



City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor N. Rogers called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Chris Rogers

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

Council Member Fleming joined the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and at the conclusion of public comment on closed session items announced remote participation under the just cause provision of AB 2449 due to contagious illness.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Birdlebough, Transportation and Land-use Coalition, commended staff on efforts on Jennings Crossing and was happy to see the item moving forward.

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the Jennings Rail Crossing at grade level.

James Duncan spoke in support of Item 3.1, getting the CPUC extension and reopening of the crossing.

Thomas Ells spoke in support of Jennings Rail crossing at grade level.

Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting to closed session at 2:10 p.m. to hear Items 3.1 and 3.2 as listed on the agenda.

3.1

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Application of the City of Santa Rosa for Approval to Construct a Public Pedestrian and Bicycle At-Grade Crossing of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (“SMART”) Track at Jennings Avenue Located in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, State of California.

Application No.: A.15-05-014 before the California Public Utilities Commission

Attachments: [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 02-13-2024\)](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 02-15-2024\)](#)

This item was received and filed.

3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager; Alan Alton, Chief Financial Officer; Dominique Blanquie, Human Resources Director, Siara Goyer, Employee Relations Manager, and Burke Dunphy of Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP.

Employee Organizations: Santa Rosa Firefighters Association Local 1401, Firefighting (Employee Unit 2); Operating Engineers Local 3, Maintenance, Mechanics and Utility System Operators (Employee Units 3, 13 and 16); Teamsters Local Union 856, Support Services, Professional and Technical (Employee Units 4, 6, and 7); Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, (Employee Unit 5); Service Employees International Union Local 1021, Transit and Police Civilian Technical Unit (Employee Units 8 and 14); Santa Rosa Police Management Association, Police Safety Management (Employee Unit 9); Executive Management (Employee Unit 10); Middle Management and Confidential (Employee Units 11 and 12); Santa Rosa City Attorneys’ Association, Attorneys (Employee Unit 17); Santa Rosa Management Association, Miscellaneous Mid-Management (Employee Unit 18).

This item was received and filed.

Mayor N. Rogers adjourned closed session at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:04 p.m.

4. STUDY SESSION

Present: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Chris Rogers

Absent: 1 - Council Member Victoria Fleming

4.1 HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS STRATEGIC PLAN (2023-2027) -
YEAR ONE REPORT (2023)

On November 15, 2022, the Council approved the Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) for the five-year period beginning January 2023 through December 2027. The Strategic Plan provides key strategies and actions that focus on bolstering the City's response to the homelessness crises, aligning efforts with the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition (formerly Sonoma County Continuum of Care) to achieve the regional goal of "Functional Zero" homelessness by 2027. A system of care achieves "Functional Zero" when a person's experience with homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. This report highlights the City's progress toward implementing year one of the five-year Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Year One Implementation Plan \(2023\)](#)
 [Presentation](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 02-15-2024\)](#)

Kelli Kuykendall, Housing and Community Services Manager, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of efforts on homelessness.

Michael Hilber spoke in support of a new police chief that will address the drug problem which will impact the homelessness issue.

Canini spoke off topic.

Thomas Els spoke on Item 4 and referenced the 2015 Homelessness Act.

4.2 OPTIONS FOR INCREASING FUTURE COUNCIL COMPENSATION

It is recommended that Council conduct a study session to consider

options for increasing future Council Member compensation. No action to be taken, but Council may provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Cities Previously Used as Comparable Cities](#)
[Attachment 2 - North Bay Cities](#)
[Attachment 3 - Select Northern California Cities](#)
[Attachment 4 - 2023 Area Median Income Sonoma County Presentation \(Uploaded 02-13-2024\)](#)

Teresa Stricker, City Attorney, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of taking no action.

Michael Hilber spoke in support of no action.

Susan L spoke in support of using the average income of residents, not the median.

Thomas Els spoke in support of a change in salaries if you commit to a paradigm shift, particularly around Hearn Avenue.

City Attorney Stricker received direction from Council to take no action at this time and do not move a ballot measure forward.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)

6. REPORT, IF ANY, ON STUDY AND CLOSED SESSIONS

Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager, reported the League of American Bicyclist certified the City of Santa Rosa with the silver level bicycle friendly community award, and recognized and expressed gratitude to City Bus Operator Chris Hutcheson for aiding a rider during a recent medical emergency.

At the conclusion of Item 9, Mayor N. Rogers returned to Item 6 for report outs.

