



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 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 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 City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370 or via email to tskelly@sonoraca.com.

CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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; Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

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.
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency designated representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Employee Organization: Sonora Employees' Association (SEA).
4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(1)); Name of Case: *Jaycee Alameda v. City of Sonora, et al.*, Tuolumne Superior Court Case No. CV 63114; Doug White, City Attorney.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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).*

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 adoption of Resolution 03-06-2023-C accepting the donation of a police K9 patrol vehicle from the Friends of Sonora Police Department, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
6. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 03-06-2023-D accepting the donation of a Canine from the Friends of Sonora Police Department, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
7. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$171,457.41 and \$159,996.39 for payroll, inclusive of 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.

8. Authorize the possession and consumption of beer and wine, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., on June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 14, 2023, in Coffill Park during the Sonora Chamber of Commerce's Second Saturday Art Night Concert Series; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
9. Authorize the possession and consumption of beer and wine, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., on March 17, 2023, on the east side of Linoberg Street (excluding the area currently used by Diamondback Grill) by Spearhead Holdings, LLC (Sonora Taproom) for their St. Patrick's Day Celebration; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
10. Consider approval of Resolution No. 03-06-2023-A to proclaim the termination of the Local Emergency Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); Melissa Eads, City Administrator, Doug White, City Attorney.
11. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 03-06-2023-B supporting the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Northern State Route 49 (SR 49) segment of the Gold Rush Path; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

MONTHLY REPORTS

12. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for December 2022; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
13. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department monthly report for February 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
14. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for January 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
15. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for January 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
16. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for January 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS

17. Receive a presentation from the Blue Zones Project; Tyler Summerset, Executive Director, Kristine Conforti, Public Policy Advocate.

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator at City Hall (209) 532-4541, meads@sonoraca.com. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Administrator's Office at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). The agenda and supporting public documents are also available on our City website www.sonoraca.com listed under the agenda/minutes link on the Government page.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 03-06-2023-C Accepting the Donation of Police K9 Patrol Vehicle from Friends of Sonora Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Sonora City Council approve Resolution 03-06-2023-C and accept the donation of a police K9 patrol vehicle from the Friends of Sonora Police Department, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.

DISCUSSION

The Friends of Sonora Police Department (FOSPD) would like to donate a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNSK2EC9FR527211) to the City of Sonora for exclusive use by the Sonora Police Department as a Police K9 Patrol Vehicle. FOSPD is a private, not-for-profit entity.

FOSPD solicited and received donations for purchasing a K9 police vehicle for the City. The Police K9 vehicle is fully equipped for patrol use, including specialized safety and operational equipment for K9 use.

During the December 20, 2021, Sonora City Council meeting, authorization was given to the Police Department to seek various funding sources to support the re-establishment of a Police K-9 program.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional financial impact on the City with the approval of this request. Costs for fuel and maintenance are incorporated within existing budget expectations as the K9 patrol vehicle will supplant an existing fleet vehicle.

ATTACHMENTS

FOSPD Letter of Intent to Donate

LETTER OF INTENT TO DONATE

Friends Sonora Police Department
P.O. Box 4430
Sonora, CA 95370

Effective Date: 02/15/2023

City of Sonora
94 N Washington Street
Sonora CA 95370

RE: Donation to City of Sonora

This letter of intent to donate (the "Letter of Intent") represents the basic terms for an agreement that shall be considered ☒ binding ☐ non-binding. After this Letter of Intent has been made, a formal agreement may be constructed to the benefit of the Parties involved.

1. **DONOR.** Friends Sonora Police Department (the "Donor").
2. **DONEE.** City of Sonora (the "Donee").
3. **DONATION.** The Donor wishes to make the following donation (the "Donation"): (check one)

☐ - One-Time Monetary Donation. The Donor wishes to make a one-time monetary donation to the Donee in the amount of \$_____.

☐ - Monthly Pledge. The Donor wishes to make a monthly donation of \$_____ to the Donee, beginning _____ and: (check one)

☐ ending _____, for a total donation of \$_____; OR
☐ ongoing until further notice.

☐ - Annual Pledge. The Donor wishes to make an annual donation of \$_____ to the Donee each year for _____ years, beginning _____, for a total donation of \$_____.

☒ Other. The Donor wishes to donate the following to the Donee:

One 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe Vin 1GNSK2EC9FR527211 modified for K9 Unit - \$24,365.09. One Top Dog Police K9 fully trained - \$11,326.88

4. **DONATION DESIGNATION.** The Donation should be used for the following purpose(s):

Support law enforcement efforts by Sonora Police Department.

5. ALTERATIONS TO DONATION DESIGNATION. The Donee may need to alter the donation designation to ensure that current priorities are met. Should this be required, the Donee will respect the initial intent of this letter as closely as possible.

6. DONATION RECOGNITION. The Donor agrees: (check one)

☒ - To be recognized for the donation under the following name(s):

Friends of Sonora Police Department

☐ - To remain anonymous.

7. METHOD OF PAYMENT. If the Donation is monetary, payment shall be provided to the Donee as follows: (check one)

☐ - Cash.

☐ - Check. Checks made payable to: _____

☐ - Credit Card. Card Information: _____

☐ - Automatic Withdrawal. The Donor authorizes the Donee to withdraw funds from its financial institution account. (attach void check)

Donor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

8. ORGANIZATION TYPE. The Donee is an organization that is: (check one)

☒ - Classified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Therefore, the donation may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

☐ - Not Classified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

9. CURRENCY. All mentions of currency or the usage of the "\$" icon shall be known as referring to the US Dollar.

10. GOVERNING LAW. This Letter of Intent shall be governed under the laws in the State of California.

11. ACCEPTANCE. If you are agreeable to the aforementioned terms, please sign and return a duplicate copy of this Letter of Intent by no later than 03/06/2023.

