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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023
5:00 PM**

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 09/16/2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, 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 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT:

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81193397821?pwd=UGdrRTcyaFFac3o0b2JQK2FmMTRyUT09>

Dial: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 811 9339 7821

Passcode: 906625

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.sonoraca.com.

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.

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

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.
2. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Aimee New, Fire Chief; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiations, Government Code Section § 54956.8
Property: 136 Columbia Way, Sonora, CA, Tuolumne County 95370 Agency Negotiators: Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiations, Government Code Section § 54956.8
Property: 326 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA, Tuolumne County 95370 Agency Negotiators: Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff, returning to closed session after open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted Friday, August 18, 2023, at 2:28 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Councilmember Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, 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. If participating via Zoom, please raise your hand using the Raise Your Hand feature or dial *9 (*6 to unmute).*

Lantern of Light informed those in attendance of Suicide Prevention Month, and the upcoming event at the fairgrounds.

Katie Dunn President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone who attended their open house; the next mixer is at Heritage Self Storage and is co-hosted with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce; and announced the band for the second to the last concert in the park.

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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.

5. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$184,334.87 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.

No public comment.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz asked to pull Items #6 and #7 to discuss in further detail.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill, for Item #5.

6. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 892 - Chapter 15.28, Signs, Amendment; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

No public comment.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

7. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 893, Amending Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.16 Salaries, and adds Section 2.16.100 to 2.16.102 City Council Compensation; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

No public comment.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Mark Plummer, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

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NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider approval of the 40th Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-21-2023-A, authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street and Stockton Road), along with certain other City Streets, and designating “No Parking” locations for the 2023 Christmas Parade and for the Trolley stop.

Request the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem represent the City in the Christmas Parade.

Release the three-hour parking restrictions from Monday, November 13, 2023, through Tuesday, January 2, 2023, within the downtown corridor, which includes all streets within Zone A; this does not apply to trailer parking. Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

No public comment.

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

9. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-21-2023-B approving the reallocation of CDBG Program Income funding for the activities included under CDBG Grant Agreement #22-CDBG-PI-00009; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

No public comment.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

10. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for June 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director
11. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department Report for July 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
12. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for July 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
13. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for July 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

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14. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for July 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COMMUNICATIONS

15. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update Flyer.
16. Email and Pictures to Tuolumne County regarding Homelessness Crisis.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the League of California Cities Mayors and Councilmembers Round Table; PG&E Fire Prevention Town Hall meeting; and met with the Sonora PD to discuss neighborhood robberies.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC), and Solid Waste Committee meetings.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended YES Partnership, Central Sierra Economic Development District, and Visit Tuolumne County meetings; and is paying attention to AB 1337, SB 389 and AB 460.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins had nothing to report.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Sonora Chamber Grand Opening, and Tuolumne County Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:48 PM to close session.

Reconvened into open session.

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

Adjourned in the six o'clock hour.

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