



City of Santa Rosa

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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT - FINAL DECEMBER 2, 2025

2:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

4:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION

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ATTENDING IN-PERSON FROM COUNCIL CHAMBER AT
100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA.**

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**Public Comment may be made live during the meeting
In-Person from Council Chamber or submitted in advance
via email at cc-comment@srcity.org by 5:00 p.m. the
Monday before the City Council Meeting.**

**IN THE EVENT A COUNCIL MEMBER PARTICIPATES REMOTELY BASED
ON JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO
AB 2449, THE CITY WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
THROUGH THE ZOOM LINK OR DIAL-IN NUMBER ABOVE.**

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CONSIDERED TO BE PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUBJECT TO
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**DEADLINES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ARE SET FORTH BELOW.**

COUNCIL MAY RECESS DURING THE EVENING FOR BREAKS.

**PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS WILL BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN 5:00 P.M.
MATTERS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Except for public hearing items, comments from the public will be allowed on all agenda items at the time each item is called. Comments on public hearing items may be made when the hearing is opened.

Live Public Comment: Members of the public can provide comment on an Agenda Item In-Person from Council Chamber by completing a Speaker Card or signing up with the Administrator in Council Chamber.

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Non-Agenda Items are the time when any person may address the Council on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The first public comment period on non-agenda items (Agenda Item 14) will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and will be limited to twelve speakers selected randomly by the Mayor. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes. Speakers who do not have an opportunity to

Speak during this time will be allowed to make public comment under Agenda Item 18.

2:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

To consider and take action on any request from a Council Member to participate in a meeting remotely due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances pursuant to AB 2449 (Government Code Section 549539(f)).

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Following the announcement of Closed Session items and prior to recess into Closed Session, the public may speak up to three minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session.

3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Clare Hartman v. City of Santa Rosa, *et al.*
Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. 24CV02546

3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Cindy Gemignani, as Conservator of the Estate of Daryl W. Titus, *et al.*
vs. City of Santa Rosa, *et al.*
Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. SCV-270898

RECESS CLOSED SESSION(S) AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA ZOOM.

4. STUDY SESSION - NONE.

Study Session items are items for in-depth discussion and possible direction to staff. No action will be taken.

4:00 P.M.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)

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

7. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.

8. STAFF BRIEFINGS

This time is reserved for City staff to provide a five-minute briefing to the Council on departmental issues of interest. No action will be taken on these matters except to possibly place a particular item on a future agenda for Council consideration.

8.1 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN UPDATE

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

8.2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

Staff will provide an update of projects currently in the Capital Improvement Program. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

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

10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION/RECUSAL BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

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 and Climate Authorities (SCTCA)

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** November 18, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

- 12.2** November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

13. CONSENT ITEMS

- 13.1** MOTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F003153 WITH BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP FOR CONTINUED LEGAL REPRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION: The City Attorney recommends that the Council, by motion: 1) approve the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F003153 with Best Best & Krieger LLP increasing compensation by \$45,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$145,000, for continued legal representation in the matter of *Cornerstone Communities II, LLC v. City of Santa Rosa, et. al.*, Sonoma County Superior Court Case 25CV06089; 2) authorize the City Attorney to execute the agreement; and 3) appropriate \$145,000 from

unassigned General Funds to the City Manager's professional services budget to fund the legal services in *Cornerstone* through trial.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

13.2 MOTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F003096 WITH ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO FOR CONTINUED LEGAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: The City Attorney and the Human Resources Director recommend that the Council, by motion: 1) approve the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F003096 with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo increasing compensation by \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000, for continued legal services; and 2) authorize the City Attorney to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - First Amendment to PSA F003096](#)

13.3 MOTION - APPROVAL - GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT F003152 FOR TREE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Department recommends that the Council, by motion, approve a two-year General Services Agreement Number F003152 with California Expert Tree Solutions Inc., DBA California Tree Solutions, San Jose, California, for tree services for a total amount of \$300,000, and authorizes the Purchasing Agent make non-substantive changes to the Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Agreement. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - General Services Agreement](#)

13.4 MOTION - ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CHAPTERS 11-08 AND 11-20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO UPDATE STAFF DELEGATIONS AND TITLES AND REMOVE REQUIREMENT OF COUNCIL APPROVAL TO INSTALL

MIDBLOCK CROSSWALKS, ROAD UNDULATIONS AND OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Council: 1) introduce an ordinance revising staff delegations entitled Chapter 11-08 and Chapter 11-20 of the City Code; and 2) approve a motion to rescind Council Policy Number 000-14, Policy of the City of Santa Rosa Relative to the Use of Road Undulations for Traffic Control. This item has no impact on the fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Proposed Relined Changes to Ch 11](#)
[Attachment 2 - Council Policy 000-14](#)
[Ordinance](#)

13.5 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE PROPOSITION 47 (PROP 47) GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Department recommends that the Council, by resolution: 1) accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,693,820 from the Board State and Community Corrections (BSCC) through the Proposition 47 Grant Program; 2) approve a Standard Agreement with the State of California Department of General Services; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute award documents and any additional documents for administration of the grant; and 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate \$1,693,820 of grant funds to a project key. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

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

13.6 MOTION - WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BID AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BUCKELEW PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Department recommends that the Council, by motion, waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3-08.100(d) of the City Code and approve a three-year Professional

Services Agreement, with Buckelew Programs, a California non-profit organization, with an amount not to exceed \$1,575,000 and authorize the City Manager or designee to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement, and execute the Agreement. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Professional Services Agreement](#)

13.7 RESOLUTION - EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION: The Housing and Community Services Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, approve an extension of Resolution No. 28839 which formally proclaimed a local homeless emergency within Santa Rosa. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

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

13.8 ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECOND READING - ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA PREZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2299 BRUSH CREEK ROAD TO THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR-20) ZONING DISTRICT, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 182-030-031 - FILE NUMBER ANX24-001

RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission and Planning and Economic Development Department recommend that the Council approve the second reading and adopt an ordinance to prezone the property located at 2299 Brush Creek Road to the RR-20 (Rural Residential) zoning district, consistent with the Very Low Density Residential General Plan land use designation. This ordinance, introduced at the November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting, passed by a 6-0-1-0 vote (MacDonald absent).

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address the Council on matters not

listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. This public comment period will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and will be limited to twelve speakers selected randomly by the Mayor. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes. Speakers who do not have an opportunity to speak during this time will be allowed to make public comment under Agenda Item 18.

15. REPORT ITEMS

15.1 REPORT - JENNINGS AVENUE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING REAL PROPERTY LICENSE AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SONOMA MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE CROSSING

BACKGROUND: On September 20, 2016, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Decision No. 16-09-002 granting the City's application for an at-grade crossing of SMART's rail line at Jennings Avenue. Since that date, staff for the City and SMART have been in protracted negotiations over the terms and conditions of a Real Property License Agreement under which SMART would allow the City to utilize its property to construct an at-grade bicycle and pedestrian crossing of the rail lines at Jennings Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager's Office recommends that the Council, by motion, approve and delegate authority to the City Manager to negotiate and execute both the Real Property License Agreement and Construction and Funding Agreement in substantially the same form as the attached drafts, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, and return the executed agreements to the SMART Board of Directors for consideration. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Draft Real Property License Agreement](#)
[Attachment 2 - Draft Construction and Funding Agreement](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 12-2-2025\)](#)

15.2 REPORT - APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER,

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND INTRODUCTION
OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SALARY OF THE INTERIM CITY
MANAGER

BACKGROUND: City Manager Maraskeshia Smith has announced her resignation. The City will be conducting an extensive open recruitment for her replacement. It is anticipated that the recruitment could take six months or more. To ensure a smooth transition and uninterrupted City operations, the City Council seeks to appoint an Interim City Manager to serve in the position until a new permanent City Manager is found.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, appoint Lori Ann Farrell as Interim City Manager effective January 2, 2026, and approve an Employment Agreement with Ms. Farrell. It is further recommended that the Council approve the first reading and introduce an ordinance entitled ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ESTABLISHING MONTHLY SALARY OF \$24,266.66 (\$291,200 ANNUALLY) AND OTHER COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2026.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A - Employment Agreement](#)
 [Ordinance](#)
 [Presentation](#)

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing matters will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matters are reached on the agenda.

16.1 PUBLIC HEARING - BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE FEES - DYNAMIC PRICING FOR NON-RESIDENT GOLF FEES

BACKGROUND: In response to questions by both Council and staff following the new two-year fee schedule adopted by Council on May 6, the City Manager's Office and Kemper Sports Management, LLC, the City's contract operations and maintenance company, wish to propose additional fee adjustments for non-resident players by implementing a

Dynamic Pricing fee schedule. Kemper Sports Management, LLC presented the Dynamic Pricing proposal to Council in a study session on November 4, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager's Office recommends that Council, by resolution, approve the Dynamic Pricing fee schedule for non-resident golf fees at the Bennett Valley Golf Course effective January 1, 2026. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Resolution RES-2025-064](#)
[Attachment 2 - Proposed BVGG Fees with Dynamic Pricing](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - BVGG Fees with Dynamic Pricing](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Public Hearing Notice](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 12-2-2025\)](#)

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address the Council on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council and not able to speak under Agenda Item 14. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes.

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

21. UPCOMING MEETINGS

This schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of the City Council Meeting Agenda.

21.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Attachments: [Upcoming Meetings List](#)

***Did not appear on the preliminary agenda.**

****Quasi-judicial or adjudicative action, ex-parte communication disclosure is required.**

The Open Government Ordinance was adopted by City Council in December 2020 (ORD-2020-018) and amended in July 2021 (ORD-2021-007). These ordinances added and amended Chapter 1-10 to the City Code to codify the City of Santa Rosa's commitment to embrace a culture of open government to ensure public trust, engage the community, and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. To view a full versions of the Open Government Ordinances go to <http://srcity.org/OpenGovOrdinance> and <http://srcity.org/OpenGovOrdinanceAmend>. To request paper copies of the Open Government Ordinances contact the City Clerk's Office at 707-543-3015 (TTY Relay at 711) or cityclerk@srcity.org.

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