



**City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Final**

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

12:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mayor Chris Rogers, Vice Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Victoria Fleming, and Council Member Tom Schwedhelm

Absent: 3 - Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member John Sawyer, and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were made.

Mayor Rogers adjourned to closed session at 12:33 p.m. to discuss Item 2.1 as listed on the agenda.

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Agency Designated Representatives: Alan Alton, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Amy Reeve, Human Resources Director, Jeremia Mills, Deputy Director - Human Resources and Jeff Berk, Chief Assistant City Attorney.

Employee Organizations: Santa Rosa Firefighters Association - Local 1401 (representing City Employee Unit 2); Operating Engineers Local 3, Maintenance and Utility System Operators (Employee Units 3 and 16); Santa Rosa City Employees Association (Employee Units 4, 6, 7); Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, (Employee Unit 5); Service Employees International Union Local 1021, (Employee Units 8 and 14); Public Safety Management Association (Employee Unit 9); Executive Management (Employee Unit 10); Middle Management (Employee Unit 11); Confidential (Employee Unit 12); Mechanics (Employee Unit 13); City Attorney (Employee Unit 15); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association (Employee Unit 17), Santa Rosa Management Association (Employee Unit 18).

Mayor Rogers adjourned closed session at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened to study session at 1:06 p.m.

3. STUDY SESSION

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

3.1 OPTIONS IN AMBULANCE SERVICE DELIVERY

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council hold a study session to receive a report on the current state of the ambulance exclusive operating area (EOA) request for proposals, and on the current and anticipated options for ambulance service delivery in Santa Rosa.

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

Fire Chief Scott Westrope presented and answered questions from Council.

Ken Tasseff, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, informed Council that County staff was available to answer questions from Council.

Terri Wright, County Administrator's Office, was available to answer questions from Council.

James Salvante, Coastal Valley Emergency Medical Services, was available to answer questions from Council.

City Attorney Sue Gallagher answered questions from Council.

Council Member Tibbetts joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John (inaudible), Regional Director for American Medical Response

in Sonoma County (AMR), spoke on the concerns of AMR on the accuracy of information in the public model, and the City having access to all vehicles on the road that are provided on a monthly report. He answered questions from Council.

Matt Coxson, Assistant Chief Shop Steward for United Emergency Medical Service Workers (UEMSW) Local 4911, spoke on providing 911 services to Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Kenwood, Oakmont, in support for AMR, and in opposition to the bid by Sonoma County Fire Department to take over the ambulance transport contract.

This item was received and filed.

3.2 ONE-TIME MONIES

At the October 26, 2021 study session, the Council received a presentation on potential programs using \$34.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the remaining \$7 million of PG&E settlement funds. The Council provided feedback to staff to either return with more information, or to find ways to redirect funding to projects initially not receiving funding.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 \(Uploaded 11-30-2021\)](#)
[Presentation \(Uploaded 11-30-2021\)](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 11-30-2021\)](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 12-6-2021\)](#)

Alan Alton, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented and answered questions from Council.

Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt answered questions from Council regarding broadband.

Raissa De La Rosa answered questions from Council regarding universal basic income (UBI), and child care support programs.

Megan Basinger, Interim Director of Housing & Community Services, answered questions from Council regarding the home buying program.

Socorro Shiels, Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Employment Officer, answered questions from Council regarding home based child care businesses.

Jeff Tibbetts, Recreation Supervisor, answered questions from Council regarding programming at a new community center.

Magali Telles, Deputy Director of Community Engagement, answered questions from Council regarding an alternative approach to the Roseland Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Morales spoke on working with the youth in Roseland, a petition being submitted to reject the cannabis dispensary at the old Roseland University Prep campus, and asked Council to earmark the site for a library in Roseland.

Angie Dillon-Shore, First 5 Sonoma County, spoke in support of mitigating the impact of the pandemic, to leverage ARPA funds for the greatest impact in the community, and build on the upstream investment for children.

Gregory Fearon echoed the comments of Ms. Dillon-Shore and spoke on the need for the City to collaborate with the County for the greatest impact.

Peter Rumble, Director Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the need to support small businesses, children's programs, and for the development of a down payment assistance program to help families stay in Santa Rosa.

April spoke asking if the presentation was available to the public, in opposition to the cannabis dispensary in Roseland, and in support for a public library and cultural center.

Daysi spoke in opposition of the cannabis dispensary in Roseland,

in support of ARPA funds being used for education, child care, cultural programs and a community center.

Rafael Vazquez, representing Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), spoke in opposition to the cannabis dispensary in Roseland, in support of and the need for a cultural center in the area with Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University to have an opportunity to provide classes at the facility.

Duane De Witt submitted comment on the need to have forums for the taxpayers to provide input on what they want for their community.

The following spoke in support of funding a Boys & Girls Club in Roseland:

Jennifer Weiss, CEO of Boys & Girls Club Sonoma-Marin
Carson
Courtney
Isabella
Dana
Zoey
Katie
Grace
Frankie
David
Katrina
Jason
Miguel
Diana
Colleen
Abby
Sandra
Evelyn
Sonja
Ana
Danny
A resident

Chris
Scott
Jamie
David
Carley
Katie Welsh

Council provided direction to staff.

This item was received and filed.

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

City Attorney Gallagher reported Council met in closed session with labor negotiators on Item 2.1, gave direction to the negotiating team and no final action was taken.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

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.

Interim City Manager Jeff Kolin provided an update on COVID 19 deaths in the county, the monitoring of the new Omicron variant, and reported public health officials are reminding the public that vaccines are the best way through the pandemic, all residents aged five and older can receive a vaccine, and those aged 18 years and older can receive a booster.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cactus Pete spoke on topics against the COVID vaccines.

This item was received and filed.

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

No reports were provided.

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No statements of abstention were made.

10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Vice Mayor Rogers announced a drive through food drive for the Redwood Empire Food Bank will be held on December 4.

Council Member Alvarez reported the Fire Department's Crew of 3D went above duty when responding to a call on Santa Rosa Avenue.

Council Member Schwedhelm reported he attended Winter Nights Festival in Courthouse Square.

Council Member Tibbetts announced he will be leaving the meeting at 6:00 p.m. for a work related meeting and will be returning to the Council meeting afterwards.

Council Member Fleming reported she attended the Winter Nights Festival in Courthouse Square, announced November 30 as the sixth night of Hanukkah, and the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting will be held on December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

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)

Mayor Rogers provided a brief report on the SCTA Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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

10.1.12 Other

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

No public comments were made.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.3. 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

- 12.1 RESOLUTION - ADOPTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, UNIT 14 - POLICE CIVILIAN TECHNICAL REPRESENTED BY SEIU, LOCAL 1021, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Human Resources Department and the City Manager's Office that the Council, by

resolution, adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for an agreement for, and on behalf of, the employees in the City's Bargaining Unit 14 - Police Civilian Technical, represented by the SEIU Local 1021, and effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Redline MOU](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [Presentation](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-207 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA'S UNIT 14 - POLICE CIVILIAN TECHNICAL, REPRESENTED BY SEIU, LOCAL 1021, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

12.2 RESOLUTION - WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BID, ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR RUTH ASAWA ART PANELS, AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARTWORKS FOUNDRY LLC FOR BRONZE CASTING AND INSTALLATION OF ART PANELS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3-08.100(D) of the City Code and Council Policy 600-001; 2) approve the allocation of \$300,000 of PG&E settlement funds for the purpose of casting bronze panels of the original Ruth Asawa art panels and installing them on the new fountain being constructed in Old Courthouse Square; 3) appropriate \$300,000 from the PG&E settlement funds to Public Art project; and 4) approve a Professional Services Agreement with Artworks Foundry LLC in the amount of \$276,700, including a \$23,300 project contingency, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the bronze casting and attachment of the Ruth Asawa Art Panels.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A - PSA with Artworks Foundry LLC](#)
 [Presentation](#)

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-208 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING, APPROVING THE ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATION OF PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR RUTH ASAWA ART PANELS; AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARTWORKS FOUNDRY LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$300,000 FOR BRONZE CASTING AND ATTACHMENT OF ART PANELS

- 12.3** ORDINANCE ADOPTION - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING SECTIONS 14-04.010 AND 14-04.140 OF TITLE 14 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS RELATED TO MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER BILLS AND ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY ISSUE 12 BILLS PER YEAR

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the November 16, 2021, Regular Meeting by a 6-0-1 vote (Council Member Fleming absent), amends Sections 14-04.010 and 14-04.140 of Title 14 of the Santa Rosa City Code to modify definitions related to monthly water and sewer bills and eliminating the requirement that the city issue 12 bills per year.

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

This Consent - Ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2021-015 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING SECTIONS 14-04.010 AND 14-04.140 OF TITLE 14 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE MODIFYING DEFINITIONS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER BILLS

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Anna Diaz spoke thanking Council for recognizing the Roseland area, in support of a skate park, and on the lack of youth programs in the area.

Cactus Pete spoke on various topics.

Duane De Witt submitted comment thanking Vice Mayor Rogers and

Council Member Alvarez for speaking up on the needs for Roseland, and on infrastructure not keeping up with the development in the area.

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 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

14. REPORT ITEMS

14.1 REPORT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OIR GROUP LLC, INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO REVIEW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND: OIR Group LLC, as the Independent Police Auditor, will report directly to the City Manager and will review Santa Rosa Police Department internal investigations, conduct audits of policies, practices and records, conduct community outreach, and will, annually, prepare a written report and give a presentation to the Public Safety Subcommittee and City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve the Professional Services Agreement with OIR Group LLC in an amount not to exceed \$270,000 over three years.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Exhibit A - PSA](#)
 [Exhibit A - PSA \(Redlined Revisions\)](#)
 [Exhibit A - PSA \(Final\)](#)
 [Presentation](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 11-30-2021\)](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 12-6-2021\)](#)

Interim City Manager Jeff Kolin, and Michael Gennaco and Brian Corr, OIR Group, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Evan spoke on credibility needing trust, the community being

disappointed in OIR's previous report, and concern the process to hire the auditor was flawed.

Jim Duffy, Rohnert Park resident, spoke on the contract, concern the Police Chief's Community Ambassador's Team is unlawful and asked Council to remove reference to it in the contract and establish a legitimate community body for independent oversight.

Kathleen spoke on the need to revisit the structure, suggested quarterly reports be submitted by OIR to the Council and City Manager, and her concern there is a conflict built in when an advisory body has been appointed by the Chief of Police.

Lee spoke in support of a completely independent community review committee, and the auditor not being appointed by police.

Kelsey spoke on the need to change the Chief's advisory board and for Council not to adopt the contract until that is done.

Michael Titone spoke on his disappointment that OIR was the firm being awarded the contract, and that trust will not be repaired by hiring OIR.

Duane De Witt submitted comment in opposition to hiring OIR as the independent auditor.

Alegra submitted comment asking for more community input before awarding the contract to OIR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-209 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OIR GROUP LLC TO SERVE AS THE INDEPENDENT POLICE DEPARTMENT AUDITOR

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

Mayor Rogers announced he would be taking the public hearings.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDED 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

BACKGROUND: In conformance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act), the City of Santa Rosa prepared its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and its 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Shortage Plan). Both documents were adopted by City Council on June 8, 2021 and submitted to the State Department of Water Resources on June 30, 2021. State law allows each water supplier to amend its Shortage Plan independent of the UWMP. The City wishes to amend the 2020 Shortage Plan to revise the Excess Use Penalty structure that applies in severe stages of shortage and change the water demand offset requirements that apply to new construction when water is being allocated for existing customers. The Council will be considering adoption of the Amended 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt the Amended 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and 2) introduce an ordinance approving revisions to the Excess Use Penalty structure set forth in Section 14-04.015 of the City Code.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Amended 2020 WSCP \(redline\)](#)
[Attachment 2 - Draft Ordinance \(redline\)](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - Amended 2020 WSCP](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Presentation](#)

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner, presented and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Tibbetts joined the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-210 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE AMENDED 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

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

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

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING SECTION 14-04.015 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE, REVISING LANGUAGE APPLICABLE TO THE WATER SHORTAGE RATE AND REVISING THE EXCESS USE PENALTY STRUCTURE

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

15.2 PUBLIC HEARING - WATER DEMAND OFFSET POLICY, FEE STUDY, AND FEES

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa is required by California State Law to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Shortage Plan) every five years to assess the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for current and future needs as well as plan for and detail how the City will respond to various

levels of water supply shortage. Staff will present the Water Demand Offset (WDO) Policy, 2021 WDO Fee Study, and WDO Fees which have been developed to implement the City's Shortage Plan requirement that new construction must offset water demand during water shortage emergencies that require very restrictive water allocations (water rationing) by the City's existing customers.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt the Water Demand Offset Policy; 2) adopt the 2021 Water Demand Offset Fee Study; 3) adopt the Water Demand Offset Fees; and 4) authorize the Water Demand Offset Fees to be adjusted on an annual basis to account for inflation at the beginning of the calendar year (January 1) starting in 2023, using the Engineering News Record's 20-Cities Construction Cost Index; and it is further recommended by the Board of Public Utilities that the Council consider a General Fund subsidy to offset the Water Demand Offset Fee for affordable housing projects.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - Water Demand Offset Policy](#)
[Exhibit B - Water Demand Offset Fee Study](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 11-30-2021\)](#)
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 12-6-2021\)](#)

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner, presented and answered question from Council.

Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting, LLC, presented information and was available to answer questions from Council.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:58 p.m.

Cal Weeks, Policy Director Generation Housing, spoke on concerns the policy and fees interfere with Council's housing priorities concerning housing, homelessness, and equity especially, and the impact it will have for communities of color.

Jen Klose, Executive Director Generation Housing, spoke on

concerns this contradicts Council's priority on housing, asked that this decision be postponed and for Council to direct staff to come back with other programs.

Ananda Sweet, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce, spoke on appreciating the information on drought impact, in opposition to the offset policy and fees, concern it contradicts the city's housing needs and Council's priorities and goals.

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing at 9:08 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA
ADOPTING THE WATER DEMAND OFFSET, 2021 WATER DEMAND
OFFSET FEE STUDY, AND WATER DEMAND OFFSET FEES**

Council Member Sawyer withdrew the motion for consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, directing staff to bring back in a study session to Council with additional information that includes a list of all options, makes the fee study information more visible for the public and Council, ways to address the impact on new development including but not limited to demand offset fees, increased excessive use fee, and a moratorium or any other options from staff.

Mayor Rogers withdrew the motion for consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, directing staff to bring this issue back with additional information for Council consideration.

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

**15.3 PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT THE SONOMA COUNTY
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND UPDATE
THE CITY'S EXISTING LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

BACKGROUND: Hazard mitigation is the use of long-term and short-term policies, programs, projects, and other activities to reduce or alleviate the loss of life, personal injury, and damage to property and natural systems that can result from a disaster.

The City participated in a Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) planning process to increase collaboration around hazard mitigation planning and to serve as a five-year update to the City's existing Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) which expires on January 10, 2022.

The MJHMP includes two volumes. Volume 1 contents apply to all participating partners and Sonoma County in its entirety. Volume 2 includes an Annex, or chapter, for each of the participating local agencies and special districts. The City of Santa Rosa Annex addresses City-specific vulnerabilities to natural hazards such as earthquake, flood, and wildfire and includes mitigation action items to minimize the effect these natural hazards have on people, property, and natural systems. The City's Annex updates the City's current LHMP and incorporates all actionable items included in the City's Community Wildlife Protection Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development and Fire Departments that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt Volume 1 of the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan, dated October 2021; and 2) update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by adopting the City of Santa Rosa Annex to Volume 2 of the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated October 2021, and the Appendices to Volume 2 of the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated October 2021.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan dated October 2016](#)
 [Attachment 2 - City of Santa Rosa Letter of Intent dated August 22 2018](#)
 [Attachment 3 - MJHMP Volume 1 dated October 2021](#)
 [Attachment 4 - MJHMP Volume 2 dated October 2021](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Presentation](#)

This item was continued to the December 7, 2022, meeting in

accordance with the Council's Open Government Ordinance mandating public hearings cannot start after 9:00 p.m.

14.2 REPORT - DIRECTION TO SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEMBER REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN SUBBASIN

BACKGROUND: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires that the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SRP GSA), comprised of the Cities of Cotati, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol, the Town of Windsor, the County of Sonoma, Sonoma Water, the Gold Ridge and Sonoma Resource Conservation Districts, and a group of independently owned water systems, adopt and submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. The GSP, released for a 30-day public review on October 1, 2021, is now finalized and proposed for adoption at a public hearing of the SRP GSA scheduled for December 9, 2021. The Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water staff are requesting the Council provide direction to the City's SRP GSA Board Member, Councilmember Schwedhelm, regarding adoption of the GSP at that public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by motion, recommend that the City's representative on the Board of Directors for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency support adoption of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Plan at the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency December 9, 2021 Public Hearing.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - SRP GSP Executive Summary Presentation](#)

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources, presented and answered questions from Council.

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, directing Council Member Schwedhelm, representing the City on the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency board, to support adoption of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Plan

at their next meeting on December 9, 2021.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Simon Haupt spoke in support for ranked choice voting for City Council seats.

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] - NONE.

19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m. in honor and memory of longtime community advocate Vince Harper.

20. UPCOMING MEETINGS

20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Attachments: [Upcoming Meetings List](#)

This item was received and filed.

Approved on:

Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk