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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, June 01, 2026
5:00 PM**

Approved by Sonora City Council

June 15, 2026

Nicole McCutchen
Nicole McCutchen, City Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on June 1, 2026 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 nmccutchen@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 Christopher Gorsky

City Attorney Douglas White

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OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie (arrived after the gavel)

Councilmember Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 3:08 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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.

Kate Segerstrom addressed the Council.

A member of the public addressed the Council and made suggestions.

Mike Lemke addressed the Council.

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.

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1. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2026; Stacy Enos-Del Razo; Deputy City Clerk.
2. Consider Approval of Resolution 06-01-2026-A, Authorizing Temporary "No Parking" Zones along Certain City Streets during the 2026 Mother Lode Fair; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill made a comment on Item #2.

3. Consider Adoption of Resolution 06-01-2026-B, Approving a List of Projects to Receive Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding (RMRA); Carlye Buchholz, P.E., P.L.S., City Engineer.

A member of the public addressed the Council on Item 3.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Waive the First Reading, Read by Title Only, and Introduce Ordinance No. 916 of the Sonora City Council Amending the City of Sonora Municipal Code to Add Chapter 8.50 to Title 8 Regulating Tobacco Product Sales and Consider a Fee Schedule for Tobacco Retailer Licenses; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

Tyler Summersett Community Development Director gave an update on Ordinance No. 916, and discussed the Items the Council recommended to be removed.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

No public comment.

Councilmembers continued to discuss and ask questions.

Katie Johnson Tuolumne Public Health assisted in answering the Council's questions.

Councilmembers continued to discuss.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider Approval of the Removal of Two Crosswalks on S. Washington Street to Enhance Pedestrian Safety; Carlye Buchholz, P.E., P.L.S., City Engineer.

Carlye Buchholz City Engineer introduced the removal of two crosswalks on S. Washington Street including, the crosswalk at S. Washington Street and Church Street; and the crosswalk at S. Washington Street and June Street.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

Owen Ragland addressed the Council.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

Turu VanderWiel Police Chief addressed the Council.

Councilmembers continued to discuss and ask questions.

Carlye Buchholz City Engineer made additional comments.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom made final comments.

**Motion made by Councilmember Mark Plummer, Seconded by Councilmember Stephen Opie. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Stephen Opie, Councilmember Mark Plummer
Voting Nay: Councilmember Bess Levine, Vice Mayor Andy Merrill**

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bess Levine attended the ribbon cutting at Woods Creek Park.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill attended the ribbon cutting at Woods Creek Park.

Councilmember Mark Plummer attended budget meetings; and the ribbon cutting at Woods Creek Park.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the Save the Dome Roof Campaign; the ribbon cutting at Woods Creek Park; and budget meetings.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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