



**City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

12:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Victoria Fleming

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Seeing no one wishing to speak and no public comment submitted, Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting to closed session to discuss Item 2.1 as listed on the agenda.

2.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code section 54957)

Title: City Manager

Mayor Rogers adjourned closed session at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened to the study session at 1:45 p.m.

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

3. STUDY SESSION

3.1 GENERAL FUND LONG RANGE FINANCIAL FORECAST

Finance Department staff will provide an update on the General Fund Long Range Financial Forecast (LRFF), and provide an opportunity for the Council to ask questions and provide general guidance for the FY 2021-22 budget development. No action is required.

Jan Mazyck, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Management Partners Senior Vice President Andy Belknap, and Special Advisor Bob Leland, who presented an updated Long-Range Financial Forecast and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane De Witt submitted comment on using a public participatory budgeting process to help each of the seven district Council Members to work with their constituents.

3.2 TENANT PROTECTIONS: RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND SONOMA COUNTY'S EVICTION DEFENSE ORDINANCE

The Housing & Community Services Department and City Attorney will provide an update on existing Rental Assistance Programs and a review of Sonoma County's COVID-19 Eviction Defense Ordinance as recently amended.

City Attorney Sue Gallagher presented and answered questions from Council. Megan Basinger, Interim Director - Housing & Community Services, presented rental assistance information and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ananda Sweet, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the protections existing at the state level, urged Council to look for additional support for tenants and rental housing providers.

Rhovy Lyn Antonio, California Apartment Association, spoke emphasizing state law allow contracts to be upheld to ensure peace, health and safety of a building, her concern the enhanced ordinance would nullify lease agreements that would become unenforceable.

Suzie Dershowitz, Housing Policy Attorney for Legal Aid, spoke on strengthening protections for tenants.

Ross Liscum submitted comment on owners who cannot collect past rent, damage caused to a home making it unable to sell, and asked Council to align their decision with state law.

Carol submitted comment on landlords being under pressure and

suffering losses, additional regulations possibly driving small rental suppliers out of business, rental contracts providing equity and she asked Council to follow state provisions.

Council provided direction to City Attorney Gallagher to bring back to a future meeting for Council action to opt out of County's ordinance and follow the state's existing law.

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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

Mayor Rogers reported Council met in closed session to discuss the process for moving forward to hire an interim City Manager, the recruitment for a permanent City Manager, and provided direction to the Human Resources Director to explore firms who can facilitate a candidate search to create a list of retired annuitants who might serve as Interim City Manager. Mayor Rogers reported an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of himself, Vice Mayor Rogers and Council Member Schwedhelm was formed to vet candidates and make a final selection for an Interim City Manager, noting the Committee will work with Human Resources to create a Request for Proposals for an executive search team to begin the recruitment process for a permanent City Manager.

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.

City Manager Sean McGlynn reported it is anticipated Sonoma

County will be moving into orange tier on April 7, 2021.

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, Deputy Director Community Engagement, provided an update on the low rider patrol car project, the multi-cultural roots project, and an upcoming social justice program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane De Witt submitted comment on 7.2 regarding concern the Southwest population not getting information in a timely manner, using the Tubbs fire funds to help local businesses.

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.

Paul Lowenthal, Assistant Fire Marshall, provided an update on recovery and repairs to the city infrastructure, and reported rebuild is underway.

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

Council Member Alvarez announced his appointment of Madonna Cruz to the Board of Community Services.

Council Member Tibbetts announced his reappointment of Doug

McKenzie to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board and Ellen Bailey to the Measure O Advisory Committee.

Council Member Fleming announced MTC appointed her as a new commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane De Witt submitted comment on the appointment in Item 10.2.1.

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 Schwedhelm provided a brief report on the Waterways Advisory Committee meeting.

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)

Council Member Fleming reported Council Member Tibbetts was appointed as Chair and thanked him for his service.

10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

10.1.12 Other

10.2 BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

10.2.1 The City Council will, by motion, provide direction to the Mayor regarding letters of interest received for appointment to the following vacancies, which will be made by the Board of Directors and City Selection Committee of the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association at its meeting on April 8, 2021:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission - One Alternate Position, to fill term (May 2022) of Mark Landman, Cotati (Mr. Landman has been made a full member therefore his Alternate Position has become open.) (Two-year term)
 - Patrick Slayter (Sebastopol)
2. Measure O Oversight Committee - Two positions, to fill two newly created Committee positions (Three-year terms).
3. Remote Access Network (RAN) Board - Replace Tom Schwedhelm, Santa Rosa (there is no specific term, but it must be filled by a Mayor).
4. Sonoma County Oversight Board, one position (Alternate), to fill a vacated term of David Cook (Sonoma). Unspecified term.

It is also recommended that if late nominations are received or if the City Selection Committee or Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Board recommends alternates, that the City Council authorize the Mayor or his/her designated representative the authority to vote on these late nominations or recommendations at the City Selection Committee meeting or Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made or submitted.

Motion made by Council Member Schwedhlem, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to support appointment of Sebastopol Council Member Slayter to the Local Agency Formation Commission.

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

Motion by Council Member Schwedhelm, seconded by Council Member Tibbetts, to support appointment of Cotati Council Member Ford and Petaluma Council Member McDonnell to the Measure O Oversight Committee.

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

Motion by Council Member Sawyer, seconded by Council Member Schwedhelm, authorizing Mayor Rogers to use his discretion in supporting a mayor from another jurisdiction to serve on the Remote Access Network Board.

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

10.2.2 The City Council will, by motion, provide direction to the Mayor regarding letters of interest received for appointment to the following vacancies, which will be made by the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association at its meeting on April 8, 2021:

1. North Bay Division, League of California Cities, one position (primary/alternate), currently being filled by alternate John Sawyer (February 2021) (Santa Rosa), due to resignation of Rachel Hundley, Sonoma. Term expires two years from appointment. Councilmember Sawyer (current alternate) could be officially designated the primary and an alternate would need to be

designated, depending on letters of interest received.

It is also recommended that if late nominations are received or if the City Selection Committee or Mayors' and Councilmembers' Board recommends alternates, that the City Council authorize the Mayor or his/her designated representative the authority to vote on these late nominations or recommendations at the City Selection Committee Meeting or Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association board meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Tibbetts, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to appoint Santa Rosa Council Member John Sawyer to the Primary designation to the North Bay Division, League of California Cities.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made or submitted.

11.1 March 16, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Approved as submitted.

11.2 January 12, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Approved as submitted.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane De Witt submitted comment on Item 12.1 funding for the existing bridge at Colgan Creek.

A motion was made by Council Member Fleming, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to make findings of Good Cause to add Consent Item 12.3 to the agenda for Council action.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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 - LOWER COLGAN CREEK RESTORATION - PHASE 2

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, award Contract No.C01924, Lower Colgan Creek Restoration - Phase 2, in the amount of \$2,173,141.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, Team Ghilotti, Inc. of Petaluma, California, approve a 20% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$2,607,769.20.

This Consent - Motion was approved.

12.2 RESOLUTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001991 WITH GREEN TARA, INC., DBA CLONE DIGITAL PRINT AND COPY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department, that the Council, by resolution, approve the First Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001991 with Green Tara, Inc., dba Clone Digital Print and Copy, Santa Rosa, California for document reproduction services, for an additional one-year term and increase compensation in the amount of \$150,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-053 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001991 WITH GREEN TARA, INC., DBA CLONE DIGITAL PRINT AND COPY

***12.3** RESOLUTION - FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IN SUPPORT OF AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AND VIOLENCE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Mayor, that the City Council adopt a resolution in support of and in solidarity with the Asian American Pacific Islander communities and denouncing anti-Asian racism and violence.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-054 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IN SUPPORT OF AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AND VIOLENCE

The time not yet being 5:00 p.m. to take Public Comment on Non-Agenda matters, Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Eris Weaver, Executive Director Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, submitted comment thanking the City for the continued support with the Bike-to-It campaign, noting the City's drive-through Earth Day Celebration is in contradiction with the Bike-to-It campaign by encouraging people to drive to the celebration, and asked Council to rethink the event.

Duane De Witt submitted comment on improving Roseland with community activities and cleaning the area by removing the homeless.

14. REPORT ITEMS - NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.

16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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 5:07 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 13, 2021, 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:

Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk