



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 7, 2021

**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** Mary Rose Rutikanga, City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Real Property Acquisition – 243 S. Washington Street

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### RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to approve the acquisition of the real property located at 243 S. Washington Street (APN # 002-151-010) in the amount of one hundred twenty-six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$126,900) and authorize the City Administrator to sign and finalize all documents associated with the purchase.

### DISCUSSION

The property is located on the southeast corner of S. Washington Street and Church Street. It was the site of a gas station for many years. Union Oil Company of California eventually demolished the gas station and began the required environmental monitoring and cleanup. The vacant lot became an eye sore in the downtown and in 1998 the City of Sonora entered into a lease agreement with Unocal to use the site for a public parking lot. City redevelopment funds were used to construct the parking lot. The City has continued to lease the property for a parking lot.

Unocal has now completed the environmental cleanup of the property and received a No Further Action Required Memorandum from the California Water Quality Control Board. Union Oil Company of California approached the City regarding the possible purchase of the property and the City Council in closed session gave staff direction. Purchasing the property serves a public benefit by providing much needed public parking in the downtown area.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The General Fund will be used to purchase the property.

### ATTACHMENTS

- Purchase and Sale Agreement
- Vesting Deed
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board NFA Letter