven March, resident, spoke about bikes and skateboards on the sidewalks on Draper Street and how dangerous they are.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Palomar, seconded by Council Member Roman, 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 August 18, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.2 Adopt Resolution 2021-048; A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Kingsburg Declaring City Vehicles as Surplus

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.3 Adopt Revised Resolution 2021-046 for Planned Unit Development; Sohal, Inc. Multi-Family Residential Development. Revised resolution includes additional conditions of approval as directed by Council - Staff Report Prepared by City Attorney Michael Noland.

Sponsor: City Attorney's Office

Regular Calendar

Public Hearing: 2020 Census Kingsburg City Council Redistricting- Staff Report by City Clerk

Abigail Palsgaard

Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

Open public Hearing - Mayor Laura North opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 P. M.

Presentation by Jeff Tilton, National Demographics Company- Mr. Tilton explained that census data was delayed due to Covid. The Census Bureau released official 2020 Census data in August. In September California Statewide Database releases California's official "prisoner-adjusted" redistricting data. He stated that he is here to gather public comment and learn about communities. He stated that once we receive data, we can start really drafting maps. He reviewed the timeline, rules, and goals. He defined communities of interest, geographic areas, and shared issues or characteristics.

City Council Discussion – Mayor North opened for Council discussion at 6:21 P. M.

Council Member Roman asked if we could use the past maps if equitable for this time? Mr. Tilton said, potentially, if it is legally allowed. Council Member Hurtado asked if there are tools that show social economic information while drawing maps. Mr. Tilton said that there are some tools that can include that information, Caliper and Excel. We can give the City that information. Council Member Palomar asked if the prisoners re-alignment is new? Mr. Tilton said that he thinks last time it was optional. Council Member Palomar asked if there are council members that fall into the same district? Mr. Tilton said that it can happen. Council Member Hurtado asked about community meetings. Mr. Tilton said that right now we have 4 and there can be more.

Open for Public Comment – At 6:26 P. M. Mayor North opened for Public Comment. There was no one wishing to speak. Public Comment was closed.

Continued City Council Discussion - At 6:26 P. M. Mayor north opened for continued Council discussion.

Council Member Pursell spoke about community involvement and that if we have a lot of involvement, we can have more workshops.

Close Public Hearing – At 6:29 P. M. Mayor North closed the public hearing.

Informational/No Action Required

COVID-19 Leave Policy and Employer Mandate Discussions- Staff Report by Director of Administrative Services Christina Windover.

Sponsor: Admin. Services Office

Presentation by Director of Administrative Services Christina Windover – Ms. Windover stated that in April Council approved a temporary Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL) Policy for up to 80 hours, reimbursable with a tax credit. This policy expires on 9/30/2021. She stated that since April the City has paid 21 hours (\$5,405.60) of SPSL reimbursable tax credit. It could be more as there is a month left.

Ms. Windover talked about a Health Order issued by the Public Health Department requiring that all employees of a correctional facility or detention center must be vaccinated. She stated that she is checking to see if it is required for the Police Department because they have a holding cell. If so, she will bring it back to Council for a policy.

Council Member Roman asked if those not vaccinated must take a test. Ms. Windover stated, not right now. If they are not vaccinated or do not want to disclose, they will have to wear a mask. She said that at a local jail, they are requiring tests if not vaccinated. Council thanked Mrs. Windover for the update. Council briefly discussed medical and religious exemptions.

No Action required at this time.

Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency Special Policy- Staff Report by Fire Chief Daniel Perkins

Sponsor: Fire Department

Presentation by Fire Chief Daniel Perkins – Chief Perkins discussed Policy 571 that was implemented due to the extreme conditions during COVID and is now being used again due to the lack of ER beds in hospitals. Kingsburg Fire Department will treat in place if they do not fit the critical patient guidelines because the ERs are full. ICU capacity for all Fresno hospitals is at 96%. Kingsburg Fire Department will still be able to bill while treating in place and not transporting patients to the hospital. However, we can't bill for mileage which was an average of \$143 per call. It will be \$48,620 if 340 people are not transported.

Council Member Hurtado asked how long this will be in place. Chief Perkins said that we do not know. Hopefully not long but, in his professional opinion, it could be Spring of 2022.

Council Member Pursell asked if Chief could talk about the Fire Med Program. Chief Perkins said that it is a one-time payment of \$65/per year for all family members under the same roof. If you take the ambulance, it will cover whatever the cost to the patient is. Council Member Pursell said that he thinks it is important for the community. Chief Perkins said that the City pays \$18,000 and it would need 500 members to break even.

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 have not met.

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

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

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell reported that they met last night and discussed a potential billing structure for ambulance fees and the general budget.

Planning Commission – City Manager Alexander Henderson reported on the joint meeting that took place last week and said that they will meet next Thursday.

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 will be moving forward with social media. Thankfully two Board Members have taken it on. They discussed the logo and collaboration with the Chamber for the upcoming holiday season.

Council of Governments – Council Member Roman reported that they have not met. She gave a Caltrans update.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Roman said that she did a ride-along with the KFD. Most calls for service were covid related. She asked if we could get a charging station at the dog park? FCRTA is open to that and to getting more charging stations downtown. She spoke about potential flower charging stations. Council Member Palomar spoke about SB 9.

City Manager's Report -

City Manager Alexander Henderson gave a State Legislation Update which removes single family zoning. You can split your lot with 2 homes and 2 ADUs so you can have 4 homes. It doesn't require any affordable housing, nor does it take any consideration for infrastructure, no parking, water, fire, sewer, power, and green space. He spoke about a bill that strips immigration holds for crimes including human trafficking. He reported that some of our police officers are at the Caldor Fire and our Fire Fighters are involved at 2 different fires. Once a crew comes back, we will try to send more officers. Council Member Roman asked about the Zero Bail Bill. It may be amended to include violent criminals. She would like to send in a letter of opposition.

Future Agenda Items: None

The Kingsburg City Council adjourns out of the Regular Calendar into Closed Session at 7:26 P. M. to discuss the following item(s):

**9.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
California Government Code Section 54956.8
Tulare County Assessor's Parcel Number: APN: 028-430-001
City Negotiator: Alexander J. Henderson
Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sale Terms and Conditions**

**9.2 Public Employment: California Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager**

At 8:29 P. M. Council adjourned out of Closed Session into the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting and report out of Closed Session.

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

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting – 8:30 P. M.