

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JASON NUTT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR ROSELAND LIBRARY  
PROJECT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office and Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, increase appropriations by \$10,000,000, using PG&E settlement funds assigned in the General Fund reserves, for the Roseland Library project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Council committed \$10,000,000 of PG&E settlement funds for the Roseland Library project. These funds were assigned in the General Fund reserves and must be appropriated by the Council for use. Preliminary work is beginning to gather community input on the Hearn Community Hub, of which the Roseland Library will be a part, and as is requesting the Council appropriate these funds. Funds are needed to begin the initial project planning to ensure that the Hearn Community Hub meets the deadlines and restriction of the other project funds such as the American Rescue Plan.

BACKGROUND

The City received PG&E settlement funds in the amount of \$95 million in July 2020. City staff held a number of community meetings to receive community input on the use of the funds, and at its February 2021 Goal Setting meetings, the Council committed \$10 million for the Roseland Library.

Through a broader one-time funding discussion and long-time evaluation to relocation Fire Station No. 8, council and staff embarked are a larger civic complex on a site off Hearn Avenue. The proposed project would include the proposed Sonoma County Library Branch, Fire Station No. 8 and community/cultural center with a pool. Design and construction SW Community Hub will occur on six-acres located at 976, 980 & 1004 Hearn Avenue. All three parcels have been acquired and existing structures have been

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secured and hardened to limit illicit activities. All will be removed once the initial environmental documentation has been certified.

A public outreach campaign is now underway and will guide the project description and facility configuration. At the heart of the discussion will include community conversations to understand what services and facility features are most desired related to the community/cultural center and library branch. This operational feedback will create the necessary baseline information for the design team to begin site development later this Fall.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Staff gave presentations on the use of one-time monies at four previous City Council study sessions: November 17, 2020, December 15, 2020, July 13, 2021, October 26, 2021, and November 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact to the General Fund because of this item. The Council had previously assigned these one-time funds within the General Fund reserves to be used for the Roseland Library.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This Study Session is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment. No further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

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