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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, April 17, 2023
5:00 PM**

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 10/21/2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 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:

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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**

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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

Adjourned at 4:01 PM.

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Doug White, City Attorney; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
2. 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 Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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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 on Friday, April 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM.

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).*

A member of Tuolumne Community Review Council shared their findings in a report titled Discrimination in Tuolumne County Amplifying the Voices of the Marginalized.

Katie Dunn President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce shared with those in attendance Compassion Outreach assisted with the cleanup of a homeless encampment; and the next mixer is at Wildbud Floral Co.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Receive a presentation from the Small Business Association (SBA) regarding recovery assistance for businesses and residents affected by the severe winter storms; Luis Santos, SBA Public Information Officer.
4. Introduction and Swearing in of Community Service Officer Cynthia Hawkins; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

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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 \$162,364.78 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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Consider the discussion of political signs in Ordinance No. 887, which amends Chapter 15.28, Signs, of Title 15, Buildings and Construction, of the Sonora Municipal Code, and repeals it in its entirety and replaces it with a new Chapter 15.28, Signs; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

Mayor Mark Plummer explained to those in attendance why he brought back Ordinance 887.

The Council, Community Development Director Rachele Kellogg and the City Attorney discussed Ordinance 887.

A member of the public suggested a compromise of the size of the signs.

The Council, City Administrator Melissa Eads and the City Attorney agreed to bring back with changes and further discussion.

No motion was made.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider acceptance of the Master Equity Lease Agreement and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Sonora and Enterprise Fleet Management Inc. and authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreements; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky presented the Lease and Maintenance Agreement.

The Council discussed the Agreements and shared their support.

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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

8. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department Report for February 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
9. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department Report for March 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
10. Receive the Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
11. Receive the Sonora Police Department Monthly Report for March 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
12. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department Report for March 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Pro-tem Ann Segerstrom asked Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg to make "No Dogs Allowed" signs bigger at the Farmers Market.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel thanked the Council for approving the lease agreements with Enterprise and thanked Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky for all his hard work.

Councilmember Andy Merrill thanked Police Chief Turu VanderWiel for his action during the Emergency event at the high school, and the other agencies that supported the Sonora Police Department.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins reflected on his time on the Council and is thankful to be here.

Mayor Pro-tem Ann Segerstrom joined the Mayor and Chief VanderWiel to meet Senator Maria Alvarado-Gil; and enjoyed Pat Perry's follow up with historical tid-bits.

Councilmember Andy Merrill spoke about the Tuolumne County Committee on Homelessness meeting; and attended the ATCAA meeting where they voted in new Board Members.

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Councilmember Suzanne Cruz went to New Mexico for Women in the Outdoors put on by the Fish and Game Department; attended the Homelessness Board of Supervisors meeting; there is a Mother Earth Celebration at Woods Creek Rotary Park April 21st and 22nd; and YES Partnership will be presenting the Not My Kid Program on April 26th at Sierra Bible Church.

Mayor Mark Plummer detailed the meeting with Senator Alvarado-Gil.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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