



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2024

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade/Rodeo

RECOMMENDATION

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

DISCUSSION

Each year the City of Sonora hosts the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse's Mother Lode Round-Up Parade on the Saturday proceeding Mother's Day. The parade will be held this year on Saturday, May 11, 2024. It is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. and conclude at approximately 1:00 P.M. The Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12, 2024.

Once again, parking will not be allowed on the side streets between Washington and Green Street and Washington and Stewart Street. This gives participants a secure area to view the parade, plus allows a safer, more controlled area for pedestrians to travel in, following the parade's conclusion. In addition, traffic will be held for approximately fifteen minutes following the parade, allowing spectators sufficient time to clear the streets.

Due to the size and duration of the parade, a resolution is required from the City Council authorizing the temporary closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and specific City streets, as well as the temporary elimination of parking on State Route 49 (Washington Street and Stockton Road), along with specified City streets for the event.

As the Council is aware, this year the City does not have the law enforcement resources to support the event's security and traffic control. The City has asked the Sheriff's Posse to organize sworn officers for enforcement as well as submit and assume the responsibility for the Caltrans encroachment permit. At this time, the City has capacity to provide three (3) Officers, and the public works crews for road closures, street maintenance, and barricades and signs. The City engineer will also provide last year's traffic plan to the Posse.

It is important to note the event will be subject to cancellation at any time if the minimum staffing requirements are not met.

FISCAL IMPACT

The majority of costs incurred are directly related to staffing needs. The City's salaries and overtime costs are expected to be approximately \$6,750, with additional expenses, such as fuel and materials,

estimated at \$480. The cost of the encroachment permit is \$1,800. A budget adjustment will be needed to include the community contribution in the FY 23/24 Budget. Upon approval, the adjustment will be forthcoming.

ATTACHMENTS:

2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Resolution No. 02-05-2024-A