



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

4:00 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor C. Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Chris Rogers, Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Natalie Rogers, Council Member John Sawyer, and Council Member Tom Schwedhelm

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE.**

**3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED) - NONE.**

**5. REPORT, IF ANY, ON STUDY AND CLOSED SESSIONS - NONE.**

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.**

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**7.1 COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

This will be a standing item on the agenda. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

City Manager Maraskeshia Smith reported as COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations continue to decline, Sonoma County Public Health is transitioning resources to focus on vaccinations and mitigation, as well as strategically prioritizing the communities with the greatest needs, continues to recommend getting vaccinated and getting a booster dose as soon as you are eligible, and announced the launch of a "Vax Vid" Video Contest for Sonoma County students in grades six through twelve. More information is available at [socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org).

No public comments were made.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

City Manager Smith reported Sage Commons, a supportive housing development, has completed construction and is on track to be fully occupied by the end of March. The project is supported with 8 Project-Based Vouchers from the City of Santa Rosa Housing Authority, as well as a Density Bonus Agreement that restricts 8 units to rents that are affordable to very-low income households. City Manager Smith provided an update on the Safe Parking Pilot Program, announced Police Detective Tim Gooler was recognized as 2021 Officer of the Year by the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chief's Association and the Exchange Club of Santa Rosa, and Caltrans and the Federal Highway Association has approved \$4.75 million in funding for repair of major roadways damaged following the 2017 Wildfire.

No public comments were made.

## **9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No statements of abstention were made.

## **10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Council Member Fleming announced March is Women's History Month and was honored to present to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Democratic Club along with Council Member MacDonald and Council Member N. Rogers.

Council Member N. Rogers attended the Rotary Club's Public Health Awards along with Vice Mayor Alvarez and Council Member MacDonald, encouraged residents to look into the Cash for Grass program, attended the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's Lunar Celebration, attended the grand opening of La Fondita Mexican restaurant downtown, attended the unveiling of the Mary Lou Lowrider Patrol car and thanked the Office of Community Engagement team for their work. Council Member N. Rogers, in recognition of Transit Driver Appreciation Day, thanked Transit drivers of CityBus and staff for their work, and thanked Jordon B. and Robert A. for picking up trash to prevent it from getting into Santa Rosa creeks and making the city a better place. She

announced Earth Day is on April 27.

Council Member MacDonald reported she attended the Health Awards hosted by the Santa Rosa Rotary Club, she spoke at the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club on March 17 regarding the work of City Council, and was a speaker at the Santa Rosa Democratic Club in honor of Women's History Month

Council Member Schwedhelm attended the Mary Lou Lowrider patrol car unveiling event and thanked Miko, City staff, and Enterprise Rental Car for their contributions to the project.

Vice Mayor Alvarez reported he attended the Rotary Club event, the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's Lunar Celebration, the grand opening of La Fondita Mexican restaurant downtown, thanked the Council for their support of him, and attended the Mary Lou Armor Lowrider Patrol Car dedication.

Mayor C. Rogers thanked the Lowrider Association, the Office of Community Engagement, the City Attorney's Office and the community who showed up for the unveiling of the Mary Lou Lowrider patrol car event.

No public comments were made.

**10.1 MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL DIRECTION TO BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ON PENDING ISSUES, IF NEEDED)**

**10.1.1 Council Subcommittee Reports**

**10.1.2 Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority (SCTA/RCPA)**

**10.1.3 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee**

**10.1.4 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)**

**10.1.5 Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee**

**10.1.6 Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA)**

**10.1.7 Zero Waste Sonoma (formerly known as Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA))**

**10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**

Council Member Schwedhelm provided a brief report on the community meeting.

**10.1.9 Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC)**

Council Member Schwedhelm provided a brief report and announced he was elected to be the new Board Chair.

**10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)**

**10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee**

**10.1.12 Other**

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No public comments were made.

11.1 February 15, 2022, Regular Meeting.

**Approved as corrected showing Council Member MacDonald present at roll call on Item 14.1 and correcting the vote on Item 15.1 to reflect Council Member MacDonald voted Yes.**

**12. CONSENT ITEMS**

City Manager Smith and City Attorney Gallagher left the Chamber due to Consent Items 12.10 and 12.11, respectively, concerning their compensation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathleen Finnigan, spoke on Item 12.3 expressing her concern the new parameters for calling an emergency are unrealistic, asked the original criteria for the warming center program be restored, and expressed concern the \$15,000 for Catholic Charities is excessive for pop-up tents and heaters.

Kelly Kuykendall, Homeless Services Manager, answered questions regarding the criteria for cooling and warming centers.

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.11. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member MacDonald, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Schwedhelm

**12.1 RESOLUTION - BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 160811 SECOND AMENDMENT TO IPS GROUP, INC FOR SINGLE SPACE PARKING METER SERVICES AND SUPPLIES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a second amendment to Blanket Purchase Order 160811 for 3G communications upgrade to 4G with IPS Group, Inc., San Diego, California, with an increase in the amount of \$150,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,410,000.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-052 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 160811 WITH IPS GROUP, INC. FOR A COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE FROM 3G TO 4G**

**12.2 RESOLUTION - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TERRIS BARNES WALTERS BOIGON HEATH LESTER, INC., FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL TAX OUTREACH**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a Professional Services Agreement with Terris Barnes Walters Boigon Heath Lester, Inc., San Francisco, CA, to provide informational outreach relative to developing a November 2022 ballot measure to renew the City's Public Safety Special Tax (known as Measure O), in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-053 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TERRIS BARNES WALTERS BOIGON HEATH LESTER, INC.**

**12.3 RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER GRANT AGREEMENT - WARMING CENTER**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve a First Amendment to Grant Agreement for Public Service Providers Program Funds Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa CFDA #14.218, increasing the contract by \$45,000 for a total amount of \$247,000, for the activation of a Warming Center at the Homeless Services Center in response to extreme weather conditions; and 2) appropriate \$45,000 from the Homeless Fund reserves necessary to fund the amendment.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-054 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROVIDERS PROGRAM FUNDS CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA CFDA #14.218, INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$45,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$247,000, FOR THE ACTIVATION OF A WARMING CENTER AT THE HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER IN RESPONSE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**12.4 RESOLUTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002238 WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation & Public Works Department and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement Number F002238 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, increasing compensation in the amount of \$93,225.00, for a total contract amount to \$347,315.00 for the purpose of providing professional technical services to evaluate Solar Photovoltaic Systems at identified City facilities; and 2) appropriate

\$35,157.00 from the General Fund unassigned reserves.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-055 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NUMBER F002238 FOR BUSINESS PLAN ANALYSIS AND SOLAR PHOTOVOLATICS FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. AND APPROPRIATE \$35,157.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED RESERVES**

**12.5 RESOLUTION - PROMOTIONAL FARE-FREE DAYS ON TRANSIT**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the City Manager or designee to approve up to six fare-free service days per year on Santa Rosa CityBus to support community events and promote transit ridership recovery in coordination with county-wide transit operators.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-056 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE UP TO SIX FARE-FREE SERVICE DAYS PER YEAR ON SANTA ROSA CITYBUS**

**12.6 RESOLUTION - ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A REPORT MADE BY THE SANTA ROSA FIRE CHIEF REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 13146.2 AND 13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by resolution, acknowledge receipt of a report for 2021 made by the Santa Rosa Fire Chief regarding the inspection of certain occupancies required to receive annual inspections pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-057 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF**

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**REPORT FOR 2021 MADE BY THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE SANTA ROSA FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS IN SUCH OCCUPANCIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13146.2 AND 13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

- 12.7 RESOLUTION - MAKING REQUIRED MONTHLY FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL THE CITY'S BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney that the Council, by resolution, make required monthly findings and authorize the continued use of teleconferencing for public meetings of the City Council and all of the City's boards, commissions and committees pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-058 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL THE CITY'S BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

- 12.8 RESOLUTION - EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve an extension of Resolution No. 28839 which formally proclaimed a local homeless emergency within Santa Rosa.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-059 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA EXTENDING A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY (Government Code Sections 8630 et seq.)**

- 12.9 RESOLUTION - EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE



OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE THREAT TO  
COMMUNITY HEALTH POSED BY COVID-19

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney's Office that the Council, by resolution, declare that the proclamation of a state of local emergency within the City of Santa Rosa has been and remains in full force and effect without interruption.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-060 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA EXTENDING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE THREAT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH POSED BY COVID-19**

- 12.10** RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY MANAGER BY PROVIDING, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2022, A 2.5% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND \$500 ANNUALLY FOR WELLNESS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Human Resources Department that the Council: 1) by resolution, approve Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement of the City Manager; and 2) introduce an ordinance to increase the compensation of the City Manager by providing, effective April 10, 2022, a 2.5% Cost of Living Salary Adjustment and \$500 annually for wellness.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-061 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2022, A 2.5% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND \$500 ANNUALLY FOR WELLNESS**

**This Consent - Ordinance was introduced.**

**ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2022, A 2.5% COST OF LIVING**

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**SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND \$500 ANNUALLY FOR WELLNESS**

- 12.11** ORDINANCE ADOPTION - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE (1) A 3% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 7, 2021, (2) A 2.5% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2022, (3) ONE-TIME NON-PENSIONABLE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF \$5,000, AND (4) \$500 ANNUALLY FOR WELLNESS

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting by a 7-0-0 vote, will provide a one-time non-pensionable lump sum payment of \$5,000 and effective November 7, 2021, provide a 3% cost of living salary adjustment and \$500 annually for wellness. In addition, effective April 10, 2022, it will provide a 2.5% cost of living salary adjustment.

**This Consent - Ordinance was adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2022-002 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE (1) A 3% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 7, 2021, (2) A 2.5% COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2022, (3) A ONE-TIME NON-PENSIONABLE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF \$5,000, AND (4) \$500 ANNUALLY FOR WELLNESS**

**14. REPORT ITEMS**

- 14.1** REPORT - SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY 2022/23 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa purchases approximately 90% of the water supplied to our customers from the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water). Sonoma Water is proposing to raise the wholesale rate of water by 6.06% from \$1,000.46 to \$1,061.04 per acre foot.

The Board of Public Utilities reviewed Sonoma Water's proposed budget and rate increase on March 17, 2022 and made a recommendation to City Council. The City Council may advise its representative to the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) prior to a WAC

vote. The WAC is an advisory board to Sonoma Water. Ultimately, the Sonoma Water Board of Directors will have final authority to approve the proposed budget and rate increase.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by motion, consider the Sonoma Water's 2022/23 Water Transmission Budget and proposed rate increase and provide direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative for the WAC vote on April 4, 2022.

Jennifer Burke, Director of Santa Rosa Water, introduced Kimberly Zunino, Deputy Director - Water Administration, who provided an overview of the process. Deputy Director Zunino introduced Lynne Rosselli, Sonoma Water, who presented the proposed the proposed water transmission system and budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and answered questions from Council.

No public comments were made.

**A motion was made by Council Member Fleming, seconded by Council Member Rogers, to consider the Sonoma Water's 2022/23 Water Transmission Budget and proposed rate increase and provide direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative for the WAC vote on April 4, 2022.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member MacDonald, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Schwedhelm

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Dan Grow, Woodside Hills area, spoke on short-term rentals in their area where they are prohibited and the events that have happened in the area and that have negatively impacted their standard of living, and expressed feeling powerless to do anything and asked Council to make short-term rentals be hosted.

Rick Abbott spoke on feeling hopeful the short-term rental urgency ordinance would reduce the negative instances in their neighborhood, and asked that a permanent ordinance be adopted

that institutes effective mechanisms for enforcement, and that efforts to curtail commercial operations in residential neighborhoods have not been effective.

Duane De Witt submitted comment on possible additional money that could be made available by the City for the completion of a Roseland Boys and Girls Club.

## 15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE TO ADOPT FINAL MAP ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS (FAIR MAPS ACT) - FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

BACKGROUND: On December 7, 2021, the Council held its first of a series of public hearings in the process for the decennial review of City Council Member district boundaries. Cities with district-based elections are required to update (“redistrict”) the district boundaries every ten years, following the receipt of updated population data from each federal decennial census. Santa Rosa is required to redistrict the Council district boundaries prior to the next City Council election in 2022.

The Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process. The process must include at least four public hearings, one of which may be conducted as a community workshop.

The four required public hearings have now been held. Draft district maps have been published, discussed and considered, including draft maps prepared by the public and by the City’s demographer. On March 1, 2022, following the fourth public hearing, Council directed staff to elevate Map A2 for consideration and adoption. This will be the fifth and final public hearing to receive input from the community regarding adoption of a final map of voting districts for district-based elections of Council Members beginning in 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney and City

Clerk that the Council: 1) hold a public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the composition of voting districts for the district-based election of Council Members, in accordance with Elections Code section 21627.1; and 2) introduce an ordinance adopting a new district boundary map for the election of City Council members beginning in 2022.

City Clerk Stephanie Williams introduced Chris Chaffee, Redistricting Partners, who presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor C. Rogers opened the public hearing at 5:25 p.m.

Gregory Fearon spoke requesting the mapping tool be made available after the adoption of the map for the public to continue to use to identify communities of interest.

Duane De Witt submitted comment requesting the east district line for District 1 be moved to the west side of Hwy. 101.

Mayor C. Rogers closed the public hearing at 5:29 p.m.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rogers, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to waive reading of the text and introduce**

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CHAPTER 1-12 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE ADOPTING A FINAL MAP OF REVISED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF POPULATION DATA FROM THE FEDERAL 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 21620-21630**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member MacDonald, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Schwedhelm

**15.2 PUBLIC HEARING - WATER DEMAND OFFSET POLICY, FEE STUDY, AND FEES**

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Santa Rosa is required by California Law

to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Shortage Plan) every five years to assess the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for current and future needs as well as plan for and detail how the City will respond to various levels of water supply shortage. On November 18, 2021, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), by resolution, recommended the City Council adopt the Water Demand Offset (WDO) Policy, WDO Fee Study, and WDO Fees which have been developed to implement the City's Shortage Plan requirement that new construction must offset water demand during water shortage emergencies that require very restrictive water allocations (water rationing) by the City's existing customers. On November 30, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public comments and provide input to staff. Council asked staff to complete additional analysis and develop potential alternatives for City Council consideration at a later date. On March 17, 2022, staff presented the additional information that was prepared in response to Council's direction to the BPU. The BPU, by motion, reaffirmed their recommendation that the City Council adopt the Water Demand Offset (WDO) Policy, WDO Fee Study, and WDO Fees.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt Council Policy 000-72 - Water Demand Offset Policy; 2) adopt the Water Demand Offset Fee Study dated February 9, 2022; 3) adopt the Water Demand Offset Fees; and 4) authorize the Water Demand Offset Fees to be adjusted on an annual basis to account for inflation at the beginning of the calendar year (January 1) starting in 2023, using the Engineering News Record's 20-Cities Construction Cost Index.

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor C. Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Stephanie Picard Bowen, Operations & Development Director Generation Housing, spoke in opposition to the proposed rates.

Calum Weeks, Generation Housing, spoke in opposition to the proposed rates.

Mayor C. Rogers closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**A motion was made by Council Member Schwedhelm, seconded by Council Member Rogers, to waive reading of the text and adopt**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-062 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING COUNCIL POLICY 000-72 - WATER DEMAND OFFSET POLICY; WATER DEMAND OFFSET FEE STUDY; WATER DEMAND OFFSET FEES; AND AUTHORIZE THE WATER DEMAND OFFSET FEES TO BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member MacDonald, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Schwedhelm

## **16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### **16.1 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- 1) Support for AB 916 (Salas) - Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition - Provided for Information.
- 2) Support for AB 1445 (Levine) - Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: climate change impacts - Provided for Information.

**This item was received and filed.**

## **17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No public comments were made.

**18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [IF NEEDED] - NONE.**

## **19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mayor C. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 12, 2022, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

## **20. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

**This item was received and filed.**

**Approved on:**

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**Stephanie A. Williams**  
**City Clerk**