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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 06, 2024
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

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CLOSED SESSION - 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. 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).

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

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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6. Consider Approval of City Council Minutes from February 5, 2024; February 20, 2024; February 6, 2023, and January 9, 2023; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.
7. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$178,977.27 and \$185,174.50 for Payroll, Including Employee Salaries, Employer and Employee taxes, Retirement Contributions,

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Miscellaneous Voluntary Employee Deductions, Holiday Pay, and Other Adjustments, Including Retro-Pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.

8. Consider Direction for the Preparation of a Grant Application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding to Develop a Comprehensive Citywide Safety Action Plan for the City's Transportation Network; Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Discussion and Community Engagement Regarding the Sonora Police Department's Annual Military Equipment Report and the Department's Funding, Acquisition, or Use of Military Equipment; Turu VanderWeil, Police Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Direct Staff to Submit Comments to the Tuolumne County Community Development Department Reflective of Direction Received From the City Council to Protect City Interests and Sphere of Influence; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CITY HALL

CITY OF SONORA 94 N. WASHINGTON STREET, SONORA, CA 95370 P: (209) 532-4541
SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024; February 20, 2024; February 6, 2023, and January 9, 2023; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve City Council Minutes from February 5, 2024; February 20, 2024; February 6, 2023, and January 9, 2023; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that the City Council Approve Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024; February 20, 2024; February 6, 2023, and January 9, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024; February 20, 2024; February 6, 2023, and January 9, 2023.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan, Homelessness Issues, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 05, 2024 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

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CLOSED SESSION - 3:00 PM**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 3:02 PM.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ARRIVING LATE

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session 3:05 PM.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code, § 54956.8) Property Location: APN 056-570-059, located near the intersection of Sanguinetti and Old Wards Ferry roads; Property Owner: City of Sonora; Agency Negotiator: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Buyer Negotiator: California Gold Development Corporation.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. Public Employment (Gov. Code Section § 54957): Title: Community Development Director.
5. 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.
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7. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Gov. Code Section § 54957); Consultation with Christopher Gorsky; Administrative Services Director; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:02 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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 on Friday February 2, 2024, at 2:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

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BZ Smith representing the Tuolumne County Arts, California Arts Council and the United Way Merced County, informed those in attendance of the details of the Grant that was applied for and received from the Heartland Creative Corps, California Arts Council for rural counties.

Elena Linehan of the Aronos Research Club informed those in attendance of the Appreciation Reception for the Friends of Aronos that will be held at the Aronos Club House, everyone is welcome to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg updated those in attendance that the County had finished their Countywide Workshop; he will be attending the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington DC and will be speaking at a round table on disaster resilience; and encouraged the City Council to attend the next Committee on Aging meeting.

9. Receive a presentation regarding the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and CARE Court; Annie Hockett, Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency Director.

Annie Hockett, Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency Director introduced Tami Mariscal, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Director, Tami informed those in attendance on the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and CARE Court and their impact on the individuals in need of the services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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10. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$205,081.20 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.
11. Consider approval of an additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Sergeant Position to the Sonora Police Department, increasing approved FTE's by one (1) position; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
12. Consider acceptance of a grant from Pacific, Gas and Electric (PG&E) and approve the FY23/24 Budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,000; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

No public comment.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Consider adoption of Resolution Number 02-05-2024-A, authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street & Stockton Road), along with certain other City Streets for the 2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade and Rodeo, and authorizing a community contribution to the Sheriff's Posse for the filing fee of the encroachment permit in an amount not to exceed \$1,800; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

No public comment.

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.

14. Consider adoption of Resolution Number 02-05-2024-B, authorizing the possession of opened alcoholic beverage containers and the public consumption of alcoholic beverages within the cordoned areas of the special event, which is identified by the street closures of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and other identified connecting City Streets for the 2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

A member of the public commented the Tuolumne County Sherriff's Department had four new Officer's graduating this month and will have four more the following month.

A member of the public commented she was not in agreement with open container Resolution 02-05-2024-B.

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.

15. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the UNICO Construction Engineering Contract, in the amount of \$111,544.21, and authorize the City Administrator to execute all related project documents; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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.

16. Consider approval of a contract award between the City of Sonora and Vanir Construction Management, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Phase 1 of the City of Sonora Police Department facility needs assessment and design-build management services for the construction of a Police facility; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

A member of the public commented he is in agreement with a new facility for the police department, however the information should be better presented to the public as the PR and optics have been very bad; the purchase/building of a new facility should have community input and closed session should not include items that greatly effect the community and there needs to be better transparency.

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 a contract award between the City of Sonora and EPIC Recruiting in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for Phase 1 of the City of Sonora Police Department with an on-demand option for online recruiting; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

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, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom informed those in attendance it has been a busy two weeks; helped write and edit the third issue of Quarterly Insights newsletter; filed Form 700 and encouraged everyone to take a look at the local candidates and vote.

Councilmember Andy Merrill shared he is reading the Dune series by Frank Herbert and read a quote from the Children of Dune that stood out, as it is election time and it is important on who we choose; watched/listened to League of Women Voters event, it was very riveting and lead five groups of youths from the EPIC Youth Coalition through City Hall.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz informed those in attendance of the National Prayer Breakfast held at Adventist Health; will attend the Women's Soroptimist Leadership event, and encouraged people to remember when voting, that our country is not based on a Democracy, we are a Constitutional Republic and it is important to remember that when voting.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended Access Tuolumne Workshop; League of Women Voters Candidate Forum for City Council Members and thanked the Community and Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

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OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ARRIVING LATE

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The agenda was posted on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 2:57 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

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Mike Lemke, local builder/developer representing Tuolumne County Building Industry had positive news on housing and is hoping to have future positive updates.

A member of the public commented on the Pickle Ball Court and advised against putting an overlay on the court and to wait until there were enough funds to have a nice court.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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1. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$167,162.94 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Introduce by title Ordinance No. 895, amending the Zoning Map through the rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Number 001-216-011-000 from Multifamily Residential (R-3) and Commercial (C) to Multifamily Residential (R-3), and waive the first reading; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

No public comment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consider authorization to submit the required paperwork to take initial steps with Sierra Business Council staff to determine the City of Sonora's potential energy savings and qualification for various upgrades and incentive programs. Designate a signatory for the Program Participation Agreement; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

No public comment.

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

4. Consider authorization to submit the required paperwork to extend the Woods Creek project delivery deadline from June 2024 to June 2028, authorize staff to file a Deed Restriction for Woods Creek Park consistent with State Park Program requirements, and consider an amendment to the project description to include Pickleball striping and a net to create a joint use on the half court slab with previously proposed basketball hoop; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

A member of the public commented that a cable net like a tennis net is more durable and using a lower quality could be at risk to vandalism.

A member of the public asked if we are actively looking at the basketball court as it is unused or are we proactively looking at a new location.

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.

MONTHLY REPORTS

5. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for December 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
6. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for January 2024; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
7. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for January 2024; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
8. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for January 2024; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the Tuolumne County Arts Poetry Out Loud at the Red Church; the Aronos Appreciation Reception and the League of California City's Mayors and Councilmembers round table.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended the Sierra Repertory, The Play that Goes Wrong and will be attending the Integrated Regional Water Management Authority meeting.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended the Central Sierra Economic Development District meeting; LAFCO meeting and watched the Super Bowl in a barndominium.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting; LAFCO meeting and the TCTC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned into closed session at 6:04 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

9. 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

Meeting reconvened into open session at 7:04 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Direction given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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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:

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Dial: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 811 9339 7821

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

ARRIVING LATE

Councilmember Andrew Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session 4:06 PM.

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code §54957); Consultation with: Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:10 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Andy Merrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Cruz

Councilmember Hawkins

Councilmember Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The agenda was posted on Friday, February 3, 2023, at 1:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg updated those in attendance that the Safety Advisory Vegetation Management Ordinance was in place; Columbia Fire Protection, the County did commit to move forward to a new agreement with Cal Fire for a Schedule A Station; Homelessness, looking at additional homes to possibly purchase, safe parking and partnering up with Faith Based groups, Non-Profits and Mother Lode Job Training; The Dome, a meeting is set between the County and City to see what can be done; Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors Workshop, met with Department Heads to develop a legislative platform; and the Court House in downtown Sonora will not have a chain link fence placed around it.

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Katie Dunn, President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce informed those in attendance the results of the Chamber Survey from January 20th - 25th, 2023.

Katie Dunn, Board Chair of Visit Tuolumne informed those in attendance of the results of the marketing completed by Madden Voyage Media over the holidays.

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.

3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$163,327.37 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.
4. Consider approval of Resolution 02-06-2023-A ending the proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora due to the Washington Fire; 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 Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider approval of a Contract Award to Citygate Associates LLC in the amount of \$73,317 for the completion of the Organization Review and Strategic Financial Plan.

A member of the public commented on the contract award to Citygate Associates LLC and agreed with the City Council, it is money well spent to add the Homelessness Clause to the contract now and not wait and amend the contract at a later date.

A member of the public commented on the addition of the Homeless Clause in the contract and stated, it should be included in the contract upfront as Homelessness needs to be a priority, we need not be penny wise and pound foolish.

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

6. Consider acceptance of the Fiscal Year 22/23 Mid-Year Budget Update with recommended changes and consider approval of Budget Adjustments as Presented; Requires a 4/5th vote; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

No Public Comment.

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 Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

7. Consider approval of Resolution 02-06-2023-B to submit an application to the Executive Officer of the Tuolumne County Local Area Formation Commission for exemption under Government Code Section 56134 for out-of-area fire contract services, Aimee New, Fire Chief.

A member of the public commented in support of Resolution 02-06-2023-B.

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 Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Aimee New informed those in attendance this was her last City Council meeting in her 40's, she also discussed the progress of applying for more Grants.

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg informed those in attendance on the progress of tree clean up.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky had nothing to report.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel informed those in attendance of the upcoming Tuolumne County Special Olympics Polar Plunge; gave an update on the Fundraiser for the new K-9; and shared his feelings and the Departments on the Memphis incident.

City Administrator Melissa Eads had nothing to report.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins attended the Columbia Jazz event and spoke highly of Sonora PD, Tuolumne County Sheriffs, and the CHP.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended the Cable Access meeting; gave an update on finding a permanent location for Studio Musical Hour; safe parking for the Homeless and continued cleanup activities on Child Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the quarterly Drought Monitor meeting, SURF, Vision Sonora and listened to the Cal Cities Speakers Series; chaired the dissolved Oversight Board of the Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Sonora (OBSARA).

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended the workshop for League of California Cities, sends thoughts and prayers to the people in Turkey and Syria after the earthquake.

Mayor Mark Plummer updated those in attendance of Measure Y.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

Monday, January 09, 2023 at 2:30 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have an emergency meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 2:30 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. 12-19-2023-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/87305891791?pwd=REJPYmQyQkFvVDhENnM0akdJWGZvdz09>

Dial: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 873 0589 1791

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

THIS MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM. IT WILL ALSO 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.org.

OPEN SESSION - 2:30 PM**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 2:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Council Member Suzanne Cruz

Council Member Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Council Member Matt Hawkins

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The agenda was posted on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 4:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

EMERGENCY SESSION

1. Consider adoption of Resolution 01-09-2023-A ratifying a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora, as required by the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8630(b).

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Disbursements in the Amount of \$178,977.27 and \$185,174.50 for Payroll

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$178,977.27 and \$185,174.50 for Payroll, Including Employee Salaries, Employer and Employee taxes, Retirement Contributions, Miscellaneous Voluntary Employee Deductions, Holiday Pay, and Other Adjustments, Including Retro-Pay.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

These payrolls were the second (2nd) and first (1st) payrolls of the month, which were expected amounts.

This was the 21st and 22nd payrolls of 26 for FY23-24, we would have expected to expend 84.62% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 71.39% of the Salaries and Wages for the FY 23-24 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Disbursements are part of the approved FY23-24 Budget.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention



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DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Carlye Buchholz, PE, PLS, City Engineer

SUBJECT: FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends to the Sonora City Council to approve moving forward with the preparation of a grant application for SS4A funding to develop a comprehensive Citywide Safety Action Plan for the City's transportation network.

BACKGROUND:

Section 24112 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also referred to as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" or "BIL") authorized and appropriated \$1 billion to be awarded by the US Department of Transportation for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development, refinement, and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and save lives and is designed to meet the needs of diverse local, Tribal, and regional communities that differ dramatically in size, location, and experience administering Federal funding.

The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants:

1. **Planning and Demonstration Grants** - For the development of a comprehensive safety action plan and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of the plan
2. **Implementation Grants** - For the planning, design, and construction of projects that are consistent with an existing action plan

To apply for an Implementation Grant, an applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan. At this time, the City does not have a qualifying Action Plan.



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DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

According to the UC Berkeley Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS), which provides California crash data, there were 355 vehicle crashes in the past 10 years (1/1/2014 to 12/31/2023) in Sonora, injuring 439 people and killing 6. A Citywide Safety Action Plan will enable the City to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the City. A current and comprehensive Safety Plan is a requirement of Implementation grant applications and will allow the City to apply for SS4A Implementation grant funding in future SS4A funding cycles.

The SS4A grant application package is due 5/16/2024. Should the City not be awarded funds in this funding cycle, they can reapply on 8/29/2024 with the same application package.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant application will be completed under the on-call services agreement for City Engineering Services by Dewberry and R.E.Y. Engineers. *There is a 20% (non-federal funds) match required if the City is successful in procuring funds. We estimate that the City should request \$200K to \$400K to develop a comprehensive Citywide Safety Action Plan, and the City would be obligated to 20% for their match.*

ENVIRONMENTAL:

There is no environmental impact to applying for a SS4A Planning and Demonstration grant.

OPTIONS:

1. The Sonora City Council may approve moving forward with the preparation of a SS4A grant application to compete for funding to prepare a Citywide Safety Action Plan.
2. The Sonora City Council may reject moving forward with the preparation of a SS4A grant application to compete for funding to prepare a Citywide Safety Action Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

US Department of Transportation SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 24

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan, Homelessness Issues, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention



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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Discussion and Community Engagement regarding the Sonora Police Department's Annual Military Equipment Report and the Department's Funding, Acquisition, or Use of Military Equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and Community Engagement regarding the Sonora Police Department's Annual Military Equipment Report and the Department's Funding, Acquisition, or Use of Military Equipment.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) relating to law enforcement agencies' use of military equipment. AB 481, codified in California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires that any law enforcement agency seeking to use existing or new military equipment to create a military use policy, present the policy for governing body approval by ordinance, and produce annual reports pertaining to the policy and use of military equipment and to hold public engagement meetings within 30 days of submitting the annual use reports.

The Sonora City Council adopted the Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy in April 2022; and on April 1, 2024, the Sonora Police Department submitted the attached 2023 Military Weapons Report to City Council and posted it on Sonora Police Department's webpage.

As required by AB 481, the Sonora Police Department will hold a public hearing to allow for community engagement. The public will have this opportunity to ask questions regarding the military equipment report and the Police Department's funding, acquisition, and use of the equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.



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ATTACHMENTS:

Military Equipment Report.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

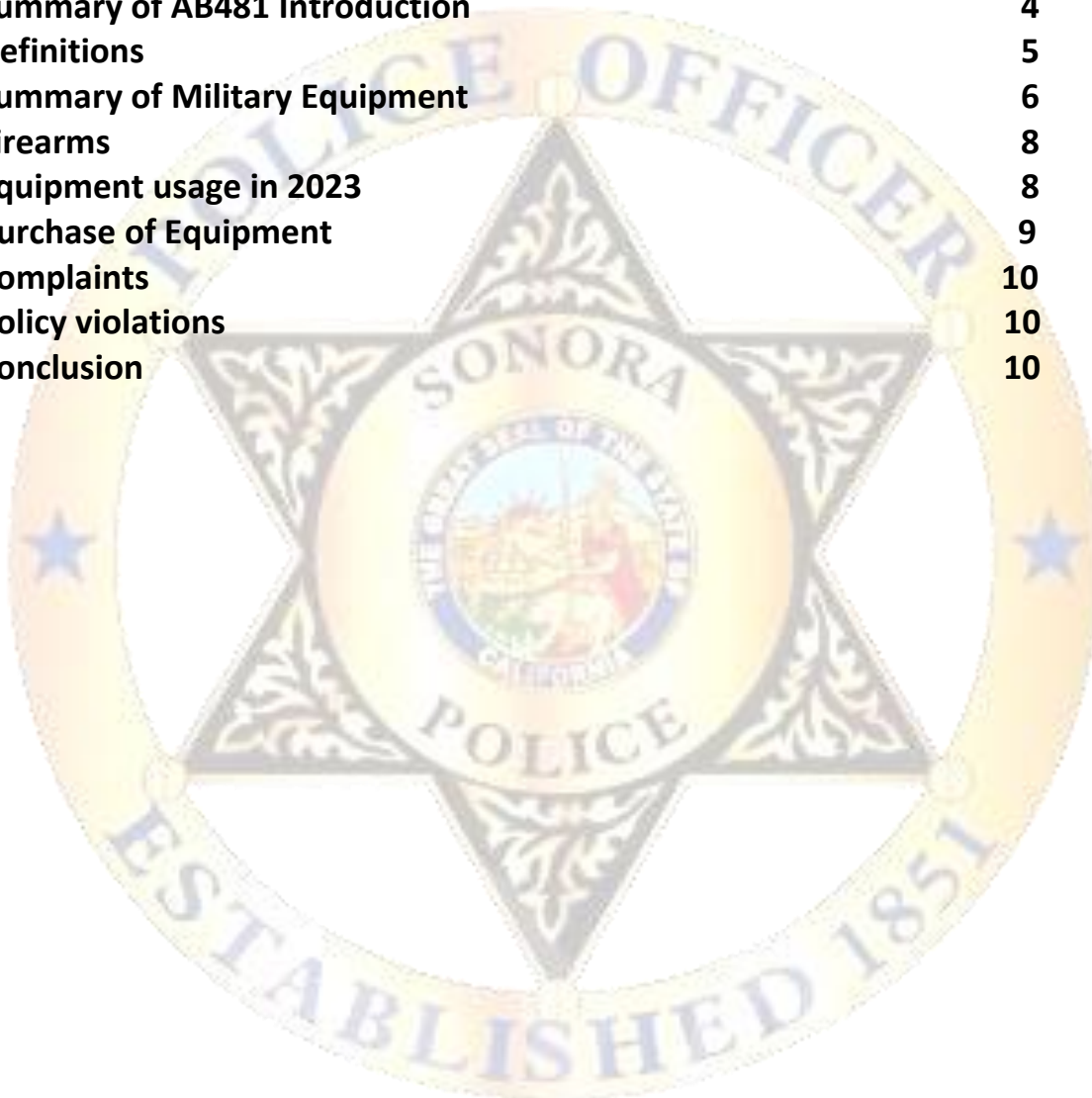
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2023 Military Equipment Report



Sonora Police Department

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Preface:

The Sonora Police Department is committed to the service we deliver to the residents, merchants, and visitors of Sonora are in keeping with the highest traditions of public safety. Safeguarding life and property is the Sonora Police Department's highest priority, and we pledge to carry out this obligation through compassion, dignity, and equality for every individual. Our actions will be distinguished by professionalism, fairness, and diligence.

The equipment listed in this annual report are essential tools that may be required to aid in de-escalating intense situations or bringing volatile conditions and critical incidents to a safe resolution. The mere possession of this equipment does not warrant its use in every circumstance. With this indispensable equipment, the men and women of the Sonora Police Department continue to stand ready to accomplish our mission of driving the crime rate down and improving the quality of life in the City of Sonora.



Summary:

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB-481, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, the City Council, by adopting a military equipment use policy. The Sonora Department was required to seek City Council approval of their military equipment use policy by ordinance at a regular open meeting prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined. The bill allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards.

The approval is subject to an annual City Council review to determine whether, based on an annual military equipment report, the standards outlined in the approving ordinance have been met. The City Council may renew the authorizing ordinance, disapprove authorization for particular military equipment where standards have not been met, or require modifications to the military equipment use policy to address any non-compliance with standards. Finally, the bill requires publication of the military equipment use policy and the annual military equipment report on the Department's website.

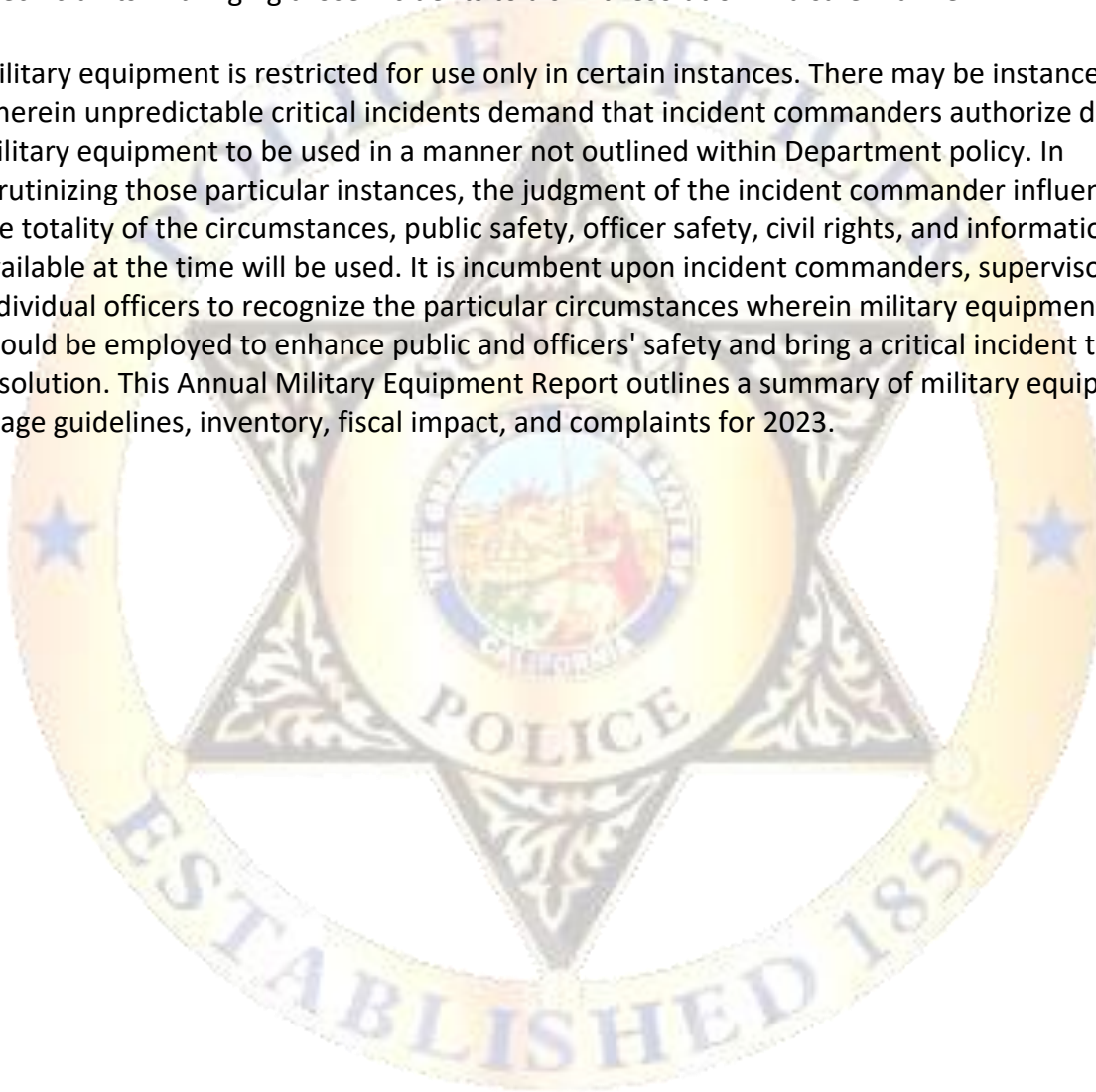
AB-481, Section 7072 states the following: (a) A law enforcement agency that receives approval for a military equipment use policy pursuant to Section 7071 shall submit to the governing body an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The law enforcement agency shall also make each annual military equipment report required by this section publicly available on its internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual military equipment report pursuant to this section, the law enforcement agency shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

In addition to maintaining the highest levels of public safety, the Sonora Police Department is committed to transparency, public trust, community partnerships, and compliance with the law. As such, the Sonora Police Department has authored the following 2023 Annual Military Equipment Report in accordance with annual reporting requirements set forth in AB-481. This report covers the usage and reporting requirements for the proceeding Calendar year (2023).

Introduction:

The Sonora Police Department retains a small complement of defined military equipment to assist in safely achieving its mission statement of driving the crime rate down and improving the quality of life in the City of Sonora. Our trained men and women know that the mere possession of the equipment does not warrant its use for every incident. The Sonora Police Department recognizes that critical incidents are unpredictable and can be very dynamic in nature. A variety of equipment options can greatly assist incident commanders, officers, and specific units in bringing those incidents to a swift resolution in a safe manner.

Military equipment is restricted for use only in certain instances. There may be instances wherein unpredictable critical incidents demand that incident commanders authorize defined military equipment to be used in a manner not outlined within Department policy. In scrutinizing those particular instances, the judgment of the incident commander influenced by the totality of the circumstances, public safety, officer safety, civil rights, and information available at the time will be used. It is incumbent upon incident commanders, supervisors, and individual officers to recognize the particular circumstances wherein military equipment should be employed to enhance public and officers' safety and bring a critical incident to a safe resolution. This Annual Military Equipment Report outlines a summary of military equipment usage guidelines, inventory, fiscal impact, and complaints for 2023.



Definitions:

Pursuant to AB-481, the following definitions are applicable only to the Department's current military equipment inventory and potential future military equipment acquisitions for operational needs. (For a more detailed list, refer to Government Code section 7070 for "military equipment" as defined within the Assembly Bill.)

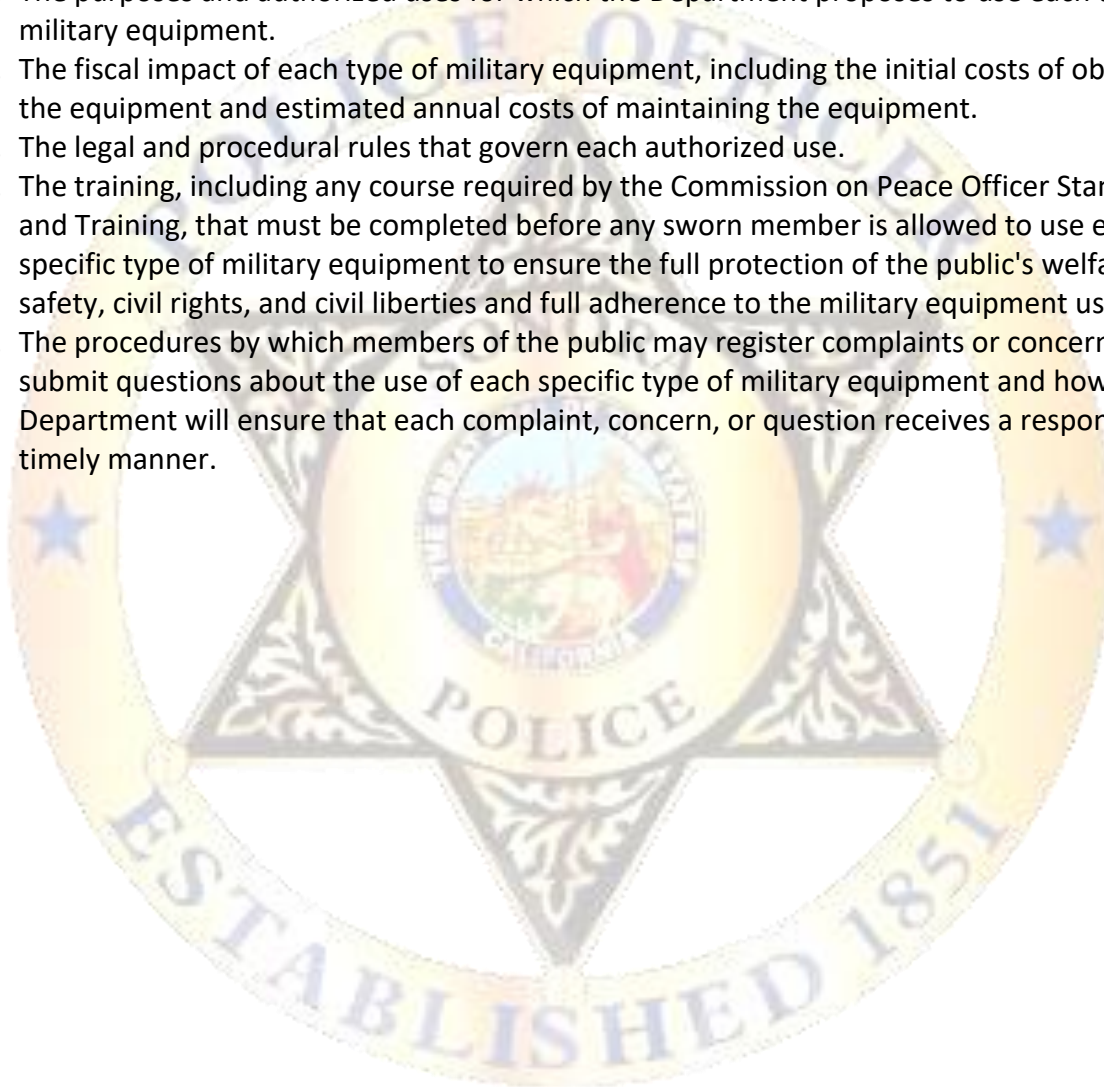
"Governing body" means the City Council and Mayor.

"Military equipment" means the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles. This definition applies to the Department's inventory of small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and SWAT robots.
2. Armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this definition.
3. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
4. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this definition.
5. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard-issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this definition.
6. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard-issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this definition.
7. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to sworn members.
8. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
9. "Flashbang" devices and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld OC. This definition applies to all of the Department's inventory of flashbangs, pepper ball launchers, and related ammunition. Additionally, this definition applies to all of the Department's inventory of various chemical agents and chemical agent delivery systems maintained by the SWAT Unit.
10. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bags," and rubber bullets.
11. "Military equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the Federal Defense Logistics Agency.

"Military equipment use policy" refers to the Sonora Police Department Policy 706 and means a publicly released, written document governing the use of military equipment by the Department that addresses, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of military equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the military equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the Department proposes to use each type of military equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of military equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment.
4. The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.
5. The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, that must be completed before any sworn member is allowed to use each specific type of military equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the military equipment use policy.
6. The procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military equipment and how the Department will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.



Summary of Military Equipment:

The inventory of military equipment, particularly consumable material (ammunition, diversionary devices, etc.), fluctuates regularly. This is based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to operational usage, operational deterioration, training, maintenance, and expiration and replenishment guidelines. The Sonora Department is committed to transparency in disclosing its military equipment inventory and related information to our community and elected officials in compliance with the law. The Department strives to provide the most accurate military equipment inventory and information at the time of this report's publication. The following are the various types, descriptions, and guidelines for usage of military equipment currently employed by the Sonora Police Department:

Rifles: Firearms that are fired from shoulder level, having a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance.

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost

1. Colt M16A1 RIFLE (Quantity 14)
2. Received from Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program at no cost: The M16 rifle, officially designated Rifle, Caliber.223/5.56MM.
3. FEDERAL.223/5.56mm 55GR RIFLE ROUND, cost: \$198 per case of 500, quantity: 20 cases. Federal 223/5.56 MM Remington ammo features a lead core 55 Grain Full Metal Jacket bullet that is nonmagnetic, non-corrosive boxer primer and brass casing. The Federal ammo has a muzzle velocity of 3240 feet per second and muzzle energy of 1282 ft-lbs.

Purpose

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more accuracy and/or from greater distances as a handgun, if present and feasible.

Equipment Usage 2023:

This section outlines the military equipment usage for 2023. Training usage is not captured in this section. This section only provides data for the operational use of military equipment listed within this Annual Equipment Report.

The following are incidents where designated equipment was deployed:

1. Various deployments of the Colt M16A1 rifle in response to potential or perceived threats.

These incidents include:

- a. Search Warrants
- b. Area search of dangerous subjects
- c. Coverage for hold-up/robbery alarms

Purchase of Equipment in 2023:

Pursuant to Sonora Police Policy 706, the following equipment, defined as Military Equipment by law, was purchased in 2023:

- There were no purchases made for defined Military Equipment by SPD in 2023.

Complaints regarding the use of Military Equipment:

In some instances, the application and use of military equipment may cause questions and/or concerns for members of the community. It is vitally important that community members' questions regarding the application and use of military equipment are addressed. The Sonora Police Department is committed to full and fair investigation of citizen complaints. As such, the Department has sound internal policies for thorough and impartial investigations of citizen complaints. Resolving complaints in a fair, impartial, and expeditious manner will ensure a consistently high level of integrity and efficiency maintained by the Department. The following is a summary of formal investigations related to the use of military equipment as investigated by the Sonora Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit for 2023:

- There were no complaints/investigations regarding the use of Military Equipment in 2023.

Summary and responses to Policy 706 violations:

- No violations of Policy 706- Military Equipment use, were reported or known of in 2023.

Conclusion:

This Annual Military Equipment Report reaffirms the Sonora Police Department's commitment to providing transparency and information to our community and elected officials in addition to ensuring compliance with the law. The equipment, resources, and training outlined in this report allow Sonora Police Officers to protect our community better, enhance the safety of the public and officers, and bring critical incidents to a safe resolution. Public safety is and always has remained a shared responsibility. The strength of our Department lies in a partnership with our community to address crime in their neighborhoods.



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DATE: May 6, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Bradley Milsner, Principal Planner, CSG
 Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Tuolumne County 2024 Zoning Code Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to submit comments to the Tuolumne County Community Development Department reflective of direction received from the City Council to protect City interests and Sphere of Influence.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, Tuolumne County released a draft update for the zoning code, Title 17, and draft Objective Site and Design Standards, which would shift the review of development away from a public review process and allow staff to review a project against the objective standards. The purpose of the zoning code update was to streamline the County's code and bring it into alignment with the County's 2018 General Plan update and into compliance with state law, particularly regarding new state housing law.

The revised zoning code was presented to the County Planning Commission in two phases:

- March 6, 2024 – County Staff presented an overview of the changes to the Commission.
- March 20, 2024 – County Staff responded to comments and sought a recommendation from the Commission for the Board of Supervisors.

On April 9, 2024, the item was brought before the County Board of Supervisors where they adopted the code. For more information this process, you can visit the County's website at:

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1376/Title-17-Zoning-Code-Update>.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Within Tuolumne County, the City of Sonora has a "Sphere of Influence" (SOI) which represents land that, while not within the boundary of the City, is likely to become part of the City through annexation. As the only incorporated City within Tuolumne County, City staff reviewed the changes to the County's zoning ordinance as it relates to annexation and the City's SOI.



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Staff reviewed the changes in the context of what would restrict the City's ability to coordinate with County on proposed development and the regulation of the future land uses once established. Many of the updates to bring the code into compliance with state law relate to housing and density. Increasing density has the potential to strain current City services such as facility maintenance, utilities, and social services. In addition, once a land use has been established on a property, the City would be restricted from ceasing that use through code.

In conjunction with these changes, the County proposes streamlining housing development review away from a public review process, where the City would have opportunity to provide comment, to a ministerial review, where the County Staff would review the project against objective standards.

The following table outlines the major findings made by staff.

Change to County Zoning	Potential Impact to the City
Increase of Density in Residential Zones	Density is increased residential zones. As discussed above, increasing density will put strain on City services, regardless of if the property is within City boundaries. As the County Seat and only incorporated City, many County residents work and shop within the City.
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in industrial zones and special purpose zones such as the Timberland Production District and the Mineral Preserve District.	ADUs, also known as in-law units or granny flats, are residential units located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residence. While ADUs are allowed by state law, they are only required in residential zones. Having them in a wider variety of zones allows for important uses, such as caretaker homes, but can cause conflicts such as exposing homeowners to the byproducts of industrial uses like pollution.
Incentivizing Clustered Development	Clustered development allows the development of denser housing to reduce the consumption of land, protect sensitive habitats, and reduce strain on existing services. However, as proposed, clustered development must include 40 percent of the project site to be dedicated as permanent green space which would restrict future uses for the land.
Single-Room Occupancy in Commercial Zones	As discussed above, once an SRO is established it can continue as a legal use until the owner decides to cease that use, regardless of code.
Transitional Housing and Supportive permitted without discretionary review	Transitional and Supportive housing is permitted without discretionary review in residential zones and supportive housing in structures other than dwelling units is permitted without discretionary review in some commercial districts.



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In light of these changes, it is reasonable to assume the changes, although many of which are compliant with state law, impact the City's SOI. It is also appropriate to recommend that the County adopt the following language into section 17.02.020, Principles, of the zoning code. The recommended text is indicated in red, below.

17.02.020 Principles.

- B. This title recognizes the importance to the community for all legitimate uses of land. This title further recognizes the need for all such uses to be protected from other uses which are incompatible. It provides districts for agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial and industrial activities. Thus, complementary and compatible land uses are permitted to coexist side by side while they are protected from encroachment by conflicting land uses. *In instances where any land use proposals involving land adjacent to or within the City of Sonora's Sphere of Influence, the County shall inform the City of such land use proposals and shall ensure timely efforts to coordinate opportunities for city input. LAFCO shall be consulted on matters of disagreement.*

FISCAL IMPACT:

No direct fiscal impact in the short term. Long term impacts include undetermined impacts/cost on City general fund dealing with increased traffic (road maintenance), police and fire response and opportunity costs related to land use decisions that are no longer available.

ATTACHMENTS:

No attachments

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan, Homelessness Issues, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention