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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, June 06, 2022
4:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 4:00 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. 05-16-2022-A.

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

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87460555933?pwd=UFBFZ0EyR3pjcxNXZWtXVlZLQTJoQT09>

Dial: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 874 6055 5933

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC 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 Deputy City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370 or via email to administration@sonoraca.org.

CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 PM.

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 04/07/2025

Tracy L. Skelly

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Hawkins
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer
Councilmember Jim Garaventa
Councilmember Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Colette Such

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section § 54956.9: One (1) Potential Case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2): One (1) Potential Case
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6): Agency Designated representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Doug White, City Attorney; Employee Organization: Sonora Employees' Association (SEA), Administrative Services Officer and City Administrator Contract.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION [City Council Chambers]

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Matt Hawkins stated direction was given to staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved without change, a Vote was not taken.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg updated those in attendance on the Election, COVID-19 statistics, Fire Safety Advisory Committee Vegetation Management Ordinance, and Tuolumne County budget; attended the Commission on Homelessness and Solid Waste Committee meeting; be prepared for PG & E Public Safety Power Shutoff outages, and the Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall is at the Fairgrounds.

Councilmembers discussed with Supervisor Goldemberg the County's budget and its challenges.

5. Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Thomas Brickley.

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 updated those in attendance on Summer Concert Series in Coffill Park.

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Allan Zimmerly from the Historic Dome Preservation Non-Profit Group gave a progress report on the Dome.

Christine Barsanti representing the League of Women Voters Observer Corps encouraged everyone to vote.

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.

6. Approval of City Council Minutes for May 2, 2022, and May 16, 2022.
7. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$170,753.63 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay and other adjustments, including retro-pay.
8. Consideration to adopt Resolution No.06-06-2022-A creating a new class description for Administrative Services Officer and update the class descriptions for Fire Engineer and Part-Time Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.
9. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 06-06-2022-B Supporting the Tuolumne Utilities District's (TUD) Acquisition of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) Owned Water Rights and Related Assets
10. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California, Tuolumne County Transportation Council, Tuolumne County, City of Sonora, and Blue Zones Project for Implementation of the Gold Rush Trail Project.
11. Consider adoption of Resolution 06-06-2022-C Supporting the City of Sonora's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project Application: Gold Rush Multi – Use Path, Phase I .

Councilmember Ann Segerstrom and Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer support the Gold Rush Trail Project and TUD Acquisition.

A member of the public shared comments in support of the Gold Rush Trail.

Motion made by Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Seconded by Councilmember Ann Segerstrom. Voting Yea: Mayor Matt Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer, Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Councilmember Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Colette Such

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Introduce by title Ordinance No. 884, amending the Zoning Map through the rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers **035-180-049, 073, & 074, 035-142-023 & 024, 035-263-020, from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Limited Multi-Family Residential (R-2).**, and waive the first reading.

Rachelle Kellogg Community Development Director gave an explanation of Ordinance No. 884.

Councilmembers discussed with Rachelle Kellogg Community Development Director.

A member of the public commented on Ordinance No. 884.

Motion made by Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer. Voting Yea: Mayor Matt Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer, Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Councilmember Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Colette Such.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

13. Consider approval of an employment agreement between the City of Sonora and Melissa Eads for the position of City Administrator with a base salary of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) annually and for a term of five (5) years.

Doug White City Attorney presented the appointment of Melissa Eads to the Council.

No public comment.

Councilmembers made comments in support of the appointment.

Motion made by Councilmember Colette Such, Seconded by Councilmember Jim Garaventa. Voting Yea: Mayor Matt Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer, Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Councilmember Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Colette Such

MONTHLY REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Turu VanderWiel Police Chief gave an update on the use of Narcan by Police Officers.

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Aimee New Fire Chief shared with those in attendance the Community Fire Reduction Communities list for priority grant funding.

Rachelle Kellogg Community Development Director had nothing to report.

Chris Gorsky Administrative Services Director had nothing to report.

Doug White City Attorney shared he would not be attending the next two meetings, and thanked Councilmember Colette Such and Councilmember Jim Garaventa for serving on the Council.

Melissa Eads City Administrator had nothing further to report.

Councilmember Ann Segerstrom attended the Central Sierra Economic Development Council, and TCTC (Tuolumne County Transportation Council) meetings.

Councilmember James Garaventa thanked Attorney Doug White for the kind words.

Councilmember Colette Such attended the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness AdHoc Committee and Fire Safe Council meeting, Stockton Road Transit Project, Resiliency Village Board meeting, and a budget meeting. She also thanked Doug White for his comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer encouraged people to vote.

Mayor Matt Hawkins received a thank you email from a member of the public; and spoke of fire safety.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:57 PM.

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