

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE  
JULY 2, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bartley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Council Members present: Mayor Bartley, Vice Mayor Carlstrom, Council Members Combs, Olivares, Ours, Swinth and Wysocky.

**2. STUDY SESSION**

**2.1 SONOMA CLEAN POWER – COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

Council Steering Committee Members and City staff conducted a study session for continued discussion of Sonoma Clean Power (SCP), a Community Choice Aggregation program, that will provide electric power to residents, businesses and institutions in participating jurisdictions in Sonoma County under a Joint Powers Authority for the purposes of reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to the use of power in Sonoma County and neighboring regions, providing electric power and other forms of energy to customers at a competitive cost; carrying out programs to reduce energy consumption, stimulating and sustaining the local economy by developing local jobs in renewable energy rates and promoting long-term rate stability and energy security and reliability for residents through local control of electric generation resources.

Council received information and response to questions concerning governance, fiscal responsibility, and the implementation plan from the Council Steering Committee, received information from City staff concerning questions of impacts to City operations, and had an opportunity to ask questions from independent advisors concerning legal and technical matters.

City Manager Millison provided background information regarding Community Choice Aggregation and Sonoma Clean Power and introduced John Rosenblum, Ph.D and Michael Dean, Esq., Meyers Nave.

Council Member Swinth reviewed the Council Steering Committee's work to date on Sonoma Clean Power and discussed the Committee's memorandum dated June 27, 2013.

City Attorney Fowler, City Manager Millison, Mr. Dean and Dr. Rosenblum provided additional information regarding issues of liability, governance, costs, funding of local projects, ratepayer protection, energy efficiencies, methods of energy production, and Renewable Energy Certificates and responded to questions from Council members.

Mayor Bartley recessed the meeting at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

The Council reviewed the recommendations outlined in the subcommittee's memorandum and directed staff to prepare for Council's consideration at the July 9 Council meeting a resolution authorizing Santa Rosa's participation in Sonoma Clean Power subject to proposed amendments to the Joint Powers Authority and Implementation Plan as outlined in the Committee's memorandum and addressed by Council Members during Council discussion. No action was taken by the Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Tscherneff spoke regarding PG&E and the use of windwheels.

Colleen Fernald spoke regarding PG&E, the need for cities to balance the County's power, and the need to incentivize local power.

Ivan Meyreles spoke regarding the ability to generate clean power using different technologies.

Gary Lentz spoke regarding lower rates of renewable energy provided by the proposed Sonoma Clean Power suppliers compared to PG&E.

Jessica Jones read a letter endorsed by Sierra Club Sonoma in support of Santa Rosa's participation in SCP.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Joe Leo expressed concerns regarding SAY's proposed transitional housing at the Warrack Hospital site and submitted his written remarks.

Geri Fabian expressed concerns regarding SAY's proposed transitional housing at the Warrack Hospital site.

Peter Tscherneff spoke regarding various topics.

Colleen Fernald spoke regarding the Council's oath of office and submitted a copy of a letter to the City of Cotati.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Bartley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on July 9, 2013, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

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Terri Griffin  
City Clerk