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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, October 19, 2026
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on October 19, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

This meeting is physically open to the Public and citizens who wish to provide public comment during the meeting will be invited to do so by the Mayor.

Written comments can be submitted to be included as part of the administrative record; they will not be read during the meeting. All comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370, or via email to nmccutchen@sonoraca.com.

Public Access Audio and Video Live Streaming

The Public will not have access to give public comments via public access audio and video live streaming; they are available for audio and visual only; and can be accessed via our website at www.sonoraca.com.

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CITY COUNCIL appreciates your interest and encourages participation. Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

The numerical order of the items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon request of the Mayor or Council Members. All questions shall be directed to the Mayor who, at their discretion, will refer to Staff.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Council Members Bess Levine, Stephen Opie, Mark Plummer

City Administrator Christopher Gorsky

City Attorney Douglas White

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OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a three (3) minute presentation.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Receive a Presentation on the Sonora City Council Events Update from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce; Katie Dunn, Executive Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

B. Receive a Presentation from Visit Tuolumne County on the Quarterly Marketing Update; Lisa Mayo, President and CEO; Myrka Cringle, Marketing and Communications Manager; and Amariah Richards, Business Development Manager.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

A. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2026; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

B. Consider Acceptance of an Informational Report for September 2026 Accounts Payable Payment Register and Void Report; Liz Peterson, Administrative Services Director.

C. Consider Acceptance of Payroll Disbursements Totaling \$726,152.44 for August and September 2026, as follows:

August 2026: \$186,327.72 and \$184,461.14, totaling \$370,788.86.

September 2026: \$170,014.11 and \$185,349.47, Totaling \$355,363.58.

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These Disbursements Include Employee Salaries, Employer and Employee Taxes, Retirement Contributions, Voluntary Employee Deductions, Holiday pay, and other Applicable Payroll Adjustments, Including Retroactive Pay.

Nicole McCutchen, Administrative Services Officer/City Clerk.

D. Consider Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing October 23, 2026, as Civil Aviation Appreciation Day in the City of Sonora; Nicole McCutchen, Administrative Services Officer/City Clerk.

E. Review and Discuss Adding to a Future Agenda a Proclamation Recognizing October 28, 2026, as National First Responders Day; Liz Peterson, Administrative Services Director.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Waive the First Reading, Read by Title Only and Introduce Ordinance No. 918 of the Sonora City Council a Text Amendment to Ordinance 916, Modifying Section 8.50.040 Tobacco Product Pricing and Packaging by Deletion of Certain Subsections of the City's Tobacco Retail Licensing Municipal Code Language; and

1. Determine Amendments of Section 8.50.040 not a Project in Accordance with Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines as the Appropriate Level of Environmental Review in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines; and

2. Introduce Ordinance No. 918 Amending Chapter 8.50 to Title 8 of the City of Sonora Municipal Code regarding Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL).

Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

B. Receive the Withdrawal of the Appeal Submitted by Use Permit Applicants Fred and Rhonda Buess Concerning the Proposed Additional Activities, Including Lunch/Brunch Service and Special Events, at 253 Knowles Hill Drive, and Take no Further Action on the Appeal; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Approval of the Statement of Work No. 5 with Diamond Digital Marketing Co. for Expanded Social Media, Public Relations, and Communications Services, Effective October 19, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the Amount of \$20,800, and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Agreement; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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