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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, November 04, 2024
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on November 4, 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 - 4:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Liability Claim (Government Code Section §54956.95): Two (2) Potential Cases, Claimant: **Canning**, Claimant: **Thompson**; Agency Claimed Against: City of Sonora; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

B. Public Employment (Government Code Section §54957): **Building Official**; Doug White, City Attorney, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

- 5. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

- 6. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**
- 7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 8. ROLL CALL**
- 9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING**
- 10. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

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- 12. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg; Melissa Eads, City Manager. (10 minutes)

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13. CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consider Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; September 3, 2024; and September 16, 2024; Deputy City Clerk, Stacy Enos-Del Razo

14. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

15. 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: November 4, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Supervisor David Goldemberg County Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg will Present an Update on County-Wide Issues to the City Council at the First Meeting of Each Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan, Homelessness Issues.



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DATE: November 4, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; September 3, 2024; and September 16, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; September 3, 2024; and September 16, 2024

BACKGROUND:

Staff Recommends that the City Council Approve Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; September 3, 2024; and September 16, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

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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Minutes
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5:00 PM**

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:02 PM.

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

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 12:46 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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A member of the public addressed the Council.

Katie Dunn President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce informed those in attendance the Chamber has signed a new lease for an office in downtown Sonora; and the first concert in the park will be on June 10th.

Bill Seldon thanked City Administrator Melissa Eads for hiring an Engineering Team; and spoke about the main drain.

BZ Smith attended the Pride event; and spoke about the safety of our youth.

PRESENTATIONS

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

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Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg informed those in attendance the County is working hard to increase fire protection with grant money; spoke about homelessness and the opening of the facility in Soulsbyville; is interested in discussions between the City and County on the Greenly Road Bypass and the Dome.

3. Introduction of Public Works Assistant Aaron Jobe; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
4. Receive a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth National Independence Day; Ann Segerstrom, Mayor Pro-Tem.

BZ Smith spoke about Juneteenth and hoped the Council would all vote yes.

Marlys Bell spoke about Juneteenth and thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom for the Proclamation.

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg shared with those in attendance the County adopted Juneteenth last year.

The Council discussed a little wordsmithing to add to the Proclamation

Motion was 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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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5. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$171,967.53 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.
6. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 06-05-2023-A establishing the Gann Appropriations Limit for FY23/24 for the City of Sonora; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
7. Recommend that the City Council approve a budget adjustment to reallocate \$26,000 of Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget within the General Fund's General Services Budget Unit to pay for the HVAC repairs at the Fire Station, \$19,200, and for vegetation management on Lyon's Street, from Hope Lane to Bald Mountain Road, for \$6,800. (Requires a 4/5 vote); Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
8. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 891, Cargo Containers; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

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No public comment.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Approve the FY23/24 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets as presented.; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

A five-minute recess was called.

Called to order at 6:03 PM.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky presented the budget.

Each Department Head presented their portions of the budget.

Jason Morey addressed the Council in regard to Enterprise.

Tyler Piche representing the Fire Fighters Association addressed the Council.

Fire Chief Aimee New made additional comments.

The Council discussed the budget.

**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
Voting Nay: Councilmember Matt Hawkins**

NEW BUSINESS

10. Consider the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Kevin Anderson to serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a four-year term expiring on July 1, 2027; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

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 Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

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MONTHLY REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

16. Receive a letter supporting the League of California Cities' participation in an informational hearing calling on the Legislature to provide solutions to the fentanyl and substance abuse crisis.
17. Receive letters sent to the California State Assembly and Senate opposing Assembly Bill 742, a bill eliminating the use of canines in policing.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

City Administrator Melissa Eads thanked Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky and all the Department Heads for all their work on the budget.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins informed those in attendance that fire season is upon us.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the Water Advisory Committee meeting; Drought and Climate Outlook; and Pride event.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz recently returned from Chicago for a writers' conference; spoke about Juneteenth; and recommended everyone to watch the Sound of Freedom.

Mayor Mark Plummer thanked Councilmember Andy Merrill for filling in for the Access Tuolumne meeting; and thanked Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky and the Staff for all their hard work on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

ABSENT

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:03 PM.

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

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

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

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:05 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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

No public comment.

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

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

A member of the public addressed the Council.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Stephen Opie

ABSENT

Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz

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Councilmember Stephen Opie

ABSENT

Councilmember Andy Merrill

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, August 30, 2024 at 9:45 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Councilmember Bess Levine. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Stephen Opie

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A member of the public had questions for the Council.

A member of the public addressed the Council about the transit station on Green Street and Stockton Road.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg; Melissa Eads, City Administrator. (10 min.)

Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg informed those in attendance the County is still working on their budget; the Sheriff is in discussions with the State for a new Dispatch Center; Tuolumne Road work is continuing; the County is sponsoring several Town Hall meetings in different Districts, District 1 will be September 25th at 5:30 PM; the Governors Office of External Affairs will be coming for a visit on September 18th; the Navigation Center is in the process of hiring; and the safe camping clean and clear is scheduled.

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Mayor Ann Segerstrom asked for more information on the SERAL Project (Social and Economic Resilience Across the Landscape).

City Administrator Melissa Eads asked if someone from the Sonora Police Department or Council could attend the visit from the Governors Office of External Affairs.

A member of the public addressed the Council.

3. Receive a Presentation from Visit Tuolumne County on the Quarterly Marketing Update; Lisa Mayo, President & CEO and Jen Lopez, Programs & Project Manager, Visit Tuolumne County. (20 min.)

Lisa Mayo, President & CEO and Jen Lopez, Programs & Project Manager from Visit Tuolumne County gave a brief review of who they are and presented their Quarterly Marketing Update; informed those in attendance of their upcoming contract with an agency in Germany to promote Tuolumne County; they will be hosting the Black Travel Alliance professional organization; David DeVoss travel journalist with East-West News will be visiting; partnering with Condé Nast to have a space in their news letter; maintaining their presence in California Visitors Guide; looking for candidates to fill the Visitors Services position; and thanked the City and Council for their continued support.

A member of the public applauded Lisa and her Team.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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4. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of \$189,402.77 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.
5. Consider Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2023; December 12, 2023; December 18, 2023; and June 3, 2024; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Councilmember Stephen Opie. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Stephen Opie

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COMMUNICATIONS

6. Receive a Letter to Quincy Yaley, Executive Director of Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Regarding the August 26, 2024, Press Release on LAFCO Staffing Transition and the City of Sonora's Response to the June 2024 Grand Jury Report on LAFCO.

No public comment.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie attended the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) meeting.

Councilmember Bess Levine attended the Tuolumne County Marketing meeting; ribbon cutting for the new Family Practice Physicians; and the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz informed those in attendance that the Central Sierra Business Development Center is offering a training covering everything to do with starting and running a business on September 9th; and PG&E is clearing vegetation for fire safety.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the Adventist ribbon cutting, the second Business Watch meeting, and Cable 8-Access Tuolumne meeting; the Aronos Club will be having Coffee with a Cop on October 9th, and collecting non-perishable foods for the teen pantry.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:46 PM.

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**CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on September 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

This meeting is physically open to the Public and citizens who wish to provide public comment during the meeting will be invited to do so by the Mayor.

Written comments can be submitted to be included as part of the administrative record; they will not be read during the meeting. All comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370, or via email to tskelly@sonoraca.com.

Public Access Audio and Video Live Streaming

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

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

CITY COUNCIL appreciates your interest and encourages participation. Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

The numerical order of the items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon request of the Mayor or Council Members. All questions shall be directed to the Mayor who, at their discretion, will refer to Staff.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom
Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz
Council Members Bess Levine, Andy Merrill, Stephen Opie
City Administrator Melissa Eads
City Attorney Douglas White

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Andy Merrill

Councilmember Stephen Opie

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned at 4:01 PM.

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.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ann Segerstrom stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Stephen Opie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Ann Segerstrom

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz

Councilmember Bess Levine

Councilmember Andy Merrill

Councilmember Stephen Opie

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 9:07 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Councilmember Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Andy Merrill, Councilmember Stephen Opie

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Katie Dunne President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce informed those in attendance the Chamber hosted the third Business Watch meeting and will be having a workshop on using the BAND App; Trick or Treat Street is October 26th from 4:00 - 5:30 and will now have Spooky Town Park; there will be a Christmas Town Sonora Committee meeting and we are working on the Christmas Parade; the Chamber is now in partnership with the Sierra Business Builders, and are having monthly workshops for small businesses.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom read a statement in regard to homelessness.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive a Demonstration of How to Administer Naloxone (Narcan); Police Chief Turu VanderWiel and Corporal Thomas Brickley. (10 min)
3. Receive Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Erik Weber; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief. (10 min)
4. Receive a Presentation regarding the Central Sierra Economic Development District's (CSEDD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); Alex Bloom, Central Sierra Economic Development District Manager. (15 min)

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7. Consider Acceptance of an Informational Report for the August 2024 Accounts Payable Payment Register and Void Report; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director
8. Consider Adoption of Resolution 09-16-2024-A and Acceptance of the VFC (Volunteer Fire Capacity) Grant Award – 7GF24020 and Authorize the Fire Chief to Approve and Sign the Contract to Accept the Award; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
9. Consider Adoption of Resolution 09-16-2024-B, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Adopting Necessary Changes to the City of Sonora's Conflict of Interest Code; Douglas White, City Attorney.

Motion made by Councilmember Andy Merrill, Seconded by Councilmember Bess Levine. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Andy Merrill, Councilmember Stephen Opie

NEW BUSINESS

10. Consider Potential Demonstration Projects to Increase Pedestrian Safety, Implement Elements of the Linoberg Refined Concepts Report, and Deliver Public Art to Sonora's Downtown Area; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

The Council discussed the Linoberg concepts and Public Art.

Sharon Marovich of the Tuolumne County Heritage Committee shared her comments and concerns.

Kristine Conforti, Public Policy Advocate for Blue Zones addressed the concerns of the Council and Public.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

11. Receive the City of Sonora Administrative Services Department Report for July 2024 (FY24/25); Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
12. Receive the City of Sonora Community Development Department Monthly Report for August 2024; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.
13. Receive the City of Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2024; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Aimee New informed those in attendance on October 5th the Fire Department will be working with the Red Cross to install smoke detectors in the city.

14. Receive the City of Sonora Police Department Monthly Report for August 2024; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
15. Receive the City Sonora Public Works Department Monthly Report for August 2024; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Mayor Suzanne Cruz attended the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) meetings; informed those in attendance September 17th is National Constitution Day and read the Preamble.

Councilmember Andy Merrill attended the Solid Waste meeting, the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) and Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) meetings; informed those in attendance the College will be hosting two orchestral performances, one on October 4th and the next in December.

Councilmember Bess Levine attended the Business Watch meeting; Natural Resources Advisory Committee; and next month will attend the Annual California Tourism Summit at the Chicken Ranch with Visit Tuolumne County.

Councilmember Stephen Opie attended the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) meeting, and YES Council presentation on the fentanyl crisis.

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meeting, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and Tuolumne Public Power Agency (TPPA); and the District 1 Town Hall is September 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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