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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 01, 2024
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, 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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Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 07/15/2024

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:04 PM.

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

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro- Tem Ann Segerstrom stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Matt Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

**Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Suzanne Cruz
Councilmember Matt Hawkins
Councilmember Andy Merrill**

**Leaving early at 6:00 PM
Suzanne Cruz**

ABSENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 1:51 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

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.

A member of the public made comments to the City Council.

A member of the public informed those in attendance of the Tuolumne County Volunteer Fair on April 4, 2024.

Stephene Tune, Vice President Sonora Chamber of Commerce introduced Dana Bachman as the new Community Engagement Specialist; and informed those in attendance of the upcoming Sidewalk Sale, opera at the Opera House and their new web site.

Laurie Livingston, Executive Director Tuolumne County Arts Alliance updated those in attendance on the Heartland Grant activities, Earth Day festivities, Cinco De Mayo, 2nd Saturday and the Youth Art Show; and April is Arts, Culture and Creativity Month.

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Love Tuolumne County informed those in attendance on the projects they were working on; and shared they would like to partner with the City on future projects.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Consider Authorization of a Proclamation Recognizing the Month of March 2024 as Red Cross Month.
3. Consider Authorization of a Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month.
4. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg.

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg updated those in attendance the County is still looking at the housing issue and safe parking for the unhoused; there will be a Special Board Meeting for Title 17; the County has scheduled town hall meetings, the new Sheriff will also be scheduling town hall meetings; and the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee needs a representative from the City.

5. Receive an Introduction of Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Finance Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.
6. Receive a Presentation on the Promotion of Peter Doppe to Fire Captain.

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.

7. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$157,315.58 and \$163,528.47 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.
8. Consider Approval of the Sonora Police Department's Military Equipment Use Report as Required by Assembly Bill 481; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
9. Consider Authorization of the Sonora Fire Department to Submit 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant, Authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to Execute all Documents Relating to the Grant Applications, and Direct the Fire Chief to Return to the City Council with the Application Results and to Accept the Awards.
10. Consider Approval of the Special Event Request as Submitted by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to Host the Summer Concert Series at Cofill Park for 2024; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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No public comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Completed Community Wildfire Protection Plan; Aimee New, Fire Chief, Melissa Eads. City Administrator. <https://cwpp.tuolumnefiresafe.org>

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg echoes Chief New' s comments on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, for all of the communities coming together to have a plan to move forward for safer wildland fire preparedness; and is happy everyone involved is on the same page as this is a collaborative effort.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

12. Consider Adoption of Resolution 04-01-2024-A, Dissolving the Successor Agency, and Request the Oversight Board and Auditor-Controller for Formal Dissolution upon their review and concurrence; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

No public comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

13. Consider Approval of the Acquisition of the Real Property Located at the Corner of Church and Stewart Streets (APN # 002-151-012) in the Amount of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and 38/100 Dollars (\$124,942.38) and Authorize the City Administrator or Designee to Sign and Finalize all Documents Associated with the Purchase; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg stated it is very nice to see the City purchase this property, it is good for the City, and it is nice the seller can donate the proceeds back to local charities.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

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14. Consider Approval of the City Administrator to Execute Agreements with iWorQ Systems for Software Systems Needed to Streamline and Modernize Processes, Data Storage, Citizen Interaction, Payment Processing, Complaint Tracking, and Controls for the Public Works, Community Development, and Facilities Departments in an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,000 in Annual Costs, and \$14,000 in Initial Set up Costs Including Pavement Condition Assessments; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

No public comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Seconded by Councilmember Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

15. Consider Approval and Adoption of Resolution 04-01-2024-B for Program Supplemental Agreement (PSA) and Resolution for Master Agreement Administering Agency-State Agreement Federal Aid Projects (Resolution) for Federal Aid Agreement No. 10-5010F15 supporting the City of Sonora's Gold Rush Multi-Use Path, Phase I. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

No public comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

MONTHLY REPORTS

16. Receive the Administrative Services Department Monthly Report for January 2024; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
17. Receive the Fire Department Monthly Report – February 2024
18. Receive the Sonora Police Department Monthly Report for February 2024; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
19. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department Monthly Report for February 2024; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COMMUNICATIONS

20. Gaining Purchase: How Three Cities Overcame the Pandemic-Fueled Retail Blues; Article by Western City.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Andy Merrill is proud of the public and private partnership between the Tuolumne County Supervisors and Caltrans and for the work they have done at the bridge/Elsies pond, the county government takes this very seriously, and huge hats off to Caltrans for doing all the cleanup work; and has been invited to attend the California Democratic Party Tuolumne Event.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins congratulations to the new Councilmember Elects, is excited to see this new generation, and is looking forward to the future of Sonora; and plans to stay very active in the City and the County after his term.

Mayor Pro- Tem Ann Segerstrom welcomed Bess and Stephen to the Council; attended the Community College District Strategic Planning meeting, Chamber Mixer at the Aronos Research Club, Pebbles in the Pond event, and the Sister City Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:33 PM.

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Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Administrator's Office at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). The agenda and supporting public documents are also available on our City website www.sonoraca.com listed under the agenda/minutes link on the Government page.

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