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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, September 15, 2025
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on September 15, 2025, 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 tskelly@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 Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency Designated Representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Employee Organization: Sonora Fire Fighters Association (SFFA).

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4): One (1) Potential Case; Douglas White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claim - Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.95: One (1) Potential Case, Claimant: Tourte; Agency Claimed Against: City of Sonora; Chris Gorsky, Assistant City Administrator.

- 5. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

- 6. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**
- 7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 8. ROLL CALL**
- 9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING**
- 10. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 11. 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.

- 12. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a Presentation from the Sierra Nevada Energy Watch (SNEW) Program Staff Outlining Benchmarking completed for the City of Sonora; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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B. Receive an Introduction of Brittan Gregory, Sonora Fire Chief; Interim Fire Chief Gary Carlson.

13. 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 Acceptance of an Informational Report for August 2025 Accounts Payable Payment Register and Void Report; Chris Gorsky, Assistant City Administrator

B. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$207,352.57, and \$198,018.54 for Payroll, Including Employee Salaries, Employer and Employee Taxes, Retirement Contributions, Miscellaneous Voluntary Employee Deductions, Holiday Pay, and Other Adjustments, Including Retro-Pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer/City Clerk.

C. Consider Approval of Resolution 09-15-2025-A, Authorizing the Closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and Certain City Streets for the 2025 Sonora Union High School Homecoming Parade; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

D. Consider Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Sonora and CAL FIRE to Allow the Use of Conservation Camp Crews for Fuels Management, Hazard Reduction, and Conservation Projects Within the City of Sonora; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Receive an Update on the City of Sonora Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Negotiations with California Waste Recovery Systems, LLC for Subscription-Based Solid Waste, Recycling, and Green Waste Collection and Management Services with Direction to Proceed with Proposition 218 Compliance Procedures, and Provide Direction on the Distribution of the Modified Recycling Revenue Share Program; Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Allowing Alcohol Vendors at the Sonora Farmers Market for the Remainder of the 2025 Market Season and for Future Market Years; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City Hall (209) 532-4541, tskelly@sonoraca.com. Notification 48 hours prior to the

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meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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