



**City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Final**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Chris Rogers, Vice Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member John Sawyer, and Council Member Tom Schwedhelm

Absent: 1 - Council Member Jack Tibbetts

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE.

3. STUDY SESSION

3.1 SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Staff will provide a department-wide analysis of the historical staffing trends, including staffing within the investigative units and special assignments. The study will include fifteen years of historical data of overall staffing and calls for service. Staff will also provide an update on current recruitment efforts and succession planning.

Attachments: [Staff Report Presentation](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 1-26-2021\)](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 1-28-2021\)](#)

Police Chief Ray Navarro presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Titone spoke on the quality of life experienced by the Police Department being impacted, consider an investigation on the intentional use of weather as a weapon against the homeless, prioritize the Human Rights Report, and defunding the police.

Kimmie spoke on the City's response to homelessness and the frustration by service providers who are trying to help the vulnerable

population, and reallocating funding to services.

Libby spoke on being aggravated and frustrated by the police chief's comments during the presentation and feeling policing is based out of white supremacy.

Allegra spoke questioning the need for more policing, officers being frequently unmasked, and for Council to deny the request for more officers.

Kelsey Vero spoke on the difference of what police do, what the community wants them to do, and structural changes needed.

Katrin spoke on the issue of a lack of support from the local community, the actions of local law enforcement having an impact on the community, and holding law enforcement accountable.

Gregory Fearon spoke on the fear in the community, formulas used for data that don't work when trying to change the nature of the work police do, and facilitating conversations that makes everyone accountable.

Elizabeth Escalante, Commissioner on the Commission of Human Rights, spoke echoing the comments of previous speakers asking for the report be brought to the Council, asked that vulnerable communities not be asked to participate in another listening session, and the need to build trust with the police.

Rex spoke on alternatives to becoming a police officer.

Lee spoke as a member of the disability community and her concern on the lack of education on disabilities by law enforcement.

Craig spoke thanking Chief Navarro and School Resource Officers for the work they do.

Maritza spoke on the public bashing the police, in support of police,

and on the homeless issue.

Baylee spoke echoing previous speakers comments on not staffing more police, the need to adopt something like the CAHOOTS model, and human rights violations.

Council Member Tibbetts joined the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 5:13 and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Elizabeth Merrick submitted comment in support of Santa Rosa Police Department and the need to give them more support with staffing.

Matt submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and staff, the need for support from city leaders, and the removal of the Thin Blue Line banner.

Josh Carillo submitted comment on the need for support for the Police Chief and his staff from city leaders.

Anonymous submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the funds refunded to the police budget for increased staffing to deal with calls.

Greg submitted comment on being disappointed on how the city handled the issue of the Thin Blue Line banner.

Jill Moreno submitted comment regarding the Thin Blue Line flag being taken down from the Police Department.

Jose submitted comment in support of more staffing for the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Olga submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the need for more staffing to protect peace and order.

Jonathan Flores submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the need for more staffing to protect peace and order.

Kimberley submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the need for more staffing to protect peace and order, and how the city handled the issue of the Thin Blue Line banner.

Kim submitted comment on being disappointed on how the city handled the issue of the Thin Blue Line banner.

David submitted comment on the low morale of police due to the lack of support from the community and wanting to support the Police Department.

Marisa Mendoza submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the need for more staffing to protect peace and order.

Mike Robert submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department, the need for more staffing to protect peace and order, to refund the \$1million to the police budget, and the need for city leaders to give them more support with staffing.

Sharon Bailey submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department, to refund the \$1million to the police budget to help keep peace and order, and the need for city leaders to give them more support with staffing.

Evelyn submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department, to refund the \$1million to the police budget to help keep peace and order, and the need for city leaders to give them

more support with staffing.

Anonymous submitted comment in support of the Police Department and to refund the police budget.

Jennifer submitted comment in support of the Santa Rosa Police Department and the leadership of Chief Navarro and his staff.

Laurie submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget and in support of Chief Navarro.

Leonardo submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget and in support of Chief Navarro.

Dawnelle submitted comment on her disappointment on the lack of support for the Police, to refund the police budget, and in support of Chief Navarro;

Judy Scott submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget, and in support of Chief Navarro.

Mae Nelson submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget, and in support of Chief Navarro.

Elizabeth Warren submitted comment in support of the Police Department, her concern on the lack of support from city leaders; and to refund the police budget.

Peter submitted comment stating he is not in favor of having less police protection in the city.

Anonymous submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget, and what the Thin Blue Line represents to law enforcement and members of the community.

Victor submitted comment in support of the Police Department and the need to fund the police budget to hire more officers.

Jonathan submitted comment how morale suffers when cuts are made and in support of law enforcement.

Josh Magarva submitted comment in support of the Police Department and the need to fund the police budget to hire more officers.

Renee Scott submitted comment on her concern on the lack of support for police from city leaders and to refund the \$1 million to the police budget.

Ann Bartholow submitted comment on her concern on the lack of support for police from city leaders and to refund money to the police budget.

Travis Shimmer submitted comment in support of increasing police officers in Santa Rosa.

Ken K submitted comment in support of Santa Rosa Police Department, for increasing staffing, and the Thin Blue Line flag.

Erica Andrade submitted comment in support of the police.

Jose T submitted comment in support of the police and increased pay for officers.

Ruth submitted comment on her concern for the lack of support for police from city leaders and to refund the \$1 million to the police budget.

Marsha Sinclair submitted comment in opposition to defund the police.

Brett Devries submitted comment on his concern for the lack of

support for police from city leaders and to refund the \$1 million to the police budget.

Laura submitted comment on her concern for the lack of support for police from city leaders and to refund the \$1 million to the police budget.

Maria Elena submitted comment in support of the police, and for the police budget not to be cut.

Sandra Robledo submitted comment in support of police and asked that no cuts be made.

Fred submitted comment in support of all law enforcement.

Steve submitted comment in support of police officers and the need for more.

Chris submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget, and in support of Chief Navarro.

Matt B. submitted comment in support of the Police Department, to refund the police budget, and in support of Chief Navarro.

Kelly submitted comment on her concern for the lack of support from city leaders, to refund the \$1 million to the police budget, and to replace the six positions lost in the past year.

Karina submitted comment in support of law enforcement.

Nuri Hernandez submitted comment in support of police and in support of refunding their budget.

Erica submitted comment in support of police and for the police budget not to be cut.

Emberlie Vogue submitted comment on her concern on the lack of

support from city leaders, to refund the \$1 million to the police budget, and thanked Chief Navarro and his staff for the work they do.

Susanna Mendoza submitted comment in support for a safe community, for more police training, to not cut their budget, and stated the police have been available for her when needed.

Eric submitted comment in support of the community and the police and does not want their budget to be cut.

Elise submitted comment on her concern for the lack of support from city leaders, to refund the \$1 million to the police budget, and thanked Chief Navarro and his staff for the work they do.

Scott E. submitted comment in support of the Police Department and they should have the freedom to express their concern when one of their own dies.

Ruby Mendoza submitted comment in support of police and for the community.

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m. with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Alvarez, who joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Chief Navarro answered additional questions from Council.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

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

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

No report was provided.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Evan spoke on the use of funds for the empowerment plan.

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.

Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt reported the Shelter In Place order was lifted, the state will be moving to an age-based vaccination schedule and that members of the community can go to myturn.ca.gov for vaccination information.

This item was received and filed.

7.2 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN UPDATE

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

Magali Telles, Community Engagement Division Director, provided a brief update on the Community Empowerment Plan timeline.

This item was received and filed.

7.3 GLASS FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the Glass Fire Recovery. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

No report provided.

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

City Attorney Sue Gallagher reported that with the final transition to District-based elections, the sequencing of appointments made by Vice Mayor Rogers and Council Member Alvarez to boards, commissions, and committees, need to be aligned with the appointments made by former Council Member Dowd and Council Member Olivares. The City Clerk conducted a random selection designating Vice Mayor Rogers appointments will align with former

Council Member Dowd's appointments and Council Member Alvarez's appointments will align with former Council Member Olivares' appointments.

Mayor Rogers sought guidance from the City Attorney regarding the recent City Council recommendations for the Association of Bay Area Government's Executive Board from the January 12, 2021 City Council meeting. Clarification was provided from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association that there was only one seat and one alternate, rather than two seats, to appoint and the Council will need to appoint an alternate. City Attorney Gallagher directed this action should be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for February 2.

Assistant City Manager Nutt provided an update on the evening's anticipated winter storm event, the possibility for flash flooding in the fire burn scar areas and SoCo Alerts have gone out to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No statements of abstention were made.

10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Vice Mayor Rogers announced her appointment of Glen Wright to the Board of Public Utilities.

Mayor Rogers announced the reappointment of Lisa Badenfort to Board of Public Utilities, Jeff Nathanson to the Art in Public Places Committee, Leslie Graves and Cherie Barnett to the Community Advisory Board, Drew Weigl to the Design Review Board, Mark Stapp to the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee, Julian Peterson to the Planning Commission, and Kim Badenfort to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

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

Council Member Sawyer reported the Economic Recovery Task Force joined the Economy Development Subcommittee and convened last week to discuss the temporary paid sick leave ordinance. The subcommittee recommended it go before Council as an urgency ordinance at the next City Council meeting and the on-going subcommittee meeting schedule will be the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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)

10.1.9 Home Sonoma County (HSC)

10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)

10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

Council Member Fleming reported the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting will be held on January 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and noted the topics on the agenda.

10.1.12 Other

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11.1 June 30, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

Approved as submitted.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Schwedhelm, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.3. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12.1 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD - MONTGOMERY DR. AND SOTOYOME ST. SIGNAL MODIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, award Contract No. C01908, Montgomery Dr. and Sotoyome St. Signal Modification, in the amount of \$629,000.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, St Francis Electric, LLC of San Leandro, California, approve a 15% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$723,350.00.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Location Map](#)
[Attachment 2 - Summary of Bids Presentation](#)

This Consent - Motion was approved.

12.2 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FORMULA PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and file the annual grant

applications under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula program and Surface Transportation Programs for FY2020-21.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Presentation](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-020 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FORMULA PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FUNDING FOR FIXED ROUTE OPERATING, ADA PARATRANSIT OPERATING AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH FOR THE PROJECTS AND STATING THE ASSURANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS

12.3 **RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF FIFTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001343 WITH MISSION LINEN SUPPLY**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Fifth Amendment to General Services Agreement F001343 for a one-year extension with no increase to unit price to Mission Linen Supply, Benicia, California, in the amount of \$90,430.46, for a total not to exceed amount of \$440,886.09 with a \$75,000 contingency.

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

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-021 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001343 WITH MISSION LINEN SUPPLY

12.4 **RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT F001847 WEINSTEIN SECURITY INC FOR UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001847 with Weinstein Security, Inc., Windsor, California to add Parking Garage security services through the existing term of the agreement in the amount of \$243,524.40, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,157,786.39.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - Second Amendment](#)
[Presentation](#)

Kim Nadeau, Parking Manager answered questions from Council.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to waive reading of the text and adopt:

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-022 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001847 WITH WEINSTEIN SECURITY, INC. FOR UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES .

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Schwedhelm

No: 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Evan spoke in support of Council Member Alvarez's and Council Member Fleming's comments regarding Chief Navarro's comments on police staffing.

Roberta submitted comment regarding the small cell policy coming before Council and the need for a strong ordinance to protect the public with proper setbacks and insurance coverage.

Joanna Mekay submitted comment regarding the small cell policy going before Council for action needing to provide the most protection to the citizens of Santa Rosa.

Paul Roberts submitted comment on the lack of research done on small cells and the affects it has on health and would like fiber optics installed.

Caroline Scott submitted comment on the World Health Organization's findings on the detrimental affects of small cell radiation, requested a 1500 ft setback from properties and schools, and in support of a small cell ordinance to protect the public.

Amanda Maris submitted comment in support of broadband cable optics to be installed in Santa Rosa.

Sidnee Cox submitted comment in support of a comprehensive small cell ordinance to protect the public.

Jennifer LaPorta submitted comment in support of a comprehensive small cell ordinance to protect the public.

Tom LaPorta submitted comment in support of a comprehensive small cell ordinance to protect the public, for the City to keep local control, and for the installation of fiber optics.

Mary O'Malley submitted comment on the small cell tower ordinance and policy.

Eris Weaver, Executive Director Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, submitted comment on the accomplishments of the Bicycle Master Plan, her hopes the implementation on the Stony Point corridor will be soon; and on an issue of who is responsible for access to Annadel Park and Oakmont.

Kim Schroeder submitted comment inquiring on the status of the Council's small cell policy.

Sean submitted comment on being upset with the Thin Blue Flag put up at the Police Department.

Anonymous submitted comment on the Facebook post from Council Member Alvarez.

Tara submitted comment in opposition to the Thin Blue Line flag put up at the Police Department and in support of reallocating funds from the police budget.

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14. REPORT ITEMS - NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.

16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS - NONE.

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]

19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on February 2, 2021, at a time set by the Mayor.

20. UPCOMING MEETINGS

20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Attachments: [Upcoming Meetings List](#)

Approved on: April 13, 2021

/s/ Stephanie A. Williams, City Clerk