

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023**

The Invocation was given by Associate Pastor Esteban Mendizabal, Kingsburg First Baptist 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 Vince Palomar called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:01 pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None.

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

Presentations: None.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Silva, 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 May 3, 2023 Regular 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 April 25, 2023 through May 9, 2023 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.3 Adopt the new City Credit Card Policy and Acknowledgement Form -** Staff Report prepared Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Christina Windover
Sponsor: Administrative Services Department
- 5.4 Approve Exchange Agreement and Escrow Instructions; Exchange Parcels:** APN:394-390-06 and APN:394-390-04 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Exchange Agreement and Escrow Instructions on behalf of the City of Kingsburg effective after the other Exchange Parties execute the Exchange and Escrow Instructions- Staff Report prepared by City Manager Alexander Henderson
Sponsor: City Manager's Office
- 5.5 April 2023 Crime Stats-** Accept and file the Police Department's April 2023 Crime Stats.
Sponsor: Police Department
- 5.6 April 2023 Townsend Public Affairs Update Report-** Accept and file the April 2023 Townsend Public Affairs Update Report.
Sponsor: City Manager's Office

- 5.7 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-022 and Accept the Funding Claim for Local Transportation Funds (TDA) and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) apportionment and authorize the Finance Director to sign and submit the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Transportation Funding Claim.- Staff Report by Finance Director Alma Colado.**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.8 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-023 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Kingsburg, County Of Fresno, State Of California Initiating Proceedings For The Annual Levy And Collection Of Assessments For The City Assessment District No. 93-01 For Fiscal Year 2023/24 Pursuant To The Landscaping And Lighting Act Of 1972, Part 2 Of Division 15 Of The Streets And Highways Code And As Provided By Article Xiii D Of The California Constitution; And Ordering The Preparation Of An Engineer's Report In Connection Therewith- Staff Report prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.9 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-024 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Kingsburg, County Of Fresno, State Of California Preliminarily Approving The Report Of The Engineer In Connection With The Annual Levy Of And Collection Of Assessments For The City Assessment District No. 93-01 For Fiscal Year 2023/24, Pursuant To The Landscaping And Lighting Act Of 1972, Part 2 Of Division 15 Of The Streets And Highways Code And As Provided By Article Xiii D Of The California Constitution- Staff Report prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.10 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-025- A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Kingsburg, County Of Fresno, State Of California Declaring Its Intention To Order The Annual Levy And Collection Of Assessment For The City Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 93-01 For Fiscal Year 2023/24 Pursuant To The Landscaping And Lighting Act Of 1972, Part 2 Of Division 15 Of The Streets And Highways Code And As provided By Article Xiii D Of The California Constitution, And Appointing A Time And Place For Hearing Protests- Staff Report prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado**
Sponsor: Finance Department
- 5.11 Adopt Resolution 2023-026 Celebrating May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week-**
Sponsor: Public Works Department

Regular Calendar

San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Award – Kingsburg Downtown Revitalization – Staff Report prepared by Community Development Director Holly Owen
Sponsor: Community Development Department

Community Development Director Holly Owen presented Council the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Award – Kingsburg Downtown Revitalization. City Manager Alexander Henderson explained the report and findings that the Community Planners made in 2017. This award is for supporting the development of the catalyst property of the Stone Plaza. The owner of the Stone Plaza, Efrid Yanez, gave

a project update. He thanked Council and staff for their support. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Yanez thanked Jolene Polyack, Economic Development Coordinator for all her hard work on this project.

Council Member Silva motioned, seconded by Council Member North, to accept the award for Downtown Revitalization – 2023 San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Award. The motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

1% Public Safety Sales Tax - Measure E Overview

Sponsor: Police & Fire Department

City Manager Henderson gave the history of 1% Public Safety Sales Tax (“Measure E”). Chief Dadian and Chief Perkins presented their budget presentations. Council Member Silva asked about the potential reduction in revenue. Mr. Henderson said there is a projection of potential inflation or recession. Council Member Silva said Measure E has shown to be a very valuable tool. He asked about staffing at Fire Station 2 in the future? Chief Perkins said that will be a part of the strategic plan. It is probable in the next coming years. Mayor Palomar asked about the extractor, Chief Perkins explained how it works and that Laton’s volunteer fire department also uses it. He also discussed the turnout testing.

Council Member Silva appreciates the great collaboration with the school for School Resource Officers. It is a positive way of spending the tax money. Council Member Pursell, Jr. asked about the capital outlay for body worn cameras and the long term expenses. Chief Dadian said when we started the process, this was the cost. If we get the grant, it should be enough to get cameras for all officers and dash cams. Without the grant they will not be able to get dash cams and body worn for patrol and shared cameras for detectives. Council Member North asked about the subscription. Chief Dadian said it is a purchase with a 5 year subscription cost.

Informational - No Action Deemed Necessary

School Resource Officer Agreements for the Kingsburg High School Union School District and the Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District– Staff Report by Police Chief Neil Dadian

Sponsor: Police Department

Police Chief Neil Dadian presented the two contracts for the school resource officers, one for the elementary school and one for the high school. Council Member Silva asked how the officer’s time will be allocated to each school. Chief Dadian said while school is in session; it is their cop and they will keep us informed. When school is not in session; we will have use of the police officer for the city. Council Member Pursell, Jr. said good contract for the city, good job Chief for making it happen. Mayor Palomar appreciates what Chief has done. He would also like to thank the schools for knowing how important it is to have an officer at the schools. Chief Dadian thanked Council Member North for setting the groundwork to make this possible.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. motioned, seconded by Council Member Silva, to approve the agreements with both school districts on the condition that the respective districts adopt and execute the agreements. The motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission- Have not met.

Public Safety Committee- They met last Monday and voted to allocate the \$10,000 to the Athwal Park project for the temporary lighting in the restrooms and cameras. They continued discussions

about fentanyl awareness training. The High School wants to have training from District Attorney Smittcamp.

Chamber of Commerce- They met last week; they discussed the Swedish festival. T-Mobile came and discussed hometown grants. They have employee volunteers – will help at the Swedish Festival and may help with the fireworks.

Economic Development- They have not met.

Finance Committee- They will meet next week.

Planning Commission- They had a joint workshop.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA)- They have not met.

Downtown Business Improvement District- Nothing to report.

Council of Governments- Nothing to report.

Council Member Reports- Council Member Silva reported on the Tri-County Hospital Board meeting. Council Member Smith reported on the opening of the butterfly gardens at the zoo, thanks to Council in advance for the Swedish festival participation. Council Member North reported that the 5 cities meeting needed to be rescheduled. She recommends council members come to the Police Department for a tour. Mayor Palomar reported on Pelican's ribbon cutting and that the KHS baseball team are league champs.

City Manager's Report- City Manager Henderson reported on Governor Gavin Newsom's State Budget May Revision- there is a State short fall 31 billion, but the State did postpone the tax filing date to the fall. This is the first time with a deficient since 2009. The Fresno Business Journal front page highlighted the fiber project.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. At 7:17 P. M. Mayor Palomar adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk