



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

This meeting is physically open to the Public and citizens who wish to provide public comment during the meeting will be invited to do so by the Mayor.

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.

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The Public will not have access to give public comments via public access audio and video live streaming; they are available for audio and visual only; and can be accessed via our website at www.sonoraca.com.

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CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

Council Member Andy Merrill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section § 54957.6): Agency designated representatives: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director; Employee Organization: Sonora Police Officers' Association (SPOA).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:01 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mark Plummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Plummer
Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom
Councilmember Suzanne Cruz

ARRIVED LATE

Councilmember Andy Merrill

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Hawkins

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The Agenda was posted on January 12, 2024, at 9:31 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz.

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.

No public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive an introduction and administration of oath for the Community Development Director Tyler Summersett; Melissa Eads, City Administrator, Tracy Skelly, City Clerk.

Melissa Eads City Administrator, introduced to those in attendance Tyler Summersett, Community Development Director.

Tracy Skelly City Clerk, administered the oath of office.

3. Receive a presentation from Visit Tuolumne County on the Quarterly Marketing Update; Katie Kirkland, Sales and Marketing Director for Visit Tuolumne County.

Lisa Mayo President with Visit Tuolumne County, updated those in attendance on the Tours and Marketing District and community sponsorships in working with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Katie Kirkland with Visit Tuolumne County, updated those in attendance on advertising Gold Country as a prime wedding destination, social media for Visit Sonora, Visit Tuolumne County and Visit California, hosted two media trips, and applied for Visit California Poppy Award.

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.

No public Comments.

4. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$231,709.62 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.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Cruz. Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz.

NEW BUSINESS

No public comments.

5. Consider acceptance of the Compensation Study Report prepared by Regional Government Services; Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.

Voting Yea: Mayor Mark Plummer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Segerstrom, Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, Councilmember Andy Merrill.

MONTHLY REPORTS

6. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for November 2023 (FY23/24); Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
7. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for December 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
8. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for December 2023; Turu VanderWiel.
9. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for December 2023; Michael Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

10. Receive communications regarding "Challenges Facing First Responders and the Impact on Community Safety".

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Andy Merrill, attended the MLK Celebration at Sonora High and the Homeless Committee Meeting and informed those in attendance there is a joint Homeless Committee Meeting scheduled with the Supervisors; and he has started a new position with the Sierra Conservation Center as a Professor.

Councilmember Suzanne Cruz, attended YES-Partnership Meeting; Central Economic Development Meeting; informed those in attendance she will be attending the the 20th Annual Walk for Life, West Coast and listened to the Alveda King speech for MLK Day.

Councilmember Ann Segerstrom, informed those in attendance she (along with other Councilmembers) met with staff on the Compensation Study, helped with the removal of Christmas Tree Lane and reviewed the League of Women's Voters Year End Review; and attended the LAFCO meeting and MLK Day Celebration

Mayor Mark Plummer, attended LAFCO, Airport Land Use Commission, Fire Safe Exposition/Workshop, MLK Celebration and Solid Waste Committee; informed the public of his thanks and appreciation to the Public Works Department for all their work on hanging the beautiful decorations.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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