

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 05/06/2024

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 52953(E) AND THE CITY OF SONORA CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 01-17-2023-A.

THIS MEETING IS PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT:

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81193397821?pwd=UGdrRTcyaFFac3o0b2JQK2FmMTRyUT09>

Dial: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 811 9339 7821

Passcode: 906625

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.sonoraca.com.

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.

CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

JOINING LATE

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session 4:06 PM.

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:10 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Merrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Cruz

Councilmember Hawkins

Councilmember Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The agenda was posted on Friday, February 3, 2023, at 1:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive an update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg.

First District Supervisor David Goldberg updated those in attendance that the Safety Advisory Vegetation Management Ordinance was in place. Columbia Fire Protection, the County did commit to on working forwards a new agreement with Cal Fire for a Schedule A Station. Homelessness, looking at additional homes to possibly purchase, looking into safe parking and partnering up with Faith Based groups, No Profits and Mother Lode Job Training. The Dome, a meeting is set between the County and City to see what can be done. Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors Workshop, met with Department Heads to develop a legislative platform. Court House in downtown Sonora will not have a chain link fence placed around it.

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).*

Katie Dunn, President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce informed those in attendance the results of the Chamber Survey from January 20th - 25th, 2023.

Katie Dunn, Board Chair of Visit Tuolumne informed those in attendance of the results of the marketing completed by Madden Voyage Media from over the holidays.

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.

No public comments.

3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$163,327.37 for payroll, inclusive of 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.
4. Consider approval of Resolution 02-06-2023-A ending the proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora due to the Washington Fire; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

No public comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Segerstrom. Voting Yea: Mayor Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Segerstrom, Councilmember Cruz, Councilmember Hawkins and Councilmember Merrill.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider approval of a Contract Award to Citygate Associates LLC in the amount of \$73,317 for the completion of the Organization Review and Strategic Financial Plan.

A member of the public commented on the contract award to Citygate Associated LLC and agreed with the City Council, it is money well spent to add the Homelessness Clause to the contract now and not wait and amend the contract at a later date.

A member of the public commented on the addition of the Homeless Clause in the Contract and stated, it should be included in the contract upfront as Homelessness needs to be a priority, we need not be penny wise and pound foolish.

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.

6. Consider acceptance of the Fiscal Year 22/23 Mid-Year Budget Update with recommended changes and consider approval of Budget Adjustments as Presented; Requires a 4/5th vote; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

No Public Comment.

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.

7. Consider approval of Resolution 02-06-2023-B to submit an application to the Executive Officer of the Tuolumne County Local Area Formation Commission for exemption under Government Code Section 56134 for out-of-area fire contract services; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

A member of the public commented in support of Resolution 02-06-2023-B.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Aimee New informed those in attendance this was her last City Council meeting in her 40's, she also discussed the progress of applying for more Grants.

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg informed those in attendance on the progress of Tree Clean up.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky had nothing to report.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel informed those in attendance of the upcoming Tuolumne County Special Olympics Polar Plunge, gave an update on the Fundraiser for the new K-9, and shared his feelings and the Departments feeling on the Memphis incident.

City Administrator Melissa Eads had nothing to report.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins attended the Columbia Jazz event and spoke highly of Sonora PD, Tuolumne County Sherrifs an the CHP.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended the Cable Access meeting, gave an update on finding a permanent location for Studio Musical Hour, Safe parking for the Homeless and continued clean up activities on Child Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the quarterly Drought Monitor meeting, SURF, Vision Sonora and listened to the Cal Cities Speakers Series; chaired the dissolved Oversight Board of the Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Sonora (OBSARA).

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended the workshop for League of California Cities, sends thoughts and prayers to the people in Turkey and Syria after the earthquake.

Mayor Mark Plummer updated those in attendance of Measure Y.

ADJOURNMENT

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