



City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor N. Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were made.

Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting to closed session at 1:35 p.m. to discuss Items 2.1 and 2.2 as listed on the agenda.

Vice Mayor MacDonald joined the closed session at 1:35 p.m.

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Property: 470 Sebastopol Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 APN 125-162-031

Agency Negotiator: Jill Scott, Real Property Negotiator; Celeste Carranza, Associate Real Property Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: Guillermo Sanchez

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of Sale.

This item was received and filed.

**2.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Property: 500 Sebastopol Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 APN 125-162-024

Agency Negotiator: Jill Scott, Real Property Negotiator; Celeste Carranza, Associate Real Property Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: SMV Properties

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of Lease.

This item was received and filed.

Mayor N. Rogers adjourned closed session at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session at 3:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald

3. STUDY SESSION

3.1 WELLNESS STUDY SESSION

This Study Session will provide an overview of the City-wide wellness initiatives and current City wellness program and provide an opportunity for discussion. The City has invested in improving its wellness program and tailored it to meet the evolving needs of the organization, to positively contribute to the well-being of our employees and enhance a competitive benefits package with the goal of supporting, attracting and retaining a talented workforce.

This presentation will highlight the variety of wellness resources the City of Santa Rosa offers to supplement the health benefits program.

Amy Reeve, Human Resources Director, Dominique Blanquie, Risk Manager, and Indira Alfaro, Principle Analyst, presented and answered questions from Council.

Vice Mayor MacDonald joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

No public comments were made.

The time not yet being 4:00 p.m. to start the Regular Session, Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)

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

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

Sue Gallagher, City Attorney, reported on two closed session Items.

Item 2.1 Real Property Negotiator regarding property located at 470 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa regarding price and terms of sale. Council provided direction and no action was taken. Item 2.2 Real Property Negotiator regarding property located at 500 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa regarding price and terms of the lease. Council provided direction and no action was taken.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PROCLAMATION - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor N. Rogers read and presented the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Celeste Austin spoke in celebration of the proclamation and commented she is proud of Mayor N. Rogers.

President of the North Bay Black Chamber of Commerce spoke thanking Mayor Rogers and the Council for the proclamation, and stated they acknowledge black history throughout the year because the dream is still a dream and by working with the Council, County Supervisors and the community, the dream can become a reality.

Arthur Cheney, President of The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County, spoke in thanks of the proclamation from the City, in celebration of black history, and commented that we must remain united.

Warren Ross on behalf of Faith Ross and Gloria Robinson, representing Petaluma Blacks for Community Development, spoke in thanks of the proclamation.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE.

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

Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager, provided a reminder that March 1 at 5:30 p.m. the City's Capital Projects Engineering Team is hosting a virtual community meeting to review and discuss preliminary design alternatives for the Hopper Avenue Corridor Improvements

Project and to visit the project website at EnvisionHopper.com for meeting information and to take the survey. A reminder was also provided that we will continue the online Zoom platform for public participation in meetings.

Sue Gallagher, City Attorney, reminded this was the last meeting held under the provisions of AB361, that meetings will return to the standard provisions of the Brown Act as it was recently amended, and provided the three avenues for remote attendance at meetings under the Brown Act and AB2449.

8.1 REPORT OF SETTLEMENTS AND ACTIVE LITIGATION

The City Attorney will report on settlements over \$50,000 through January 2023 as well as provide a summary of pending litigation against the City.

Sue Gallagher, City Attorney, reported there are 31 cases in the litigation report including 1 code enforcement, 10 general litigation, 14 personal injury dangerous condition, 4 police action and 2 writs of mandate with 5 dismissals in progress, 2 settlements and 8 upcoming trials.

No public comments were made.

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No statements of abstention were made.

No public comments were made.

10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Council Member Stapp reappointed Cappie Garrett to the Cultural Heritage Board, Lisa Puentes to Art in Public Places, Tanya Narath to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board and appointed Victoria Liptak to the Design Review Board.

Vice Mayor MacDonald provided a brief report on a community event recently attended.

Mayor N. Rogers reported Brian Meuser will continue as Chair of the Cultural Heritage Board, and reported on recent community events.

Council Member C. Rogers provided a brief report on recent events attended and upcoming community events, and read a statement from the entire City Council.

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))

Vice Mayor MacDonald provided a brief report.

10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

10.1.9 Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC)

10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)

10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

10.1.12 Other

Council Member C. Rogers provided a brief report on the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural

Resources Committee.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No public comments were made.

11.1 December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Approved as amended by Mayor N. Rogers correcting "Mayor N. Rogers made a motion to waive the policy" to "Mayor C. Rogers made a motion to waive the policy" on page 21.

11.2 January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Approved as submitted.

11.3 January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Approved as submitted.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

Jason Nutt, Assistant City Manager, and Jill Scott, Real Estate Manager, answered questions from Council regarding Item 12.5.

Council Member Alvarez pulled Item 12.5 for a separate vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manny Morales spoke with the assistance of a Spanish interpreter regarding Item 12.5 and the phase one plan report, replacement of the American Rescue Plan funds, the multi-cultural center, transparency regarding the project, with a recommendation of artificial turf fields.

Renee spoke regarding Item 12.5 requesting prioritization of the multi-cultural community center as part of the Hearn Community Hub, to find additional funding for the multi-cultural center, requested a copy of the report compiled during the community input process and requested to join the project process with the other two project components as equal partners and supporters.

Ofelia spoke regarding Item 12.5 requesting funds be used for the

multi-cultural community center.

Marisol, through a Spanish interpreter, spoke regarding Item 12.5 requesting the funds be used for a library and community center.

Conception, through a Spanish interpreter, spoke regarding Item 12.5 requesting the money set aside for the library be used for the library and the Hearn Community Project.

Isabel Lopez, Executive Director of the Raizes Collective, spoke regarding item 12.5 with concerns funding for the project is coming from the American Rescue Plan funding for the community cultural center, requested additional sources of funding be found for the multi-cultural center, requested a copy of the report compiled during the community input process and requested to join the project process with the other two project components as equal partners and supporters.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor MacDonald, seconded by Council Member C. Rogers, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.4 and 12.6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Member Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Okrepkie, Council Member Rogers, and Council Member Stapp

12.1 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE LOWER COLGAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve a matching grant application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) for design and construction of the Lower Colgan Creek Neighborhood Park Improvement Project (Project) in the amount of \$1,000,000 and

authorize the Assistant City Manager to submit the grant application on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa Transportation and Public Works Department; 2) authorize the Assistant City Manager to accept the grant and execute any and all grant agreements, conservation easements and amendments thereto, and all other documents necessary for the completion of the design and construction of the park improvement project and subject to approval by the City Attorney; and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations by the approved grant amount.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-036 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT LOWER COLGAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000, AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY THE APPROVED GRANT AWARD

12.2 RESOLUTION - SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,650,000 (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Services that the Council, by resolution, approve the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development's Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Standard Agreement with the Department of Housing and Community Services and related documents if funding is awarded.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-037 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR UP TO \$1,650,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE

PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO

- 12.3** RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER 168451 FOR TEN FORD MACH-E BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO 72 HOUR LLC, DBA NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA UTILIZING SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 091521-NAF (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution, approve the issuance of a Purchase Order for the purchase of ten (10) 2023 Ford Mach-E Battery Electric Vehicles for \$54,468.84 each to 72 Hour LLC, dba National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, California for a total amount not to exceed \$544,688.40. These vehicles are targeted as replacements for existing petroleum-fueled vehicles. They, however, may be replacements for one or two existing battery electric vehicles.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-038 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RATIFYING PURCHASE ORDER 168451 FOR TEN FORD MACH-E BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO 72 HOUR LLC, DBA NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 091521-NAF

- 12.4** RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT APPLICATION TO CYCLE 6 OF THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the City to request \$15,900,000 in grant funds for the City from a joint application to the state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 6 for transit fleet electrification and passenger amenities; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to file and execute all documents necessary for receipt of TIRCP funds; and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in the appropriate JL key for any awarded funds.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-039 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR \$15,900,000 IN FUNDING FROM CYCLE 6 OF THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM

- 12.6 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA (“AUTHORITY”) AND THE CITY, ON AUTHORITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 983 SONOMA AVENUE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LEASE (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Housing and Community Services, Police and Fire Departments and City Real Estate Services Office that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve a Lease Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa and the City of Santa Rosa, for Housing Authority owned property located at 983 Sonoma Avenue (A.P.N. 009-171-029) for use by the City’s inRESPONSE team; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-040 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND THE CITY, ON HOUSING AUTHORITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 983 SONOMA AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LEASE

- 12.7 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002284 WITH RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP LLP (**THIS ITEM IS BEING CONTINUED TO MARCH 14, 2023**)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Human Resources Department and City Attorney’s Office that the Council, by resolution, approve a Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002284 with Renne Public Law Group LLP for specialized labor relations and employment law services increasing the

not-to-exceed amount by \$250,000, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.

This Item was continued to March 14, 2023.

- 12.5** RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITCHELL/CEM, INC. AND THE CITY FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE HEARN COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,812,022 (CEQA EXEMPT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works and Fire Departments that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Ketchell/CEM, Inc. using the City's Standard Professional Services Agreement, in a not to exceed amount of \$5,812,022 for technical advisory, project management, construction management and inspection services for the Hearn Community Hub Project, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor MacDonald, seconded by Mayor N. Rogers, to waive reading of the text and adopt

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-041 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITCHELL/CEM, INC. AND THE CITY FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE HEARN COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,812,022 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEYS' OFFICE

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Member Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Okrepkie, Council Member Rogers, and Council Member Stapp

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erica Bosque spoke regarding the need for a crosswalk and sidewalks in the neighborhood near Jackson Drive and Montgomery Drive.

Lonzo Arterberry spoke relating to Mayor N. Rogers recent comments regarding racism, regarding being subjected to racism at school as a football player for Cardinal Newman High School, and other students being afraid to speak up for fear of being removed from the team.

Tom LaPenna, President of Santa Rosa Manufactured Home Owners Association, spoke regarding the five mobile home parks not included in the rent control ordinance, requesting funds from the mediation fund be provided to those not covered in the ordinance, with suggestions for the rent control of those parks going forward.

Tyler Croy spoke requesting a crosswalk at Jackson Drive and Montgomery Drive.

Samantha Eaches spoke in support of Mayor N. Rogers and read a portion of an article from the Sonoma County Gazette regarding factory farming, encouraging the Council to pass a resolution supporting the right to rescue.

Boy Harder spoke offering suggestions on affordable rental housing.

Erik Allen spoke and read a letter sent to the Vice Mayor of Petaluma regarding animals in factory farms, encouraging the Mayor and the Council to pass a resolution in support of non-violent activist facing prosecution in Sonoma County.

Elias Hinit, member of Sonoma County Black Coalition, spoke thanking Mayor N. Rogers for the proclamation and continued advocacy for the community, addressed racism in Sonoma County and requested the Council contact Cardinal Newman High School to question the situation discussed by one of the previous speakers.

Esther Lemus spoke in support of Mayor N. Rogers.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 6 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

14. REPORT ITEMS - NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Member C. Rogers arrived at 6:25 p.m.

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

15.2 PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FOR SOUTH DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK - (CEQA EXEMPT)

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the proposed South Davis Neighborhood Park Master Plan Amendment is to provide an updated park master plan that includes the neighborhood's desired park amenities based on their input through public meetings and surveys and to design and construct a new play area.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council conduct a public hearing, and thereafter by resolution, adopt the Master Plan Amendment for South Davis Neighborhood Park to include playground areas, picnic tables and barbeque areas, game tables, walking paths, updated sidewalks, a renovated basketball half-court, security lighting, fitness stations, native planting areas, and space for future activities.

Jen Santos, Deputy Director of Parks, Emily Ander, Assistant Park Planner and Briana Morrison of Carlile Macy consulting firm, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor N. Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorna Deitz spoke on hope, hard work, healing, help, transparency and requested the City's vision for an unused lot near the park.

Cherie Gunnell spoke regarding working with various agencies to beautify the neighborhood, the issues arising with abandoned areas, and discussed joining the Green Space Program.

Mike spoke with concerns regarding parking in the area as there is limited parking, increases in campers and garbage and illicit night activities, and concerns trees would be removed as they reduce noise from the freeway and camouflage bright lights in the area.

Margaret Buhn spoke in support of the plan as presented and agreed with the need for lighting near the freeway that does not shine into nearby homes.

Mayor N. Rogers closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-042 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FOR SOUTH DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO INCLUDE PLAYGROUND AREAS, PICNIC TABLES AND BARBEQUE AREAS, GAME TABLES, WALKING PATHS, UPDATED SIDEWALKS, A RENOVATED BASKETBALL HALF-COURT, SECURITY LIGHTING, FITNESS STATIONS, NATIVE PLANTING AREAS AND SPACE FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Member Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Okrepkie, Council Member Rogers, and Council Member Stapp

15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN (CEQA EXEMPT)

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa (City) was allocated \$2,737,433 in HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan

(HOME-ARP) funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The one-time funds must benefit individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, experiencing housing instability, or fleeing domestic violence. Eligible uses for these funds include Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), development and support of affordable housing, provision of supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter (NCS) units. Selection of an eligible use for these funds is dictated by a public participation process determined by HUD, which began in December 2021 and will include comments received at this public hearing. To utilize HOME-ARP funds, HUD requires the City to create a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Plan) that identifies the public participation process guiding the use of funds, a needs assessment and gap analysis, and goals for the program. Based on the consultation process, the draft HOME-ARP Plan recommends use of the funds for supportive services, focusing on homelessness prevention.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize submittal of the Home Investment Partnership - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan (Plan) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) incorporating comments received at the public hearing; and 2) authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the funding agreements with HUD and any additional documentation required by HUD to implement the HOME-ARP Program.

Marc Hughes, Housing and Community Services Program Specialist, and Nicole Del Fiorentino, Housing and Community Services Manager, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor N. Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

No public comment was made.

Mayor N. Rogers closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-043 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH HUD AND ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATIONS REQUIRED BY HUD TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Member Alvarez, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Okrepkie, Council Member Rogers, and Council Member Stapp

16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.

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

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]

19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mayor N. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 14, 2023, 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:

Rhonda Bolla
Deputy City Clerk