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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026
3:00 PM**

Approved by Sonora City Council
July 6, 2026

Nicole McCutchen
Nicole McCutchen, City Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on June 15, 2026, at 3:00 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 nmccutchen@sonoraca.com.

Public Access Audio and Video Live Streaming

The Public will not have access to give public comments via public access audio and video live streaming; they are available for audio and visual only; and can be accessed via our website at www.sonoraca.com.

Remote viewing of the meeting via live streaming is provided to members of the public as a courtesy. If the live streaming connection malfunctions for any reason and no Council Members are attending via teleconference, the City Council will continue the public meeting in Chambers without remote access.

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 Christopher Gorsky

City Attorney Douglas White

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OPEN SESSION - 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 3:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Bess Levine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie (Arrived after the Gavel)

Councilmember Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 9:07 am.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Bess Levine, Seconded by Vice Mayor Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Andy Merrill, Councilmember, Bess Levine, Councilmember Mark Plummer

Councilmember Stephen Opie was not in attendance for the vote.

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.

No public comment.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom read a statement on behalf of Katie Dunn President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Consider Appointment of Patricia Perry to City Historian Emerita and Tracy Skelly to City Historian; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator appointed Patricia Perry to Historian Emerita, and Tracy Skelly to City Historian.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom presented Patricia Perry with a framed appreciation.

Patricia Perry addressed and thanked the Council.

Tracy Skelly addressed and thanked the Council.

Kate Segerstrom said kind words and presented Patricia Perry with flowers.

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.

2. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2026; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.
3. Consider Acceptance of an Informational Report for May 2026 Accounts Payable Payment Register and Void Report; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator
4. Consider Acceptance of Disbursements in the Amount of \$263,301.14 and \$195,359.71 for Payroll, Including Employee Salaries, Employer and Employee Taxes, Retirement Contributions, Miscellaneous Voluntary Employee Deductions, Holiday Pay, and Other Adjustments, Including Retro-Pay, Nicole McCutchen, Administrative Services Officer.
5. Consider Approval of Resolution 06-15-2026-A, Updating the Job Descriptions for the Assistant City Administrator and the Administrative Services Director; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator
6. Consider the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Linda Emerson to Serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a Four-Year Term Expiring on July 1, 2030; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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7. Waive the Second Reading, Read by Title Only, and Adopt Ordinance No. 916 Amending the City of Sonora Municipal Code to Add Chapter 8.50 to Title 8 Regulating Tobacco Product Sales including a Resolution to Adopt a Fee Schedule for Tobacco Retailer Licenses; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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 Mark Plummer

Councilmember Stephen Opie was not in attendance for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Consider Adoption of Resolution 06-15-2026-B Establishing the FY2026/27 GANN Appropriations Limit for the City of Sonora Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator discussed the FY 2026/27 GANN Appropriations Limit.

Councilmembers made comments.

No public comment.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Plummer. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Bess Levine, Vice Mayor Andy Merrill, Councilmember Mark Plummer

Councilmember Stephen Opie was not in attendance for the vote.

9. Receive a Report Regarding the Implementation of Assembly Bill 2561 (AB 2561) – Local Public Employees Vacant Positions; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator discussed Assembly Bill 2561(AB2561) - Local Public Employees Vacant Positions.

No public comment.

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 Mark Plummer

Councilmember Stephen Opie was not in attendance for the vote.

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10. Review and Adopt the Proposed FY2026/27 Operating Budget and Adopt Resolution 06-15-2026-C, Including any Supplemental Funding Requests Approved by the City Council; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator presented the proposed FY 2026/27 Operating Budget including budget overview, budget challenges, general fund revenues, and general fund expenditures.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator presented the Administration budget, accomplishments, and goals.

Turu VanderWiel Police Chief presented the Police Departments budget, accomplishments, and goals.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Brittan Gregory Fire Chief presented the Fire Departments budget, accomplishments, and goals.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Tyler Summersett Community Development Director presented the Community Development budget, and the Community Development Team.

Brian Odom Building Official presented the Building and Planning Departments accomplishments.

Tyler Summersett Community Development Director presented the Community Development accomplishments.

Thomas Mlady code Enforcement Officer presented Code Enforcement statistics.

Tyler Summersett Community Development Director continued the Community Development Department presentation.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Mike Pugh City Engineer introduced the Engineering Team, Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer and Matt Schmitz, Dewberry Senior Project Manager.

The Engineering Team presented the budget, accomplishments, project initiatives, grant initiatives, and goals.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Chris Gorsky City Administrator continued the Budget Presentation including City staffing fiscal year Full Time Equivalents (FTE), and supplemental request - available funding.

Councilmembers made comments and discussed.

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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

NEW BUSINESS

11. Authorize the Fire Chief to Apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for the Acquisition of a Replacement Fire Prevention Vehicle and Authorize the City Administrator and Fire Chief to Execute all Necessary Grant Application Documents; Brittan Gregory, Fire Chief.

Brittan Gregory Fire Chief presented information to the Council regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for the acquisition of a replacement fire prevention vehicle.

Councilmembers made comments.

No public comment.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bess Levine will report on the Visit Tuolumne County meeting at the next Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill attended the Tuolumne County Transportation Council meeting (TCTC).

Councilmember Mark Plummer attended TCTC; Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) meetings.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended LAFCO.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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