



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have a special meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 2:00 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 12:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370, or via email to tskelly@sonoraca.com.

Public Access Audio and Video Live Streaming

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

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

CALL TO ORDER - 2:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of an increase to the Police Department's 2023/2024 operating budget for repair of the dispatch center base radios, consoles, and supporting workstation equipment furniture; Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police.

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, mrutikanga@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 12, 2024

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Request Funding for Emergency Repairs/Upgrade to Dispatch Console

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of an increase to the Police Department's 2023/2024 operating budget for repair of the dispatch center base radios, consoles, and supporting workstation equipment furniture.

DISCUSSION

Identifying funding for a dispatch console upgrade was listed as a project for the current budget cycle. Support for our existing system expired in 2016, largely due to the Windows 7 configuration. The Police Department's dispatch console, critical to supporting our Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and radio communications, has recently failed. Due to outdated and unsupported equipment, repairing the existing equipment is not possible. The failure is centered on our primary radio base unit and integration parts, which disabled communications on our primary radio channel. Further, our 911 dispatchers are unable to use headsets, which cancels out environmental noise for the dispatcher while communicating with field personnel.

Although a temporary patch has been made, the radio technicians referred to our system as a "time bomb," indicating that it could completely fail at any given time. A base radio and console replacement would also trigger the need to replace the workstation.

Preliminary pricing suggests the overall cost of this repair/upgrade would be approximately \$150,000. Procurement for console equipment is approximately 45-60 days out from the time it is ordered. If approved for this emergency purchase, we would be seeking equipment that can grow with the department's needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

For FY23/24, the fiscal impact to the General Fund is \$150,000; this amount will be allocated from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

