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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
5:00 PM**

Minutes Approved by Sonora City

Council on 11/04/2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 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:

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**Mayor Mark Plummer
Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom
Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill
City Administrator Melissa Eads
City Attorney Douglas White**

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

ABSENT

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:03 PM.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiations, Government Code Section § 54956.8
Property: 326 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA, Tuolumne County 95370

Agency Negotiators: Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section § 54956.9: One (1) Potential Case; Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:05 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 8:10 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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).*

No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Swearing in of Police Canine Ridge; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
4. Receive a presentation on Sonora Police Department's Autism Safety Alert Program; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel asked for a short break to take pictures.

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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 disbursements in the amount of \$176,934.00 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 Officer.
6. Consider approval of a budget adjustment to reallocate \$20,400 of Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget within the General Fund's General Services Budget Unit to pay for vegetation management on Lyon's Street, from Hope Lane to Bald Mountain Road. (Requires a 4/5 vote); Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
7. Consider adoption of Resolution 06-20-2023-A authorizing temporary "No Parking" zones along certain City Streets during the 2023 Mother Lode Fair; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
8. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 06-20-2023-B creating a new job description for a Part-Time Reserve Police Officer position in the Sonora Police Department and update of the Part-Time/Relief Employees Salary Range table; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
9. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 06-20-2023-C creating a new job description for a Temporary Part-Time Homeless Outreach Coordinator position in the Sonora Police Department and update of the Part-Time/Relief Employees Salary Range table; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
10. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 06-20-2023-D creating a new job description for Firefighter in the Sonora Fire Department and update of the Sonora Fire Fighters Association Salary Range table; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Mayor Mark Plummer asked to pull Item #8 for further discussion.

No public comment.

Motion made by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz for Items #5 - #7, #9 and #10

The Council and Staff discussed Resolution 06-20-2023-B.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

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Motion made by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz for Item #8

MONTHLY REPORTS

11. Receive the Sonora Administration Department monthly report for April 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
12. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for May 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
13. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for May 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
14. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for May 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom informed those in attendance she will be joining Councilmember Andy Merrill and others as he will be leading a walking field trip for T-Stan IRWMA around the different water courses in the City; attended the Juneteenth event and enjoyed the speakers from Voices of the Golden Ghosts.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended Visit Tuolumne County and YES Partnership meetings.

Mayor Mark Plummer spoke of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) meeting and Strategic Planning.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

15. Receive communications regarding the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans.
16. Receive communications regarding SB584 - Statewide Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

The Council discussed the Statewide Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

A member of the public requested more information on Item #9 from the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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