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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, July 01, 2024
5:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on July 1, 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.org.

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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 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 Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

City Attorney Douglas White

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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 – Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d): (1 case); Melissa Eads, City Administrator, Doug White, City Attorney.

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. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

    The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a three (3) minute presentation.

11. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

    A. Waive First Reading, Read By Title Only, and Introduce Ordinance 899, Amending Chapter 1.16, Elections, of Title One, General Provisions, to Change the Date of General Municipal Elections to Coincide with Statewide General Elections; Doug White, City Attorney.

    B. Introduce By Title Ordinance No. 896 and Waive First Reading, Amending the Zoning Map Through the Rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 056-106-004 and 056-106-001 from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C); Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

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13. 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.

A. Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of $192,599.35 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.

B. Consider Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from July 03, 2023; July 17; 2023; March 20, 2023; and March 12, 2024; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk

C. Consider Approval of Resolution 07-01-2024-A Designating the Assistant City Administrator to Sign Documents on Behalf of the City Administrator; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.

D. Consider Approval of Dewberry Engineers Inc. Task Order #25-1 Scope and Fee to Continue to Provide City Engineer Services for Fiscal Year 24/25; Mike Pugh, City Engineer, Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Receive the Administration of the Oath of Office for Elected City Officials; Judge Donald Segerstrom.

1. Ann Segerstrom - Councilmember
2. Bess Levine - Councilmember
3. Stephen Opie - Councilmember

15. BREAK

16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION - SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

17. CALL TO ORDER

18. ROLL CALL

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

20. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

21. PRESENTATIONS

A. Receive a Presentation from Pioneer Community Energy, a Community Choice Aggregator, About the Benefits of Joining and Authorizing the City Administrator to Commission an Impact Assessment Study; Robbie Bergstrom, Tuolumne County Economic Development Senior Administrative Analyst, Melissa Eads, City Administrator. (15 minutes)

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

22. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore; Tracy Skelly, City Clerk.

B. Receive Proclamations Honoring Councilmember Mark Plummer, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, and City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo; Tracy Skelly, City Clerk.

C. Receive the State of the City Address Report from the Newly Appointed Mayor.

D. Consider Mayor's Appointment of Commission/Committee Assignments; Tracy Skelly, City Clerk.

E. Consider the Mayor's Appointment of Thad Waterbury to Serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a One-Year Term Expiring on July 1, 2025; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

Consider the Mayor's Appointment of Linda Emerson to Serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a Two-Year Term Expiring on July 1, 2026; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

Consider the Mayor's Appointment of Thomas Miller to Serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a Four-Year Term Expiring on July 1, 2028; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

23. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Receive the City of Sonora Administrative Services Department Monthly Report for April 2024 (FY23/24); Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

B. Receive the City of Sonora Community Development Department Monthly Report for May 2024; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

C. Receive the City of Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2024; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

D. Receive the City of Sonora Police Department Monthly Report for May 2024; Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police.

E. Receive the City of Sonora Public Works Department Monthly Report for May 2024; Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor

24. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

25. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City Hall (209) 532-4541, tskelly@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

CITY HALL

CITY OF SONORA 94 N. WASHINGTON STREET, SONORA, CA 95370 P: (209) 532-4541

SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Douglas L. White, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Waive First Reading, Read by Title Only, and Introduce an Ordinance of the Sonora City Council Amending Chapter 1.16, Elections, of Title One, General Provisions, to Change the Date of General Municipal Elections to Coincide with Statewide General Elections.

RECOMMENDATION:

Waive first reading, read by title only, and introduce Ordinance 899, Amending Chapter 1.16, Elections, of Title One, General Provisions, to change the date of general municipal elections to coincide with statewide general elections.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora's ("City") Municipal Code states that the City's municipal general elections occur on the day of statewide direct primary elections. Recently, the City Council directed Staff to determine how that date may be changed, in order to promote greater voter participation in municipal general elections.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The procedure for changing the date of municipal general elections is governed by Elections Code sections 1301 and 10403.5.

A city council can pass an ordinance changing the election date for municipal general elections to any of the options listed in Elections Code section 1000, including the November statewide general election.[1] No term of office may be increased by more than 12 months by the change in date.[2] A city council may not amend or repeal the ordinance until at least one election has occurred under the new schedule.[3]

In order for an ordinance changing the date of municipal general elections to go into effect, it must be approved by the county board of supervisors.[4] The county board of supervisors is required to approve the ordinance unless "the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional elections or materials cannot be

[1] Elections Code § 1301.
[2] Elections Code § 10403.5(b).
[3] Elections Code § 1301(d).
[4] Elections Code §§ 1301(d), 10403.5(a).

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handled."[5] If the county board of supervisors approves such an ordinance and it becomes operative, the city's elections official must within 30 days send notice by mail to all registered voters of both the change in election date and the extension of any term of office thereby.[6]

Here, the Ordinance, if passed and approved by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, would change the date of the next general municipal election held in the City from March of 2026 to November of 2026. This Ordinance would lengthen the term of office of those Councilmembers up for election in 2026 by approximately eight months, well within the permissible range of twelve months. The City Clerk, as city elections official, would have to oversee the mail notification of registered voters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the County Board of Supervisors approves the Ordinance and the Ordinance becomes effective, the City must pay for the mail notification of all registered voters.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

The Ordinance is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act since it does not have the potential to cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (Pub. Res. Code, § 21065)

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

[5] Elections Code § 10403.5(a).
[6] Elections Code § 10403.5(e).

ORDINANCE NO. 899

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.16, ELECTIONS, OF TITLE ONE, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO CHANGE THE DATE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COINCIDE WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, general municipal elections in the City of Sonora ("City") were established by the City of Sonora City Council ("City Council") as falling on the day of the statewide direct primary election in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code sections 1301 and 10403.5 authorize the City Council to reschedule the City's general municipal elections to the day of the statewide general election, pending approval by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, as long as doing so will not extend City Councilmembers' terms by more than twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to hold general municipal elections on the day of the statewide general election, in order to promote broader voter participation.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Chapter 1.16, Elections, of Title 1, General Provisions, of the Sonora Municipal Code is repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 1.16, to read as follows:

Chapter 1.16
ELECTIONS

Sections:

1.16.010 General Municipal Election Date
1.16.020 City Elections Official

1.16.010 General Municipal Election Date

The general municipal election of the City shall be held on the same day, from year to year, as the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year, pursuant to Government Code section 36503 and Elections Code sections 1000 and 1301.

1.16.020 City Elections Official

For the purposes of receiving and certifying nomination papers, canvassing the results of all municipal elections, signing and delivering certificates of election, and administering the oath to all elected municipal officers, the City Clerk shall act as the City Elections Official. The City Administrator shall act as the City Elections Official during the period of a vacancy in the City Clerk position or Interim City Clerk appointment.

SECTION 2. ADJUSTMENT TO TERMS OF OFFICE. In accordance with Elections Code sections 1301 and 10403.5(d), due to the change of election date, the terms of office of those members of the City Council whose terms would previously have expired in March 2026, will instead, vacate their office upon certification of the results and administration of oaths of office after the November 2026 General Municipal Election.

SECTION 3. REQUEST TO THE COUNTY. The City Clerk is directed to forward, without delay, a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors and the County Election Department.

SECTION 4. NOTICE TO VOTERS. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10403.5, within thirty (30) days after this Ordinance becomes effective, the City Clerk must cause a notice to be mailed to all registered voters of the City of Sonora (pursuant to the last report of registration by the County Clerk to the Secretary of State) informing the voters of the change in the election date. The notice must also inform the voters that as a result of the change in election date, elected city officeholders' terms in office will be changed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. The Ordinance will only become effective upon approval by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Elections Code section 1301(b)(1).

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, held on the ___ day of _____, 2024, and given its first reading at said meeting. Said Ordinance was given a second reading at a regular meeting of the City Council held on ___ day of ____, 2024, and after such reading, Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember ____, said Ordinance was thereupon adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
EXCUSED:

APPROVED:

_____
Mark Plummer
Mayor of the City of Sonora

ATTEST:

_____
Tracy Skelly
City Clerk of the City of Sonora

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Ordinance of the City Council of Sonora Rezoning Assessor's Parcel Numbers 056-106-004 and 056-106-001 from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce by Title Ordinance No. 896 and waive first reading, Amending the zoning map through the rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 056-106-004 and 056-106-001 from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C).

BACKGROUND:

On May 13, 2024, the Planning Commission approved the Design Review, Site Plan Review, and Use Permit for a three (3) story multi-use residential and commercial project at 956 Oregon Street. The project involves twelve (12) residential units and six (6) commercial spaces, accompanied by parking, landscaping, and street improvements. The total project area is 31,198 square feet (~0.72 acres). Following the Planning Commission approval, staff received three appeals of the Planning Commission decision. The City Council denied the appeals and upheld the Planning Commission decision at its June 17, 2024 meeting.

In addition to approving the entitlements for the proposed project, the Planning Commission also recommended (on a 3-2 vote) that the City Council introduce an ordinance to rezone the property (APN 056-106-004) to the Commercial (C) zoning designation. For the project to proceed forward as proposed, the project site requires a rezoning from General Commercial (GC) to Commercial (C).

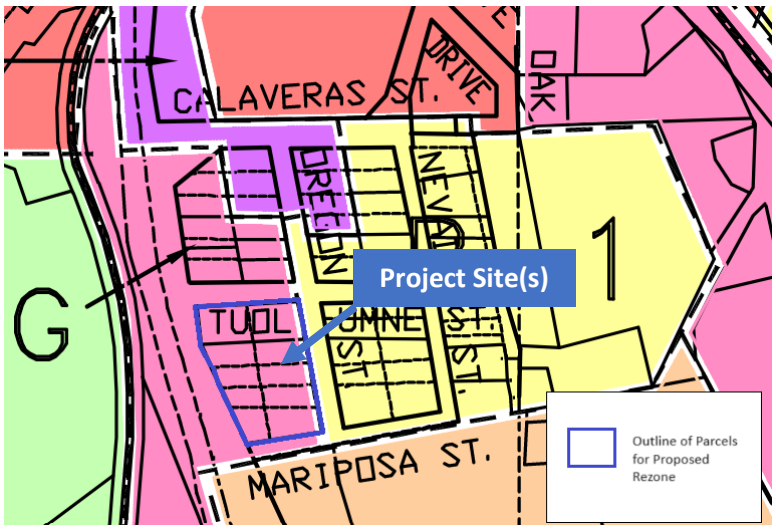
Of note, the adjacent property at 11 Tuolumne Street (APN 056-106-001) is also included in the ordinance to be rezoned from General Commercial (GC) to Commercial (C). The rezoning of 11 Tuolumne Street is a City-initiated rezone. The rezoning ordinance was included in the agenda for the June 17, 2024 Council meeting, but due to an agenda error, the public hearing for the ordinance was continued to July 1, 2024.

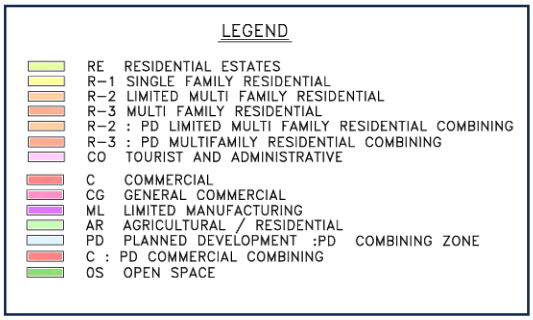
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DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The two parcels are currently zoned as General Commercial (CG) and are proposed to be rezoned as Commercial (C). While the Commercial and General Commercial zoning districts are similar in that they both allow service-oriented land uses, where they differ is in the intensity of allowed uses. The CG Zone allows for a greater intensity of commercial uses, which may include industrial land uses, whereas the C zone is more restricted to commercial/retail-oriented land uses. The C zone also allows mixed-use residential projects with commercial uses on the ground floor.

As proposed, the project at 956 Oregon Street includes housing units above ground level commercial, which would be allowed in a Commercial (C) zoning district, but not in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district because it does not allow mixed-use development. Under the Commercial (C) zoning district, multi-family dwellings above ground level commercial are a permitted use allowed by right, subject to the land and structure regulations of the Tourist and Administrative (CO) zoning district. The project meets all the land and structure regulations under the CO zoning district.

Staff has also included the 11 Tuolumne Street property in the rezone ordinance because the Commercial (C) zoning district improves consistency with the site's General Plan designation of Commercial (C). It is common for cities to update the zoning of properties to ensure vertical consistency with the General Plan. The rezoning of both parcels to the C zoning district will better reflect the goals and vision laid out in the General Plan and ensure greater consistency between the zoning for the properties and the City's General Plan.

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GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

Under the General Plan 2020, the purpose of the C land use designation is to:

"Maintain and enhance the present and future needs of City and County residents and visitors while maintaining and enhancing the City's economic base and conserving the City's social, economic, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources."

The Commercial designation promotes the inclusion of multi-family dwelling units above ground level. The purpose of allowing multi-family units above commercial is to support the City's historical development style, which can be seen throughout the City's downtown area along Washington Street. The project site is along the commercial corridor that connects into the historic downtown area. The project will be a continuation of the look and feel of the downtown area while being compatible with the existing pattern of development in the area, which includes a mix of existing residential and commercial uses.

The project also conforms to the applicable Goals/Policies of the General Plan, including:

> *1.C.c*: Continue to maintain a provision within the City's municipal code allowing residential uses as permitted uses above ground level within all commercial zones, including those within historic commercial districts.
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> *1.D.2:* Encourage higher density housing in areas served by a full range of urban services, preferably along collector, arterial, and major arterial streets, and within walking distance of shopping areas.
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> *1.D.3:* Recognize the need to supply affordable housing in close proximity to commercial centers to serve the City and County's high number of service-oriented, minimum wage workers.
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> *1.E.5:* Encourage a mixture of uses and activities that will maintain the vitality of the downtown area.
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> *1.E.6:* Promote integrated, rather than scattered, visitor-serving commercial developments.
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> *2.B.5:* Promote and encourage pedestrian-oriented development.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The rezoning of the parcel for the 956 Oregon Street project qualifies for the in-fill exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15332). The project meets each criteria of the in-fill exemption (consistent with applicable General Plan and Zoning designations, on a site smaller than 5 acres, no significant environmental impacts, and nearby utilities available), as further explained in the record of the June 17, 2024 Council decision to deny the filed appeals. The rezoning ordinance is considered part of the required project approvals for purposes of the zoning consistency finding.

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The rezoning ordinance for both parcels also qualifies for the commonsense exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3)). The rezone of the adjacent parcel at 11 Tuolumne Street is proposed by the City to improve conformity with the corresponding General Plan designation. No development is proposed on this parcel. The changes in zoning do not have potential to cause significant impacts to the environment. The rezoning reduces the intensity of the allowed uses on the parcels and improves conformity with the General Plan. As a result of the rezone, the parcels will be more restricted to commercial/retail-oriented land uses. Any future development application received for the 11 Tuolumne Street property will be subject to further review at that time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts of this action. The applicant for the 956 Oregon Street project has been financially responsible for moving the project forward. The City is covering the staff time costs to facilitate the rezone on the adjacent parcel (APN 056-106-004).

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance 896

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 896

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA REZONING ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 056-106-004 AND 056-106-001 FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) TO COMMERCIAL (C)

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting conducted on November 13, 2023, the Planning Commission opened the public hearing to consider recommending the rezoning of APNs 056-106-004 and 056-106-001 from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C), and voted to continue the public hearing to a future date upon further review of project impacts; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting conducted on May 13, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted the public hearing and recommended the rezoning of APNs 056-106-004 and 056-106-001 from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C). At this meeting, the Planning Commission also approved the Design Review, Site Plan Review, and Use Permit for the mixed-use project application filed for APN 056-106-004; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting conducted on June 17, 2024, the City Council considered three (3) appeals of the Planning Commission decision on May 13, 2024, to approve the Design Review, Site Plan, and Use Permit to allow a 40-foot residential and commercial mixed-use project at 956 Oregon Street (APN 056-106-004). The City Council denied the appeals and upheld the Planning Commission decision by adoption of Resolution No. 06-17-24-B, based on the identified findings and conditions of approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning of the parcels from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C) will improve consistency with the corresponding General Plan designation of Commercial (C). The proposed rezoning will also allow and advance the project proposed in conjunction with this rezoning (APN 056-106-004) by conforming the zoning district to the uses and standards of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the City Council make the following findings, that the proposed rezoning:

A. Is compatible with, and physically suited for, the uses authorized in, and the regulations prescribed for, the proposed zoning district in which the real property is located;

B. Is consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the General Plan;

C. Is in conformity with public convenience, general welfare and good land use practice;

D. Will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare;

E. Will not adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values; and

WHEREAS, the project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and it was determined that the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (In-Fill Exemption) and CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (Commonsense Exemption), as further described in the record for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The City Council hereby finds and determines, upon its review of all documents and testimony contained in the record, that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

Section Two: The zoning districts for Assessor's Parcel Numbers 056-106-004 and 056-105-001 are hereby amended from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial (C). The zoning map for the City of Sonora, as provided by Section 17.10.010 of the Sonora Municipal Code, is hereby amended through the rezoning of the parcels described herein.

Section Three: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage and shall be published or a summary thereof within (15) days after its final passage as required by law.

Said Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora held on July 1, 2024, and passed and adopted as an Ordinance of said City at a regular meeting of said Council held on July 15, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: _____

_____
Mark Plummer, Mayor, City of Sonora

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

Approved as to Form:

_____
Douglas L. White, City Attorney

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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Disbursements in the Amount of $192,599.35 for Payroll

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of Disbursements in the Amount of $192,599.35 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:

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

This was the 26th payroll of 26 for FY23-24, we would have expected to expend 100% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 84.58% 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: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from July 03, 2023; July 17; 2023; March 20, 2023; and March 12, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from July 03, 2023; July 17; 2023; March 20, 2023; and March 12, 2024.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Staff Recommends that the City Council Approve Meeting Minutes from July 03, 2023; July 17; 2023; March 20, 2023; and March 12, 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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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 03, 2023
5:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

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Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ann Segerstrom

Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

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 Mark Plummer
Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Suzanne Cruz
Councilmember Matt Hawkins
Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session 4:02 PM.

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 Police Officers' Association (SPOA).

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 Employees' Association (SEA).

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency designated representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Employee Organization: Sonora Management Employees' Association (SMEA).

4. 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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6. 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 Mark Plummer stated directions were given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Matt Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Friday, June 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

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A member of the public stated she was not in agreement with the 99 Cent Store's application to sell alcohol. There is a 30-day period to protest, and she will be protesting the application due to the oversaturation of alcohol outlets in the city limits.

A member of the public commented there are many issues in town, and this is the last time he will be addressing the council on the Noise Ordinances and the disrespect.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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7. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of $207,066.56 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.

8. Consider approval of Resolution No.07-03-2023-A, establishing the City of Sonora's Recruitment Incentive Plan with sign-on bonuses as presented; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

9. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Joint Powers Agreement to Address Fiscal Responsibility of the City and County as Required by CalPERS; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

10. Consider approval of the Annual Contract with Visit Tuolumne County (VTC) for Tourism Marketing Services in an amount not to exceed $150,000 for Fiscal Year 23-24 as budgeted; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

11. Consider approval of Resolution 07-03-2023-B Authorizing the Sonora Police Department to submit a BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention Program grant application, authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents relating to the grant application, and direct the Police Chief to return to City Council with the application results and to accept the award; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

Lisa Mayo President & CEO, Visit Tuolumne County thanked the City Council for their support and is looking forward to the Partnership with the City of Sonora; and is excited to work together on the Special Projects.

Motion made by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, minus Item #10, pulled for discussion, Seconded by Councilmember Andy Merrill. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

After discussion and clarification by City Administrator of Item #10, Motion to Approve was made by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended the Water Advisory Committee's field trip to the Homeless Encampments on critical waterways, it was highly educational; and Happy 4th of July.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins stated a simple message, it is weed eating time, and we need to use nylon string when weed eating, also be very careful when using a lawn mower; and think about your neighbors it is very hot out, please check on your neighbors.

Councilmember Andy Merrill organized the field trip for the Water Advisory Committee to show the environmental impact Homelessness has on our community; and hopes this will put pressure on CalTrans and the County to do something to help solve the problem.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz informed those in attendance our local Theatre will be playing for the next two days the Sound of Freedom; and Happy Independence Day to the citizens of this great country.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Mother Lode Fair, enjoyed the booths and complemented the communities support for the local Youth Groups on their fundraising; and stated, the community spirit in Sonora is stunning and we are fortunate to live here, Happy Independence Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 17, 2023
5:00 PM

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to close session 4:04 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 5:01 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark Plummer stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor and City Councilmembers recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Mark Plummer
Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Suzanne Cruz
Councilmember Matt Hawkins
Councilmember Andy Merrill

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CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday July 14, 2023 at 3:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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Katie Dunn, President Sonora Chamber of Commerce updated those in attendance on the Business Memberships with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce; and the next Chamber Mixer.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Recognition of the retirement of Police Records Technician Deborah Dills; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of $161,924.44 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.

4. Receive an update on the completion of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, the General Plan Safety Element, and the Housing Element; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

   No public comment.

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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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider approval of Resolution No. 07-17-2023-A, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora approving and adopting (1) a list of properties designated as Critical Infrastructure Properties and authorizing the City Administrator to finalize and (2) a map of Critical Infrastructure Properties pursuant to Section 9.61.020, Subdivision (D), of the Sonora Municipal Code; Melissa Eads, City Administrator, Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

   Scot Patterson addressed the City Council to voice his support for Resolution 07-17-2023-A.

   Motion made by Councilmember Matt Hawkins, 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

MONTHLY REPORTS

6. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for May 2023; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

7. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department monthly report for June 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

8. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for June 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

9. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for June 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

10. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for June 2023; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor, Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.

    No public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

11. Receive communications regarding the Job Fair at the Sonora Opera Hall on July 20, 2023, from 11 am to 4 pm. Sponsored by the City of Sonora and Mother Lode Job Training.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom attended a meeting with the Tuolumne Utilities District, Vision Sonora and the Blue Zones; edited the newsletter and is looking forward to distributing it; and let the Council and Staff know our web site needs some work as it is very outdated.

Councilmember Andy Merrill updated those in attendance on the TCTC Meeting and the Homelessness Committee Meeting; and will be attending Volunteer Days at Oak Terrace on Rafferty Court, to assist with preparing the facility to open in the Fall.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz received an email from the League of Women Voters and shared a portion of the report; and was informed by many community members the Fourth of July festivities at Columbia State Historic Park were spectacular.

Councilmember Matt Hawkins commented on Councilmember Merrill's comments regarding the TCTC Meeting; and enjoyed the Fourth of July with his family.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the TCTC and LAFCO Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 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.

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 Andy Merrill

ABSENT
Councilmember Matt Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into closed session at 4:03 PM.

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 Andy Merrill

ABSENT
Councilmember Matt Hawkins

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda as posted Friday March 17, 2023 at 11:22 AM.

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive a proclamation declaring March 30, 2023, as ***Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day***; Mark Plummer, Mayor.

   Mayor Mark Plummer read the Proclamation Declaring March 30, 2023, as ***Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.***

   A member of the public spoke to those in attendance of his time in Vietnam and on his return home as a Veteran; spoke of America's mis-information on the War as they were not able to separate the War from the Warrior; to help local Veteran's he set up Chapter 391 to assist local charities; and has also set up a Legacy Scholarship Fund for the children of those currently in the Military and/or Veteran's who would like to attend college.

3. Receive a presentation regarding recently acquired items important to City of Sonora's history; Patricia Perry, City Historian.

   Patricia Perry, City of Sonora's Historian, presented to those in attendance the newest donations to the City's Historical Collection, including a school bell that was given to an employee of the Dome's janitorial service upon their retirement; and a shadow box of Sonora's first appointed watchman.

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A member of the public addressed the City Council and asked that they do something about creating a local Noise Ordinance as there currently is not one within the City; it is greatly needed and the citizens would be very happy with one.

Katie Dunn, President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce thanked the City Council for approving the Summer Concert Series, listed the bands that would be playing; and let the public know when the next Chamber Mixer will be.

A member of the public addressed the City Council of his concerns for the safety and well-being for the community, local businesses and visitors in light of a recent event, in which an unhoused man was booked for causing a fire and unlawful burning under a local business, encouraged the City Council to take action to ensure the safety of the community; and shared his thoughts and concerns about fake/negative reviews on-line about local business, and how it has devastating consequences for small business owners, as it can damage both the businesses reputation, and the business owners personal reputation.

A member of the public also addressed the City Council on his concerns that there is not a local Noise Ordinance and hopes the City will start looking at and addressing this problem.

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.

4. Consider approval of Resolution 03-20-2023-A ending the proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora due to the January 2023 Storms; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

5. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of $152,582.41 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. Adopt Resolution Number 03-20-2023-B, authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street & Stockton Road), along with certain other City Streets for the 2023 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade and Rodeo; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

   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

7. Adopt Resolution Number 03-20-2023-C, 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 2020 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade; 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

8. Consider acceptance of the 2022 Sonora General Plan Annual Report; Rachelle Kellogg, 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

9. Consider approval of the Mayor's Appointment of Andy Merrill to the Solid Waste Committee; Mark Plummer, Mayor.

   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, Councilmember Andy Merrill

MONTHLY REPORTS

10. Receive the Administrative Services Department monthly report for January 2023; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

11. Receive the Police Department monthly report for February 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

12. Receive the Fire Department monthly report for February 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.

13. Receive the Public Works Department monthly report for February 2023; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

    No public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

14. Receive communications regarding the Sonora High School Level I Developer Fee Study.

    Mike Lemke Local Builder/President Local Building Association informed those in attendance of the Level 1 Development Fee, and how it is applied to the schools in need.

    Ron Kopf also discussed the Level 1 Development Fee, and how the school boards and the State of California work alongside each other in determining the fee and how the schools allocate the funds.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom participated in the Blue Zones Event for the future of Linoberg; attended the Water Advisory Committee Meeting; and met with a new organization that provides affordable spay and neuter clinics.

Councilmember Andy Merrill updated those in attendance of the developments on the Homelessness Committee; attended the ATCAA Board Meeting; joined an Ad Hoc group for the re-branding of ATCAA; and attended the Tuolumne County Transit Agency Meeting.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz attended the Visit Tuolumne County Meeting; and notified those in attendance of the upcoming Yes Partnership Meeting and Children's Friendship Conference.

Mayor Mark Plummer attended the Planning Meeting for the Development of Greenly Road.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
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2:00 PM

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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.

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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.

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Council Members Suzanne Cruz, Matt Hawkins, Andy Merrill

City Administrator Melissa Eads

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CALL TO ORDER - 2:00 PM

Called to order at 2:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Councilmembers recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Mark Plummer
Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Matt Hawkins

ABSENT
Councilmember Suzanne Cruz
Councilmember Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

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.

   No public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 2:18 PM.

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Vision Statement: With leadership and integrity, the City of Sonora commits to excellent service through collaboration and innovation

Mission Statement: To foster a safe, vibrant, and prosperous community that enhances the quality of life for all

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution 06-17-2024-E Designating the Assistant City Administrator to Sign Documents on Behalf of the City Administrator

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Adoption of Resolution 07-01-2024-A Designating the Assistant City Administrator to Sign Documents on Behalf of the City Administrator.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora, like many municipalities, regularly enters into contracts, agreements, and other legal documents in the course of its operations. These documents often require the signature of the City Administrator to become effective. However, in certain situations, the City Administrator may be unavailable due to illness, vacation, or other reasons, leading to delays in the execution of important documents.

To address this issue and ensure the efficient operation of city business, it is prudent to designate an individual who can act on behalf of the City Administrator in signing documents when necessary. The Assistant City Administrator, due to their familiarity with city operations and authority delegated to them by the City Administrator, is well-suited for this role.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

By designating the Assistant City Administrator to sign documents on behalf of the City Administrator, the city can streamline its processes and prevent delays in executing essential agreements. This delegation of authority will enhance the city's ability to conduct its affairs effectively and efficiently, even in the absence of the City Administrator.

It is important to note that this resolution does not diminish the authority of the City Administrator or grant the Assistant City Administrator any new powers beyond those already delegated to them by the City Administrator. Rather, it simply allows for a designated representative to act on behalf of the City Administrator in a specific capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 07-01-2024-A

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

RESOLUTION 07-01-2024-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA DESIGNATING THE ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the City Administrator of the City of Sonora is responsible for the administration and execution of various official documents on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary or expedient for the City Administrator to delegate the authority to sign certain documents to ensure the efficient and timely conduct of City business; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant City Administrator is a trusted official with the requisite knowledge and authority to act on behalf of the City Administrator in these matters;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Assistant City Administrator is hereby designated and authorized to sign, execute, and acknowledge documents on behalf of the City Administrator, including but not limited to contracts, agreements, permits, and other official City documents, except where prohibited by law or specified otherwise by the City Administrator or City Council.

SECTION 2. This delegation of authority is intended to ensure the efficient and effective administration of City business and may be exercised in the absence or unavailability of the City Administrator, or as deemed necessary by the City Administrator.

SECTION 3. The Assistant City Administrator shall exercise this delegated authority in accordance with all applicable laws, City policies, and procedures, and shall act in the best interest of the City at all times.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on **July 1, 2024**, by the following votes:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Resolution 07-01-2024-A

Signed and dated: 07/01/2024

_____

Mark Plummer
Mayor of the City of Sonora

ATTEST: _____

Tracy Skelly
City Clerk

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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consider Approval for the Dewberry Engineers Inc. team (Dewberry) to provide City Engineer Services for FY 24/25

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of Dewberry Engineers Inc. Task Order #25-1 Scope and Fee to Continue to Provide City Engineer Services for Fiscal Year 24/25.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The Dewberry Engineers Inc. team (Dewberry) has been providing City Engineer Services since January 2024 under Task Order 1 that expires at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2024). In order for Dewberry to continue for FY 24/25 a new task order must be initiated.

Dewberry will provide City Engineer Services for the City of Sonora per their existing three-year City of Sonora contract with two (2) 1-year optional extensions executed on December 19, 2023. The scope of work to be provided is outlined in the following bullet items:

1. Develop and manage the City's Capital Improvement Program.
2. Provide project management services including the evaluation, programming, designing, and construction oversight of capital projects.
3. Assist in the development and oversee consultant requests for proposals and/or construction bids including advertising, evaluating proposals / bids, recommending project award, negotiating, and administrating contracts.
4. Participate in initiating all capital improvement projects and programs, including defining project scope, determining project budget, and locating financial resources.
5. Identify grant funding opportunities, develop, and write grant applications, and manage grant reporting responsibilities.
6. Participate in the review and conditioning of planning applications in relation to the City's General Plan, infrastructure master plans, and overall capital needs of the City.
7. Prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for projects delivered by the City.
8. Represent the City within the community and with outside agencies.

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9. Ensure City compliance with all Federal, State, County, and local laws, and regulations.
10. Manage projects that are Federal, State, or locally funded following required policies including the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual.
11. Monitor and make recommendations in relation to changes in laws, regulations, and technology that may affect City operations; implement policy and procedure changes as required.
12. Prepare reviews and present staff reports and City engineering documents and reports on various projects and programs and attend City Council meetings as necessary.
13. Review and comment on planning programs and land development policies and controls.
14. Review and approve encroachment permit applications.
15. Provide an emergency response in times of infrastructure failure, unusual weather, and other disasters such as flooding, earthquake, fire, etc.
16. Provide utility interface as necessary with PG&E, cable, and other utility companies.
17. Perform right-of-way engineering, mapping, and surveying as required for projects delivered by City.
18. Provide construction management, inspection, and related support services as required for projects delivered by City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The budget for City Engineer Services for FY 24/25 is $250,000. Work under this task order is authorized through the approved annual City Budget via specific task orders.

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.

Dewberry

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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6061

916.363.4210
www.dewberry.com

June 24, 2024

City of Sonora
Attn: Ms. Melissa Eads
City Administrator
94 N. Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Subject: Task Order No. 25-1 Fiscal Year 2024/2025 City Engineer Services

Dear Ms. Eads,

Thank you for the opportunity to prepare this Task Order to provide City Engineer Services to the City of Sonora.

Understanding:

The Dewberry team (Dewberry) will provide City Engineer Services for the City of Sonora per a three-year contract with two (2) 1-year optional extensions executed on December 19, 2023. Work under this contract is authorized through the approved annual City Budget via specific task orders.

This task order formally authorizes Dewberry to provide City Engineer services for FY 24/25.

Scope of Work:

The following is a summary of duties that may be requested by the City Administrator and / or Community Development Director. Management of this task order requires regular communication between the Dewberry Team and the City to ensure priority tasks are being delivered within the fiscal constraints of this task order.

The scope outline below is not intended to represent the entire scope of work for this task order but rather a substantial list of tasks identified by the City.

1. Develop and manage the City's Capital Improvement Program
2. Provide project management services including the evaluation, programming, designing, and construction oversight of capital projects
3. Assist in the development and oversee consultant requests for proposals and/or construction bids including advertising, evaluating proposals / bids, recommending project award, negotiating, and administrating contracts.
4. Participate in initiating all capital improvement projects and programs, including defining project scope, determining project budget, and locating financial resources
5. Identify grant funding opportunities, develop, and write grant applications, and manage grant reporting responsibilities
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the City's General Plan, infrastructure master plans, and overall capital needs of the City

7. Prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for projects delivered by the City
8. Represent the City within the community and with outside agencies
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Fee:

$250,000 for FY 24/25

Sincerely,

Mike Pugh, P.E.
Contract Manager
Associate Vice President

Approved by:

Melissa Eads
City Administrator

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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Administration of the Oath of Office for Elected City Officials

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Administration of the Oath of Office for Elected City Officials.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Donald Segerstrom will administer the Oath of Office to the following elected City Officials:

1. Bess Levine, Councilmember – Four-Year Term
2. Stephen Opie, Councilmember – Four-Year Term
3. Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember – Four-Year Term

Upon completion of the Oath of Office, the Council will break. Upon return, the newly and re-elected Council Members will assume their seats. The Council will appoint a Councilmember to serve as the Mayor for the next two (2) years. Once selected, the Mayor will appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem, with confirmation from the Council Members.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Robbie Bergstrom, Tuolumne County Economic Development Administrative Analyst
Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Receive a Presentation from Pioneer Community Energy, a Community Choice Aggregator, About the Benefits of Joining and Authorize the City Administrator to Commission an Impact Assessment Study

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Sonora City Council 1) receive an update about the benefits and possibility of joining Pioneer Community Energy (Pioneer), a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA), and 2) authorize the City Manager to jointly commission an Impact Assessment Study to determine the financial feasibility and timing of the City joining Pioneer Community Energy's (Pioneer) Joint Powers Agreement in conjunction with Tuolumne County.

BACKGROUND:

Staff report prepared by Tuolumne County and presented to the City Council. Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) programs are authorized under Assembly Bill 117 (2002), allowing local governments to act as energy providers, purchasing electrical energy from various sources on the wholesale market. CCAs operate on behalf of residents and businesses, securing energy from alternative suppliers while still utilizing transmission and distribution services from existing utility providers like PG&E. It is imperative to note that CCAs provide only electricity (generation) and do not own the infrastructure, such as poles or wires, relying on PG&E's transmission and distribution lines for electricity delivery.

In 2023, Tuolumne County staff began researching the possibility of joining a CCA. The process included extensive research and discussions with several California CCAs, then providing updates to the Board, and authorizing the CAO to secure documents for further investigation.

During the process, County staff had several conversations with Pioneer. Pioneer is a Joint Powers Authority formed between the counties of Placer and El Dorado, the cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Placerville, Rocklin, and the Town of Loomis. As a CCA, Pioneer provides local control over the electricity supply with a primary goal of providing stable and competitive electricity rates to the residents and businesses within its member jurisdictions.

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DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

In April, Tuolumne County staff informed Pioneer's executive team that a recommendation will be made to explore the feasibility of joining Pioneer. It is customary for cities within a County to join a CCA at the same time a County joins, thereby extending the benefits of a CCA to all residents in the County. Benefits include:

- **Stable and Competitive Rates** – From 2018 through 2023, Pioneer customers have saved $85 million, with an additional $41 million in anticipated savings in 2024.
- **Local Control** – As a member of the JPA, the City will have one seat on the Pioneer board of directors. This person is appointed by the board. All meetings are open to the public and every person's voice will be heard.
- **Legislative & Regulatory Influence & Advocacy** –Pioneer is an advocate for the member agency residents and businesses by working with the state legislature, the California Public Utilities Commission and PG&E on behalf of customer interests and concerns. Additionally, Pioneer is a strong advocate of biomass, which the region also strongly supports.
- **Local Jobs and Power Supply Resources** – Pioneer supports local businesses by prioritizing the procurement of power through power contracts, as well as non-power contracts and purchases.
- **Programs** – With input from a Community Advisory committee, comprised of individuals from throughout our service area, Pioneer is developing and launching programs that meet the unique needs of the communities it serves. These programs include rebate and incentive programs, access to solar + battery programs, a local feed-in tariff, a BioMAT program, and an agricultural flexible irrigation pilot program.

At the June 11, 2024, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors meeting, Pioneer will provide a presentation about the benefits of joining Pioneer and the next steps required to join Pioneer. This presentation will provide specific information about Pioneer's commitment to ratepayers' savings, products, and pricing compared to PG&E, and governance. At this meeting, Pioneer staff will detail the process and timeline for joining Pioneer.

To begin the process, the County and Pioneer will jointly commission and share the cost of an Impact Assessment Study that determines the financial feasibility of joining Pioneer. The study will define projected rates and projected power supply costs at the time of the proposed service launch. The City of Sonora has an opportunity to participate in the study and share the cost of the study with Tuolumne County.

Once the City and County have the results of the Impact Assessment Study, a determination will be made about joining Pioneer and the optimal timing for service launch.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of the Impact Assessment Study is $30,000. Pioneer pays half of the cost. The City of Sonora has an opportunity to share the cost of the study with Tuolumne County. The City's portion of the study is to be determined.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Memo-CCA Exploration, Interview Matix, and CCAA PP Presentation.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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

PIONEER
COMMUNITY ENERGY

About Pioneer: An Overview for the City of Sonora

July 1, 2024

Introductions

- **Don Eckert**
  Chief Executive Officer
  Pioneer Community Energy

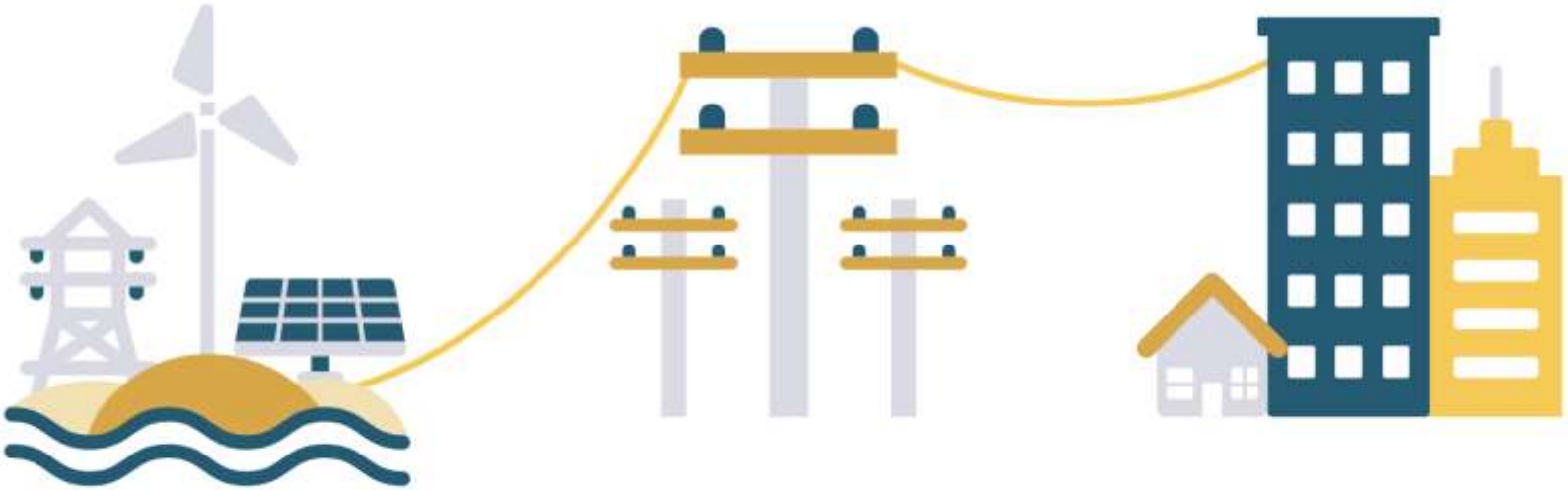
- **Gina Stassi-Vanacore**
  Director of Public Affairs, Marketing & Programs
  Pioneer Community Energy

What is a CCA?

- Community Choice Aggregators (CCA) allow local governments to purchase electricity on behalf of residents and businesses in place of investor-owned utilities (i.e., PG&E for Pioneer Community Energy's territory)
- Energy crisis in the early 2000s prompted the California Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 117 in 2002 -- enabling CCAs to exist
- The first CCA launched in 2010. Today:
  - More than 25 CCAs throughout California
  - Serving more than 200 communities
  - Providing generation for approximately 14 million customers



How Does A CCA Work?



Electricity

Pioneer buys electricity from various suppliers. The buying team works with sources to negotiate pricing and ensure a steady, affordable energy supply.

Delivery

PG&E delivers electricity, maintains the infrastructure of power lines and poles, and sends out bills to customers.

Customer

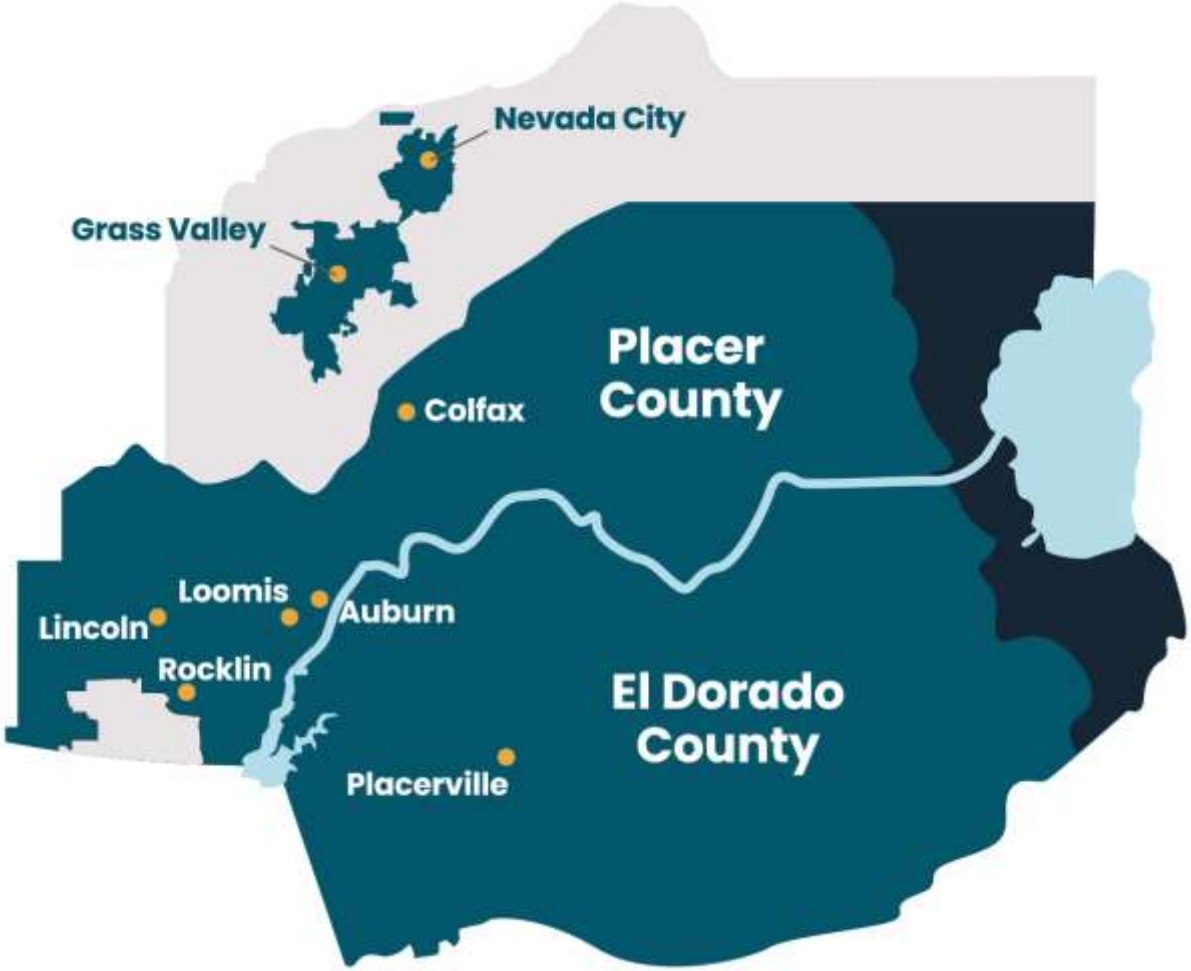
As a customer of both Pioneer and PG&E, customers get a choice in electricity providers. With Pioneer, you'll receive competitive rates, energy options and exceptional customer service.

About Pioneer

- A JPA established in 2018
- Focus on serving like-minded areas that share a commitment to our mission, vision, and values
- Provides service to 170,000 meters with competitive rates, exceptional local service, and a choice in energy options
- $85 million in ratepayer savings since 2018
  - For 2024, all Pioneer customers will save 10 percent or more over PG&E on electricity generation
  - Projected savings of $41 million in 2024
- Committed to community reinvestment through local renewable energy projects, programs, and goods and services
- Recently awarded an A- issuer credit rating from S&P Global (formerly Standard and Poor's) demonstrating strong governance and fiscal strength



Our territory



- Each member agency has a seat on our Governing Board.
- Equal voting (one seat + one vote)

Governance



One Member – One Vote

No weighted voting based on electrical load usage. Each Member gets equal say.

Board Members are Elected Officials

Each Member Agency is represented by an elected official from the City/Town Council or County Board of Supervisors

You Decide

The Member Agency decides who sits on the Board. Pioneer imposes no term limits but encourages consistency when considering the complexities of the business

Benefits to Sonora Citizens



***Saves money**. From 2018 – 2023, customers have saved $85 million compared to PG&E.*

***Customers are our shareholders**. Our Board is comprised of elected officials from the communities we serve.*

***Excellent customer service.** We live in the community and know most of the questions you have and can relate.*

***Customers decide** if they want all renewable energy or less and you decide what energy projects we invest in.*

***Customers decide the energy efficiency programs** we launch. Not PG&E. Approved $2MM for funding.*

***Track record of success.** Received an A- Credit Rating from Global S&P*

***Customers have a choice**.*

*Customers are being **served by a utility that is a member of the community**. We buy, invest and support the community.*

Biomass & Advocacy

- Legislation: Pioneer sponsored and led AB 843 which passed on a unanimous bipartisan basis – this bill enabled CCAs to participate in the BioMAT program and launched in May 2024
- Feed-In Tariff: Pioneer-unique program that incentivizes investment in biomass and small-hydro projects in our service territory to benefit the community and create local jobs
- Education: Recently hosted an event together with SPI, CalFire, and Placer APCD for legislators about the benefits of biomass to support future legislation for biomass
- Advocacy Generally: Ongoing advocacy with legislators and regulatory agencies to keep electricity costs low, promote biomass energy, and grid stability, among other things
- **City of Sonora project: Initial discussions with Wondjina Research Institute on pumped storage opportunities throughout City of Sonora**

Community/Regional Partner

- Active involvement with Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to identify potential biomass projects that leads to economic development
- Participate in and support member agencies' Chamber of Commerce committees and events
- Recently co-sponsored League of Cities divisional event
- Sponsor of marquee events like Lincoln Potters Baseball Club and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital gala as examples of local engagement/presence in community
- Partner with California Biomass Energy Alliance and Bioenergy Association of California
- Work with Economic Development groups to entice business location with Green100 product and competitive rates
- Field Days to provide hands-on customer support

Community Investment

$126 million. *Life-to-data through 2024 of utility bill savings that is money staying in the region and not going to Oakland*



$37 Million. *Signed a 10-year PPA with El Dorado Irrigation District*

$15 million. *Budget for Feed-In Tariff to support local biomass and small-hydro in the service territory*

>$10 million. *Energy and resource adequacy purchases from PCWA*

$2 million. *Energy efficiency programs budget with direct impact to our ratepayers*

$1.2 million. *Renewable energy credits from Sierra Pacific Industries biomass plant in Lincoln*

Locally-focused Programs

- **Community Advisory Committee** comprised of members from the communities we serve
- **Programs created by the community for the community**
  - **GreenLite** – subsidized LED lighting through local retailers in Pioneer's service area (creates foot traffic and provides customer savings)
  - **HVAC Tune-Up Rebate** – provide $75 rebates to incentivize tune-ups on home systems to improve efficiency and lower utility bills
  - **Online Marketplace** – guides customers through the maze of complex information when deciding to energize their home, and protects them from bad players
  - **GridGen** - $0 lease program for residents to pair solar+battery storage that provides stability to rates and resiliency to grid outages

Any program a customer has with PG&E

(e.g., CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline) carries over to Pioneer

Programs

Demand Side Management programs reward customers/businesses for lowering energy usage when the grid is stressed.

- **AgFIT**: provides ag customers with incentives for irrigation automation and uses scheduling software to better manage energy costs (launching November 2024)
- **BioMAT**: In 2021, Pioneer led the way for CCAs to participate in the BioMAT program for small bioenergy renewable generators 5 MW or less in size through the passage of AB 843, which allows for long term biomass contracts for eligible generators.
- **Local FIT**: Pioneer's local Feed-In Tariff (Local-FIT) program that offers developers incentives to build biomass and small hydro projects in our service territory.

Programs like these advance our mission to be a community partner in energy solutions and support local economies.

Products & Savings

PIONEER STANDARD	GREEN100 PIONEER	PG&E
44.1% Renewable*	**100% Renewable**	**38.3% Renewable**
$219.26** average total	**$226.34**** average total	**$241.18**** average total
$95.53 Electricity	**$95.53** Electricity	**$109.76** Electricity
N/A Green100 Charges	**$7.07** Green100 Charges	**N/A** Green100 Charges
$126.53 PG&E Shipping Charges	**$126.53** PG&E Shipping Charges	**$126.53** PG&E Shipping Charges
$(2.80)*** PCIA + FFS	**$(2.80)***** PCIA + FFS	**$4.89***** PCIA

*As reported to the California Public Utilities Commission and Pioneer's Board of Directors.

**Based on a typical residential E1 customer usage in a Pioneer service area effective as of January 2024, assuming 650 kWh per month. Pioneer totals are based on 2021 PCIA vintage. Actual differences may vary depending on usage, rate schedule, and other factors. Estimate provided is an average of seasonal rates.

Timeline for Expansion

TIMING	ACTIVITY
June 2024	City of Sonora to compile a staff report
July 2024	**Informational presentation to City of Sonora**
Summer 2024	Impact Assessment Study (IAS) is conducted
Summer / Fall 2024	**Pioneer and City of Sonora review IAS findings; present to City Council**
Fall 2024	City of Sonora votes to join Pioneer
Fall 2024	Pioneer Board approves addition on City of Sonora
Fall 2024	Pioneer JPA is amended to include City of Sonora
December 2024	**Pioneer submits Implementation Plan to CPUC**
March 2025	CPUC approves or denies Implementation Plan
Spring 2025	Pioneer begins procuring power for City of Sonora
Fall 2025	Community Outreach and Education; regulatory notices sent
2026 / 2027	**City of Sonora joins Pioneer**

Next Steps

- Pioneer Expansion Committee and Governing Board provide direction on expansion into new service areas

- City of Sonora Board to provide direction today on commissioning an Impact Assessment Study
  - Results expected in late summer
  - $30,000 costs of study which Pioneer funds half
  - Cap on your investment
    - General fund is protected
    - Little to no on-going staff time
    - No entrance fee to the JPA or annual membership

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Questions?

Thank you for your time today.



Appendix

Pioneer's Guiding Principles

- **Mission Statement:** Pioneer Energy is a locally owned provider of electricity – powering the communities we serve with competitive rates, exceptional local service, and a *choice* in energy options

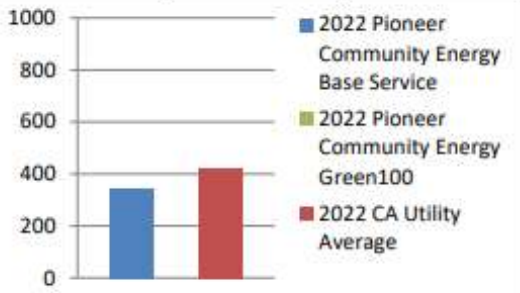
- **Vision Statement:** A community partner in energy solutions and positive local impact, powering today and empowering tomorrow

Power Mix

2022 POWER CONTENT LABEL
Pioneer Community Energy
https://pioneercommunityenergy.org/about-us/key-documents/

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity (lbs CO_2e/MWh)

2022 Pioneer Community Energy Base Service	2022 Pioneer Community Energy Green100	2022 CA Utility Average
343	0	422



Energy Resources	2022 Pioneer Community Energy Base Service Power Mix	2022 Pioneer Community Energy Green100 Power Mix	2022 CA Power Mix
Eligible Renewable[1]	**44.1%**	**100.0%**	**35.8%**
Biomass & Biowaste	0.6%	0.0%	2.1%
Geothermal	6.1%	0.0%	4.7%
Eligible Hydroelectric	2.7%	21.6%	1.1%
Solar	11.5%	28.4%	17.0%
Wind	23.3%	50.0%	10.8%
Coal	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**2.1%**
Large Hydroelectric	**1.3%**	**0.0%**	**9.2%**
Natural Gas	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**36.4%**
Nuclear	**27.6%**	**0.0%**	**9.2%**
Other	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**
Unspecified Power[2]	**27.0%**	**0.0%**	**7.1%**
TOTAL	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
Percentage of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs[3]**:**	**4%**	**0%**	

[1]The eligible renewable percentage above does not reflect RPS compliance, which is determined using a different methodology.

[2]Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source.

[3]Renewable energy credits (RECs) are tracking instruments issued for renewable generation. Unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs) represent renewable generation that was not delivered to serve retail sales. Unbundled RECs are not reflected in the power mix or GHG emissions intensities above.

For specific information about this electricity portfolio, contact:	**Pioneer Community Energy** **1 (844) 937-7466**
For general information about the Power Content Label, visit:	https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/power-source-disclosure-program

Benefits for Solar Customers

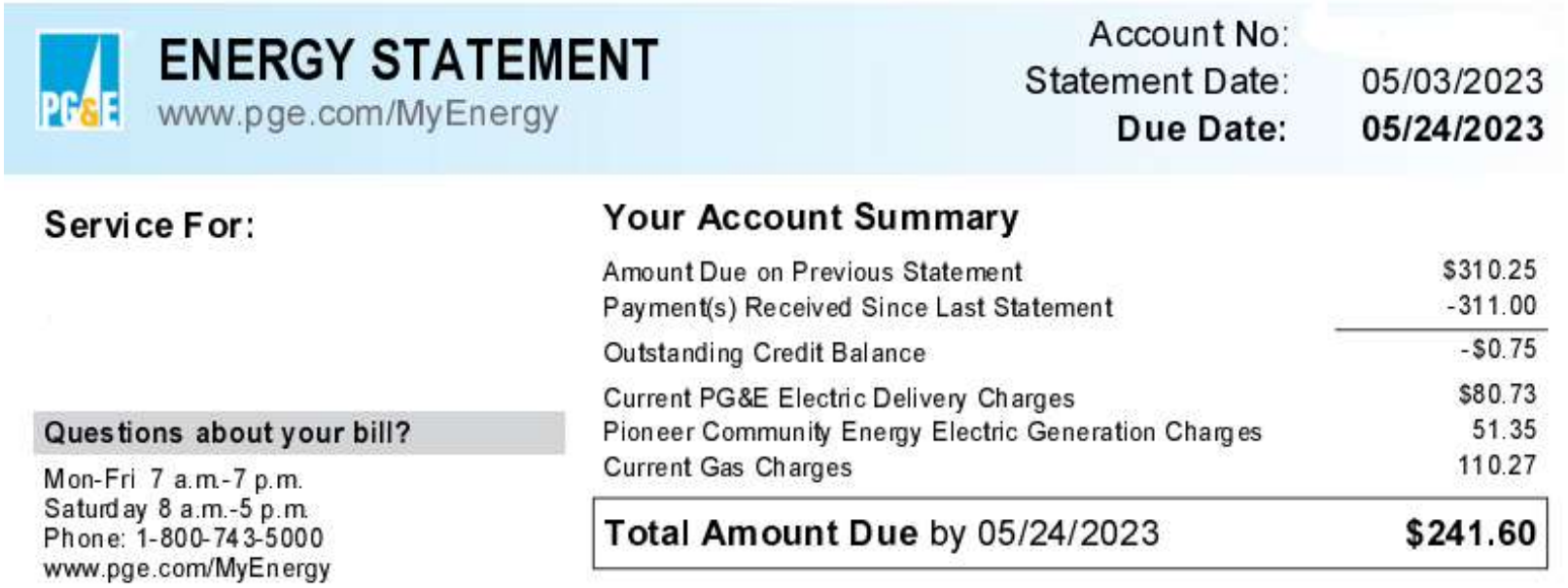
- Pioneer has 42,000+ solar accounts
- If you are a net generator, we pay a ½ cent premium over PG&E for your power
- If you are a net consumer, you enjoy the same discount as non-solar customer
- No contract or PPA required
- Reconcile monthly
- Annual pay-outs
- Indifferent on NEM 1,2 or SBP



PG&E Programs Carry Over

- Enrollment in any program with PG&E, carries over to Pioneer. Examples include but not limited to:
  - CARE
  - FERA
  - Medical Baseline
- PG&E service will not be impacted by joining Pioneer (e.g., service request placed last in que with PG&E because you're with Pioneer)
- In addition, customers have access to Pioneer programs that are created to meet the unique needs of the communities we serve.

How are customers billed?



ENERGY STATEMENT
www.pge.com/MyEnergy

Account No:
Statement Date: 05/03/2023
Due Date: 05/24/2023

Service For:

Questions about your bill?
Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Phone: 1-800-743-5000
www.pge.com/MyEnergy

Your Account Summary

Amount Due on Previous Statement	$310.25
Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement	-311.00
Outstanding Credit Balance	-$0.75
Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges	$80.73
Pioneer Community Energy Electric Generation Charges	51.35
Current Gas Charges	110.27
Total Amount Due by 05/24/2023	**$241.60**

PG&E Bill – Page #1

- Pioneer listed on the front page
- Customer pays total energy bill to PG&E – one payment
- PG&E remits $ to Pioneer

PIONEER
COMMUNITY ENERGY

Questions?

Thank you for your time today.

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
General Information	Ava Energy is based in Oakland, CA and was formed in 2017, with its first enrollment occurring in 2018. Formally known as East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). The agency currently serves 17 jurisdictions including the City of Stockton and Lathrop in 2025. On February 2, 2024, a meeting was held with representatives from Ava Energy, including Alex DiGiorgio, the Public Engagement Manager, and Cait Cady, who handles Government Relationships.	On February 13, 2024, a discussion was held with Gina Stassi-Vancore, Lisa DeLaby, and Don Eckert from Pioneer Community Energy. Based out of Rocklin, CA, Pioneer Community Energy was founded in 2018 and currently serves 10 jurisdictions. Sutter County is also considering joining this community choice aggregator.
Website	https://avaenergy.org/	https://pioneercommunityenergy.org/

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
General Mission, Governing Structure, and Level of Responsibilities of it's Members	Ava Energy is governed by a Board of Directors, with one elected person member from each jurisdiction. A clause allows for weighted voting based on load volume if a re-vote is requested by three members, a provision used only once, with Oakland, Stockton, and Fremont being the largest members. The board's decisions are typically unanimous. The board oversees utility contracts and approves budgets, while a smaller Chief Operating Officer has authority over minor contracts. Board meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, with remote attendance options available. Additionally, various committees meet less frequently and on an optional basis. Ava Energy's mission is to provide less carbon-intensive emissions than PG&E, offer programs and employment opportunities, and maintain a rate discount as outlined in its charter. By 2030, Ava Energy aims to achieve 100% non-nuclear, carbon-free energy.	Pioneer Community Energy's mission and governing structure emphasize equal representation, with each member having a seat and an alternate on the board, without any weighted voting regardless of jurisdiction size. The agency focuses on serving rural communities and prioritizes cost-efficiency and savings over green energy, promoting biomass projects that encourage job creation. Board members are typically elected officials, however, for example, the City of Colfax is represented by its City Manager. Members have a say in energy procurement decisions. While expansion is part of Pioneer's long-range plan, it is not the primary focus

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
Level of Choice and Cost to Consumer	Ava Energy offers two service options. The standard plan, Bright Choice, guarantees a discount and has saved customers $90 million since the CCA's inception. The Renewable plan provides 100% renewable energy, sourced 50% from solar and 50% from wind, all based in California, costing slightly more than PG&E at 0.25 cents per kWh. Customers can also choose to opt out entirely and receive all their energy from PG&E. Those with solar, the net metering rates include a monthly true-up and cash out for customers with a surplus over $100, with the option to roll over surplus to the next year. List of energy sources are listed at https://avaenergy.org/our-power-mix/. This includes a small portion of green biomass (1.5% in 2022). Rates have historically ranged from a 1.5% to a 5% discount as of last June, indexed to PG&E rates. There are discussions about changing the service model to be independent of PG&E. Currently, CCAs are responsible only for generation costs, not transmission and distribution rates. There is generally no cost for switching plans within Ava Energy but opting	Pioneer Community Energy offers consumers three choices: a standard plan with 44.7% renewable energy, which is the cheapest option; a green plan with 100% renewable energy, which is the second cheapest; and the PG&E plan, which is the most expensive. A list of energy sources are listed at https://pioneercommunityenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PIO_PowerContentLable_Website_DRAFT5_092823-3.pdf. Green biomass makes up less than 0.5% of Pioneer's energy portfolio, but the agency aims to expand this. For homeowners with solar panels, net producers receive a 0.5 cent premium over PG&E rates, while net users pay Pioneer rates. Pioneer Community Energy's rates have varied over time and are influenced by the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), which compensates PG&E for power purchases made before customers switched to the CCA. In 2024, rates ranged from 10% to 19%, depending on the vintage year of the jurisdiction. Historically, Pioneer has offered the lowest rates among

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
Expense to Tuolumne County to Join	See above for general risks and costs. Ava Energy does not currently charge to conduct the Impact Assessment Study, but Ava is developing a policy that may change this.	See above for general risks and costs. Pioneer ask jurisdictions to pay half of the Impact Assessment Study fee (Half is $15,000). If the City of Sonora chooses to move forward with this study as well, they will pay a portion of this.

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
Programs and Projects	Ava Energy has signed 22 contracts to develop wind, solar, and energy storage projects currently under construction in California. It offers various programs to both residents and businesses aimed at improving energy efficiency in buildings, providing incentives for EV charging, and offering bill assistance.	Pioneer Community Energy offers several projects aimed at enhancing local energy solutions. They purchase energy from local power suppliers and support feed-in biomass projects. One such project is the pellet plant project led by RCRC. Their AgFit project targets the agricultural sector to help save energy. Pioneer also promotes the installation of home microgrids and the Electorum program, which assists homeowners in designing their own solar systems. Additionally, they are involved in the Western Placer Biomass project, potentially offering a premium for power purchase agreements to support it. They also provide options for adding home battery systems.

	AVA ENERGY	PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY
Is Tuolumne a good fit for your CCA?	06/05/2024: Ava want to do as much to support Tuolumne County's CCA exploration. They welcome inquiries and invitations to present and answer any questions.at the moment, the agency is still developing a formal, Board-approved policy around the inclusion of new JPA member-jurisdictions, and the staff prefers to proceed cautiously until they have clearer direction on this topic. Ava may be open to considering Tuolumne's JPA membership once our agency's policy is formalized and approved by the Board.	Pioneer Community Energy is a good fit for Tuolumne County for several reasons. Joining Pioneer would enhance the energy portfolio and expand the jurisdiction, increasing influence with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and ensuring representation in decision-making. Pioneer's focus on local projects would bring new energy choices, job opportunities, and lower costs to consumers in the area. Additionally, Pioneer facilitates a discussion group for addressing issues specific to rural counties, aligning well with Tuolumne's needs and priorities.

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
General Information	On February 22, 2024, a conversation was held with Gordon Samuel, Chief Operating Officer, and Mitch Sears, Executive Officer of Valley Clean Energy. Based in Davis, Valley Clean Energy serves only Yolo County, including the cities of Davis, Woodland, and Winters. The region's economy includes a significant agricultural community, comprising about 15% and focusing on crops like walnuts, tomatoes, pecans, and almonds. Founded in 2018, Valley Clean Energy was formed to give Yolo County more influence in utility decisions and to provide a voice for the Central Valley in energy discussions. Mitch Sears, who previously worked for the city of Davis and engaged with the farming community as Assistant City Manager, emphasized the need for CCAs to develop value for customers to retain them and stay flexible. Initially offering a discount compared to PG&E, Valley Clean Energy now aims to be competitive. The organization is also beginning to address	On February 26, 2024, a conversation was held with Marc Hershman, who handles Government Affairs, Legislation, and Federal Relations for Peninsula Clean Energy. Founded in 2016, Peninsula Clean Energy serves 22 jurisdictions, including all 20 cities and towns in San Mateo County, the county itself, and the City of Los Banos, which joined in 2020. The decision for San Mateo County and its jurisdictions to join was made unanimously in 2016.
Website	https://valleycleanenergy.org/	https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
General Mission, Governing Structure, and Level of Responsibilities of it's Members	Valley Clean Energy's governing structure includes two elected representatives from each jurisdiction. If more jurisdictions are added, representation may be reduced to one person per jurisdiction to maintain balance. Each jurisdiction has equal representation with no weighted voting, though proportional voting is used if an impasse occurs. The CCA's priorities include becoming more environmentally sustainable, and wishes to have rates lower than PG&E in the future. Members have a significant say in energy procurement decisions, providing them with a valuable opportunity to influence policies. The long-range plan for Valley Clean Energy is to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030, with the current rate already at 75% renewable.	Peninsula Clean Energy is governed by a board of 23 elected officials, with alternates often being city managers. The CCA's priorities, listed on its website, include providing a 5% discount compared to PG&E rates, with a higher discount of around 18% for CARE/FERA customers, although this is not mandated by the charter. San Mateo County provides support and has two board members. Decisions on energy purchases are made by the board, and currently, the energy is greenhouse gas-free. The level of commitment for new members involves legal contracts managed by San Mateo County, and there is a dedicated staff member from the CCA residing in Los Banos. Local staff would likely collaborate with board members to prepare for meetings. Peninsula Clean Energy's long-range plan aims for 100% renewable energy by 2027.

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
Level of Choice and Cost to Consumer	Valley Clean Energy offers three choices for consumers: CARE Fair, which provides a 2.5% discount for lower-income areas; Ultra Green, which is 100% renewable; and Standard Green, which is partially renewable. Power sources listed online: https://valleycleanenergy.org/power-sources-2/ Homeowners with solar panels, particularly in Yolo County, which has a disproportionately high amount of solar, can sell their net excess energy back to the CCA, with premiums paid to PG&E. Historical rates have been on par with PG&E, including its rate and time-of-use scenarios, but Valley Clean Energy recently voted to set rates 1% lower than PG&E.	Peninsula Clean Energy offers three choices for consumers: ECOPlus, ECO100, and PG&E. The ECOPlus service provides 100% clean energy with at least 50% renewable content, while ECO100 offers 100% renewable energy. Choices are determined by offering partially renewable and greenhouse gas-free options for ECOPlus and fully renewable options for ECO100. Rates are aligned with PG&E's time-of-use structure, with forthcoming analysis to determine specific impacts. Power sources are detailed on their website https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/power-mix/?_gl=1*1c8fvuo*_ga*Mzk5OTUzMjM3LjE3MDc5MzIzNTc.*_ga_QSB3HG0KQR*MTcxNzA5NzYzNS4yLjEuMTcxNzA5ODA0My42MC4wLjA. The goal is to deliver 100% renewable energy by 2030 while maximizing time-coincident, hourly energy matching. For solar customers, Peninsula Clean Energy offers premium credits, with surplus electricity credited at $0.01/kWh above the retail value. Monthly credits roll over to offset generation charges throughout the year, and there is an

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
Expense to Tuolumne County to Join	See above for general risks and costs. Valley Clean Energy requires a small financial commitment from potential member jurisdictions to cover analysis, public outreach, and community discussions. This amount is based on population size and is refunded if the jurisdiction joins. There is no cost to the county for the impact assessment study. Board members are expected to attend meetings, but there are no additional costs involved.	See above for general risks and costs. There are no additional costs associated with joining Peninsula Clean Energy.

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
Programs and Projects	Valley Clean Energy does not currently include biomass generators in its portfolio, as it has not been cost-feasible. The CCA offers various programs, such as installing charging stations and considering different rates based on long-term battery storage. An example of local project support is the AgFit program, which allows farmers to optimize irrigation based on power usage. Additionally, Valley Clean Energy is involved in a battery storage project in Capay Valley to address power reliability issues, a small region that PG&E has not prioritized.	Peninsula Clean Energy offers various programs to promote electrification in homes, including incentives for upgrading appliances and swapping out gas for electric alternatives. They provide a loan program for purchasing HVAC units and offer financial assistance to offset the costs of using electricity. Additionally, they give $300 cashback for surplus electricity and have maintained rates despite PG&E increases. Notably, they've installed solar panels on the treatment plant in Los Banos, showcasing their commitment to renewable energy initiatives.

	VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY (VCE)	PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY
Is Tuolumne a good fit for your CCA?	If cost savings are the primary concern, Valley Clean Energy might not always be the right fit, as it cannot guarantee rates will always be lower than PG&E; rates must be set to cover costs. However, Tuolumne County's diverse needs align well with Valley Clean Energy's offerings. There is a variety of programs and benefits available, ensuring that all community members have something to gain.	Before determining Tuolumne's suitability for Peninsula Clean Energy, it's crucial to understand the Tuolumne Public Power Authority (TPPA) situation thoroughly. Factors such as peak load times and existing contracts must be examined to assess compatibility with Peninsula Clean Energy's operations. This information would need to be discussed with the CCA and thoroughly evaluated by the board to determine if Tuolumne is indeed a good fit for Peninsula Clean Energy.

	MCE
General Information	On February 29, 2024, a conversation was held with Jenny Tenney from Communications and Engagement and Kiara Donato from Communications with Municipal Partners. MCE serves 37 jurisdictions across four counties: Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano. MCE was launched in May 2010.
Website	https://www.mcecleanenergy.org/

	MCE
General Mission, Governing Structure, and Level of Responsibilities of it's Members	MCE's governing structure consists of one elected representative per jurisdiction, with 38 communities represented by 34 board members. Jurisdictions can delegate their board seat to a neighboring jurisdiction; for example, a Napa County Supervisor represents four jurisdictions and thus holds four votes. Although MCE has never used weighted voting, it can be invoked based on electric load if a disagreement arises. MCE prioritizes reducing greenhouse gas emissions, with a strong emphasis on equity in implementation, as highlighted by the CEO. Board members are all locally elected officials and must be elected. They currently meet once a month but are considering moving to quarterly meetings. MCE's long-range plan focuses on ensuring that everyone has access to affordable renewable energy, although the specific details of the long-term plan are under review.

	MCE
Level of Choice and Cost to Consumer	MCE offers three energy choices in addition to PG&E: 60% renewable, 100% renewable, and 100% solar (all locally sourced and at a fixed rate, though this option is currently closed due to capacity). Homeowners with solar panels can benefit from MCE's feed-in tariff project and net energy metering program, which operates similarly to PG&E's but with slightly higher returns. More information on energy sources can be found at https://www.mcecleanenergy.org/energy-suppliers/ MCE sets its rates independently of PG&E, based on current energy market conditions and administrative costs. They aim to maintain a strong credit rating to secure lower energy purchase rates. Historically, MCE's rates have averaged less than PG&E about half the time, and when not, they have remained comparable, providing customers with savings over time. The rate structure and time-of-use scenarios mirror those of PG&E. Additionally, MCE is open to

	MCE
Expense to Tuolumne County to Join	See above for general risks and costs. There would be no additional commitment required from new members. MCE handles all operations in-house. However, they do request active engagement in the process and support for their programs.

	MCE
Programs and Projects	MCE offers a variety of programs and projects, including fleet electrification, EV incentives, energy efficiency rebates, and solar storage initiatives.

	MCE
Is Tuolumne a good fit for your CCA?	A discussion and review would need to occur with the board before determining if Tuolumne is a good fit for MCE.

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: July 1, 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 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, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore

RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Council will appoint a Councilmember to serve as the Mayor for the next two (2) years. Once selected, the Mayor will appoint a Mayor Pro-Tempore, with confirmation from the Council Members.

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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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Receive Proclamations Honoring Councilmembers Mark Plummer and Matt Hawkins, and City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Proclamations Honoring Councilmember Mark Plummer, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, and City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

It is with great honor and appreciation that we recognize the distinguished service and dedication of Mark Plummer, Matt Hawkins, and Gerard Fuccillo to the City of Sonora.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proclamations

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 OF THE CITY OF SONORA
PROCLAMATION HONORING
COUNCILMEMBER MARK PLUMMER

Whereas, it is with great honor and appreciation that we recognize the distinguished service and unwavering dedication of Mark Plummer to the City of Sonora; and

Whereas, Mark Plummer has served with tireless commitment, and steadfast devotion to the betterment of our community, embodying the true spirit of public service for eight years; four years as a Councilmember, two years as Mayor Pro-Tempore, and two years as Mayor; and

Whereas, under Mark Plummer's leadership, our City has experienced progress, and prosperity, with initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for all residents, fostering economic development, and preserving the unique character and heritage of our City; and

Whereas, during Mark Plummer's tenure, significant progress has been made in various areas of governance, including but not limited to the Stockton-Washington Downtown Corridor Transit and Accessibility Improvement Project, the Main Drain inspection and future repair, stable Police staffing levels, replaced an aging vehicle fleet, and most prominently, Measure Y with a sunset clause; and

Whereas, Mark Plummer has demonstrated exemplary leadership, and compassion, fostering a sense of unity, inclusivity, and collaboration among citizens, local officials, and community organizations; and

Whereas, Mark Plummer's vision, passion, and advocacy have left an indelible mark on the fabric of our City, inspiring us all to strive for excellence, and work together towards a brighter future; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, by the City of Sonora City Council, that we express our deepest gratitude, appreciation, and admiration to Mark Plummer for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to our community.

Furthermore, let it be declared that we extend our heartfelt farewell to Mark Plummer as his tenure concludes, accompanied by our genuine hopes for his success and happiness in all his future undertakings.

In witness thereof, I, Mayor, hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Sonora to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.

Signed _____ Attest _____

Mayor Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA
PROCLAMATION HONORING
COUNCILMEMBER MATT HAWKINS

Whereas, it is with great honor and gratitude that we recognize the distinguished service and unwavering dedication of Matt Hawkins to the City of Sonora; and

Whereas, Matt Hawkins has demonstrated dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts in serving the residents of our community, striving for the betterment of our town and its citizens for twelve years; four years as a Councilmember, four years as Mayor Pro-Tempore, and two years as Mayor; and

Whereas, under Matt Hawkins's leadership, our City has experienced progress, and prosperity, with initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for all residents, fostering economic development, and preserving the unique character and heritage of our City; and

Whereas, during Matt Hawkins's tenure, significant progress has been made in various areas of governance, encompassing Vision Sonora, the Mono Way widening project, the Livestock Ordinance, adept management during the COVID pandemic and BLM protests, eliminating wasteful spending, recognition with a Leadership Award from the California State Association of Counties, inspection of the main drain and future repair, and twelve years of service as a member of LAFCO; and

Whereas, Matt Hawkins has been fortunate enough to work with twelve different Councilmembers, five retired Councilmembers, four City Administrators, two Police Chiefs, two Fire Chiefs, three Sheriffs, three Supervisors, and three Congressmen.

Whereas, Matt Hawkins has exemplified true leadership qualities, fostering unity, collaboration, and inclusivity among council members, City officials, and community organizations; and

Whereas, Matt Hawkins's passion for public service, coupled with his integrity, vision, and compassion, has left an indelible mark on the fabric of our City, inspiring future leaders to follow in his footsteps; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the City of Sonora City Council, that we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Matt Hawkins for his dedicated service, leadership, and steadfast commitment to the welfare and prosperity of our community; and

Be it further proclaimed that we bid farewell to Matt Hawkins as his term comes to a close, with our sincere best wishes for success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

In witness thereof, I, Mayor, hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Sonora to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.

Signed _____ Attest _____

Mayor Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA
PROCLAMATION HONORING
CITY ENGINEER GERARD FUCCILLO

Whereas, Gerard Fuccillo has dedicated 45 years of steadfast service to our beloved City, demonstrating unparalleled dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to the progress and preservation of our historic community;

Whereas, Gerard Fuccillo has tirelessly contributed to the advancement of infrastructure, innovation in urban planning, and the implementation of sustainable development practices that have profoundly shaped the landscape and character of our City;

Whereas, Gerard Fuccillo's leadership, vision, and technical prowess have been instrumental in countless projects that have improved the quality of life for our residents, ensuring our City remains a beacon of progress and resilience;

Whereas, Gerard Fuccillo has been a cornerstone in the preservation of our historic City, contributing significantly to maintaining its unique character;

Whereas, Gerard Fuccillo's leadership and expertise have left an indelible mark on our City's infrastructure, ensuring its resilience for future generations;

We commend Gerard Fuccillo for his tireless efforts, invaluable contributions, and enduring legacy, which will continue to resonate throughout our historic City for generations to come.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, by the City of Sonora City Council, that we express our deepest gratitude, appreciation, and admiration to Gerard Fuccillo for his 45 years of outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to our community.

Furthermore, let it be declared that we extend our heartfelt farewell to Gerard Fuccillo as his tenure concludes, accompanied by our genuine hopes for his success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

In witness thereof, I, Mayor, hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Sonora to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.

Signed _____ Attest _____

Mayor Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor

SUBJECT: Receive the State of the City Address Report from the Newly Appointed Mayor

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the State of the City Address Report from the Newly Appointed Mayor.

DISCUSSION:

This is an opportunity for the newly appointed Mayor to address the public and the Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointment of Commission/Committee Assignments

RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of Commission/Committee Assignments.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City is represented on various commissions or committees. The City must maintain this representation and appoint council members to avoid scheduling conflicts or other issues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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Committee Name - 1 Member, 1 Alternate	COMMITTEE SCOPE/TASKS	DATES AND TIMES	Segerstrom	Cruz	Levine	Merrill	
Amador-Tuolumne County Community Action Agency/Head Start	To help individuals in Amador and Tuolumne Counties toward self–sufficiency. To support local residents in becoming involved and contributing members of our community. To promote family and other supportive environments so that children, youth, and elderscan achieve their maximum potential, and to form partnerships and coalitions within the community to meet these needs.	Second Friday Every Other Month 10:30am-12:30pm	X - Alt			X	
Cable 8 - Access Tuolumne	Tuolumne County Community Cable Access (TCCCA), was created to facilitate public access to the local cable television service.	Fourth Thursday 3:00pm-4:00pm	X				
California League of Cities	The League of California Cities is an association of cities within the state of California, founded in 1898. Most of the state's 482 cities are represented in the league. The League advocates for cities at the state capitol, including proper distribution of state taxes to the cities.	Mar, June, Sept, Dec Second Tuesday	X	X - Alt			
Central Sierra Economic Development	CSEDD partners with MLJT and local economic development offices to bring workforce and economic development assistance to businesses and residents throughout the Mother Lode Region.	Feb, May, Aug, Nov Third Thursday 9:30am-11:00am	X - Alt	X			
Fire Safe Council	The Tuolumne Fire Safe Council is a grassroots nonprofit organization that works to reduce wildfire hazard and the devastating effects of wildfires in the north Tuolumne County community. The mission of the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council is to save lives and protect property through wildfire preparedness, prevention, and education.	Fourth Tuesday 9:00am				X	X - Alt
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) JPA & Water Advisory Committee	The purpose of the IRWMP is to develop a water resources management strategy for the region. The plan, when completed, will include a priority list of projects to improve water supply reliability, water quality and the environment in the Tuolumne and Stanislaus region.	Third Wednesday 9:30 am - 11:00 am	X - Alt				X
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) [2 members, 1 alternate]	The purpose of LAFCO is to discourage urban sprawl, preserve open space and prime agricultural lands, promote the efficient provision of government services, and encourage the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances.	Second Monday 4:00pm	X	X		X - Alt	
Sierra Conservation Center – Citizens Advisory Committee		Second Wednesday 8:00am					
Solid Waste	The Solid Waste Committee is to serve the Board by reviewing, commenting on and recommending new and/or modifications to existing policy related to the Solid Waste collection, management and disposal systems within the County.	Second Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm		X - Alt		X	
Tuolumne County Chamber – Governmental Affairs	Our Chamber of Commerce manages an aggressive government affairs advocacy program combining research, government relations and communications. Through your Board of Directors and Government Affairs Council, our Chamber has forged key relationships with elected officials and leaders of government agencies on the local, regional and state level.	First Monday 11am	X		X - Alt		
Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) [2 members, 1 alternate]	TCTC regularly decides how to prioritize and program monies for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and federal funding programs. In addition, the TCTC serves both the Board and the Sonora City Council by reviewing, commenting on and recommending or adopting new and/or modifications to existing policy related to the public transportation system, the Regional Transportation Plan(RTP); State legislative policy relative to Trans- portation; Traffic Mitigation Fee program; the State Highway Oper- ations and Preservation Program (SHOPP); and various Transpor- tation Planning policies that affect the County and the City of Sonora.	Second Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm		X		X	X - Alt

Tuolumne County Water Policy Advisory Committee	Ensure adequate water supplies to meet the diverse needs of a healthy and economically viable community. Such water supply needs include but are not limited to: domestic consumption; fire protection; economic development; base industries.	Fourth Tuesday 2:00pm	X - Alt		X		
Tuolumne County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Mayor Appointed Citizens	Responsible for reviewing airport and adjacent land use proposals on and near two general aviation airports in Tuolumne County, Columbia Airport and Pine Mountain Lake Airport.	First Thursday 6:00 pm	X - Alt				x
Visitor's Bureau - Board Meetings	Promote and market Tuolumne County as a tourist destination; Promote the benefits of tourism as an industry; Provide visitor services; Act as a liaison between the tourism industry and governmental agencies; Coordinate with other agencies and organizations in the promotion of travel related industries throughout the county; and encourage and assist in the preservation of historical landmarks and preserve tourist attractions.	July, Sept, Nov, Jan - Third Thursday 1:00pm		X - Alt	X		
Visitor's Bureau - Marketing Meetings		June, Aug, Oct - Third Thursday 1:00pm - No meeting in Dec		X - Alt	X		
Yes Council	The YES Partnership is a community-wide coalition dedicated to supporting Tuolumne County youth and families by preventing suicide, substance, and child abuse.	Second Thursday 3:30pm-5:00pm			X - Alt		X
Commission on Homelessness	The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors identified Community Family and Health as their second priority in 2021, and the second objective is to Address Emergency Needs in Homeless Communities and Collaborate with Public and Private Partnerships to Combat Homelessness.	Regular Meeting Second Thursday 9:00am Standing Housing Meeting Third Thursday 1:00pm			X - Alt	X	
City of Sonora Committees - All Require 2 Members							
Community Development	Housing, Technology, Opera Hall, Planning, CDBG related matters.	As needed			X		X
Energy Action	On March 5th, 2018, the City of Sonora accepted the Energy Action Plan (EAP) as the City's roadmap for expanding energy-efficiency, renewable-energy, and the cost- savings that accompany these efforts.	As needed	X			X	
Finance	All finance and budget related matters.	As needed	X	X			
Parking & Traffic Commission [1 alternate]	The Parking and Traffic Commission's duties are to investigate ways and means of improving parking and traffic conditions throughout the city.	As needed	X			X - Alt	X
Parks, Recreation, & Beautification	Parks, trees, recreation, and beautification matters.	As needed	X - Alt		X	X	
Personnel	All personnel and negotiation matters.	As needed	X	X			
Public Safety	Law Enforcement, Fire, Parking, Signage, and Traffic related matters.	As needed		X			X
Public Works	Streets, sidewalks, storm drainage, cemeteries, city facilities, and capital improvements.	As needed	X			X - Alt	X
Vision Sonora	Vision Sonora Plan implementation, funding, project, and design review.	As needed		X	X		
Board Member Assignments							
Member (M)			9	7	7	7	7
Alternate (A)			6	4	3	3	2
Total Committee Assignments			15	11	10	10	9

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CITY HALL

CITY OF SONORA 94 N. WASHINGTON STREET, SONORA, CA 95370 P: (209) 532-4541

SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consider the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thad Waterbury to serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a one-year term expiring on July 1, 2025.
2. Consider the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Linda Emerson to serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a two-year term expiring on July 1, 2026.
3. Consider the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thomas Miller to serve as a City of Sonora Planning Commissioner for a four-year term expiring on July 1, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

Planning Commissioners Bess Levine and Stephen Opie have been elected to serve on the City Council. They vacate terms that have one (1) and two (2) years remaining respectively. As of July 1, both Commissioners will forego their remaining terms and be seated on City Council. A third vacancy was created when Peter Ghiorso, who served his four-year term, expiring July 1, indicated that he will not be seeking re-appointment.

An announcement that three (3) vacancies for application were available was placed on the City website. A weekly notice was taken in the Union Democrat advertising the vacancies. Additionally, the City made an announcement regarding the vacancies on its Facebook page. Those interested in serving on the Planning Commission were instructed to submit their application on or before May 31, 2024. The Mayor received seven applications, copies of which, are attached hereto. Those applying included Stephen Dietrich, Curtis Wicks, Darren Duez and Jeffrey Hollis, in addition to those being recommended by the Mayor. After review of the applications the Mayor is recommending the appointment of Thad Waterbury, Linda Emerson and Thomas Miller for the terms included above.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The Planning Commission meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the Month. Meetings are held at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public and noticed in the Union Democrat in addition to agendas being posted at City Hall. The Planning Commission has 5 members.

The functions of the *planning commission* are as follows:

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A. It shall develop and maintain a general *plan*.

B. It shall investigate and make recommendations to the City council upon reasonable and practicable means for putting the general *plan* into effect, in order that it will serve as a pattern and guide for the orderly physical growth and development of the City, and as the basis for the efficient expenditure of funds relating to the subjects of the general *plan*.

C. It shall develop such specific *plans* as may be necessary or desirable.

D. It shall periodically review the capital improvement program of the City.

E. It shall perform such other functions as the City Council may provide.

The *planning commission* has the powers necessary to enable it to fulfill and carry out its *planning* functions.

F. In the performance of their functions, *planning commission* personnel may enter upon any land and make examinations and surveys, provided that such entries, examinations and surveys do not interfere with the use of the land by those lawfully entitled to the possession thereof.

G. Upon request, all public officials shall furnish to the *planning commission*, within a reasonable time, such available information as may be required for the work of such *planning commission*.

H. It shall endeavor to promote public interest in, and understanding of, official *plans* and regulations relating thereto. It may consult and confer with public officials and agencies, civic, educational, professional and other organizations, and with citizens generally, with relation to the carrying out of such *plans*.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Training for Planning Commissioners and a stipend of $35 per meeting are budgeted annually to support the functioning of the Commissions activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Applications for each candidate who submitted for consideration

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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 OF SONORA

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

94 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-3508

City of Sonora
MAY 18 2024
Received By

Applications are now being accepted for one pending vacancy on the City of Sonora Planning Commission. To be eligible for a position on the Planning Commission, applicants must be a resident and elector of the City. Applicants should have an interest in the land use planning and development activities of the City of Sonora and its sphere of influence.

The term will begin on July 1, 2023 and expire on July 1, 2027. Please check which position you are applying for:

Applicant: Thomas Miller

Applicant's Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address: _____

Email: [redacted]

Phone #: Cell [redacted] Home N/A

Work N/A

Are you a current resident of the City of Sonora? X Yes _____ No

If yes, how long have you lived within the City of Sonora? 19 yrs.

Current Occupation: Retired Oral Radiographer

Do you own an existing business in the City? _____ Yes X No

If yes, Business Name: _____

Address: _____

List any community organizations in which you have been or are currently involved with:

Friends of the Animal Community, ATCCA Food Bank, Odd Fellows, Habitat for Humanity

Briefly describe the qualifications you possess which you feel would be an asset to the Planning Commission: I have sat on advisory boards overseeing funding for building. I like to think through decisions before coming to a final conclusion. I work well with others and value other views.

Briefly explain why you would like to serve on the Planning Commission: I care about our city and want to make sure that we continue to upgrade our community to present well to our local people as well as our visitors. I feel this has to be done keeping in mind not to destroy our history and historic presents

I hereby confirm that I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and plan to attend the required meetings if I am appointed to this position. I understand that if I am appointed to the Planning Commission, a Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 is required by State Law or Council Policy and shall file this form within thirty (30) calendar days of assuming office. I hereby consent that this document is considered a public record and will be available to the public for review.

Applicant's Signature Date

To be considered for appointment, applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023.

Completed applications are to be signed and submitted to:

Mayor Mark Plummer
C/O Community Development Department
City of Sonora

CITY OF SONORA
PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

94 North Washington Street
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(209) 532-3508

Received By
MAY 26 2024
City of Sonora

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The term will begin on July 1, 2023 and expire on July 1, 2027. Please check which position you are applying for:

Applicant: THAD WATERBURY

Applicant's Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address: SAME

Email: [redacted]

Phone #: Cell [redacted] Home _____

Work _____

Are you a current resident of the City of Sonora? X Yes _____ No

If yes, how long have you lived within the City of Sonora? 51 YEARS

Current Occupation: RETIRED

Do you own an existing business in the City? _____ Yes X No

If yes, Business Name: _____

Address: _____

List any community organizations in which you have been or are currently involved with:
BOY SCOUTS, SONORA SCHOOL BOARD, FOOTHILL BEEKEEPERS ASS'N., TUO. CO. AQUATICS, SONORA BEAUTIFUL.

Briefly describe the qualifications you possess which you feel would be an asset to the Planning Commission: SONORA RESIDENT FOR 51 YEARS, RETIRED CONTRACTING OFFICER FROM US FOREST SERVICE (34 YEARS), ACTIVE AS A PARENT AND

GRANDPARENT AT SONORA ELEMENTARY, SONORA HIGH SCHOOL, WALDORF SCHOOL, SON OF A CIVIL ENGINEER AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

Briefly explain why you would like to serve on the Planning Commission: MY 30 YEARS OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND LIFE LONG (INTEREST) IN ENGINEERING. GIVES ME A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON LOOKING AT PROJECTS AND EVALUATING THEM FOR CONFORMING TO THE CITY PLAN. I LOVE LIVING IN SONORA.

I hereby confirm that I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and plan to attend the required meetings if I am appointed to this position. I understand that if I am appointed to the Planning Commission, a Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 is required by State Law or Council Policy and shall file this form within thirty (30) calendar days of assuming office. I hereby consent that this document is considered a public record and will be available to the public for review.

Thad Waterbury
Applicant's Signature

May 29, 2024
Date

To be considered for appointment, applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023.

Completed applications are to be signed and submitted to:

Mayor Mark Plummer
C/O Community Development Department
City of Sonora
94 N. Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Completed and signed applications can also be submitted via email to rkellogg@sonoraca.com. Questions regarding this position should be directed to Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director at (209) 532-3508 Ext. #2.

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

94 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-3508

Received By
MAY 15 2024
City of Sonora

Applications are now being accepted for three (3) pending vacancies on the City of Sonora Planning Commission. To be eligible for a position on the Planning Commission, applicants must be a resident and elector of the City. Applicants should have an interest in the land use planning and development activities of the City of Sonora and its sphere of influence.

The terms will begin on July 1, 2024 and expire in subsequent years. Please check which position you are applying for:

____ Planning Commissioner - Term Expiration July 1, 2028
X Planning Commissioner- Term Expiration July 1, 2026
____ Planning Commissioner- Term Expiration July 1, 2025

Applicant: Linda Emerson

Applicant's Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address: same

Email: [redacted]

Phone #: Cell [redacted] Home N/A

Work N/A

Are you a current resident of the City of Sonora? X Yes ____ No

If yes, how long have you lived within the City of Sonora? 2 years inside city limits

Current Occupation: retired

Do you own an existing business in the City? ____ Yes X No

If yes, Business Name: ____

Address: ____

List any community organizations in which you have been or are currently involved with:
Board of Directors - Tuolumne County Historical Society; Treasurer - Yosemite Gateway Partners; Member - Tuolumne County Planning Commission (term about to end)

Briefly describe the qualifications you possess which you feel would be an asset to the Planning Commission: Having spent 3 years on the County Planning Commission, I have a clear understanding of the purpose of a commission as a recommending body. I understand organizational development, group dynamics and how to keep a group focused on the matters at hand. I have respect for Sonora's past while looking ahead into the future, and I believe that a healthy planning commission can facilitate change in such a way that it retains the essence of our historic city.

Briefly explain why you would like to serve on the Planning Commission: Community and civic participation has always been a significant element in my life. While I have enjoyed my involvement with the County commission, I believe that my interests and skills will be more useful on a smaller scale. After living 15 years in the unincorporated area of Sonora, I'm delighted to have moved into the city itself and this is where I'd like to serve.

I hereby confirm that I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and plan to attend the required meetings if I am appointed to this position. I understand that if I am appointed to the Planning Commission, a Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 is required by State Law or Council Policy and shall file this form within thirty (30) calendar days of assuming office. I hereby consent that this document is considered a public record and will be available to the public for review.

Linda A Emerson
Applicant's Signature

05/07/2024
Date

To be considered for appointment, applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2024.

Completed applications are to be signed and submitted to:

Mayor Mark Plummer
C/O Community Development Department
City of Sonora
94 N. Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Completed and signed applications can also be submitted via email to tsummersett@sonoraca.com. Questions regarding this position should be directed to Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director at (209) 532-3508 Ext. #2.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2024

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Department Report for April 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for April 2024 (FY23/24).

DISCUSSION



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

Monthly Report to the City Council

April '24

Highlights of General Fund Revenues:

	Current Period	YTD	FY23/24 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax	$ 387,732	$ 976,449	$ 980,600	99.6%
Sales Tax	$ 239,034	$ 2,890,623	$ 3,355,600	86.1%
Measure Y	$ 270,531	$ 3,866,304	$ 4,100,000	94.3%
Transient Occupancy Tax	$ 114,287	$ 526,819	$ 625,000	84.3%
Cannibis Public Benefit Fees	$ 55,696	$ 590,932	$ 710,000	83.2%
Building Permits	$ 5,881	$ 75,091	$ 100,000	75.1%
Business Licenses	$ 2,366	$ 131,134	$ 126,900	103.3%

Highlights of General Fund Expenditures:

	Current Period	YTD	FY23/24 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	$ 609,745	$ 5,469,929	$ 7,537,600	72.6%
Operating Expenditures	$ 292,295	$ 2,641,085	$ 3,649,125	72.4%
Transfers	$ -	$ 313,944	$ 334,000	94.0%

	A/P	YTD	H/R	YTD
Total Number of Checks/DD Processed:	124	1,540	101	1,078

Business License Activity:	Current Month Zone A	Current Month Zone B	YTD Zone A	YTD Zone B
Licenses Issued	1	4	19	112

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DATE: June 13, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Department Update, June 2024

The following activities were undertaken by the Community Development Department:

DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Answer Phones
- Staff Office hours
- Issue Permits
- Conduct Inspections

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Special Event Permits for the following Community Events:

1. Second Saturday Art Night—Concert Series in the Park (Coffill)

FARMERS MARKET

- Test equipment for Sonora Farmers Market to accept EBT payments
- Acquire script (EBT Cash equivalent)
- Promote ability to accept EBT
- Assist Market Manager in coordinating 2024 Market Season activities

LINOBERG STREET

- Working with Blue Zones Project to develop phase 1 of improvement, which will focus on Stewart Street demonstration project to remove Business trash bins from sidewalk, increase safety of crossing Stewart Street, community art and requesting closure of Stewart Street during Saturday Farmers Market.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Continuous work across the following areas:
  - Delinquent Permits
  - Health and Safety—Residential
  - Health and Safety—Business
  - Ordinance infractions (Signage, public nuisance, etc.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) MANAGEMENT

- Procure Apparatus (equipment) for both Engines
- Reporting to State (quarterly)

CALOES PROJECT

- Construct new storage building (to replace 3 smaller structures lost in the Washington Fire) at Public Works yard. Plans currently being prepared by Dewberry for staff review. City staff conducted on site meeting with engineers to work through project details. Bid documents to be prepared immediately following approved design. Project needs to be delivered by September 2024

PER CAPITA (STATE PARKS) GRANT

- Pickleball/Basketball court—City Engineering/CDD team conducted on-site meeting to spec out revised project. Amended design documents expected in the short term. Bid documents to follow approved designs. Fall project delivery expected.

STOCKTON-WASHINGTON CORRIDOR PROJECT

- Project close out activities include:
  - Bring Project to Council for Acceptance and close out in July.

ORDINANCE UPDATE(S)

- Continue work on revisions to Short Term Rental ordinance. 2nd reading before City Council in June
- Prepare for work on new City Encroachment policy (outdoor dining, commercial activities on Sidewalks, outdoor music, etc.)

PLANNING COMMISSION

- June 10th:
  - Design Review: Grocery Outlet, 685 S. Washington St- moving front entrance doors. Back filling old front door location with matching windows, painting building, seeking signage permit (separately), replace fencing for HVAC equipment around back. Application approved.

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- Design Review: Masonic Hall, 16 Washington—exterior modifications to building including painting (white), addition of lighting (sconces, 3) and other minor alterations. Application approved.
- Use Permit Review: 280 Mono Way—Use Permit sought to utilize existing vacant, dilapidated building for Mixed Martial Arts training facility. Use Permit approved with Conditions of Approval which must be satisfied prior to opening of facility.

HOUSING ELEMENT

- Final Draft comments received from Housing and Community Development (HCD). Staff and consultants working to address comments and re-submit for approval. Likely on Council agenda for July 2024,

CALAVERAS STREET PARKING

- Traffic and Parking Commission recommended moving 1 and potentially a 2 new parking locations forward on Calaveras Street. There is an existing lease with the owner of 10 Calaveras Street to provide parking for the business located at this location. Legal counsel is amending the lease agreement to incorporate these additional locations. Will come to the City Council for consideration in July 2024.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

- Develop draft department budget for 2024-2025. Budget to be presented for consideration at the June 17th City Council Meeting.

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DATE: June 17, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2024.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Receive the Sonora Fire Department Monthly Report for May 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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Public Safety

1. City of Sonora Fire Department responded to 159 calls for service in May 2024.
2. Sonora City Units responded to emergency calls as follows:

111 - Building fire		1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained		1
121 - Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence		1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire		1
143 - Grass fire		1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury		113
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries		4
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.		1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other		2
522 - Water or steam leak		1
553 - Public service		5
554 - Assist invalid		8
561 - Unauthorized burning		1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route		12
631 - Authorized controlled burning		2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke		2
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle		1
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm		1
730 - System malfunction, other		1
	Total	159

3. Monthly dollar loss in the City, resulting from fire: $130,000.00
4. The average response time during the month: 4:51
5. Automatic or mutual aid given: 46

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DATE: June 17, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for May 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Each month, the Sonora Police Department reports on general police activity for the previous month. This list is not all-inclusive and is guided by City Council interest. The reporting format allows for a comparison of activity with the prior month and with the same period during the previous year.

The City is divided into two areas of responsibility, each monitored by our two Police Sergeants. The Sergeants monitor their assigned areas and proactively apply problem-solving community policing principles to address crime trends and other quality-of-life concerns related to public safety.

Most categories in our report reflect criminal case investigation reporting, providing a comprehensive view of our law enforcement efforts. However, it's important to note that these categories primarily indicate the number of criminal cases investigated, rather than the actual number of incidents occurring in the City. Select categories, such as Larceny and Homeless Activity, have dual reporting numbers which reflect both the number of reported occurrences and the number of criminal case investigations. Similarly, the Total Phone Calls / 911 Calls category reflects the number of 911 calls included in the total number of incoming calls to the Sonora Police Department in a given month, offering a more nuanced understanding of our emergency response.

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DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The chart below summarizes activities for May 2024.

Activity	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023
Total Incidents	1,212	1,233	1,481
Calls for Service	803	819	935
Officer Initiated	409	183	546
Total Arrests	38	41	54
Felony Arrests	5	7	3
Misd. Arrests	33	34	51
Total Reports	104	108	135
Parking Citations	24	36	72
Moving Citations	23	26	16
Domestic Violence	3	6	4
Larceny Inc./Inv.	16	30	10
Total Collisions/Inv.	23/7	22	31
Homeless Activity	107/16	76/17	108
Animal Calls	39	49	42
Public Intox and UID	7	14	16
DUI Arrests	2	4	2
Total Phone Calls / 911 Calls	(Unavailable)	2,207/347	2,380/461

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Average Per Day	(Unavailable)	74/12	77
Vehicle Releases	4	7	11

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS (3):

Crimes by Area Report

Area 1 Supervisor Report

Area 2 Supervisor Report.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Homelessness Issues, Training, and Retention

May 2024 - Crimes by Area

Area 1 Reports:

Violent Crimes:

1 – Felony Criminal Threats (including felony possession of unlawful weapons, misdemeanor possession of controlled substances, and misdemeanor possession of stolen property)
1 – Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon, other than a firearm
1 – Felony Domestic Violence (including a Brandishing of a Weapon, other than a firearm)
2 – Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
3 – Misdemeanor Violation of a Domestic Violence Order
1 – Misdemeanor Brandishing of a Weapon, other than a firearm

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

1 – Misdemeanor Petty Theft from a Business Location

Area 2 Reports

Violent Crimes:

1 – Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
1 – Misdemeanor Violation of a Domestic Violence Order

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

1 – Misdemeanor Petty Theft from a Residence

Area 1 Monthly Report
May 2024

Neighborhood Watch:

ELKS HILL:

- No updated activity

SONORA KNOWLES:

- No updated activity.

Case(s) for discussion:

24-459-On 05/16/2024, at about 8:32 am, Officers were dispatched to the front of the Sonora Police Department to investigate an assault report. A male was on scene and bleeding from a head wound. The victim stated he was attacked by his neighbor with a pair of gardening sheers. The suspect was located nearby and taken into custody. He was later booked into the county jail on a felony assault with a deadly weapon charges.

Recruitments:

- The department is currently recruiting for 2 lateral police officers.

Training:

- Sergeant Nygard completed his final week of Supervisor school.
- One Officer completed Perishable Skills training in Stanislaus County.

Range:

- Range qualification is scheduled for late June.

Dispatch:

- No updated activity.
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Fleet:

- 5 Durango pursuit vehicles arrived at BWE and are being outfitted as parts become available.
- One K9 Explorer remains at Lehr and is awaiting parts.

Property and Evidence:

- The property room is nearing its final stage of completion. Once completed, we will be exploring new methods to booking inmate property.

Respectfully submitted,
Sergeant Eric Nygard

Area 2 Monthly Report
May 2024

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- No updated activity.

NORTH STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLAND VIEW:

- No updated activity

Case(s) for discussion:

24-439- Officers were dispatched to reports of a male asleep behind the wheel of his vehicle in a drive through. Officers arrived on scene and believed the male to be under the influence of a controlled substance. The male refused to submit to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance. The male was also in possession of a controlled substance and booked on that charge as well.

24-502- Officers responded to Wal-Mart for a report of threats. Officers contacted a male who matched the description given of the suspect. During the contact, the Sonora PD Canine conducted a walk around of the vehicle and alerted on the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, there was possible Methamphetamine and Fentanyl located as well as other drug paraphernalia. Also located in the vehicle was a billy club, possession of pepper spray, and possession of stolen property. The male was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen property, possession of a billy club, possession of pepper spray and criminal threats.

Canine:

- The Sonora PD canine handler attended a two-week certification course at Top Dog K-9. The Handler and canine are now certified in apprehension, drug detection, and searching. They are now able to work as a team on patrol and have proven to be a great asset to our department and the community.

Reserves/Volunteers:

- Sonora PD has received two of three Personal History Statements for Volunteer Applicants. The next step in their process in the backgrounds. Those have been assigned to Sonora PD personnel to complete.

- The Volunteers attended a Volunteer Fair and had great success with the public showing interest in our program. We are hopeful to get some applicants for the program after this event.
- A meeting was held with our Volunteer members. We went over events for the year and held training on several items. We are continuing to try to grow our unit with recruitment and interaction with the public.
- The Volunteers assisted with the Mother Lode Round-Up Parade. They assisted with traffic control and were a great asset.

Explorers:

- Our Explorer's have participated in several events this month including the Mother Lode Round-Up Parade. They assisted with traffic control in a busy area and were a great asset.
- A meeting was held with our Explorer members. We discussed upcoming events and held training on several topics. We are continuing to try to grow our unit with recruitment and interaction with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Dominic Bertalotto

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DATE: June 17, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor

SUBJECT: Public Works Department Report for May 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Public Works Department Report for May 2024.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

For May 2024, the City of Sonora Public Works Department performed the following activities:

Events

- Spent numerous days preparing for the Mother Lode Round-up Parade.
- Assisted Sonora Police Department with road closures during the parade.
- Spent several days putting away hardware from the parade.
- Staged signage for road closures for the Chamber event at Courthouse Park.

Streets

- Clearance pruned vegetation on several City sidewalks.
- Loaded and hauled twelve pay piles from City Streets.
- Replaced a faulty streetlight fixture, and replaced with an LED fixture on Twilight CT.
- Spent several days removing leaf piles from City Streets.
- Repainted faded hash marks in lanes on Mono Way.
- Pruned vegetation around street signs around the City.
- Installed several new Dragoon Gulch Trail directional signs on Woodside Drive and Forest Road.
- Removed several parking spaces and added red curbs near crosswalks with limited vision of pedestrians crossing the street.
- Hot patched several streets around the City.
- Installed with thermoplastic, a STOP, and a stop bar on Stewart Street.
- Repaired gravel road leading to the City gun range.
- Loaded and disposed of a deceased deer from Mono Way.
- Spent several days pot-holing City Streets.

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- Returned numerous shopping carts to businesses abandoned on City Streets.

Facilities

- Made repairs to the banister at The Opera Hall.
- Relocated several wall cabinets at the Police Department.
- Relocated mirrors in restrooms at the Police Department.

Parks/Landscapes/Parking Lots

- Performed a major vegetation pruning project in Prospector Park.
- Continued to make repairs on irrigation systems in City landscapes.
- Replaced GFI plugs in the panel used for the Farmers' Market vendors.
- Made repairs to a trip hazard in the City parking lot across from the Police Department.
- Monthly inspection of playground equipment at Rotary Park.
- Cleaned City lots with a blower weekly.
- Continued with weed spraying in City Parks and Landscapes.

Storm Drains

- Flushed and inspected a storm culvert on Hope Lane.
- Repaired storm drain lid on Stewart Street.

Cemeteries

- Continuing with annual weed spraying at Mountain Shadow.
- Daily-Check of messages at Mountain Shadow, and returned calls as needed.
- Daily Cleaning of irrigation filters during irrigation season.
- Marked out plots as requested by the Funeral Home as needed.
- Set headstones as requested by the Funeral Home.
- Mow, and edge lawns weekly during spring and summer months.

Miscellaneous

- Daily unlock, and service of all public restrooms.
- Installed thirty Chamber of Commerce banners on Streetlight poles on Washington Street.
- Put up weekly event banners downtown.
- Collected garbage twice a week in all City parking lots, Landscapes, and Parks.
- Monthly fleet vehicle inspections.
- Twice weekly- Run Street sweeper early morning on a rotating street schedule throughout the City.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact on 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