



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: March 17, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Department Monthly Report February 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the City of Sonora Community Development Monthly Report for February 2025.

BACKGROUND:

See previous months reports

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The following activities were undertaken by the Community Development Department:

DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Answer Phones
- Staff Office hours
- Issue Permits—Banner and Special Event permits can now be issued online!
- Conduct Inspections

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Special Event Permits for the following Community Events:

- Sonora Chamber Coffill Park Concert Series- June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11
- Sonora Chamber- El Campo De Sonora- June 7



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FARMERS MARKET

- Planning for Farmers Market 2025 is underway. City Council approved the closure of Stewart Street as part of a demonstration project to grow the market and enhance the downtown area. This will allow for additional participants in the farmers market, both farmers, artisans and community organizations. A traffic control plan is expected from the City Engineer detailing the detour route.
- A few new items will also be purchased, including a Market Info pop-up, an additional hand truck and hopefully an ice machine.

LINOBERG STREET

- The City Engineer is working on the crosswalk enhancements for the crosswalks at Linoberg and Theall. This component will either be put out to bid or completed by the City Public Works team. Additionally, quotes are being garnered for an overhead shade structure for Linoberg to facilitate use of this space during the hot summer months. Similarly, quotes are being sought for signage indicating additional businesses, restaurants and shops on Stewart Street.
- Blue Zones Project is helping to secure barriers that will serve as enclosures for trash cans currently located along the sidewalk.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code enforcement is helping to lead implementation efforts of the shopping cart ordinance which was recently adopted.
- Abandoned vehicles and sign permitting has been a focus for our code enforcement officer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) MANAGEMENT

- Prep final submittal to CDBG for reimbursement of equipment for two (2) fire trucks
- The City only received one response to the request for qualifications that was issued for assistance with Community Development Block Grant and HOME program management. The proposal came from Thurmond Consulting LLC. Staff is reviewing the submittal.



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CALOES PROJECT

- Draft plans for the new storage structure has been received. Bid documents are being prepared. It is anticipated that this project goes out to bid this month (March), with an anticipated project delivery prior to July 2025.

PER CAPITA (STATE PARKS) GRANT

- Pickleball court was revised to enlarge the court. The project did not meet the recommended minimums. There was a conflict between the pickleball court and the basketball hoop and striping. For this reason, recognizing the growing popularity of pickleball, the basketball hoop and striping are being removed.
- The pickleball court is anticipated to go out to bid in early April 2025.

STOCKTON-WASHINGTON CORRIDOR PROJECT

- Staff is submitting final paperwork for the project and pursuing reimbursements for project expenditures.

ORDINANCE UPDATE(S)

- The sidewalk encroachment ordinance update is still in draft form. Staff conducted a public/business outreach meeting in February to get feedback from downtown merchants and residents. Edits based on their comments have been incorporated into the update.
- The Ordinance will go to the Planning Commission on March 24, 2025, at 5:30. If the Planning Commission recommends the updated policy changes, staff will bring the ordinance to City Council for consideration in April.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 24th 2025.
- See ordinance updates for the primary item for consideration at this meeting.

USE PERMIT

- N/A



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HOUSING ELEMENT

- Staff continue to work closely with our consultant on this project and Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff to address comments received from the State. There are deadlines for adoption and staff is working quickly to gain agreement from HCD on our approach so we can bring the Housing Element to City Council for consideration.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS (Caltrans)

Mother Lode Round Up Encroachment Permit is being sought for this year's event.

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, Staffing- Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention