



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

2:00 PM

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

Mayor Coursey called the closed session to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Chris Coursey, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member John Sawyer, Council Member Tom Schwedhelm and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Julie Combs

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the Roseland community providing assistance to the Council towards the Kawana Springs Community Park.

Mayor Coursey recessed the meeting to closed session at 2:04 p.m. to discuss Items 2.1 and 2.2 as listed on the agenda:

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: potential number of cases unknown.

**2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one potential case

Mayor Coursey adjourned closed session at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session in the Council Chamber at 4:01 p.m.

**3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Chris Coursey, Council Member Jack Tibbetts, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member John Sawyer and Council Member Tom Schwedhelm

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Julie Combs

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

City Attorney Gallagher announced on Items 2.1 and 2.2 that Council provided direction to staff.

## **6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.**

## **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **7.1 FIRE RECOVERY AND REBUILD UPDATE**

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

Presented by Bennett Horenstein, Director of Water Department.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding the concerns of the infrastructure and of the immediate attention needed.

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

There was nothing to report.

## **9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

There were no abstentions made.

## **10. MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Mayor and Council Members made announcements and reports of interest to the Council.

Mayor Coursey announced his appointment of Danny Chaparro to the Community Advisory Board from the Southwest area.

### **10.1 MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' 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 Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA)**

#### **10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**

#### **10.1.9 Other**

### **10.2 MATTERS FROM COUNCIL REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **10.2.1 REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM REGARDING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE FIRES**

BACKGROUND: At the January 9, 2018, City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Rogers requested a future agenda item to discuss development within the areas that were affected by the fires. Mayor Coursey concurred.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the item and had concerns to rebuild with safety measures.

Peter Tscherneff spoke in support of item and rebuilding with drought resistance plants.

Teri Shore spoke in support of the item.

Bob Hansen spoke in support of the item.

Anne Seeley spoke in support of the item.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Mayor Coursey, to discuss the current fire codes at a future meeting as a staff briefing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Coursey, Council Member Tibbetts, Council Member Olivares, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Sawyer and Council Member Schwedhelm

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Combs

## **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE.**

## **12. CONSENT ITEMS**

- 12.1** ORDINANCE ADOPTION - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA PREZONING THE KNIBB PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3747 AND 3753 CHANATE ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 173-260-007 AND 173-260-008, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE R-1-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT; FILE NO. ANX17-004

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the January 9, 2018, Regular Meeting by a 5-0-2 vote (Council Members Combs and Tibbetts absent), prezones the KNIBB Properties located at 3747 and 3753 Chanate Road, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 173-260-007 and 173-260-008, respectively, to the R-1-6 (Single-family Residential) zoning district; File No. ANX17-004.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Olivares, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Item 12.1:**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2018-001 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA PREZONING THE KNIBB PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3747 AND 3753 CHANATE ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 173-260-007 AND 173-260-008, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE R-1-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT; FILE NO. ANX17-004**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Sawyer, Council Member Schwedhelm and Council Member Tibbetts

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Combs

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the Sonoma County Watershed Collaborative and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Peter Tscherneff spoke regarding the cannabis industry.

Alex Krohn spoke in opposition to the cell tower installations.

Ricardo Olvera spoke regarding the parking violation situation.

Danielle Cagan, representing AAA Insurance Group, spoke regarding the status of the clients that filed a claim.

Elizabeth Neylon spoke regarding various topics.

Steve Birdlebough spoke regarding the homeless in regards to temporary housing.

Bob Hansen spoke regarding the importance of public control and the concerns of the installations of cell towers.

### **14. REPORT ITEMS**

#### **14.1 REPORT - DISTRICT BASED CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS -- RESCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS (CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT)**

**BACKGROUND:** On August 29, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring its intent to initiate proceedings to transition the City from at-large to district-based Council member elections pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010 and Government Code Section 34886 (RES-2017-13).

The Council's resolution set forth a schedule of public hearings in connection with the drawing of the electoral districts. The first of those public hearings took place on October 3, 2017. The remaining public hearings were postponed due to the impacts of the wildfires that swept

into the City beginning on October 8, 2017.

The City is now ready to resume proceedings to transition the City to district-based Council member elections. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, the City Council is required to hold at least five public hearings in connection with the establishment of electoral districts, before the Council considers an ordinance to transition the City to district-based elections. Two of the public hearings must be held before any map or maps of the boundaries of the proposed voting districts are drawn. These two initial public hearings provide the public an opportunity to provide input regarding the criteria for the proposed districts. Two additional public hearings must be held after the proposed maps are drawn, to allow for public comment on the draft maps. A final public hearing must be held prior to the Council's adoption of an ordinance establishing district-based elections.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council establish a new schedule of public hearings regarding the composition of new voting districts and the establishment of district-based Council member elections.

Presented by Sue Gallagher, City Attorney.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the item.

Ron Taylor spoke in support of the item and would like to assist in promoting community input.

Steve Birdlebough spoke in support of the item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Olivares, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to approve a renewed schedule of public hearings regarding the composition of new voting districts and the establishment of district-based Council Member elections, subject to the provisions of Resolution No. RES-2017-173. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Sawyer and Council Member Schwedhelm

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Combs and Council Member Tibbetts

**15. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.**

**16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.**

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

**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 Coursey adjourned the meeting 6:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on January 30, 2018, at a time set by the Mayor.

**20. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

**This item was received and filed.**

Approved on:

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Daisy Gomez  
City Clerk