12. SIGNATURES.

Donor's Signature: Faith Hamilton Date: 02/15/2023

Print Name Faith Hamilton, Pres. FOSPD

Donee's Signature: _____ Date: 03/06/2023

Print Name Mark Plummer, Mayor Sonora

RESOLUTION No. 03-06-2022-C
A RESOLUTION OF THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE DONATION
OF A POLICE K9 POLICE VEHICLE FROM FRIENDS OF SONORA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sonora Police Department ("Department") does not currently maintain a K-9 Program; and;

WHEREAS, community members contribute funding and supplies to enhance the K-9 program; and

WHEREAS, the K9 Police Vehicle will be a fully outfitted 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, the total cost to purchase the Police Canine, including training, is approximately \$24,365;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby accept the donation:

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the Sonora City Council at a meeting held by the City Council on the 6th day of March 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Mark Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora



CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (CSJVRMA)

Item 5.

PROPERTY ADDITION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM.

NOTE: If the property is newly built, construction costs are sufficient; however, if the property is newly acquired, a **replacement cost** appraisal must be submitted with this form. **Market value appraisals will not be accepted.**

Description of Property: (City hall, single family home, well, parking shelter, police station, park restroom, etc.)	Chevrolet Tahoe, fully outfitted for Police K9 operations
Complete Address:	94. North Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370
Construction Type: (Frame, joisted masonry, steel, etc.)	Chevrolet manufacturing with third-party aftermarket outfitting
Alarms (burglar/fire):	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please describe type _____
Sprinklers:	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, what percentage of building has sprinklers _____
Year Built:	2015
Square Footage of Building: (Please do not include lot size)	N/A
Number of Stories:	N/A
Total Building Replacement Cost Value (Building and any permanent fixtures only):	\$ 16,500
Total Business Personal Property Value (Computers, desks, etc.)?	\$7,865
Is Business Interruption Coverage Required?	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, value \$_____



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Resolution 03-06-2023-D accepting a Donation of a Police Canine from Friends of Sonora Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Sonora City Council approve Resolution No. 03-06-2023-D accepting the donation of a Canine from the Friends of Sonora Police Department, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.

DISCUSSION

The Friends of Sonora Police Department (FOSPD) would like to donate a fifteen-month-old German Shepherd to the City of Sonora for exclusive use by the Sonora Police Department as a "Police K9." FOSPD is a private, not-for-profit entity.

FOSPD solicited and received donations to purchase a new police canine for the city. The Canine, named Ridge, has received obedience and basic police canine training and is undergoing extensive training to become certified for patrol and narcotics detection work.

During the December 20, 2021, Sonora City Council meeting, authorization was given to the Police Department to seek various funding sources to support the re-establishment of a Police K-9 program.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate financial impact on the City budget with the approval of this request. Community donations will pay for the general care and maintenance of the Canine.

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12. **SIGNATURES.**

Donor's Signature: Faith Hamilton Date: 02/15/2023

Print Name Faith Hamilton, Pres. FOSPD

Donee's Signature: _____ Date: 03/06/2023

Print Name Mark Plummer, Mayor Sonora

RESOLUTION No. 03-06-2022-D
A RESOLUTION OF THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE DONATION
OF A POLICE K9 ANIMAL AND TRAINING FROM FRIENDS OF SONORA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sonora Police Department ("Department") does not currently maintain a K-9 Program; and;

WHEREAS, community members contribute funding and supplies to enhance the K-9 program, and Police Officer Shouse will assume all duties and responsibilities of that of a K9 handler, including care and maintenance during off-duty hours; and

WHEREAS, the K9 officer and handler will be trained and certified under the direction of the Top Dog Police K9 Training and Consulting LLC; and

WHEREAS, the total cost to purchase the Police Canine, including training, is approximately \$11,326;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby accept the donation:

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NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

 Mark Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora



CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (CSJVRMA)

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Construction Type: (Frame, joisted masonry, steel, etc.)	Chevrolet manufacturing with third-party aftermarket outfitting
Alarms (burglar/fire):	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please describe type _____
Sprinklers:	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, what percentage of building has sprinklers _____
Year Built:	DOB: December 18, 2021
Square Footage of Building: (Please do not include lot size)	N/A
Number of Stories:	N/A
Total Building Replacement Cost Value (Building and any permanent fixtures only):	\$ 11, 326
Total Business Personal Property Value (Computers, desks, etc.)?	N/A
Is Business Interruption Coverage Required?	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, value \$_____



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer
SUBJECT: Disbursements in the amount of \$171,457.41 for payroll

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$171,457.41 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay.

DISCUSSION

This payroll was the 1st payroll of the month, which was an expected amount.

This payroll is the 16th payroll of 26 for FY22-23, we would have expected to expend 61.53% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 54.83% of the Salaries and Wages for the FY 22/23 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Disbursements are part of the approved FY22-23 Budget.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Disbursements in the amount of \$159,996.39 for payroll

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$159,996.39 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay.

DISCUSSION

This payroll was the 2nd payroll of the month, which was an expected amount.

This payroll is the 17th payroll of 26 for FY22-23, we would have expected to expend 65.38% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 57.57% of the Salaries and Wages for the FY 22/23 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Disbursements are part of the approved FY22-23 Budget.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Special Event Application – Sonora Chamber of Commerce

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the possession and consumption of beer and wine, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., on June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9 and October 14, 2023 in Coffill Park during the Sonora Chamber of Commerce's Second Saturday Art Night Concert Series.

DISCUSSION

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has submitted a Special Event Permit Application requesting the use of Coffill Park for the Second Saturday Art Night Concert Series. Their application includes a request to serve beer and wine during these events which cannot be approved by City staff. Sonora Municipal Code Section 9.08.010 provides authority for the City Council to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol within a City park.

The concerts are planned to be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 14, 2023. The Chamber proposes to set up a beer and wine bar under the trellis area as they have done for previously approved events. It will be staffed by ABC approved and trained Chamber Board Members and volunteers. They will be checking ID's to make sure that no one under the age of 21 is being served and will monitor alcohol consumption. The park entrances/exits will be manned to ensure that no one enters or leaves with alcoholic beverages. The estimated attendance is 100.

Under the Special Event approval process, the Chamber will also be required to obtain the required ABC License, provide the required liability insurance, and comply with any additional conditions required by City Departments.

FISCAL IMPACT

None



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Special Event Application – St Patrick’s Day Celebration

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the possession and consumption of beer and wine, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., on March 17, 2023 on the east side of Linoberg Street (excluding the area currently used by Diamondback Grill) by Spearhead Holdings, LLC (Sonora Taproom) for their St. Patrick’s Day Celebration.

DISCUSSION

Spearhead Holdings, LLC has submitted a Special Event Permit Application requesting the use of Linoberg Street (between Stewart and Washington Street) for their St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. Their application includes a request to serve alcohol during the event which cannot be approved by City staff. Sonora Municipal Code Section 9.08.010 provides authority for the City Council to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol on City property.

The event will be held on March 17, 2023 from 2 pm to 10 pm. It is planned to include entertainment, bands, and food. They will be checking ID’s to make sure that no one under the age of 21 is being served and will monitor alcohol consumption. The street’s entrances/exits will be monitored to ensure that no one enters or leaves Washington St. or Stewart St. with alcoholic beverages. The estimated attendance is 50-75 people.

Under the Special Event approval process, they will also be required to verify compliance with their current ABC License, provide the required liability insurance, and comply with any additional conditions required by City Departments.

FISCAL IMPACT

None



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator
Douglas L. White, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 03-06-2023-A, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora to Proclaim the Termination of the Local Emergency Due to the Novel Coronavirus

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of Resolution No. 03-06-2023-A, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora to Proclaim the Termination of the Local Emergency Due to the Novel Coronavirus.

DISCUSSION

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"). On March 13, 2020, the Mayor of the City Council of Sonora proclaimed and declared that a local health emergency existed in the City of Sonora to the presence of and threat posed by COVID-19, which was ratified through a resolution by the City Council of the City of Sonora on March 16, 2020. This State of Local Emergency persists until terminated by the City Council, pursuant to Sonora Municipal Code Section 8.30.130 and California Government Code section 8630, subdivision (b).

On February 28, 2023, the Governor of the State of California ended the State of Emergency. COVID-19 no longer presents an actual risk or threat to the public health and welfare in the City of Sonora. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution terminating the State of Local Emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 03-06-2023-A

RESOLUTION NO. 03-06-2023-A**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA TO PROCLAIM
THE TERMINATION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of Emergency existed in the State of California due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Sonora proclaimed and declared that a local health emergency existed in the City of Sonora due to the presence of and threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Sonora ratified said proclamation through Resolution 03-16-2020-A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sonora Municipal Code Section 8.30.130, the proclamation is to remain in effect until the City Council of the City of Sonora declares the existing State of Local Emergency to be terminated; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the Governor of the State of California ended the COVID-19 state of Emergency in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sonora Municipal Code Section 8.30.130 and California Government Code Section 8630, subdivision (d), the City Council of the City of Sonora finds that the present conditions in the City warrant termination of the local emergency and that the date of this resolution is the earliest possible date to proclaim said termination; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to terminate the proclaimed State of Local Emergency, as the COVID-19 virus no longer threatens public health and welfare in the City of Sonora.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Local Emergency proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Sonora on March 13, 2020, and ratified by the City Council of the City of Sonora on March 16, 2020, is hereby terminated.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AS A RESOLUTION BY THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL AT A MEETING HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH 2023, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Tracy Skelly
City Clerk

Mark Plummer
Mayor



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Northern SR49 Segment of the Gold Rush Path

RECOMMENDATION

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 03-06-2023-B supporting the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Northern State Route 49 (SR 49) segment of the Gold Rush Path.

DISCUSSION

The State Route 49 (SR 49) Congested Corridor Plan and the SR 49 Complete Streets Plans both engaged in extensive public outreach as part of their process. Following that outreach, both plans pointed to the need for a pedestrian and cyclist pathway, separate from the highway, that would connect the communities of Jamestown, Sonora, and Columbia to each other for those choosing to travel without cars. The Gold Rush Shared Use Path project has become that pathway.

For those unfamiliar with the project thus far, the Gold Rush Shared Use Path Project will create a Class I shared-use path continuously connecting the communities of Jamestown, Sonora, and Columbia. With these three communities connected, the project will address community needs by enhancing access to critical services aimed at giving people the tools and support needed to overcome their situations. This project has achieved substantial support from the City of Sonora, Tuolumne County, Blue Zones Project-Tuolumne County, schools, local businesses, and other members of local agencies and the public. The impact it will have on our community is anticipated to be substantial.

TCTC, the City of Sonora, and local agency partners were awarded \$5.018 million in Active Transportation Program Funding for Phase I of the Gold Rush Shared Use Path in October 2022. With the first phase fully funded, the TCTC team now aims to apply for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in March 2023. Staff hopes to obtain planning funds for the Northern Segment of the Gold Rush Shared Use Path. The planning grant will allow for coordination with the High School, engagement of disadvantaged communities, receive input from area businesses, and define a streetscape consistent with community desires.

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application deadline is March 9, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No.
Gold Rush Shared Use Path Segment Map

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-06-2023-B**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA SUPPORTING
THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHERN STATE ROUTE 49
(SR49) SEGMENT OF THE GOLD RUSH PATH**

WHEREAS, the Gold Rush Shared Use Path project has been supported by the City of Sonora, TCTC, and the existing Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Route 49 (SR 49) Congested Corridor Plan and State Route 49 Complete Streets Plan pointed to a need for a pedestrian and cyclist pathway; and

WHEREAS, the City has high numbers of pedestrian and cyclist injuries and fatalities as a result of vehicle incidents; and

WHEREAS, a continuous, shared use path would reduce those incidents; and

WHEREAS, phase I of the Gold Rush Path has already been successfully funded through an Active Transportation Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, funding the Northern Segment planning will be crucial to the completion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA HEREBY:

Adopts Resolution No. 03-06-2023-B in support of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program application.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AS A RESOLUTION BY THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL AT A MEETING HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH 2023, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

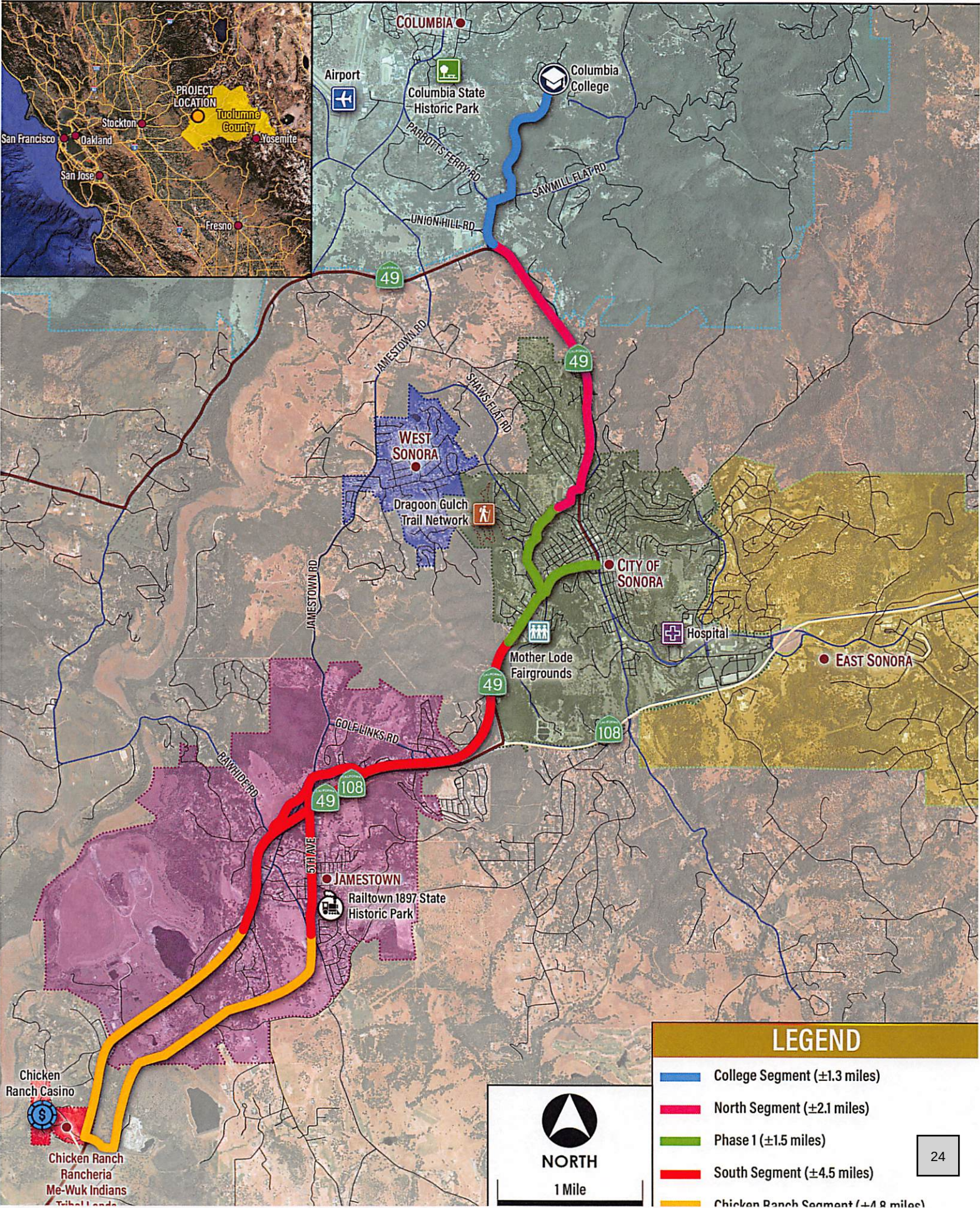
Tracy Skelly
Deputy City Clerk

Mark Plummer
Mayor

GOLD RUSH MULTI-USE PATH

Project Phasing Map

Item 11.





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Department Report for December 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for December 2022

DISCUSSION



Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Department provides a wide range of comprehensive support services which include: accounting, finance administration and reporting, budgeting, audit, compliance, treasury management, payroll, human resources, recruitments, accounts receivable, local tax collection, accounts payable, procurements, business license management, risk management, information technology for the City.

Monthly Report to the City Council

December 2022

Highlights of General Fund Revenues:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax	\$ 285,505	\$ 396,616	\$1,374,800	28.8%
Sales Tax	\$ 293,006	\$ 1,662,290	\$3,325,100	50.0%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$ 42,406	\$ 284,741	\$ 550,000	51.8%
Cannabis Public Benefit Fees	\$ 53,967	\$ 294,437	\$ 585,000	50.3%
Building Permits	\$ 45,393	\$ 90,075	\$ 141,500	63.7%
Business Licenses	\$ 9,524	\$ 117,034	\$ 120,000	97.5%

Highlights of General Fund Expenditures:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 666,023	\$ 3,427,033	\$7,159,850	47.9%
Operating Expenditures	\$ 99,951	\$ 1,155,468	\$2,339,950	49.4%
Transfers	\$ -	\$ 79,993	\$ 112,000	71.4%

	A/P	YTD	H/R	YTD
Total Number of Checks/DD Processed:	155	762	110	745

Business License Activity:

Licenses Issued

Current Month Zone A	Current Month Zone B	YTD Zone A	YTD Zone B
3	3	11	66



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Department Report for February 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Community Development Department Report for February 2023

DISCUSSION

In addition to the day-to-day operations of the Department, staff completed the following items:

STORMS – Staff's time was still consumed in January by storm related issues including downed tree removal, hazardous tree removal and damage to building/structures. Staff also met with several property owners to discuss hazardous trees in need of removal and/or arborist evaluation that were identified by the Public Works Department or City Engineer.

