



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM**

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

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### **MINUTES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

**NOTICE:** THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 52953(E) AND THE CITY OF SONORA CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 12-19-2022-A.

THIS MEETING IS PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT:

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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.com](mailto:tskelly@sonoraca.com).

## **CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 4:02 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

**Mayor Mark Plummer**

**Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom**

**Councilmember Andrew Merrill**

#### **ABSENT**

**Councilmember Suzanne Cruz**

**Councilmember Matt Hawkins**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

### **ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned into closed session at 4:04 PM.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(1)); Name of Case: Jaycee Alameda v. City of Sonora, et al., Tuolumne Superior Court Case No. CV 63114; Doug White, City Attorney.
2. 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.

### **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION [City Council Chambers]**

## **OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM**

### **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Direction was 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

Council Member Andrew Merrill

## CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 12:44 PM.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved without change.

## 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. If participating via Zoom, please raise your hand using the Raise Your Hand feature or dial \*9 (\*6 to unmute).*

A business owner on Washington Street commented on having to place sand bags due to a flooding problem; he also commented that he is concerned about the public as they could trip on the sand bags; he also commented a better curb on their side of the street could also help to keep the water out of his business.

## 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.*

3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$151,396.32 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.
4. Consider Adoption of Resolution 01-17-2023-A authorizing remote teleconferencing meetings of the City Council and its committees and commissions for 30 days pursuant to Government Code Section 52953(e) Brown Act provisions; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.

No public comments.

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 01-17-2023-B, Motion to adopt by Councilmember Matt Hawkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom; All Ayes.

5. Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution No. 01-17-2023-B authorizing the termination and dissolution of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority ("TCEDA"); Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

**Resolution 01-17-2023-B, Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA), motion to adopt by Councilmember Matt Hawkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Andy Merrill.**

## NEW BUSINESS

6. Consider approval of vendor selection for a citywide compensation study and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Adopt Vendor Selection for Regional Government Services for Compensation Study.

No public comments.

**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 Andrew Merrill**

## MONTHLY REPORTS

7. Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for December 2022
8. Receive the Sonora Community Development Department Report for December 2022; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
9. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for December 2022; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
10. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for December 2022; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
11. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for December 2022; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

## COMMUNICATIONS

12. Receive communications from the Tuolumne County Review Council.

## COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg**, updated those in attendance on the Washington Street intersection and Red Church plant update.

**Fire Chief Aimee New**, informed those in attendance of the Emergency Operation Center Level one storm damage and possible damage.

**Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky**, informed those in attendance that he also acknowledges the hard work of the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department during the storms.

**Police Chief Turu VanderWiel**, informed those in attendance of the upcoming fundraising events for the Police Canine with the Friends of the Sonora Police Department.

**Councilmember Suzanne Cruz**, attended a three day conference in Sacramento for City Council Training, read a passage for MLK Day.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ann Segerstrom**, attended the swearing in of Judge Hallie Gorman, the Special Emergency Declaration Meeting, and attended/watched MLK Day on Zoom; assisted Christmas Town in taking down decorations.

**Councilmember Andy Merrill**, attended volunteer clean up at Sullivan Creek, urged the council to add the future Shelter on Stewart Street as an agenda item.

**Councilmember Matt Hawkins**, attend the Sons in Retirement meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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