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Council on 08/05/2024

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2024 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, April 15, 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 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 tskelly@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 livestreaming 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.

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

CLOSED SESSION - 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order 3:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into close session at 3:05 PM.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section § 54956.9: One (1) Potential Case; Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.
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4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency Designated Representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Employee Organization: Sonora Management Association (SMEA), Sonora Confidential Association (SCEA); Sonora Police Officers' Association (SPOA); Sonora Fire Fighters Association (SFFA); Sonora Employees Association (SEA).

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted Friday, April 12, 2024 at 1:13 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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 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.

No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Consider Acceptance of Four (4) New Police Vehicles, Two (2) New Fire Engines, and One (1) New Street Sweeper Into the City's Fleet. Presentation of vehicles on Main Street; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

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

6. Receive an Introduction to, and Swearing-In of Police Dispatcher/Records Specialists Kimberly Hofmann, Charla Kiolbassa, and Jessica Cole; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
7. Receive an Introduction to, and Swearing in of Police Sergeant Dominic Bertalotto; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
8. Receive an Introduction to, and Swearing in of Police Officers Rodolfo Figueroa and Shane Theilen; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

9. Receive an Introduction to, and Swearing in of Community Service Officer Michael DaRosa; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
10. Receive a Presentation of the Sonora Police Department's 2023 Employee Award Recognitions; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
11. Receive a Presentation of the Sonora Fire Department Fire Fighter of the Year Award 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
12. Receive a Presentation of the Sonora Employees Association Employee Recognition for 2023; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

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.

13. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes from January 2, 2024; January 16, 2024; January 3, 2023; and January 17, 2023; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

Minutes were approved with changes.

14. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$230,373.83 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.
15. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 04-15-2024-B Establishing the City of Sonora Social Media Policy; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
16. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 04-15-2024-D Establishing the City of Sonora Security Camera Policy; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom asked for clarification on the camera locations, are they only at City Hall and the parking garage, or are they also at other City facilities.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky confirmed the camera location are currently at City Hall and the parking garage

No public comment.

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

17. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 04-15-2024-C Establishing the City of Sonora Recycled Paper Procurement Policy; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
18. Consider Authorization for the Sonora Fire Department to Submit a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). The City Administrator and/or Fire Chief is Requesting to Authorize and Direct the Fire Chief to Return to the City Council with the Application Results and to Accept the Awards if Successful; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

19. Consider Authorization to Submit 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Protection Grant, Authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to Execute all Documents Relating to the Grant Applications, and Direct the Fire Chief to Return to the City Council with the Application Results and to Accept the Awards; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

No public comment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

20. Consider Adoption of Resolution 04-15-2024-A Certifying the Results and Declaring those Elected for the March 5, 2024, General Municipal Election for City Officers; Tracy Skelly, City Clerk.

A member of the public found the election totals interesting and feels the numbers reflect the majority of voters who didn't vote for anyone, or only one or two of the candidates, as you were eligible to vote for three.

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

21. Consider Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Tuolumne County Transportation Council to Maintain the Transit Stop Portion of the Stockton Washington Corridor Improvement Project; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

A member of the public stated the area is filthy and is hopeful someone will get on it.

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

22. Receive a Report on Parking Modifications for Compliance AB 413; Carlye Buchholz and Mike Pugh, City Engineers.

A member of the public stated the City Engineer was her hero, she has almost been hit and it is difficult to see, and there will still be plenty of parking.

Turu WanderViel, Police Chief stated he supports this 100% from a public safety standpoint.

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 Andy Merrill.

23. Consider Approval of the Development of a CIP for the City of Sonora to Help Identify the City's Needs, Prioritize Projects, Determine Capital Costs, and Position for Grant Funding; Carlye Buchholz and Mike Pugh, City Engineers.

A member of the public shared her concern that the presentation does not include public outreach as the people/community should be included.

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, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

24. Consider Approval of Task Order No. 2 in the Amount of \$204,440 to Prepare the Construction Documents (Plans, Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate) for the Construction of a New Storm Drain System and Pipeline and the Reconstruction of the Roadway on Snell Street from the Intersection of Bonanza Road to the City of Sonora / Tuolumne County Line; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

No public comment.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

25. Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for February 2024 (FY23/24); Chris; Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
26. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department Monthly Report for March 2024; Tyler Summerset, Community Development Director.
27. Receive the Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2024; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
28. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for March 2024; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
29. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department Monthly Report for March 2024; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom is helping with the first quarter newsletter; attended the Watch Resource Group mosaic unveiling; and on a Zoom call attended the League of California Cities Mayors and Councilmembers meeting.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended the Solid Waste Committee, TCTC (Tuolumne County Transportation Council), and ATCAA (Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency) meetings; and was invited to the Rural Urban Bridge Initiative.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz informed those in attendance of the Mother Earth Day events; Protect Kids California filed three citizen-initiated ballot measures that address enacting laws related to gender in schools, sports and healthcare; Central Sierra Economic Development District is hiring a Business Services Manager and attended the Short-Term Rental Impact Study.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Business Council meeting with Congressman McClintock; TCTC (Tuolumne County Transportation Council) and LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) meetings; the Historical Society event that includes an exhibit of Early California History; and encouraged the public to go to the museum.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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