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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, November 04, 2024
5:00 PM**

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 11/18/2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on November 4, 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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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.

Remote viewing of the meeting via live streaming is provided to members of the public as a courtesy. If the live streaming connection malfunctions for any reason and no Council Members are attending via teleconference, the City Council will continue the public meeting in Chambers without remote access.

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 Suzanne Cruz
Council Members Bess Levine, Andy Merrill, Stephen Opie
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 Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie

ARRIVING LATE

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:01 PM.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Liability Claim (Government Code Section §54956.95): Two (2) Potential Cases, Claimant: **Canning**, Claimant: **Thompson**; Agency Claimed Against: City of Sonora; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
2. Public Employment (Government Code Section §54957): **Building Official**; 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 Ann Segerstrom reported direction was given to staff.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Andy Merrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 1:50 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Andy Merrill, Councilmember Stephen Opie

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.

No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg; Melissa Eads, City Manager. (10 minutes)

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg informed those in attendance on October 29th the City and County had a Leadership meeting; the County is waiting for the votes to come in tomorrow on Measure Z and A; attended a meeting with members from the County, Yosemite National Park Leadership, Visit Tuolumne County and the Lodging Association to discuss the impact of Yosemite National Parks Reservation system; and shared the status of the Sherriff's Office 911 Dispatch Center.

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.

4. Consider Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; September 3, 2024; and September 16, 2024; Deputy City Clerk, Stacy Enos-Del Razo

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Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Stephen Opie. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Andy Merrill, Councilmember Stephen Opie

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report, there have been no committee meetings; and have been working hard at regular life.

Councilmember Bess Levine had nothing to report from committees or commissions; attended Trick or Treat Street, it was wonderful, safe and a great time for families and kids; and the police were out walking the streets making it safe for the kids.

Councilmember Andy Merrill echoed Councilmember Levine's comments; had great group of trick or treaters; the City looked welcoming and safe.

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz reminded those in attendance Veteran's Day is Monday November 11th; and if you would like to purchase a flag for a family member or Veteran, please go to the Sonora Sunrise Rotary Field of Honor at Standard Park.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended a Special Meeting for Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and will be attending the next meeting on Wednesday; toured the Senior Center; attended Blue Zones dedication for disc golf course at Cassina High; bought a ticket to the Fire Fighters Ball and asked for a report out on the Ball.

Fire Chief Aimee New informed those in attendance there was a great turn out and a good time, it was a successful event and look forward to the 165th next year.

Councilmember Andy Merrill added additional information he received; Yosemite Community College District is considering turning the Dome into a third campus and Performing Arts Center; and there will be digital meeting on December 14th.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom added the City will have a truck for the Christmas Parade and is looking for Volunteers to ride on the truck, please contact Melissa or myself if you are interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:24 PM.

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