



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Final**

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

2:30 PM

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

Mayor Stapp called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No public comments were made.

**Mayor Stapp recessed the meeting to closed session at 2:33 p.m. to discuss Item 3.1 as listed on the agenda.**

**3.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Property: 2908 Santa Rosa Avenue, APN 044-260-073

Agency Negotiator: Jill Scott, Real Property Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: Mancini Properties LLC

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment.

**This item was received and filed.**

**Mayor Stapp adjourned closed session at approximately 2:55 p.m. and reconvened to the study session at 3:00 p.m.**

**4. STUDY SESSION**

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Caroline Bañuelos

**Absent:** 3 - Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**4.1 GAS STATION LAND USE REGULATIONS**

The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Council hold a study session and provide direction to staff related to the current gas station land use regulations. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - RCPA Resolution No. 2019-002](#)  
[Attachment 2 - CC Resolution No. RES-2020-002](#)  
[Attachment 3 - RCPA Climate Mobilization Strategy](#)  
[Attachment 4 - RCPA Resolution 2021-003](#)  
[Attachment 5 - CC Ordinance No. ORD-2022-010](#)  
[Attachment 6 - City Council Meeting Minutes 6-3-2025 Presentation](#)  
[Presentation - Revised \(Uploaded 01-13-2026\)](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 01-13-2026\)](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 01-14-2026\)](#)

Jessica Jones, Deputy Director - Planning, presented and answered questions from Council.

**Council Member Fleming returned to the meeting at 3:10 p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Fred Allebach spoke on the item and allow the modification of existing gas stations.

Woody Hastings, Coalition Opposing New Gas Stations (CONGAS), spoke in opposition to any changes to the 2022 ordinance.

Christine, CONGAS and Sonoma County Climate Activist network, spoke in opposition to any changes to existing code.

Matt Calloway, Sonoma County Conservation Action, spoke in support of existing ordinance without changes.

Scott Singer spoke in support of an exemption to current gas ban to allow new gas stations when old stations have been decommissioned in compliance with state law.

Ananda Sweet, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber, spoke in support of modifying the ordinance to allow for some projects.

Duane Dewitt spoke in opposition to changing the ordinance.

Jenny Blaker spoke on the item.

**Council provided direction to staff to come back to Council to address unanswered questions.**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)**

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

Teresa Stricker, City Attorney reported there was no reportable action.

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

## **8. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **8.1 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN UPDATE**

This is a standing item on the agenda. Council will take no action except for possible direction to staff. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided a brief report on recent and upcoming engagement events.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Duane De Witt spoke on the item.

**This item was received and filed.**

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

Lori Ann Farrell, Interim City Manager, and City Attorney Stricker had no reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Duane De Witt spoke and requested the new city manager to come speak in Roseland.

**10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION/RECUSAL BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Okrepkie announced recusal from portions of Item 15.2 in an abundance of cause due to potential professional conflict.

**11. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Council Member Fleming extended a welcome to Interim City Manager Farrell, and reported on the recent MTC meeting.

Council Member Bañuelos thanked Santa Rosa Police department regarding recent support at rallies over the weekend and the community who demonstrate peacefully.

Mayor Stapp recent USL ad-hoc meetings.

Vice Mayor Okrepkie reported on a recent Measure H Oversight Committee.

No public comments were made.

**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)**

Mayor Stapp provided a brief report.

**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**

**11.2 BOARD CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS**

**11.2.1 CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

Mayor will announce new or affirm existing Chairpersons to Council Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and recommends that the Council, by motion, approve selection.

*Attachments:* [Attachment 1 - Council Policy 000-06](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Duane De Witt spoke in support of the local governmental system and chairpersons diversity.

Mayor announced there are no changes to existing chair person assignments.

**11.3 COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE POSITIONS**

**11.3.1 COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Stapp will appoint to Council subcommittees and identify subcommittee chairpersons.

No changes were made to the BPU Liaison, Economic Development Subcommittee, Long Term Financial Policy and Audit Subcommittee, Open Government Implementation Task Force, and Climate Action Subcommittee assignments.

Mayor Stapp appointed the following Council Members to Council Subcommittees and identified subcommittee chairpersons:  
Violence Prevention Partnership - Council Member Bañuelos (Chair) and Council Member Rogers  
Public Safety Subcommittee - Vice Mayor Okrepkie (Chair), Mayor Stapp, and Council Member Fleming

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Duane De Witt spoke in support of the item.

**11.4 COUNCIL LIAISON REGIONAL POSITIONS**

**11.4.1 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY, REGIONAL AND STATE POSITIONS**

Mayor Stapp will announce and request Council approval of appointments to county, regional and state bodies on which the City is represented per City Charter section 15.

Mayor Stapp made no changes to the Council Liaison Regional positions.

**11.5 COUNCIL LIAISON POSITIONS ON JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Mayor Stapp announced the following appointments for the Council Liaison Positions on Joint Powers Authority assignments:  
Sonoma Clean Power - Mayor Stapp as primary and Council Member Fleming as alternate  
Zero Waste Sonoma - Mayor Stapp as primary and no change to the alternate

**11.5.1 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE AUTHORITIES (SCTCA)**

The Council may, by motion, select and appoint a representative and alternate to the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities Board of Directors.

No changes were made to this assignment.

No public comments were made.

**11.5.2 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY**

The Council may, by motion, select and appoint a representative and an alternate to serve on the Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors.

No public comments were made.

**A motion was made by Council Member Fleming, seconded by Vice Mayor Okrepkie, to approve Mayor Stapp as primary representative and Council Member Fleming as alternate representative on the Sonoma Clean Power Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**11.5.3 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO ZERO WASTE SONOMA AGENCY**

The Council may, by motion, select and appoint a representative and an alternate to the Zero Waste Sonoma Agency Board of Directors.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Duane De Witt spoke in opposition to the item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Bañuelos, seconded by Vice Mayor Okrepkie, to approve removal of Council Member MacDonald from the Zero Waste Sonoma Agency, and appoint Mayor Stapp as primary representative in this seat. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**11.5.4 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATE TO RENEWAL ENTERPRISE DISTRICT**

The Council may, by motion, select and appoint two representatives and an alternate to the Renewal Enterprise District.

No changes were made to these assignments.

No public comments were made.

**12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

12.1 December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

No public comments were made.

**Approved as submitted.**

**13. CONSENT ITEMS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Duane Dewitt spoke on Items 13.3 and 13.4.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Okrepkie, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to adopt Consent Items 13.1 through 13.8 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

13.1 MOTION - APPROVAL OF SIXTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002387 WITH MISSION LINEN SUPPLY

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Department recommends that the Council, by motion, approve the Sixth Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F002387 with Mission Linen Supply, Santa Barbara, California to extend the term and increase compensation in the

amount of \$61,000, for a total not to exceed \$406,840.14, and authorize the Purchasing Agent to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Amendment. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Sixth Amendment](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.2 MOTION - APPROVAL OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002577 WITH STROUPE PETROLEUM MAINTENANCE, INC.**

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Department recommends that the Council, by motion, approve the Third Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F002577 with Stroupe Petroleum Maintenance, Inc., Santa Rosa, California to extend the term and increase compensation in the amount of \$95,000 for a total not to exceed \$335,000, and authorize the Purchasing Agent to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Amendment. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Third Amendment](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.3 MOTION - BID AWARD APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS UTILITY BODIES**

RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation and Public Works and Finance Departments recommend that the Council, by motion, approve the issuance of a Purchase Order for the purchase and installation of various utility bodies for existing cab and chassis from Enoven Truck Body and Equipment of West Sacramento, California, for a total not to exceed amount of \$209,376.20 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the Purchase Order. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

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

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.4** MOTION - APPROVAL OF NINTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001852 WITH SMILE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: The Information Technology and Finance Departments recommend that the Council, by motion, approve the Ninth Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001852 with Smile Business Products, Inc., Sacramento, California to extend the term for a one year period and increase compensation in the amount of \$200,000, for a total contract not to exceed \$1,633,173.80 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to make non-substantive changes to the Amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Amendment. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Ninth Amendment](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.5** MOTION - APPROVAL OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 170868 WITH SONOMA DESIGN APPAREL & PROMOTIONS INC.

RECOMMENDATION: The Recreation Division of Housing and Community Services and Finance Departments recommend that the Council, by motion, approve the Third Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order Number 170868 with Sonoma Design Apparel & Promotions, Inc., Santa Rosa, California, to extend the term and increase compensation in the amount of \$75,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$146,026.64, and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the changes to the Blanket Purchase Order. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.6** MOTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 173227 WITH NORTHERN COAST OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION: The Housing and Community Services Department recommends that the Council, by motion, approve the first amendment to Blanket Purchase Order Number 173227 with Northern

Coast Official Association, Santa Rosa, California, add funds in the amount of \$360,000 for a total Blanket Purchase Order not to exceed \$450,000 and authorize the Director of Housing and Community Services to make non-substantive changes to the Amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Amendment.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.7 RESOLUTION - REVISION TO AUTHORIZED SIGNER FOR CALHOME MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS**

RECOMMENDATION: The Housing and Community Services Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) - CalHome Mortgage Assistance grant funds in the amount of \$836,753, per request of HCD and as directed by California Government Code § 40602. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - RES-2025-023](#)  
[Resolution](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-001 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DESIGNATING THE MAYOR AS THE AUTHORIZED SIGNER FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) - CALHOME MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS**

**13.8 RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NUMBER F002772 WITH CHRISTINA GOSSNER FOR EMS CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: The Fire Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, approve a Second Amendment to Professional Service Agreement Number F002772 with Christina Gossner, Santa Rosa, California for Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator services in an amount of \$166,233, for a total amount not to exceed \$265,000 and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive

changes to the Amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and execute the Amendment. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A - 2nd Amendment to PSA](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-002 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NUMBER F002772 WITH CHRISTINA GOSSNER FOR EMS CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR SERVICES**

## **15. REPORT ITEMS**

### **15.1       REPORT - 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

**BACKGROUND:** Since 2018, the City has been actively working with our contracted federal lobbyist team in Washington, D.C., MMO Partners, to engage our federal representatives and federal government agencies on our City's policy, recovery, and resiliency needs. The City will have multiple opportunities to secure funding during the second year of the 119th Congressional session, which includes the 2026-2027 federal funding cycle, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act. To prepare for these activities, staff has identified federal legislative priorities in the proposed 2026 Federal Legislative Platform for consideration by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office recommends that the Council, by resolution, adopt the 2026 Federal Legislative Platform. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A - 2026 Federal Legislative Platform](#)  
                          [Presentation](#)

Misti D. Wood, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Officer, and John O'Donnell and Kyriakos Pagonis, MMO Partners, presented and answered questions from Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Fred Allebach spoke on the item.

Duane De Witt spoke on the item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Bañuelos, seconded by Council Member Alvarez, to adopt resolution as presented by staff.**

**RESOLUTION NO RES-2026-003 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF SANTA ROSA FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Mayor Stapp moved to Item 14.**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Duane De Witt spoke on the history of activities downtown and the inclusion of Roseland in the downtown plan.

Fred Allebach spoke on the quarterly Economic Report.

**Mayor Stapp moved to Item 16.1.**

**16. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**16.1 PUBLIC HEARING - 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS**

**BACKGROUND:** Every three years the State of California updates the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 (CCR-T24) including its thirteen-component building and safety codes (collectively, the California Building Standards Code). Through the State code adoption cycle, the State of California adopts and publishes amendments to national model codes and updates codes specific to California. Such

model codes with State amendments and California specific codes go into effect in every city and county in the State of California 180 days after publication. The new California Building Standards (CCR-T24) was published on July 1, 2025 and will take effect on January 1, 2026. Similarly, every three years the International Code Council updates the International Property Maintenance Code with the most recent update occurring in 2024. Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code is at the discretion of the local agency. In addition, The Health and Safety Code allows local jurisdictions to change or modify the State adopted model codes based on local geologic, climatic, or topographic conditions. The Planning and Economic Development Department is requesting adoption of the 2025 California Building Standards Code as well as the updated 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, with certain local amendments and administrative changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Council adopt an ordinance entitled: Ordinance of the City of Santa Rosa adopting by reference, with local amendments, the 2025 California Administrative Code, 2025 California Building Code, 2025 California Residential Code, 2025 California Green Building Standards Code, 2025 California Electrical Code, 2025 California Mechanical Code, 2025 California Plumbing Code, 2025 California Energy Code, 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2025 California Historical Building Code, 2025 California Existing Building Code, 2025 California Referenced Standards Code, 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements. This ordinance, introduced at the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting, passed by a 7-0-0-0 vote. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Ordinance](#)  
[Public Hearing Notice](#)  
[Presentation](#)

Jimmy Bliss, Chief Building Official, presented and answered questions from Council.

**Mayor Stapp opened the public hearing at 5:39 p.m. and seeing no members of the public wishing to provide**

**comment, closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Fleming, seconded by Vice Mayor Okrepkie, to adopt ordinance as presented by staff**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2026-001 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE, 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, AND THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

## **15.2 REPORT - 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

**BACKGROUND:** City staff have identified state legislative priorities in a proposed 2026 state legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. Defined priorities, approved by the City Council, will help communicate the City's state legislative and funding priorities to the California State Legislative Delegation, Legislature, and regional and state agencies.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office recommends that the Council, by two separate resolutions, adopt the 2026 State Legislative Platform. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution 1](#)  
[Exhibit A - 2026 State Legislative Platform \(Disaster Prevention and Recovery\)](#)  
[Resolution 2](#)  
[Exhibit A - 2026 State Legislative Platform \(All Other Platforms\)](#)  
[Presentation](#)

**Vice Mayor Okrepkie left the dais at 5:40 p.m.**

Misti D. Wood, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Officer, and Dane Hutchings and Ethan Nagler, CPPG, presented and answered questions from Council.

City Attorney Stricker reviewed procedures related to Council Member Okrepkie's recusal.

No public comments were made on the first resolution presented.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Bañuelos to adopt resolution as presented by staff to approve the state legislative platform on disaster prevention and recovery.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-004 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING CERTAIN STATE POLICY PRIORITIES WITHIN THE 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.**

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Recused:** 1 - Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie

**Vice Mayor Okrepkie returned to the dais at approximately 5:50 p.m.**

No public comments were made on the second resolution presented by staff.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to adopt second resolution as presented by staff to adopt the legislative platform.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-005 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF SANTA ROSA STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Dianna MacDonald, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.**

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No public comments were made.

**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**

Mayor Stapp adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 27, 2026, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

**21. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**21.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

**Attachments:** [Upcoming Meetings List](#)

**Approved on: February 10, 2026**

**/s/ Dina Manis, City Clerk**