



City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA

Housing Authority Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, January 27, 2025

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

None.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Friedman arrived at 1:49pm.

Present 7 - Chair Jeremy Newton, Vice Chair Wayne Downey Ph. D,
Commissioner Claudia Cappio, Commissioner Angela Conte,
Commissioner Jeffrey Owen, Commissioner Doug Shivananda
Friedman, and Commissioner Andrew Smith

4. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION

None.

5. STUDY SESSION

5.1 FY 2025/26 BUDGET PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Each year, the Housing Authority holds a study session to obtain feedback and comments from the Housing Authority Commissioners and public regarding the annual budget process. Staff will provide an overview of the budget process timeline and anticipated trends for the coming year.

Kate Goldfine, Administrative Services Officer, and Megan Basiner, Executive Director, presented and answered questions from Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Gregory Fearon spoke on future collaboration between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma, his affiliation with the Behavioral Health Board, the challenge of working within the

framework of Proposition One, the likely loss of Federal revenues, and efforts that are being made to compensate for the loss of funds.

Duane DeWitt spoke on the city's large homeless population and questioned the lack of collaboration with Veterans Affairs in utilizing HUD-VASH vouchers for housing the homeless people seen daily in the downtown area.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Public Comment:

David Harris spoke on the city's failure to provide affordable housing for families and the impact of recent school closure discussions.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 Draft Minutes - December 16, 2024.

No public comments were made.

Approved as submitted.

8. CHAIRMAN/ COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Newton welcomed new Commissioner Claudia Cappio.

No public comments were made.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/ COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

10.1 PENDING DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE UPDATE - Provided for information.

Megan Basinger, Executive Director, provided information and answered questions from Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt thanked staff for the presentation and inquired about tracking HUD-VASH voucher holders on the Housing Pipeline.

Gregory Fearon urged caution in interpreting affordability and asked about tracking Permanent Supportive Housing residents in city-funded pipeline units.

11. CONSENT ITEMS

11.1 RESOLUTION - SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR \$5 MILLION UNDER THE CALHOME PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Housing Authority, by resolution, approve the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$5,000,000 in CalHome funds and authorize the execution of a Standard Agreement and any related documents necessary to participate in the CalHome Program, to provide downpayment assistance and housing rehabilitation loans to eligible households in Santa Rosa.

Megan Basinger, Executive Director, answered questions from Commissioners.

Public Comment:

David Harris spoke with questions on how the Housing Authority would prioritize fund allocations if awarded the CalHome grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conte, seconded by Vice Chair Downey Ph. D, by resolution, to approve the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$5,000,000 in CalHome funds and authorize the execution of a Standard Agreement and any related documents necessary to participate in the CalHome Program, to provide downpayment assistance and housing rehabilitation loans to eligible households in Santa Rosa. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Newton, Vice Chair Downey Ph. D, Commissioner Cappio, Commissioner Conte, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Friedman and Commissioner Smith

12. REPORT ITEMS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Approved on: February 24, 2025

/s/ Ashley Paul, Recording Secretary