City Attorney Stricker reported that Council heard Items 3.1 and 3.2

and there was no reportable action, and that Council heard Items 4.1 - Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan and 4.2 - Options for Increasing Future Council Compensation.

No public comments were made.

7. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor N. Rogers read and presented the proclamation to Tina Rogers.

Tina Rogers spoke on National Black History Month.

Victor Temple, Artistic Director - New World Ballet, spoke on the work New World Ballet has done in the community for our youth, and thanked Council for the recognition.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the proclamation and encouraged the community to join the NAACP.

Alyn Wolves spoke off topic.

Ms. Brumfield spoke on the proclamation and expressed gratitude to Mayor N. Rogers for her work, and the additional work that needs to be done for students for their empowerment and safety on campus, and not just in the month of February.

8. STAFF BRIEFINGS

8.1 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN UPDATE

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

Lon Peterson, Chief Communications and Intergovernmental

Relations Officer, provided a brief report on recent and upcoming engagement events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Canini spoke in support of community members putting items on the agenda and better facilitation of public comment on the agenda.

Duane De Witt spoke on community empowerment related to hearing the voice of the community under public comments.

9. CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Manager provided a report under Item 6.

9.1 REPORT OF SETTLEMENTS AND ACTIVE LITIGATION

The City Attorney will report on settlements over \$50,000 through January 2024 as well as provide a summary of pending litigation against the City.

Attachments: [Litigation Report](#)

Teresa Stricker, City Attorney, noted that the January litigation summary was attached in the agenda packet, reported the settlement of Baxter vs. City of Santa Rosa for \$87,500, and that the caseload remains consistent at approximately 28-30 matters.

No public comments were made.

10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Okrepkie announced his recusal from part of Item 15.2 due to conflicts with fire recovery and employment in the insurance industry.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane DeWitt spoke on the Gettysburg address and a government of the people for the people.

Thomas Els spoke in support of suggestions submitted related to Hearn Avenue, and on Gaza.

Jason Sweeney spoke in support of the need for a ceasefire resolution.

In Hui Lee spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Danielle Lemaitre spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Council Member C. Rogers left the dais at 5:42 p.m.

Simcha Schwartz spoke on the issue of a ceasefire and indicated support if ceasefire resolution requests that Hamas return the hostages and surrender.

Dino Ortega spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Gary Huntsman spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Canini spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Patrick Wylie spoke in support of Council's decision to not adopt a ceasefire resolution.

Lena Rothman spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Therezze spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Mayor N. Rogers announced that Item 16.1 and 16.2 will be heard out of order, and before the report items.

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 16.1** PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PERTAINING TO THE INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION OF REAL PROPERTIES WHICH EXIST AS UNMAINTAINED VACANT LOTS OR

WHICH CONTAIN VACANT OR ABANDONED BUILDINGS

BACKGROUND: The proposed ordinance will amend Titles 9 and 18 of the Santa Rosa City Code to repeal obsolete COVID-19 public health order regulations within Chapter 9-24, add a new Chapter 9-24 establishing a comprehensive regulatory framework for unmaintained vacant lots and properties with vacant or abandoned buildings and amend Section 18-20.302.4 of the Santa Rosa Municipal Code clarifying language regarding the definition of weeds.

The Planning and Economic Development Department is also proposing that the Council amend the City Classification and Salary Plan to add 1.0 FTE, three-year limited term Code Enforcement Officer and 2.0 FTE, three-year limited term HCS (Code Enforcement) Technicians to the Code Enforcement Section to operate a Vacant Building and Lots Program for a three-year period. The purpose of the program is to address the pressing issues associated with neglected vacant properties, including unmaintained buildings and lots and their adverse impacts on the community.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council 1) introduce an ordinance amending Titles 9 and 18 of the Santa Rosa City Code by repealing Chapter 9-24 pertaining to Administrative Enforcement of COVID-19 Public Health Orders, adding a new Chapter 9-24 pertaining to the Inspection, Maintenance and Registration of Real Properties and amending Section 18-20.302.4 and 2) approve a resolution amending the City Classification and Salary Plan to add 1.0 FTE, three-year limited term Code Enforcement Officer and 2.0 FTE, three-year limited term Housing and Community Services (Code Enforcement) Technicians to the Code Enforcement Section and appropriating \$134,148 from the General Fund reserves and 3) set an annual registration fee to recover staffing costs associated with program implementation.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A - Staff Costs](#)
 [Ordinance](#)
 [Presentation](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice](#)
 [Resolution - Final RES-2024-019.docx](#)

Lou Kirk, Assistant Chief Building official, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor N. Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Duane De Witt spoke in support of the item.

Mayor N. Rogers closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Okrepkie, seconded by Vice Mayor Stapp, to waive reading of the text and introduce

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9-24 PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS IN ITS ENTIRETY; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9-24 PERTAINING TO THE INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION OF REAL PROPERTIES WHICH EXIST AS UNMAINTAINED VACANT LOTS OR WHICH CONTAIN VACANT OR ABANDONED BUILDINGS; AND AMENDING SECTION 18-20.302.4 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

A motion was made by Council Member Okrepkie, seconded by Vice Mayor Stapp, to waive reading of the text and adopt below resolution in two parts:

Part 1: RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-019 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING AN INITIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$134,148 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 FOR STAFFING COSTS TO ESTABLISH A 36-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM CONCERNING THE INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTIES AND VACANT OR ABANDONED BUILDINGS; AMEND THE CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN TO ADD 1.0 FTE LIMITED TERM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND 2.0 FTE LIMITED TERM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (CODE ENFORCEMENT) TECHNICIANS FOR A PERIOD

**THROUGH JUNE 20, 2027 IN THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT;**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

A motion was made by Council Member Okrepkie, seconded by Vice Mayor Stapp, to adopt the final part of RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-019 to:

**SET AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE TO RECOVER STAFFING COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

**16.2 PUBLIC HEARING - SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY ZONING
CODE TEXT AMENDMENT**

BACKGROUND: On August 3, 2023, the applicant submitted a Zoning Code Text Amendment to remove the overconcentration limitation for senior care facilities. Zoning Code Section 20-42.060 currently does not permit a community care facility/health care facility closer than 300 feet in all directions from any other community care facility. The current proposal is to exempt senior care facilities from this spacing and overconcentration limit and to allow palliative and end of life care for senior care facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning Commission and the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council introduce an ordinance amending the text of Title 20 of the Santa Rosa City Code, Section 20-42.060, Community Care and Health Care Facilities, to exempt senior care facilities from the Community Care Facility overconcentration limitation and spacing requirement, and

Section 20-70.020, Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases, to modify the definition of Community Care Facility to allow palliative care and end of life medical treatments for senior care facilities.

Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Disclosure Form](#)
[Attachment 2 – Email from Department of Social Services, dated December 6, 2023](#)
[Attachment 3 – State of California Health & Safety Code 1520.5](#)
[Attachment 4 – Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment \(redlined\)](#)
[Attachment 5 – Draft Minutes of January 11, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting](#)
[Attachment 6 – Planning Commission Resolution No. PRJ23-016](#)
[Public Hearing Notice](#)
[Presentation](#)

Kristinae Toomians, Senior Planner, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor N. Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. and seeing no one wishing to provide public comment, closed at 6:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member MacDonald, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to waive reading of the text and introduce

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE, SECTION 20-42.060, COMMUNITY CARE AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, TO EXEMPT SENIOR CARE FACILITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY OVER CONCENTRATION LIMITATION AND SPACING REQUIREMENT, AND SECTION 20-70.020, GLOSSARY, TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY TO ALLOW PALLIATIVE CARE AND END OF LIFE MEDICAL TREATMENTS FOR SENIOR CARE FACILITIES- FILE NUMBER PRJ23-016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting for a dinner break at 6:28 p.m. and Vice Mayor Stapp reconvened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

15. REPORT ITEMS

15.1 REPORT - REQUEST FOR SUMMARY VACATION OF FOUR CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON MIDWAY DRIVE AND HAHMAN DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 013-043-018, 013-041-016, 013-042-006, 13-043-018 (FILE NO. VAC22-003)MONTGOMERY VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY SUMMARY VACATION

BACKGROUND: On October 13, 2022, the City received an application requesting a Summary Vacation of four City rights-of-way, totaling 18,412 square feet; the application was submitted by Montgomery Village Owner LLC (property owner). The easement areas are located on the north and south sides of Midway Drive and Magowan Drive, between Farmers Lane and Hahman Drive. These areas contain parking spaces, walkways, and landscaping, which are solely maintained by the property owner.

In 1949, Montgomery Village was developed to Sonoma County standards until it was annexed to Santa Rosa in 1955. The annexation resulted in parking spaces, walkways, and landscaping areas that did not meet Santa Rosa City's standard street design.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Summary Vacation of 18,412 square feet of public right-of-way located on the north and south sides of Midway Drive and Magowan Drive, between Farmers Lane and Hahman Drive.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 – Disclosure Form](#)
 [Attachment 2 – Location Map](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A – Legal Description for of Right-of-Way Vacation](#)
 [Exhibit B – Plat to Accompany Legal Description](#)
 [Exhibit C - Engineering Exhibit "A" dated December 22, 2023](#)
 [Presentation](#)

Monet Sheikhali, Senior Planner, presented and answered questions from Council.

No public comments were made.

Mayor rejoined the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member MacDonald, seconded by Council Member Okrepkie, to waive reading of the text and adopt RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-020 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A SUMMARY VACATION OF 18,412 SQUARE FEET OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOCATED ON MIDWAY DRIVE AND ON MAGOWAN DRIVE BETWEEN FARMERS LANE AND HAHMAN DRIVE, FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2406 MAGOWAN DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER (APN: 013-043-018), 2411 MONTGOMERY DRIVE (APN: 013-042-006), 2416 MONTGOMERY DRIVE (APN: 013-041-015), 424 FARMERS LANE (APN: 013-041-016); FILE NO. VAC22-003

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

15.2 REPORT - 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM (CONTINUED FROM THE JANUARY 30, 2024, REGULAR MEETING)

BACKGROUND: To prepare for these legislative and advocacy activities, City staff has worked with various City departments and identified state legislative priorities in the proposed 2024 state legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. The priorities focus efforts in the following core areas: Wildfire Prevention and Recovery, Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency; Administration, Human Resources and Risk Management; Governmental Transparency and Public Access; Economic Development; Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability; Water Quality and Water Supply; Land Use-Planning and Housing; Homelessness; Recreation and Parks; Public Safety and Police, Fire and Emergency Services; Transportation; Public Works and Utilities; and Public Health.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office that the Council, by two resolutions, adopt the City's 2024 State Legislative Platform.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution 1](#)
 [Resolution 1 - REDLINE \(Uploaded 2-14-2024\).pdf](#)
 [Resolution 1 - FINAL \(Uploaded 2-14-2024\).docx](#)
 [Resolution 2](#)
 [Exhibit A - 2024 State Legislative Platform \(Partial List\)](#)
 [Exhibit B - 2024 State Legislative Platform \(Complete\)](#)
 [Presentation](#)

Lon Peterson, Chief Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Officer, and Sharon Gonsalves, RPPG, presented and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Okrepkie left the dais at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thomas Els spoke on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stapp, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to waive reading of the text and adopt as amended RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-021 ENTITLED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A WILDFIRE INSURANCE POLICY PRIORITY WITHIN THE 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Dianna MacDonald

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

Recused: 1 - Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Council Member Okrepkie rejoined the dais at 7:28 p.m.

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Recovery, Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency; Administration, Human Resources and Risk Management; Governmental Transparency and Public Access; Economic Development; Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability; Water Quality and Water Supply; Land Use-Planning and Housing; Homelessness; Recreation and Parks; Public Safety and Police, Fire and Emergency Services; Transportation; Public Works and Utilities; and Public Health.

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 [Exhibit A - 2024 State Legislative Platform \(Partial List\)](#)
 [Exhibit B - 2024 State Legislative Platform \(Complete\)](#)
 [Presentation](#)

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stapp, seconded by Council Member MacDonald, to waive reading of the text and adopt

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-022 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE 2024 CITY OF SANTA ROSA STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 2 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

11. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Council Member Alvarez provided a brief report and announced the appointment of Yvonne Sierra to BPU and Duane De Witt to the Community Advisory Board.

Mayor N. Rogers announced the appointment of C. Rogers to Open

Government Implementation Taskforce.

Council Member MacDonald provided a brief report.

Mayor N. Rogers left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Vice Mayor Stapp provided a brief report.

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

11.1.1 Council Subcommittee Reports

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

11.1.3 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee

11.1.4 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

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

11.1.6 Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA)

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

11.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

11.1.9 Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

11.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)

11.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

11.1.12 Other

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12.1 January 30, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

Approved as submitted.

13. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane De Witt submitted a speaker card but was not present at the time of public comment. Speaker card indicated opposition to Item 13.2.

Thomas Els spoke in support of Item 13.1.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member MacDonald, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 13.1 through 13.4. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Jeff Okrepkie

Absent: 3 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Chris Rogers

13.1 RESOLUTION - MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FOR THE HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve Project Specific Maintenance Agreement No. TR04-22-HB15 between the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the City of Santa Rosa outlining the requirements and procedures for inspecting, evaluating, and maintaining bridges on public roads to guarantee they meet certain safety standards.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1- Location Map](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A- Maintenance Agreement](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-023 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROJECT SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT NO. TR04-22HB15 BETWEEN THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS), AND THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA OUTLINING THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING, EVALUATING, AND MAINTAINING THE HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING PROJECT

13.2 RESOLUTION - FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002144 WITH PLACEWORKS, INC. - GENERAL PLAN 2050, GHG REDUCTION STRATEGY, AND EIR

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002144 with PlaceWorks Inc., Berkeley, California, to revise the scope of work, extend the time of performance, and to increase compensation in the amount of \$200,000 for total Consultant compensation not to exceed \$2,799,909, and to extend the time of performance.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-024 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002144 WITH PLACEWORKS, INC. FOR PREPARATION AND INTEGRATION OF A GREEN HOUSE GAS REDUCTION STRATEGY WITH THE 2050 SANTA ROSA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

13.3 RESOLUTION - SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002672 WITH GEARY, SHEA, O'DONNELL, GRATTAN & MITCHELL P.C. FOR CONTINUED LEGAL REPRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002672 with Geary, Shea, O'Donnell, Grattan & Mitchell, P.C. increasing compensation by \$150,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000, for continued legal

representation in the matter of *Vannucci, et al. v. County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa, et al.*, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case 18-CV-01955-VC.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-025 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002672 WITH GEARY, SHEA, O'DONNELL, GRATTAN & MITCHELL P.C. INCREASING COMPENSATION BY \$150,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FOR CONTINUED LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- 13.4** ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR IN ORDINANCE ORD-2023-016 BY RENUMBERING THE HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND FUELS MANAGEMENT CHAPTER WITHIN THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE AS CHAPTER 9-32

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council introduce an ordinance to correct a clerical error in Ordinance ORD-2023-016, which was previously adopted by Council on December 12, 2023, to renumber the Hazardous Vegetation and Fuels Management Chapter as Chapter 9-32.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - ORD-2023-016](#)
 [Ordinance](#)

This Consent - Ordinance was introduced on first reading.

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LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Attachments: [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 02-13-2024\)](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 02-15-2024\)](#)

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 NOTICE OF FINAL MAP - The Courtney Estates - Provided for information.

Attachments: [Notice of Submittal](#)
 [Location Map](#)

This item is received and filed.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Hanan Huneidi spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Jen Miller spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Bri Perkins read a letter on behalf of Sally Latch and in support of a ceasefire.

Jordan B spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Jackie Mermet spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Andrew Engdahl spoke in support of a ceasefire proclamation

Johanna James spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Ari Vinion spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Council Member C. Rogers rejoined the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Chris Rogers

Absent: 1 - Council Member Victoria Fleming

Julie Rachanna Chasen spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Virginia Newell spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Mark Rudow spoke in support of a resolution specifically requesting

the release of Israeli hostages and immediate surrender of Hamas.

Shawna Thompson spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Michael Titone spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Roberta Berg spoke in support of Council solving local problems.

Stan Roadman spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution if Hamas surrenders and hostages released first.

Vice Mayor Stapp asked for a brief recess due to meeting disruption and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor N. Rogers rejoined the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Jimmy W. spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Aviva Lipkowitz spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Allegra spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Josh Stillen spoke on leadership and in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Lee Vandever spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Maribi Mendoza spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Tess Caldwell spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Kelsey Vero spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Julia Rapkin spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Keren spoke in support of the release of hostages in Gaza and Council addressing Jewish hatred.

Lev spoke in opposition to a ceasefire resolution.

Susan L spoke in support of Council hearing a resolution on a ceasefire.

Anonymous spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Taryk spoke urged the room to do the research on what has been stated today.

Jean B spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Anonymous spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Ronni spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Hanna spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Diana Kingsbury spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Alyn Wolves spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Tavy Tornado spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Dax spoke and suggested to the public what else they can do to be impactful in Israel.

Margaret DeMeo spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Maria Callahan spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Hugo Mermet spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Katrin Ciaffa spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Esther spoke in support of the release of hostages and in

opposition to a ceasefire resolution.

Joshua Pinaula spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Edison spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

19. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [IF NEEDED]

20. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Vice Mayor Stapp adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 27, 2024.

21. UPCOMING MEETINGS

21.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Attachments: [Upcoming Meetings List](#)

This item was received and filed.

Approved on: March 5, 2024

/s/ Dina Manis, City Clerk