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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 07, 2023
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, 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 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 COMMENTS.

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.

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 07/15/2024

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OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Andy Merrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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).*

Lisa Mayo, President & CEO Visit Tuolumne introduced Chelsea Davis a Bay Area Influencer who will be in Sonora to promote Summer Wellness Adventure.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive an introduction of Fire Engineer Peter Doppe; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
2. Receive an update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg.

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg congratulated Peter Doppe and welcomed him aboard; gave an update on the Fire Safety Advisory Committee and grant funding; commented on the excellent work the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council is doing and the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP); informed those in attendance on Rafferty Court, it is very positive for the County and is glad to see it is moving along; would like to continue discussions with the County/City/Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) about funding for the Greenly Road Bypass; is interested in future discussions between the County and City about the Dome; and attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting.

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.

3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$294,893.36 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Director.
4. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-07-2023-A, authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and certain city streets for the 2023 Sonora Union High School Homecoming Parade; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
5. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-07-2023-B ending the proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora due to the Winter Storms; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
6. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-07-2023-C creating a new class description for a Finance Assistant/Deputy City Clerk position in the Sonora Administration Department and updating the Sonora Employees Salary Range table; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
7. Consider approval of a contract with Aspen Street Architecture, Inc. in the amount of \$14,175 to design, engineer, and prepare construction documents for security upgrades at City Hall which will include improved safety features at both counters, community development, and include a wheelchair lift for the stairwell and amend the FY23/24 General Fund appropriations by \$14,175; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

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Mayor Mark Plummer asked to set aside Item #6 and **Councilmember Matt Hawkins** asked to set aside Item #7. **Councilmember Andy Merrill** wanted to confirm there would be no open container at the Homecoming Parade.

No public comment.

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Seconded by Councilmember Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill, for Items #3, #4 and #5.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky confirmed Item #6 was a new position and that there is not a new salary range; Item #7 is the first step in safety and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) upgrades to City Hall.

It was confirmed open container is not allowed at the Homecoming Parade.

No public comment.

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; for items number #6 and #7.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Introduce by title Ordinance No. 892, amending Section 15.28.04, Exemptions, of Title 15, Buildings and Construction, of the Sonora Municipal Code and waive the first reading; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

No public comment

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

9. Introduce by title Ordinance No. 893, amending Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.16 Salaries, and adding Sections 2.16.100 to 2.16.102 City Council Compensation, and waive the first reading; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Darren Duez commented he was in agreement with the City Council receiving an increase in pay; and stated the Council needed to be mindful of public perceptions, especially when passing a new tax measure and then asking for a wage increase.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Matt Hawkins had nothing to report; and stated it has been a good summer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom had a Christmas Town Sonora meeting; attended a closed meeting on a city property and the Fire Safe meeting; previously shared with the City Councilmembers about a citizen who spoke to her of the sidewalk filth, and would like to have a discussion in greater depth as we need to keep downtown cleaner on a continual basis.

Councilmember Andy Merrill took part in the first Volunteer Day at Raffety Court and helped clean; expressed a huge thank you to the community of Soulsbyville and Chairperson David Goldemberg for all their support; and is impressed with the potential the facility has, and the impact it will have on our community.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended the Vision Sonora meeting, had lunch with the City Administrator and went to see the mural at Jamestown school; they also viewed the homeless encampments, and the progress on Stockton Street; and toured the new Foothill Pregnancy Center as they have recently moved.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Fire Safe Council meeting; and is hopeful some of the funds from Measure Y will go towards repairing the sidewalks in downtown that have become dangerous to walk on.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:41 PM.

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