WASHINGTON-STOCKTON TRANSIT PROJECT – The Pre-Construction Meeting for the project was held on January 17th. In attendance was City staff, the UNICO's Construction Engineer Team, the project Engineer, Caltrans' project oversight members, and the construction contractor's staff, Dirt Dynasty. Project details, as well as any concerns, were discussed in detail along with all required Caltrans items. The start date of March 1st was also determined. Construction at the site will begin on Tuesday March 7th with estimated completion in August. All of the final details are underway including public notifications, bird nesting study, submittals, and Caltrans final requirements.

NEW STORAGE CONTAINER ORDINANCE – Following complaints received by the public related to storage containers within the City. Staff determined that there were numerous non-permitted containers throughout the City. Under Sonora Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning Ordinance, the placement of a storage/cargo container requires Design Review approval by the Planning Commission. This is a limited review basically related only to aesthetics. In evaluating other jurisdictions storage/cargo container requirements most require a Use Permit. The Use Permit process broadens a project's review criteria and approval conditions. It also provides for project notification to surrounding property owners. A new ordinance is being drafted that will require a Use Permit, for the placement of a storage/cargo container anywhere in the City. Along with provisions for staff approval of a temporary placement. The draft ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission at their March meeting.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY – Following the dissolution of all Redevelopment Agencies by the State of California in 2012, Oversight Boards were created to oversee the wind down of each agency. As such an Oversight Board was formed for the former Sonora Redevelopment Agency made up members of various taxing entities. Since this time the Board has met, as needed, to address various items and approve the recognized obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency. All was done under strict oversight by the State. The Board met on January 30th to approve the annual ROPS submittal. Due to the fact that there are no additional enforceable obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency, over the next few months staff will be completing the required State documents to close out the Successor Agency and dissolve the Board.

MONTH OF, JANUARY 2023	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT		CITY OF SONORA 94 N. WASHINGTON ST. SONORA, CA 95370	
NAME	LOCATION	TYPE	VALUATION	FEES
NEW RESIDENTIAL		TOTAL UNITS __0__		
SUBTOTAL __0__				
CDBG REHABS		TOTAL UNITS __0__		
SUBTOTAL __0__				
COMMERCIAL		TOTAL UNITS __0__		
SUBTOTAL __0__				

ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS		TOTAL UNITS 7		
QCSI SIX LLC	855 MONO WAY	ALTERATION	\$ 131,962.87	\$ 1,197.74
DUNN JARED & AMY	145 COLOMBIA WAY	ADDITION	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 139.26
IRWIN ROBERT M WOODS CAROL I	428 E BALD MOUNTAIN RD	ADDITION	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 324.06
WILSON WILLIAM H WILSON JUDITH S	137 CORTE DEL ENCINO	ADDITION	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 670.56
CHIN KYAN SEIN & SHANG-EN	234 WOODSIDE DR.	ADDITION	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 475.00
M A C T HEALTH BOARD	940 SYLVA LANE	ADDITION	\$ 3,107.00	\$ 757.24
GHOMIZADEH ANITA GHOMIZADEH MASSOUD	1071 SANGUINETTI RD	ADDITION	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,054.51

DEMOLITIONS		TOTAL UNITS __1__		
NAME	LOCATION	TYPE	VALUATION	FEE
	24 N SHEPHERD ST	DEMO	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 367.25
MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS				
NUMBER OF PERMITS	VALUATION \$		FEE	
7	\$385,250		\$4,391.61	

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	15
TOTAL VALUATION	\$835,519.87
SUB TOTAL OF PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES COLLECTED	\$180
TOTAL TRAFFIC FEES COLLECTED	\$0
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEES COLLECTED	\$0
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION FEES COLLECTED	\$0
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$9,377.23

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	15
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 835,519.87
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES COLLECTED	\$ 180.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEES COLLECTED	\$ -
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION FEES COLLECTED	\$ -
TOTAL TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEES COLLECTED	\$ -
TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$ 9,377.23



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department Monthly Report – January 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Fire Department Report – January 2023

DISCUSSION

Fire Department Monthly Report – January 2023

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

1. City of Sonora responded to 167 calls for service in January 2023.
2. Sonora City units responded to emergency calls as follows:

112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	15
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	69
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	4
500 - Service Call, other	1
510 - Person in distress, other	10
511 - Lock-out	2
520 - Water problem, other	1
550 - Public service assistance, other	3
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4
553 - Public service	7
554 - Assist invalid	8
561 - Unauthorized burning	4
600 - Good intent call, other	2

611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
730 - System malfunction, other	3
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
Total Incidents	167

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|--|-------------|
| 3. Monthly dollar loss in the City, resulting from fire: | 0 |
| 4. The average response time during the month: | 5.28 |
| 5. Automatic or mutual aid given | 35 |



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for January 2023.

DISCUSSION

The attached summarizes activities for January 2023.

	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Jan 2022
Total Incidents	1,314	1,225	1,387
Calls for Service	806	708	717
Officer Initiated	508	517	670
Total Arrests	57	43	58
Felony Arrests	7	6	7
Misd. Arrests	50	37	51
Total Reports	135	106	146
Parking Citations	22	14	36
Moving Citations	6	22	32
Domestic Violence	5	2	4
Larceny Invest.	12	14	23
Collision Incidents	28	25	21
Collision Invest.	16	10	9

	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Jan 2022
Homeless Activity	111	62	128
Animal Calls	32	34	31
Public Intox. / UID	10	4	8
DUI Arrests	7	4	5
Total Phone Calls / 911 Calls	2,136/387	1,910/352	1,870/227
Average Per Day	69	62	60
Vehicle Releases	9	3	6

*Homeless Activity tracking requires additional manual inputs; the actual number of associated incidents will typically be higher than the reported number.

*The Larceny Investigation category reflects only those incidents where an investigation is conducted and a case report is generated. The actual number of larcenies is considerably higher.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund

AREA 1**Violent Crimes:**

- 1 Felony Domestic Violence with ADW (not firearm)
- 1 Felony ADW (not firearm)
- 1 Felony ADW with Force – Poss. Great Bodily Injury
- 1 Misdemeanor Brandishing
- 1 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 2 Business Burglaries (Shoplifting).
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Attempted Business Burglary
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Stolen Vehicle (Recovered by Sonora Area CHP)
- 2 Petty Thefts (Shoplifting)
- 1 Petty Theft of Fuel from a Vehicle

AREA 2**Violent Crimes:**

- 1 Felony Domestic Violence
- 1 Felony ADW (not firearm) with Felony Battery with Serious Bodily Injury
- 1 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Business Burglary
- 1 Garage Burglary

UNKNOWN AREA

- 1 Felony Domestic Violence

01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023

Area 1 Monthly Report January 2023

Neighborhood Watch:

ELKS HILL:

- No updated activity.

SONORA KNOWLES:

- No updated activity.

Cases For discussion:

23-4 / 23-46- On 1/2/2023 and 1/10/2023, respectively, a known Sonora transient, 29-year-old Timothy Barlass, was arrested for Felony Assault with a deadly weapon against two different female victims. Barlass was recently discharged from Parole. On both occasions, Barlass caused injury by either stomping or punching them and using improvised weapons such as PVC pipes.

23-54- On 1/11/2023, Officers were dispatched to the Adventist Health Sonora hospital for a traffic collision near the helicopter landing pad area. Officers arrived and located the vehicle high-centered on a curb and contacted 60-year-old Martha Christian, who was determined to be the driver. Christian displayed symptoms of alcohol intoxication and was ultimately arrested for the DUI collision and driving with a suspended driver's license because of a prior DUI, which she received from SPD just one month prior involving another DUI collision.

Field Training Program:

- One part-time Dispatcher in training

Recruitments:

- 3 Full-time Police Officers
- 1 Police Sergeant
- 1 Community Service Officer
- 1 Full-time Dispatcher

Training:

- Command Staff attended POST SB-2 training at Sacramento POST headquarters
- One Corporal attended Sexual Assault Investigation training
- One Officer attended Defensive Tactics Instructor training
- One Officer attended Field Sobriety Testing training

Range:

- No activity.

Contract/Reserve Officers:

- Reserve Officer Carson and Officer Duffy are actively involved. Reserve Officer Carson has assisted in school SARB meetings and shift coverage, and Officer Duffy participates as a backup unit to on duty Officers.

Dispatch:

- One full-time vacancy was created by the resignation of a recently hired employee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Chris Johnson



SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT
100 South Green Street
Sonora, California 95370

Emergency 911 Item 15.
Business (209) 532-8143
Fax (209) 532-4845
Web-Site: www.sonorapd.com
Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police
E-Mail: tvanderwiel@sonorapd.com

"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police
DATE: March 6, 2023
RE: Area 2 Supervisor Report - No Monthly Report

Due to a staffing vacancy in the Sergeant's positions, no Area 2 Supervisor report will be submitted for January 2023.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2022

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor

SUBJECT: Public Works Department Report for January 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Public Works Department Report for January 2023

DISCUSSION

For the month of January 2023, the City of Sonora Public Works Department performed the following activities:

Events

- Placed banners above Washington Street for upcoming events.
- Removed all Christmas decorations including Santa's house, cutouts, wreaths, banners, lights and tree.

Streets

- Sanded numerous streets following storms.
- Repaired damaged stop signs on Springhill, Lyons and Stewart Streets.
- Returned numerous shopping carts abandoned throughout the City.
- Spent several days potholing City streets.
- Removed numerous downed trees throughout the City following recent storms.
- Cleaned up several rock/mud slides throughout the City.
- Assisted Sonora PD with traffic control following vehicle accident on Snell Street.
- Removed two pay piles.
- Performed weed abatement in various locations throughout the City.

Facilities

- Made repairs to interior light fixture at Sonora Police Department.

Parks/Landscapes/Parking Lots

- Spent numerous days blowing and removing leaves in City landscapes, sidewalks and parks.
- Graffiti removal in Rotary Park, Grigsby Park and at the Farmers Market restrooms.
- Spent SEVERAL days digging debris out of storm drains, as well as ditches and culverts, following rain events.
- Excavated debris and silt blocking water flow under footbridge on Dagoon Trail, as well as repaired-eroded shoulder along trail, following floods.
- Made repairs to damaged drain inlet grate on Lyton Street.
- Cleaned, and made repairs to plugged trench drains, on Dodge Street and Barretta Street.

Storm Drains

- Spent SEVERAL days digging debris out of storm drains, as well as ditches and culverts, following rain events.
- Excavated debris and silt blocking water flow under footbridge on Dragoon Trail, as well as repaired-eroded shoulder along trail, following floods.
- Made repairs to damaged drain inlet grate on Lyton Street.
- Cleaned, and made repairs to plugged trench drains, on Dodge Street and Barretta Street.

Cemeteries

- Prepared required monthly reports, installed headstones, checked messages daily, and returned phone calls.
- Cut up and hauled off large downed oak tree in the old City Cemetery.
- Performed major cleanup of trash and flowers at Mountain Shadow Cemetery.

Miscellaneous

- Performed routine daily and monthly activities including regular checking of parks and landscape areas for maintenance needs and safety concerns, garbage collection at City facilities, cleaning and stocking City restrooms, opening of gate to Dragoon Gulch Trail parking lot, routine maintenance of City vehicles, participation on assigned committees, weekly mowing of lawns at Mt Shadow Cemetery and Rotary Park, and weekly sweeping of City Streets.

FISCAL IMPACT

None



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Executive Director, Blue Zones Project Tuolumne County

SUBJECT: Linoberg Street Community Design Workshops and Public Input Sessions

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council provide a public forum for residents, business owners, stakeholders, and community members to engage with City staff, Blue Zones Project, and Urbsworks to facilitate a community planning and design process that will yield options for the future functioning of and investment in Linoberg street as an engaging public space.

BACKGROUND

In December 2013 the City of Sonora City Council adopted the Vision Sonora Plan which provided recommendations to rejuvenate the economy, emphasize the rich history and culture of Sonora, and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike through improvements in transportation for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists; wayfinding; parking and placemaking.

One of the key initiatives in the plan was to create public spaces downtown. Specifically listed was the conversion of Linoberg Street, between Green and Stewart Streets, into a pedestrian-only passageway and gathering space

In March 2019, Council members approved a temporary one-year closure of the eastern block of Linoberg, between Stewart and Washington Streets. The request was made by Vision Sonora committee members as a way for the City and community to consider benefits and impacts of the street closure. In early 2020, the initial (temporary) closure was extended for another year and Linoberg remained closed as an outdoor space for socialization and outdoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March 2022, City Council voted to keep Linoberg closed indefinitely as long as:

1. It remains a pedestrian walkway;
2. It is open to the public, requiring permitting for any private events; and
3. Any future improvements allow access to maintain, repair, or replace water, sewer, and other utilities on the street.

On February 28, 2023, Governor Newsom officially lifted the COVID-19 State of Emergency order, thus negating the California state requirement for outdoor restaurant dining.

DISCUSSION

The Blue Zones Project, Tuolumne County has partnered with Urbsworks, experts in urban design who help cities and rural communities across the country to plan and design central areas that consider how public spaces can serve a dynamic set of interests including: social connection, economic activity, health, safety and accessibility for a broad spectrum of users.

This presentation will outline initial observations about Linoberg and the surrounding downtown area. It will serve to explain the various ways in which the planning team: City staff, Blue Zones Project team, and Urbsworks will collect feedback from a representative sample of the community.

Based on initial input from one-on-one interviews, public drop-in sessions, stakeholder meetings (businesses, utilities, transportation experts), survey feedback, and public comment the design team will begin to craft alternative scenarios that illustrate ways to achieve the desires articulated during the three-day outreach process (charrette).

Preliminary concepts and ideas will be presented as discussion items for City Council members to consider as potential options to revitalize this space.

DESIGN ACTIVITIES and PUBLIC OUTREACH (CHARRETTE)

Supporting Documents include: Community Survey, Community Flyer, Charrette Schedule

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item at this time.

Sincerely,

Tyler Summersett
Executive Director



CITY OF SONORA, LINOBERG ST COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOPS 3-DAY CHARRETTE PUBLIC SCHEDULE

Item 17.

	Monday, March 6	Tuesday, March 7	Wednesday, March 8
7:30AM		Q & A (Public Event) 7:30am – 9:00am Location: Linoberg St	
9AM	Site Tour (Public Event) 9:00am Location: Linoberg St Attendance: Vision Sonora, City Council, City staff, business owners, and the public	Vision Sonora (Invitation only) 9:00am Location: Blue Zones Conference Room	Office Hours (Public Event) Location: Blue Zones Conference Room Attendance: Last Chance for downtown business owners.
10AM	Q & A (Public Event) 10:30am Location: Linoberg St Attendance: Vision Sonora, City Council, City staff, business owners, and anyone who is Interested	Public Safety, Transportation & Utilities (Invitation only) 10:00am Location: Blue Zones Conference Room	Drop in or make an advance appointment, contact Kristine.Conforti@sharecare.com
11AM		History, Arts & Culture (Invitation only) 11:00am Location: Blue Zones Conference Room	
Noon – 1:30 PM	(TBD) Extra Q & A Location: Linoberg St		
2 PM	Business Owner Conversation Attendance: Downtown Business Owners Location: BZ Conference Room Alternate: At a local business	Meetings By Appointment Only (3:00pm – 4:30pm) Contact: Kristine.Conforti@sharecare.com	Meetings By Appointment Only (2:00pm – 4:00pm) Kristine.Conforti@sharecare.com
3 PM			
4 PM			
5 PM or later	City Council Meeting 5:00pm Location: City Hall	Open House Public Event 5:30pm – 7:00pm Location: City Hall	Joint Meeting: City Council and Vision Sonora Committee Summary Presentation 5:30pm – 7:00pm Location: City Hall

For more information, or to request an appointment, please contact Kristi Conforti, Public Policy Advocate:

E-mail: Kristine.conforti@sharecare.com

Office: 209-694-3217



BLUE ZONES PROJECT

Your opinion matters

Community Charrette for Linoberg in Downtown Sonora

The public is invited to participate in the re-design process on Linoberg by completing a community survey (see link below) and/or by coming to an in-person Q&A or Open House session.

Join us March 6 - 8 to share your thoughts, opinions and ideas during the open public comment opportunities listed here. No RSVPs necessary.



Attend an In-person Public Event

Monday, March 6

9:00am – 10:30am: Get Acquainted Site Tour on Linoberg

10:30am – 1:30pm: Public Q&A and Drop-In on Linoberg

5:00pm: City Council Meeting, Public Comment Opportunity at City Hall

Tuesday, March 7

7:30am – 9:00am: Public Q&A on Linoberg

5:30pm – 7:00pm: Open House at City Hall

Wednesday, March 8

5:30pm – 7:00pm: Joint City Council/Vision Sonora Committee Meeting, Results and Concepts Presentation, Public Comment Opportunity at City Hall

Take the Community Survey



Give us your input by scanning this code.
Please take the survey by March 8.
Your input helps!

Paper surveys available for pick up at:
City Hall, 94 N Washington St.
Blue Zones Project Office, 31 N Washington St.
To request a survey please call 209-694-3217



Please follow the progress of the Linoberg re-design project, at:
<https://www.sonoraca.com/vision-sonora/>



BLUE ZONES PROJECT

POWERED BY: **Adventist Health**

City of Sonora - Linoberg Redesign Community Survey

The Blue Zones Project Tuolumne County is partnering with the City of Sonora and the Vision Sonora Committee to collect thoughts, ideas and opinions from the community regarding the pedestrian friendly area on Linoberg, between Washington and Stewart streets, in downtown Sonora.

This project will include looking at Linoberg as it is today, and engage residents, community members, business owners, and city leaders to gather feedback, and develop concepts to reactivate the space while promoting health, cultural relevance and historical connections.

An in-person public design workshop is being held on March 6-8 and will allow for additional opportunities for public participation. The current schedule is listed at the end of the survey.

1. Where do you currently live?

- ☐ City of Sonora
- ☐ East Sonora
- ☐ Jamestown
- ☐ Twain Harte
- ☐ Columbia
- ☐ Phoenix Lake
- ☐ Crystal Falls
- ☐ Groveland/South County
- ☐ Sugar Pine/Mi-Wuk Village/Long Barn and up
- ☐ Tuolumne
- ☐ Soulsbyville/Willow Springs
- ☐ I don't live in Tuolumne County

Other (please specify)

2. How often do you spend time in downtown Sonora?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Never

3. What is your primary purpose when you are in downtown Sonora? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Dining
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Frequenting other downtown businesses (hair/nail salons, phone repair, etc.)
- ☐ Arts/Culture/History (2nd Saturday Art Night, art galleries, museums, etc.)
- ☐ Evening entertainment (21 and older, wine bars, etc.)
- ☐ Walking/Outdoor physical activities (Dragoon Gulch, Sonora High Track/Pool, downtown walks, etc.)
- ☐ Special Events (Farmers Market, parades, etc.)
- ☐ City Government business (permits, city council meetings, etc.)
- ☐ County Government business (Board of Supervisor meetings, tax assessor, building permits, etc.)
- ☐ Sonora High School Events (Sports, Graduation, etc.)
- ☐ I live downtown
- ☐ I work downtown
- ☐ I own a business downtown
- ☐ I avoid downtown
- ☐ None of the above

Other (please specify)

4. Are you aware of the Vision Sonora Plan to create a more vibrant and walkable downtown Sonora?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ What's Vision Sonora?

Linoberg, between Washington & Stewart streets, was transformed into a pedestrian friendly, community socialization space in 2020 (see photo below). The current design incorporates pieces of the Vision Sonora plan and the following questions are designed to identify what community members would like the City of Sonora and the Vision Sonora Committee to consider in the re-design of this space.

5. In the past few years, have you been to, through, or by Linoberg in downtown Sonora?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

6. If Yes, what do you currently enjoy about Linoberg? Select all that apply

- ☐ Outdoor restaurant dining
- ☐ Outdoor adult beverages
- ☐ Space to bring your own food/snacks
- ☐ 2nd Saturday Art Night Activities
- ☐ Space to sit and rest
- ☐ Space to socialize
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

7. What would you like to be considered on Linoberg in the future? Select all that apply

- ☐ Outdoor restaurant dining
- ☐ Space to bring your own food/snacks
- ☐ 2nd Saturday Art Night Activities
- ☐ Space to sit and rest
- ☐ Space to socialize
- ☐ Hydration Station/Drinking Fountain
- ☐ Wall mural/art work/sculptures
- ☐ Interactive artwork
- ☐ Stage
- ☐ Overhead shade/weather protection
- ☐ Historical monument or plaque
- ☐ Removal of the sidewalk and resurface the pavement (brick, stone, cement, etc.)
- ☐ Pedestrian Plaza
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

8. Would you support Linoberg to be designated as a 'Smoke-Free' area? This would include signs asking people to please not smoke or vape in the space.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

9. Do you have any of the following concerns regarding accessibility or safety of the Linoberg space? (Select as many as apply)

- ☐ Safely crossing Washington Street
- ☐ Safely crossing Stewart Street
- ☐ Inadequate lighting on the Washington Street side
- ☐ Inadequate lighting on the Stewart Street side
- ☐ Inadequate lighting on Linoberg
- ☐ Not wheelchair, walker, stroller friendly
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

10. Did we miss anything? Please enter final comments or concerns here:

11. If you would like to receive communication regarding this project, please provide the following:

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

12. What is your age? (optional, yet appreciated to ensure all ages are represented).

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 - 29
- ☐ 30 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 59
- ☐ 60+

Thank you for your time, your input is greatly appreciated!

In-person public comment opportunities are currently scheduled on the following days and times:

- Monday March 6
 - Linoberg 9am - 10:20am: Site tour
 - Linoberg 10:30am - 1:30pm: Public drop in and Q&A
 - City Hall 5:00pm: City Council Meeting, Public Comment Opportunity
- Tuesday March 7
 - Linoberg from 7:30am - 9:00am: Public drop in
 - City Hall 5:30pm - 7pm: Public Open House
- Wednesday March 8
 - City Hall 5:30pm - 7pm: Joint City Council and Vision Sonora Results Presentation, Public Comment Opportunity

For updated schedule information or to follow the progress of the project, please visit:

[City of Sonora Vision Sonora](#)

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