



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Tuesday, January 29, 2019

2:00 PM

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

Mayor Schwedhelm called the closed session to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Tom Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member Julie Combs, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member John Sawyer, and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Uberti spoke in opposition to the handling of Item 2.1; and the concerns of the ambiguity of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding the concerns of Item 2.1; that the City should not depend on a settlement; and that the City should be frugal.

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting to closed session at 2:09 p.m. to discuss Items 2.1 and 2.2 as listed on the agenda:

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: City of Santa Rosa v. Pacific Gas & Electric Company;  
PG&E Corporation

Court Case No.: Sonoma County Superior Court SCV-262772

Coordination Proceeding Special Title: *California North Bay Fire Cases*

Court Case No.: San Francisco Superior Court CGC-17-004955

(Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4955)

**2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Nicholle Vannucci, et al. v. County of Sonoma, et al.

Court Case No. USDC Northern District of California Case No.  
3:18-cv-01955-VC

Mayor Schwedhelm adjourned the closed session at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

### **3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Tom Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Chris Rogers, Council Member Julie Combs, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member John Sawyer, and Council Member Jack Tibbetts

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

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

### **6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **6.1 PROCLAMATION - FEBREWARY**

Vice Mayor Rogers read and presented the Febrewary proclamation to Kim Link, Group and Events Sales and Services Manager of Santa Rosa Metro Chamber, and Tyler Lavery, Assistant Brewer of Third Street Aleworks.

### **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

#### **7.1 SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM UPDATE - Continued from January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting**

Sonoma County Tourism (SCT) receives funds from a 2% Tourism Business Improvement Area assessment on Santa Rosa lodging establishments earning more than \$350,000/year. This briefing will address SCT's fire recovery efforts, their new "Life Opens Up" brand, the economic impact of tourism, and their community engagement efforts.

Raissa De La Rosa, Economic Development Manager, Claudia Vecchio, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sonoma County Tourism, and Todd O'Leary, VP of Marketing and communications of Sonoma County Tourism, provided a brief presentation.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Calkins spoke in support of the item and the efforts made to make it successful.

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the item and the emphasis of improving community engagement, building additional hotels, and increase sustainability.

Jennifer Richards, Vice President of Sales in the Sonoma County Tourism, spoke in support of the item and the efforts made by Sonoma County Tourism.

Sonia Byck Barwick spoke in support of the item.

Kathleen Finigan spoke in support of the item and related to the homeless issues the community is facing.

Peter Tscherneff spoke regarding the sustainability issues within the city.

Adrienne Lauby spoke regarding the efforts of the city businesses and the Sonoma County Tourism to solve the homeless concerns.

Deborah Tavares spoke regarding the environmental concerns within the city and the effects of tourism.

George Uberti spoke regarding the impacts of tourism.

Briana Pawka spoke regarding the occupancy rates and the homeless issues the city is dealing with, and in support of homeless encampments.

## 7.2 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.

Jennielynn Holmes, of Catholic Charities, and Adam Peacocke, of Sonoma Church United Relief, provided a brief presentation on the Rebuilding Our Community (ROC) Sonoma County.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding the concerns of the homeless veterans; in support of pre modular homes to house the homeless immediately, efficiently, and economically.

Peter Tscherneff spoke in support of Native American teepee homes to house the homeless.

Deborah Tavares spoke regarding the grants as collateral, and in support of a climate action plan.

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

City Manager McGlynn provided a brief report on the Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks which hosted a park clean-up in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day; that the Coffey Park Draft Master Plan will be presented to the Board of Community Services next month; that the Spring and Summer Activity Guide is now available throughout the city; that the media services team have experienced some technical issues with equipment that impacted live stream and broadcast from the Council Chamber, the replacement equipment should be installed by the end of February.

### **9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There were no abstentions made.

### **10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

#### **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)**

#### **10.1.3 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee**

#### **10.1.4 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)**

Council Member Combs provided a brief report on CASA Compact.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Uberti spoke regarding various topics.

#### **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)**

Mayor Schwedhelm provided a brief report.

#### **10.1.9 Homeless System of Care**

#### **10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District JPA**

#### **10.1.11 Other**

Council Member Combs requested a future report item to establish a community wildfire protection plan by April. Vice Mayor Rogers concurred with the request.

Vice Mayor Rogers provided a brief report on the Sonoma County Consolidated Oversight Board.

## **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11.1 January 8, 2019, Regular Meeting.

**Approved as submitted.**

## 12. CONSENT ITEMS

### PUBLIC COMMENT

George Uberti spoke in opposition to Item 12.1.

Deborah Tavares spoke in opposition to Item 12.1.

Peter Tscherneff spoke in opposition to Item 12.1.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Combs, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 and 12.2. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Council Member Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Combs, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Tibbetts

#### 12.1 RESOLUTION - APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER No. 158246 - 2019 INTERNATIONAL CAB AND CHASSIS WITH MOUNTED SEWER RODDER WITH PETERSON TRUCK INC.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works and the Finance Departments, that the Council, by resolution, approves Purchase Order No. 158246 for the purchase of one (1) 2020 International cab and chassis with mounted power sewer rodder with Peterson Trucks Inc., Santa Rosa, California in the amount of \$396,760.79. Funds for this one-time expense have been appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 fleet replacement budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-008 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER NO. 158246 FOR A 2020 INTERNATIONAL CAB AND CHASSIS WITH MOUNTED POWER SEWER RODDER TO PETERSON TRUCKS, INC., SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$396,760.79**

#### 12.2 RESOLUTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LOGISTICS, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department, that the Council, by resolution, approve the First Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001746 for the collection, transport, treatment, proper disposal and recycling of hazardous materials and waste management services with Environmental Logistics, Inc., Hayward, California, increasing compensation by \$200,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$297,000.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-009 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001746 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LOGISTICS, INC**

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

Peter Tscherneff spoke regarding various topics.

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of using 1370 Burbank Ave and other city-owned properties located in Roseland to house the homeless veterans through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

Steve Birdlebough, Sierra Club, spoke in support of Council and the public to commute by city bus.

Lake Kowell, Disability Services and Legal Center, announced Transit Equity Day recognized on February 4th to encourage everyone to ride the city bus.

Steve Pierce spoke in support of the City of Santa Rosa to participate in the Sonoma Clean Power Evergreen program.

Elizabeth Neylon spoke regarding various topics and sang a song.

Deborah Tavares spoke regarding the climate change and the concerns for the homeless.

Thomas Ells spoke regarding the Lake Mendocino Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to close the hydropower plant; and in support of the City of Santa Rosa Water Department to collaborate with Sonoma County Water Agency and Sonoma Clean Power to acquire the plant.

Kathryn Jurik spoke regarding the concerns of the homeless conditions.

Richard Canini spoke in support of the accessibility and economical value of using the bus; the fare box; and of homeless encampments.

## 14. REPORT ITEMS

### 14.1 REPORT - ADOPTION OF REVISED SCHEDULE OF PARKING USER FEES, ADDING DISCOUNT TRANSIT COMMUTER PARKING PERMIT FEE

**BACKGROUND:** This item encourages the use of public transportation by offering commuters who utilize public transportation a discounted parking permit in Garage 12, adjacent to the transit mall, and advances City Council's goal to Promote Environmental Sustainability.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, adopt the revised Schedule of Parking User Fees, adding a discounted monthly transit commuter parking permit fee, effective February 1, 2019.

Presented by Kim Nadeau, Parking Manager.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalie Balfour, with Downtown Action Organization, requested that Council defer the item and that the Downtown Action Organization be part of the discussion.

**A motion was made by Council Member Tibbetts, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers, to waive reading of the text to return to Council within one year with the status as amended and adopt:**



**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-010 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF PARKING USER FEES ADDING A DISCOUNT COMMUTER PARKING PERMIT RATE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

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

**Yes:** 7 - Council Member Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Combs, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Tibbetts

**14.2 REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGY**

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this item is to allow the Council the opportunity to amend the FY 2018-19 adopted budget in order to address the ongoing structural budget deficit in the City's General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the City Manager and the Finance Department that the City Council, by resolution, reduce city staffing authorized in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 adopted budget by 49.25 FTEs.

Presented by Chuck McBride, Chief Financial Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of the item, and in support of removing the Office of the Community Engagement as a department and have those staff member under the Recreation and Parks Department, reducing management positions and an increase to labor positions.

George Uberti spoke in support of the item; of hiring an auditor; and removing Council pay.

Peter Rumble spoke in support of keeping the positions supporting the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Shivawn Brady, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, spoke in support

of keeping the positions supporting the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Nick Caston spoke in support of keeping the positions supporting the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Tom Woods, Teamsters Local Union 665, in support of keeping the positions supporting the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Deborah Tavares spoke in support of a climate action plan.

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

**RESOLUTION ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING THE CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN POSITIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET**

**A substitute motion was made by Council Member Combs, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to waive reading of the text and adopt as amended to keep three (3) Planning and Economic Development positions and four (4) Recreation and Parks positions.**

**Motion was withdrawn.**

**An substitute motion was made by Council Member Olivares, seconded by Council Member Combs, to authorize the City Manager to initiate a hiring freeze of the proposed 49.25 positions within the City of Santa Rosa with the recommended maintenance and operation budget reductions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Council Member Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Combs, Council Member Fleming, and Council Member Olivares

**No:** 2 - Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Tibbetts

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Item 15.1, FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET PRIORITIES, was heard before Item 14.3.

**14.3** REPORT - CITY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Staff is evaluating the viability of a Public-Private Partnership (P3) that would leverage government owned real estate to provide for downtown housing, commercial development and a consolidated government civic complex. Staff is now requesting that the City Council authorize staff to move forward with phase one of the procurement process. This phase would include hiring a professional consultant to assist the City in a feasibility analysis to evaluate location, financing and RFQ/RFP.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department and Transportation and Public Works Department that Council, by motion, authorize Staff to initiate phase one of the Public-Private partnership (P3) procurement process, which includes engaging a professional consultant through a competitive solicitation process to assist in analysis of location, financial and Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/RFP) feasibility.

Presented by David Guhin, Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Jason Nutt, Director of Transit and Public Works.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Uberti spoke in opposition to the item.

Peter Rumble spoke in support of the item.

Anne Seeley spoke in support of the item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Olivares, seconded by Council Member Sawyer, to authorize Staff to initiate phase one of the Public-Private partnership (P3) procurement process, which includes engaging a professional consultant through a competitive solicitation process to assist in analysis of location, financial and Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/RFP) feasibility. The**

**motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Council Member Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Member Combs, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Sawyer, and Council Member Tibbetts

**15. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET PRIORITIES**

**BACKGROUND:** The City Charter, Section 28(a), states that "...not later than March 31st of each year and prior to any annual goal setting meeting held by the Council, the Council shall hold a public hearing seeking oral and written comment from the public on budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year."

Public input is an important component to the preparation of the budget. This public hearing also provides information to the City Council as they establish and refine their Council Goals. In addition to this public hearing, members of the public may provide comments or suggestions at any time on the City's website.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Finance Department, that the City Council hold a public hearing on budget priorities and consider written and oral comments as part of future budget deliberations. No action is necessary.

Presented by Chuck McBride, Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Schwedhelm opened the public hearing at 9:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gregory Fearon spoke in support of small house designs.

Mike Turgeon spoke in support of allocating funds to creation of a Climate Action Plan Subcommittee.

Diane Wheeler spoke in support of allocating funds to creation of a Climate Action Plan Subcommittee.

George Uberti spoke in support of public art and tourism.

Peter Rumble spoke regarding in support of the direction that Council is taking.

Kevin Conway spoke in support of allocating funds toward a Climate Action Plan.

Patricia Kuta, Roseland Coalition, spoke in support of allocating funds to the Roseland Library.

Sparrow Sanchini and Stephanie Sanchez spoke in support of allocating funds towards a Climate Action Plan and the Roseland Library.

Katie Sanchez spoke in support of Council supporting the libraries.

Reece Foxen spoke in support of the Council supporting the libraries.

Yula Camastro spoke in support of allocating funds towards a Climate Action Plan Subcommittee.

Sharon Dezurick spoke in support of allocating funds towards the local libraries.

Lana Adlawan spoke in support of allocating funds towards the local libraries.

Nevin Wolfe-Sallouti spoke in support of all-electric buildings and allocate funds towards a Climate Action Plan.

Annabelle Lampson spoke in support of a Climate Action Plan.

Margcruz Rios-Dominguez spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Marisol Angeles spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Stephanie Manieri spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Sara Ortiz, President of Sonoma County Public Library Foundation, spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Wayne Yamagishi spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Irma Garcia spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library.

Adrienne Lauby spoke in support of allocating funds towards the homeless programs and the libraries.

Evette Minor spoke in support of allocating funds towards the Roseland Library in coordination with Sonoma County.

Nick Caston spoke in opposition of reducing Council Members stipends, in support of keeping Planning and Economic Development positions, and in support of building a bigger tax base.

Roasalie Abbott spoke in support of allocating funds towards Roseland Library.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Schwedhelm closed the public hearing at 10:14 p.m.

**This Public Hearing was received and filed.**

**16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION) - NONE.**

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

Tony Geraldi thanked Council Members for helping raise money at

the Salvation Army Christmas Red Kettle campaign.

**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 Schwedhelm adjourned the meeting in memory of Linda Angel at 11:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on February 12, 2019, 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:

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Daisy Gomez  
City Clerk