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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting - AMENDED
Minutes
Monday, May 05, 2025
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on May 5, 2025, 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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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 Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 05/19/2025

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Mark Plummer

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Councilmember Stephen Opie

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency Designated Representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Assistant City Administrator; Will Creger, City Attorney; Employee Organization: Sonora Management Employees Association (SMEA).
2. Conference with Legal Council - Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): Lee Pagni vs. City of Sonora et al. (Superior Court of Tuolumne County; Case No. CV66705)
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code § 54956.8), Property: APN 056-570-059; Area Near Intersection of Sanguinetti Road and Old Wards Ferry Road; Agency Negotiator: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Buyer Negotiator: Cal Gold Development Corp.; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:07 PM.

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ann Segerstrom stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Stephen Opie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 2, 2025 at 1:32 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.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

Mike Lemke addressed the Council.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland attended the Habitat for Humanity Dinner; discussed with the Council the County's budget; Yosemite reservations; Golden Mussels; and the Grand Jury Report.

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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 the City of Sonora Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.
6. Receive the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.
7. Consider Approval of Out-of-State Travel for the City Administrator and the Police Chief to Attend the Station Design Conference in Glendale, AZ, from May 19th to May 22, 2025, and Approve Associated Travel Expenses; Chris Gorsky, Assistant Administrator.

Councilmember Mark Plummer asked to pull Item 7 for further discussion.

City Administrator Melissa Eads addressed the Council.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel made additional comments.

Councilmembers discussed and made comments.

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

8. Consider Appointing a Negotiation Team for Upcoming Labor Negotiations with the City's Employee Associations; Chris Gorsky, Assistant City Administrator.

For Item Numbers 5, 6, and 8 the following Vote took place.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bess Levine had nothing to report.

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Councilmember Mark Plummer had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill attended Ad Hoc meetings for ATCAA (Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency) and the Homelessness Committee; and participated as a faculty member in the Columbia College graduation.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the dedication of the Overpass Silhouettes at Railtown; El Campo de Sonora meeting; and collected pet food for Love Tuolumne County.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:32 PM.

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