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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, May 04, 2026
5:00 PM

Approved by the Sonora City
Council May 18, 2026

Nicole McCutchen
Nicole McCutchen,
City Clerk

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

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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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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie

Councilmember Mark Plummer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel—Consideration of Initiation of Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)) (one matter); Douglas White, City Attorney, Chris Gorsky, City Administrator, Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ann Segerstrom stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie

Councilmember Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, May 1, 2026, at 9:20 am.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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 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.

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.

2. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2026; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.
3. Review and Discuss Adding to a Future Agenda a Proclamation Recognizing National Travel and Tourism Week, May 3-9, 2026, and California Tourism Month (May 2026); Ann Segerstrom, Mayor.

Councilmember Mark Plummer clarified when the Proclamation would appear on the next Agenda.

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4. Consider Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/26, for the period ended March 31, 2026; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

No public comment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider Approval of Resolution 05-4-2026-A Recognizing and Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the City of Sonora's Incorporation; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator; and

Receive a Presentation from Pat Perry on the History of Sonora.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator read to those in attendance Resolution 05-4-2026-A Recognizing and Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the City of Sonora's Incorporation.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom extended gratitude and thanks to the public officials who recognized the significant occasion and milestone in Sonora's history; Marla Livengood League of California Cities for assistance in contacting the public officials; and the Union Democrat.

Historian Pat Perry presented an abridged version of the History of Sonora and its development.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom thanked the Community Development Department for creating the banners on Washington Street.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill shared additional Historic information.

A member of the public representing District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland read a statement on Sonora's 175th Anniversary.

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

Mayor Ann Segerstrom thanked Historian Pat Perry for her presentation.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bess Levine had nothing to report.

Councilmember Mark Plummer attended Cable 8 - Access Tuolumne.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill had no official City business to report and shared information on Sonora Cat Rescue.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the Cal LAFCO 201 Seminar; Safe Streets for All meeting; and commended the Columbia College Spring Concert.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

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