

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
August 25, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Mayor Cullen.

FLAG SALUTE: The flag salute was led by Mayor Cullen.

ROLL CALL:

City Council: Council Members Belinda Hendrickson, Michael LeBarre, Darlene Acosta, Mayor Pro Tem Karen Jernigan, and Mayor Robert Cullen
City Staff: City Manager, Michael Powers, Chief of Police, Ron Forgue
Absent: City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz

AGENDA REVIEW

No reported changes

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Cullen announced no reportable action taken during closed session.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Cullen presented proclamation for Roger and Cheryll Hill in appreciation for over 20 years of coaching King City High School Swim Team and Monterey Bay Swim Club. Council applaud and thanked them for their volunteering their time and leadership skills.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Debbie Narvaez, SEIU Local 521 Regional Director, expressed frustration with City Chief negotiator to reach MOU agreement.

Christopher Craig, Police Officer Association President provided clarification on process of negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with City.

Horacio Ramirez- Asked for clarification on how to appeal city decision to reject claim he submitted against City.

Charles Mitchell, Mitchell Technologies, Owner, explained local business and asked for clarification on further bid consideration.

Miriam Rodriguez- Explained experience with animal control officer.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Council member LeBarre thanked Police Department Staff. Council member Acosta thanked Police Department for all efforts. Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan explained efforts to promote city tourism. Council member Hendrickson, attended Girls Inc. breakfast event, will be attending TAMC meeting. Mayor Cullen thanked Council member Hendrickson for her ongoing efforts with Komfort Court. Announced upcoming Chamber Events. Explained City received notice from California Legislature Audit Committee notifying the city they had received request for State Auditor to conduct an audit of King City Police Department. He added, both Chief Forgue and himself attending hearing, and clarified request for audit was initiated by Assemblyman Luis Alejo and questions motives for audit. He further explained audit was placed under consent agenda item, which did not permit discussion. Mayor Cullen expressed he has mixed emotions on audit but adds he personally welcomes audit to ultimately analyze findings for further ways and strategies to continue to improve the police department.

CITY STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Powers reported City Pools continue to be open in evening and weekends, Staff continues to work on Code Enforcement Cases, first quarter of sales tax collections ended in July, expects to receive analysis breakdown report by end of September. Met with Queen Motel property Owner on possibilities to submit proposal to rebuild facility. Chief Forgue, explained department continues to

make changes and improvements, and expresses he welcomes audit, but disagrees with city providing or using any funds towards audit. He welcomes any input on recommendations for department.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Monthly Treasurer's Report-July 2015
- B. Monthly Check Register- July 2015

City Manager explained minor comments were received on above items.

Action: Motion to approve above items made by Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan Seconded by Council member LeBarre.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2015
- B. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- C. Monthly Check Register
- D. Award of IT contract to Alvarez Technologies

Mayor Cullen pulled item D.

Action: Motion to approve Items A, B, C, made by council member LeBarre, seconded by council member Hendrickson.

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan and Mayor Cullen,

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

City Manager provided background on item D, and explained city received IT Technology proposals for City IT services, which staff have evaluated proposals and clarified it is staff recommendation to award work to Alvarez Technology. Public Comment by Charles Mitchell: Provided clarification on submitted rates on in his proposal for IT services. Mayor Cullen thanked Charles Technologies for services. Further discussion on City's Bid process. Pro tem Jernigan expressed she would be interested in reviewing proposals. City Manager answered council questions on process to awarding bids. Council member Acosta commended Alvarez Technologies for services provided at other facilities.

Action: Motion to approve items D, made by council member LeBarre, seconded by council member Acosta.

Council member Hendrickson expressed she prefers to pull item for further review.

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, LeBarre, and Mayor Cullen,

NOES: Council Members: Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members: Council member Hendrickson

2. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Consideration of Contract with Opterra for Solar Energy Infrastructure- City Manager provided staff report on item and explained item is in consideration of Opterra Contract for solar energy infrastructures. He then briefly described project and explained project will ultimately result in about \$30,000 in monthly savings and added solar panels will be installed at several areas such as City Park, and city sewer plant. He added item has been presented to council previously in

which staff was directed to bring legal counsel to assist with review of potential contract, for possible approval. He clarified project will be financed by city and project will be paid for out of savings of the energy offset. Council member LeBarre expressed he is happy project will result in money savings for the city. Council member Acosta expressed she appreciates staff efforts in project and believes this will be a good investment. Council member Hendrickson asked for further clarification on project finance and payment process. City Manager clarified no payments by city are immediate required and answered councils questions.

Action: Motion to approve contract with Optera for Solar Energy made by Council member LeBarre, seconded by Council member Acosta.

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan and Mayor Cullen

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

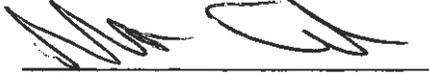
- A. Discussion and presentation on district elections. Mayor Cullen provided background information on item and explained item is only on for discussion and it's an opportunity for public and council to receive more information. Mayor Cullen explained city received letter from LULAC, dated March 26, 2015 requesting city consider district elections, and further added council has proceeded to receive more information on different elements of district elections. He proceeded to introduced Douglas Johnson, President National Demographics Corporation who then conducted presentation on California Voting Rights Act and provided city's elections and voting demographics. Mr. Johnson then answered council's questions. Mayor Cullen welcomed public comment. Public comment as followed:
About 20 speakers spoke and shared their views, opinions and concerns on establishing district elections. Mayor Cullen clarified item is only for discussion and no formal action will be taken. Mr. Johnson proceeded to answer council's questions. Staff to continue to research item to be added to future agenda.
- B. Discussion on California Water Service proposed water rate increase- City Manager introduced item and explained proposed consolidated rate program proposed by Cal Water. He explained staff recommended council direct staff to prepare letter in support of consolidated rates and work with Cal Water to submit to Public Utilities Commission. Council LeBarre shared concerns with consolidation and Cal Water distribution policies. Council directed staff to follow up with Cal Water for information on Cal Water structure and water distribution system. City Manager explained city has consider managing water system in the past. Mayor clarified item and added discussion should be focus on the possible approval of letter. City Manager added council's direction at prior meeting was to submit draft letter for council's consideration, and provided a brief analysis of timeline of process for city to consider managing city water distribution. Mayor Pro Tem expressed she is in favor to receive further information. Cal Water Local District Manager Mark Bloom answered council's questions and explained process of application to consolidation and timeline of approval. Staff to provide council with further information and bring item further consideration.
- C. Discussion on Strategic Planning-City Manager provided background information on item and explained item is presented as council previously directed staff to seek proposals for strategic planning facilitator to assist city develop vision and related matters. He noted, staff has received proposal as included in staff report and explained it is up to council's decision to have

one day strategic planning or a similar setting. Discussion on council availability and possible methods to conduct session followed.

Action: strategic planning to be conducted upon new city manager arrival.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cullen adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Approved Signatures:



Mayor, Robert Cullen
City of King



City Clerk, Steven Adams
City of King