

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2020**

Invocation was given by Pastor Tim Boynton, Kingsburg Covenant Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll – At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Michelle Roman called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Council Members present – Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Sherman Dix, and Mayor Michelle Roman.

Council Members absent – Laura North

Staff present – City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Fire Chief Daniel Perkins, City Engineer Dave Peters, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments – Aaron Gonzales, representing the California Health Collaborative, invited the City Council to attend the Kingsburg Townhall on March 16th. The Kingsburg High School and Elementary School Districts will be represented, as well as other community partners, to discuss vaping and other concerns.

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

Consent Calendar – A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Palomar to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Council Members present.

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the February 13, 2020 Joint Workshop Meeting and the February 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 4.2 Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period February 13, 2020 through February 27, 2020 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
- 4.3 Adopt the ADA Transition Plan for City Maintained Road System dated February 2020.**
- 4.4 Waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2020-002, An Ordinance Of The City Of Kingsburg Amending Section 15.40.010 Of Chapter 15.40 Of Title 15 Of The Kingsburg Municipal Code and pass to a second reading on March 18, 2020 with the following recital constituting reading the title of the Ordinance:**

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSBURG
AMENDING SECTION 15.40.010 OF CHAPTER 15.40 OF
TITLE 15 OF THE KINGSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE”**

- 4.5 Claim Rejection-** Reject Serena Borden's claim against the City filed on February 27, 2020.
Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

REGULAR CALENDAR

Caltrans Mendocino/Mountain View Interchange Feasibility Study Presentation- Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

Eric Olson, Senior Technical Planning Engineer with Caltrans, gave the history of the discussion of the interchange of State Route 99/18th Avenue and State Route 99/Mt. View Avenue. He talked about deficiencies in the two intersections, issues with sidewalks, poor for pedestrians and not safe. He said that 2025 would be the potential year of construction. He discussed the traffic study, midterm options, and the final I-9 interchange. In discussion he said that the roundabouts have the highest level of service for 25 years. Timetables and the next steps were discussed.

Council Member Dix asked what responsibility Caltrans has for the failing grades compared to us as a community. Mr. Olson said that there is not enough failure or accidents for Caltrans to trigger a project. Curt Hatton, Caltrans, said that Caltrans doesn't have funding for these projects. Council Member Dix said that if we need to fund the project initiation document, what is next. Mr. Hatton said that there are additional documents such as the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Council Member Dix asked if it would be cost effective to have only one option? Mr. Hatton said that it would be good to have a couple options and then remove the ones that do not work quickly. Measure funding was discussed. Mr. Hatton said that the Project Initiation Document (PID) could cost \$125,000-\$250,000.

Council Member Palomar asked about public comment about cul-de-sacing Meher/Avenue 394. He said that we wouldn't want to take away the access without discussing it with residents.

Mayor Roman asked about the next step. Mr. Hatton said it would be to come up with the alternatives and start the PID. Council Member Dix said that it looks like the roundabout is the best bang for the buck. He said that these interchanges bring development and we are interested in commercial development.

City Manager Alexander Henderson said that no action is needed tonight. We wanted to start the discussion and staff will bring it back for further Council discussion.

Extraterritorial Water Service Connection to the Warlow Rest Stop on Highway 99 South of the Kings River- Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters

City Engineer Dave Peters stated that Caltrans is developing a project to upgrade the water system at the rest stop south of the Kings River. They are interested in connecting to the City of Kingsburg's water system and extend it approximately two miles to the rest stop site. Water from the City's distribution system would be used for domestic and potentially fire protection. Caltrans would pay for model runs to see if it is possible. Fresno County LAFCO and Tulare LAFCO would have to agree. He said that before moving forward we wanted Council feedback.

Mayor Roman asked how much water they use in a year. Mr. Peters said not a lot of water. He stated that we would need to charge an extra fee for Public Works to service the line. Caltrans sees it as a

long-term solution.

Mayor Roman stated that Council thinks it would be positive to have them put the infrastructure where there is potential for development. Council asked about sharing cost for the firefighter. Staff was given direction given to move forward.

Kingsburg Fire Department Annual Report- Report by Chief Daniel Perkins

Chief Daniel Perkins highlighted his report stating that he is proud of the newly formed Honor Guard. They are training on their own time and the Association supplied all the money for their uniforms. He stated that fire incidents have increased by 4.7%. We have been going to Selma and Traver more. We have had a 3.4% increase in EMS. He mentioned the Community Outreach Program, the improved Reserve Program, the B-Safe Program, which legally binds us to inspect the public spaces by the state of California, and working with businesses. He mentioned fire hydrant maintenance which hasn't been done in over 5 years. He talked about training which is up 300% over 2018 and how it helps morale. He mentioned Station 2 and calls that were not able to be answered in the past.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

- 6.1 Community Services Commission** – Mayor Roman reported that they met last week. They discussed the pool opening, which is coming up, the new sports complex, and skatepark issues with some of the kids. We are going to add an additional sign at the skate park with rules and add the non-emergency number for the Police Department. Going to put a subcommittee grant. Kids day is 3/10.
- 6.2 Public Safety Committee** – Council Member Palomar reported that they met last Tuesday. They voted on crosswalks to be painted and are looking to allocate the rest of the money for cameras for the Police Department for high traffic intersections.
- 6.3 Chamber of Commerce** – Council Member Hurtado reported that it meets next week.
- 6.4 Economic Development** – Council Member Dix reported that they met about agritourism and discussed the digital signs.
- 6.5 Finance Committee**- City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that they will meet on March 24th.
- 6.6 Planning Commission**- City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that there was no meeting this month for lack of business.
- 6.7 South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA)**- Council Member Dix reported that they have not met.
- 6.8 City Manager's Report**- City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the Health Care District meets on March 11th at 4:00 P. M. and will be presenting a large check for Athwal Park.

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

Council Member Dix talked about the Coronavirus in case they close schools, the possible impact on employees, and flexible work schedules.

Council Member Dix also talked about controlling the narrative on social media when events happen. Public Information Officer might be something to look into. City Manager Alexander Henderson said that each department has one, but for a larger one it would be the City Manager.

Mayor Roman stated that at the COG meeting they said that Caltrans will be closing 2 lanes of Highway 99 from Sierra Street to 2nd Street in Selma. This starts on April 6th and we have asked them to contact City staff. We also talked about the importance of all residents participating in the upcoming Census Count.

Mayor Roman expressed congratulations to Council Member Jewel Hurtado for winning Democrat Central Committee.

Future Agenda Items - None

Adjourn – At 7:51 P. M. Mayor Roman adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk