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CITY OF SONORA
City Council Regular Meeting
Agenda
Monday, February 02, 2026
5:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on February 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. **ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

   A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Consideration of Initiation of Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)) (one matter); Douglas White, City Attorney, Chris Gorsky, City Administrator, Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

5. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

   OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

6. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

8. **ROLL CALL**

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING**

10. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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12. **PRESENTATIONS**

    A. Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

    B. Recognize the Actions of Lieutenant Jennifer Hannula and Officer Rodolfo Figueroa with a Sonora Police Department Lifesaving Award; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

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C. Receive Introduction and Swearing-in of Police Dispatcher-Records Specialist, Raelene Carter; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

D. Receive Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Rodolfo Figueroa; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

B. Consider Acceptance of the Administrative Services Department Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY25/26; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

C. Consider Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/26, for the period ended December 31, 2025; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

14. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CITY HALL

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

SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an Update from Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

District 1 Supervisor Mike Holland will Present to the City Council an Update on County-wide Issues at the First Meeting of Each Month

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Recognize Extraordinary Actions of Two Sonora Police Department Employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize the Actions of Lieutenant Jennifer Hannula and Officer Rodolfo Figueroa with a Sonora Police Department Lifesaving Award.

BACKGROUND:

It is with great honor that we recognize Lieutenant Jennifer Hannula and Officer Rodolfo Figueroa for their extraordinary actions in the service of our community.

Lieutenant Hannula will be presented with a Lifesaving Award for her actions on August 19, 2025. Officer Rodolfo Figueroa will be presented with a Lifesaving Award for his actions on November 17, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention.

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DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Introduction and Swearing in of Police Dispatcher-Records Specialist

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Introduction and Swearing-in of Police Dispatcher-Records Specialist, Raelene Carter.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

Raelene Carter tested for this position in January of 2025 and meets all the requirements to work as a Public Safety Dispatcher in the State of California.

Raelene was born and raised in the Bay Area. She spent many weekends visiting her brother in the foothills in the early 2000s and quickly fell in love with the area. In 2012, she made the move permanent, and it has been home for her ever since. Before joining our team, Raelene worked as a Public Safety Dispatcher at Black Oak Casino and, before that, in customer service at Adventist Health Sonora.

Raelene enjoys spending time with her family, the outdoors, creative DIY projects, and classic cars. She is excited about her new role as Sonora Police Dispatcher and looks forward to giving back to the community she proudly calls home.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as this position was previously funded.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention

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DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Introduction and Swearing in of Police Corporal Rodolfo Figueroa.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The City held testing for Corporal in December, and in January, a highly competitive administrative assessment was conducted. Rodolfo Figueroa was officially promoted on January 31, 2026. Corporal is a junior leadership position established to expand our agency's supervisory and leadership. There are two Corporal positions which are selected from the ten established Police Officer positions.

Rodolfo started his career in public service as a State Parks Aid in 2015. In 2016, he took a job as a Corrections Officer for Calaveras County and was promoted to Patrol Deputy in 2017. In 2021, he transferred to the Tracy Police Department and lateraled to Sonora in March of 2024. Rodolfo has worked assignments such as SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit) & HAZMAT, Gangs, Drone, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Explorer Advisor. He is currently a Firearms Instructor and a Patrol Rifle Instructor for our agency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as this position was previously funded.

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DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Staff Recommends the City Council Approve the Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Meeting Minutes December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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

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Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2025
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OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Stephen Opie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Ann Segerstrom
Vice Mayor Andy Merrill
Councilmember Bess Levine
Councilmember Stephen Opie
Councilmember Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 1:11 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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Christine Halley shared information on Crafts on Wheels and Critters in Color.

A member of the public shared a concern about Sonora Elementary School.

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1. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2025 (Special), and November 17, 2025; Stacy Enos-Del Razo, Deputy City Clerk.

2. Consider Acceptance of Disbursements in the Amount of $198,177.25 and $218,957.80 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/City Clerk.

3. Consider Acceptance of an Informational Report for November 2025 Accounts Payable Payment Register and Void Report; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator

   No public comment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consider Approval of Resolution 12-15-2025-A, Authorizing the Closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and Certain City Streets to Facilitate the CIF State Football Championship Parade; Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

   Tyler Summersett Community Development Director addressed the Council about the parade.

   Karen Sells Principal Sonora High School addressed the Council.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bess Levine had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill attended TCTC (Tuolumne County Transportation Council) and Homelessness Committee meeting.

Councilmember Mark Plummer attended TCTC; 2nd Saturday; and walked downtown with a member of the public.

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Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the TCTC Reception; College Concert; helped set up Christmas Tree Lane; attended Christmas Stories and Adult Beverages; future polling with Cole Przybyla and Tyler Summersett; the Holiday Community Mixer is December 16th; and the City Appreciation Dinner is December 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:19pm.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Ann Segerstrom
Vice Mayor Andy Merrill
Councilmember Bess Levine
Councilmember Stephen Opie
Councilmember Mark Plummer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency Designated Representatives: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator; Employee Organization: Sonora Fire Fighters Association (SFFA).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:00 pm.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ann Segerstrom stated direction was given to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Stephen Opie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Ann Segerstrom
Vice Mayor Andy Merrill
Councilmember Bess Levine
Councilmember Stephen Opie
Councilmember Mark Plummer

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 9:41am.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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Barbara Dressler addressed the Council.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive the Ceremonial Swearing-In and Reading of the Oath for the City's Newly Appointed Fire Captain Eric Schlarb; Brittan Gregory, Fire Chief.

   Brittan Gregory Fire Chief read a statement and welcomed Whitney Schlarb to assist with the tradition of pinning the Fire Captain Badge.

   Brittan Gregory Fire Chief officiated the Ceremonial Swearing-In of Eric Schlarb Fire Captain.

   Eric Schlarb Fire Captain addressed the Council.

   Councilmembers congratulated the new Fire Captain.

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3. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 01-05-2026-A Accepting Unanticipated Revenue of $2,100 from the 2025 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Award 7FG25711, Appropriating the Funds for Eligible Expenditures, Approving a 50% Local Match of $2,100 from Fund 730, and Authorizing the Fire Chief to Approve All Required Documents to Accept the Grant; Brittan Gregory, Fire Chief.

4. Consider Adoption of Resolution 01-05-2026-B, Updating the Job Descriptions for the Police Corporal and Administrative Services Officer; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator.

5. Consider Approval of the City of Sonora's Traffic Impact Mitigation Fund Report as presented for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator, Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

   No public comment.

   Motion made by Vice Mayor Andy Merrill, Second by Councilmember Mark Plummer. Voting Yea: Mayor Ann Segerstrom, Vice Mayor Andy Merrill, Councilmember Bess Levine, Councilmember Stephen Opie, Councilmember Mark Plummer

NEW BUSINESS

6. Receive an Update on Current and Future Parking Lot Projects in the City of Sonora; Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

   Carlye Buchholz City Engineer presented an update on the Upcoming Parking Lot and Sidewalk Repair Projects.

   Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

7. Consider Approval of Task Order No. 26-07 for Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Dewberry) to Prepare a 2027 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 Grant Application for the Development of the Sonora Moves – Downtown Plaza and Regional Connectivity Project; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator, Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

   Carlye Buchholz City Engineer discussed Task Order No. 26-07 to prepare a 2027 Active Transportation Program (ATP), Cycle 8 Grant Application for the development of Sonora Moves - Downtown Plaza and Regional Connectivity Project.

8. Consider Approval of Task Order No. 26-08 for Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Dewberry) to Provide Engineering Services for the Lyons Parking Lot Improvements; Chris Gorsky, City Administrator, Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer.

Carlye Buchholz City Engineer discussed Task Order No. 26-08, the Lyons Parking Lot Improvements.

Sharon Maravich Tuolumne County Heritage Committee addressed the Council on Items #6, #7, and #8.

A member of the public made additional comments.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed with Carlye Buchholz.

No action required was required for Item #6.

The vote for Item #7 and #8 is as follows:

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

The vote to move forward with the Church Street and Stewart Street parking lot is as follows:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stephen Opie had no meetings to report on.

Councilmember Bess Levine attended the Holiday Community Mixer.

Vice Mayor Andy Merrill had no meetings to report on.

Councilmember Mark Plummer attended the Tuolumne County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Mayor Ann Segerstrom attended the Holiday Community Mixer; thanked the staff for the Employee Appreciation Evening; sang at Pop Hudson; and read a card from Meilssa Eads.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:52 pm.

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: February 02, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Department Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY25/26

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY25/26

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

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.

Quarterly Report to the City Council

2nd Quarter FY25/26

Highlights of General Fund Revenues:

	Current Period	YTD	FY24/25 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax	$ 589,846	$ 622,432	$ 1,581,100	39.4%
Sales Tax	$ 910,376	$ 1,751,394	$ 3,206,900	54.6%
Measure Y	$ 1,065,257	$ 2,172,577	$ 4,121,700	52.7%
Transient Occupancy Tax	$ 100,081	$ 262,038	$ 586,000	44.7%
Public Benefit Fees	$ 166,184	$ 335,766	$ 660,000	50.9%
Building & Encroachment Permits	$ 19,872	$ 43,416	$ 141,100	30.8%
Business Licenses	$ 51,344	$ 52,204	$ 130,000	40.2%

Highlights of General Fund Expenditures:

	Current Period	YTD	FY24/25 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	$ 2,225,686	$ 4,189,255	$ 8,835,100	47.4%
Operating Expenditures	$ 861,806	$ 1,739,480	$ 4,360,715	39.9%
Capital Improvement Projects	$ 99,279	$ 122,383	$ 2,642,261	4.6%
Transfers	$ 6,066	$ 656,066	$ 683,000	96.1%

	A/P	YTD	H/R	YTD
Total Number of WARRANTS/ACH/DD Processed:	461	1,063	374	730

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: February 02, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consider Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/26, for the period ended December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Council receive and file this Quarterly Investment Report for informational purposes. No further action is required at this time, as the portfolio remains in compliance with all applicable policies and regulations. This report fulfills the reporting requirements under California Government Code Section 53601 and City policy.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora maintains an investment portfolio to manage surplus funds generated from taxes, fees, grants, and other revenues. The portfolio is governed by the City's Investment Policy, last updated and adopted by the City Council on January 15, 2024, which emphasizes the principles of safety, liquidity, and return in that order of priority. Investments are limited to those authorized under California Government Code Section 53601.

This quarterly report is prepared to provide transparency on the status of the City's investments, as required by the City's Investment Policy. The portfolio's performance is benchmarked against indicators such as the LAIF apportionment rate and short-term U.S. Treasury yields.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The City's investment portfolio as of December 31, 2025, totaled $20,371,021 in market value. The portfolio is well diversified, with a heavy allocation to highly liquid assets like LAIF (35%) to ensure funds are readily available for operational and capital needs.

Key performance metrics include:

- **Quarterly Earnings:** The City earned $196,211 in investment income this quarter, primarily from LAIF, money market funds, and other short-term holdings. Earnings remained steady, consistent with stable short-term market rates.

- **Year to Date Earnings:** $420,106.

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- **Rate of Return:** The weighted average yield to maturity was 4.0%. This annualized rate aligns closely with the LAIF benchmark of 4.2% and the 3-month U.S. Treasury Bill rate of 3.67%. No unrealized losses exceeded 1% of book value, indicating low volatility.

The following table details the holdings by investment type, and market values. Earnings are accrued and include interest income and any amortization or accretion. Market values are sourced from reliable providers such as the State Treasurer's Office or custodian reports.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The quarterly earnings of $196,211 contribute positively to the City's General Fund and other funds, providing additional revenue for operations without increasing taxes or fees. Fiscal Year 2025-26 earnings total approximately $420,106, which supports budgetary flexibility and helps offset inflationary pressures on expenditures. There are no negative fiscal impacts noted; the portfolio's conservative approach is to minimize risk. Future rate changes could affect yields, but the current structure ensures stability.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2025

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

Quarterly Investment Report
For the Quarter Ending: December 31, 2025

Investment Type	Issuer/Institution	Purchas Date	Maturity Date	Market Value	Interest Rate	Days to Maturity
Cash						
Checking Account	Bank of Stockton	Various	Liquid	$759,891	0.50%	-
State Pooled Investments						
LAIF Pooled Investment Fund	CA State Treasurer	Various	Liquid	$7,209,046	4.20%	254
Pension Trust						
CalPERS 115 Trust Account	CalPERS	Various	Restricted	$1,158,335	6.83%	
Money Market Accounts						
Money Market	Bank of Stockton	Various	Liquid	$5,099,978	3.36%	-
FDIC Insured Sweeps	Bank of Stockton	Various	Liquid	$2,842,971	3.45%	-
Government Bonds						
Federal Farm Credit U.S. Gov. Agency Bond	Bank of Stockton	05/07/25	07/23/29	$299,760	4.43%	1484
US Treasury Bonds	Bank of Stockton	10/24/25	01/08/26	$999,420	3.60%	192
Corporate Bonds						
United Health Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	01/15/30	$102,491	4.80%	1660
State Street Bank Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	11/23/29	$103,031	4.78%	1607
Pacific Corp Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	06/15/29	$97,159	3.50%	1446
Honeywell International Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	07/30/27	$101,296	4.65%	760
Hershey Company Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	02/24/30	$102,783	4.75%	1700
Federal Home Loans Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/09/25	04/10/29	$501,699	4.60%	1380
Walt Disney Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	03/22/30	$99,215	3.80%	1726
Conoco Phillips Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	10/01/27	$99,655	3.75%	823
Centerpointe Energy Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	03/15/30	$102,490	4.80%	1719
Archer Daniels Midland Bond	Bank of Stockton	04/01/25	03/27/30	$96,674	3.13%	1731
Mutual Funds						
Vanguard Short Term Federal	Bank of Stockton	Various	-	$595,125	3.68%	-

Total City Portfolio: **$20,371,021**

Total Investment Income FY25-26 (All Funds): **$420,106**

Compliance: All investments are in compliance with the City's Investment Policy and Government Code Section 53601