

**Kingsburg City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2020**

VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (559) 207-3003 PASSCODE 5821 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO APALSGAARD@CITYOFKINGSBURG-CA.GOV. THE CUT OFF FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS WAS 07/14/2020 at 4:30pm. THEY WERE NOT READ OUT LOUD.

Invocation was given by Pastor Douglas Schoelles of Concordia Lutheran Church.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

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

Teleconference Council Members present: Laura North, Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Sherman Dix, and Mayor Michelle Roman.

Teleconference Staff present: City Attorney Michael Noland, City Engineer Dave Peters, and Police Chief Neil Dadian.

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None

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

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

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes** - Approve the minutes from the June 15, 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 June 11, 2020 through July 8, 2020 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
- 4.3 Approve the Proposed Wage Schedule** - Staff Report by Director of Administrative Services Christina Windover.
- 4.4 Approve the Agreement for Common Use of Easements and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Kingsburg** - Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters.
- 4.5 Approve the Three Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District Grant Agreements as presented** - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
- 4.6 Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Yiftee for eGift Card for Program Implementation with Yiftee**- Staff Report by Economic Development Coordinator Jolene Polyack.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Recognition of Marjorie “Margie” Buller for her dedication to the Kingsburg Community.

Presentation by Mayor Michele Roman- Mayor Roman thanked Margie for her contribution to the community, schools, and the children. Council expressed that they are so thankful for all she has done and will miss her pizza. Margie thanked everyone.

A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Palomar to Adopt Resolution 2020-042 recognizing and honoring Marjorie Buller for her dedication and service to the community of Kingsburg. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATION OF KAMM AVENUE BETWEEN BETHEL AVENUE AND GOLDEN STATE BOULEVARD BY THE KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Open Public Hearing: Mayor Roman opened the public hearing at 6:17 P. M.

Presentation City Engineer Dave Peters – Mr. Peters explained that the City has received a request to vacate a portion of Kamm Avenue and Simpson Street by Bethel Avenue. He stated that it has not been used as a road for a long time. Generally, it is only used by the two abutting parcels. Vacating it does not cause a landlocked parcel. There is a cost savings for maintaining the road. One half would go to the south and one half goes to the north.

6:20 P. M. Open for City Council Discussion – Council Member North stated that she wanted to clarify that the same property owners that asked for it are now advocating against it. City Engineer Dave Peters said that is correct. Council Member North asked how much has been spent? Mr. Peters said \$1,000-\$1,500. Council Member Dix asked why they would change their mind. Mr. Peters said that he would like the applicants to speak for themselves, but it might have to do with the portion of the 20 feet that they are going to get. City Attorney Michael Noland stated that giving the land over will help relieve City liability. Council Member Dix asked what about the other property? Mr. Peters said that he believes they are aware. The ongoing communication was discussed.

Open for Public Comment – At 6:30 P. M. Mayor Roman opened for public comment.

Laurie Dixon, property owner, stated that she called to clarify regarding their inquiry into vacating the property and their letter of public comment against it. They inquired to see what it would look like. It took a couple of years. The 20’ access that they would receive isn’t all paved so it would not be beneficial. It is surrounded by steep grade and will not be able to drive a truck on it. It is the main entrance to the property.

Amy Corgiant, the other property owner affected by the vacation, stated that they are for this. She said that people pull into there to dump junk. They would extend their oleanders to deter vehicles from driving there and dumping.

Council Member Dix discussed having a compromise before he can vote to vacate. He would be open to negotiating with the other property owner.

Close Public Comment – At 6:43 P. M. Mayor Roman closed the Public Comment period.

Continued City Council Discussion – At 6:43 P. M. Mayor Roman opened for continued Council discussion. Council Member Dix stated that before we vacate, he would want something in place that would work for both property owners. Council Member Hurtado agreed. City Attorney Michael Noland stated that the City cannot force landowners into an agreement. Council can continue to a further date to see if the property owners can come to an agreement. He said that property owners not agreeing is not a valid reason to not vacate a property that is no longer needed and is a liability to the City.

A motion was made by Council Member North to Adopt Resolution 2020-043 vacating portions of Kamm Avenue and Simpson Street (Golden State Boulevard) as shown in Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B”. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Dix to continue this matter to the 8/19/2020 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Palomar and passed, four in favor, Council Member North voting “no”.

Caltrans Presentation on SR99

Presentation by Caltrans Project Manager Gilberto Baca, and Sgt. Matt Renke, California Highway Patrol.

Mr. Baca discussed the measure they have taken to slow traffic and grant easier access to the freeway during the construction and lane split. Sgt. Renke stated that we are stepping up patrols due to the crash levels. We will be meeting with Kingsburg Police and Fire Departments to provide information regarding access points.

Council thanked them for calling in and showing concern. They discussed a speed trailer for people getting on the 99 north from Sierra and the terrible road conditions and the confusing lines. CHP Sgt. said to please call. There have been over 35 documented crashes in that area.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Update

City Manager Alexander Henderson stated that local churches are working on outdoor services and restaurants are doing outdoor dining. He reviewed mask requirements stating that anyone who works with the public will have to wear a mask. He said that there was 18% unemployment numbers for June.

Council discussed local businesses receiving the \$5,000 grants, businesses not complying with orders and maybe having to enforce in the future. They also discussed yard sales.

Informational – No Action Necessary

Crime Statistics Report for the Month of June 2020 and General Police Department Update- Crime Statistics Report prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.

Chief Dadian briefly updated Council on crime numbers staying low. Two residents were arrested for child abuse, a strong case that they have been working on for months. He stated that he would like to do a 10-year report, but he is waiting for FBI stats to come out.

Council asked about the school resource officer and thanked the Police Department.

Informational- No Action Necessary

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Council Member North reported that it has not met.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that it has not met.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Hurtado reported that its meeting was cancelled.

Economic Development Committee – City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that it has not met, but on the Consent Calendar Council approved an agreement with a gift card program for Kingsburg businesses.

Finance Committee – Council Member Dix reported that it has not met.

Planning Commission – City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that it did not meet in July.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) – Council Member Dix reported that it has not met.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that the Linnaea Villa Project is moving forward

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

Council Member Hurtado stated that she wanted to recognize that July 26, 2020 will be the 30th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting – Mayor Michelle Roman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council at 8:09 P. M.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk