



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Final**

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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

3:30 PM

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

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:30 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

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting to closed session at 3:33 p.m. to discuss Item 2.1 as listed on the agenda.

**2.1 LIABILITY CLAIM / WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Montanez v. City of Santa Rosa (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board: ADJ11320900)

**Mayor Rogers adjourned closed session at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 4:00 p.m.**

**3. 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

**4. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

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

City Attorney Sue Gallagher reported Council met in Closed Session to discuss Item 2.1 and provided direction to the City's Risk Manager and legal counsel.

**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.

No report was provided.

**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.

No report was provided.

**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, reported abatement deadline letters went out to the parcels still in the cleanup process, the first home is under construction with another home in the permit process, and eight private debris removals have been completed. Mr. Lowenthal reported City staff met with the California Public Utilities Commission Safety and Enforcement Team, in partnership with Napa and Sonoma County, and toured some of the areas to address concerns, staff is continuing to communicate with PG&E and as more information becomes available the Council will be updated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane De Witt submitted comment on community engagement needing to actively educate residents in the Roseland area with written information on COVID-19 guidelines.

**This item was received and filed.**

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

City Manager Sean McGlynn reported City infrastructure projects received top honors in the 2021 Outstanding Local Streets and

Road Projects for the Fulton Road Reconstruction Project and that the Flashing Yellow Left-turn Arrow Retrofit was selected as the winner for the Safety Intelligent Transportation Systems Project, noting the awards are from the League of California Cities, County Engineers Association of California and the California State Association of Counties.

City Attorney Sue Gallagher did not provide a report.

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

No statements of abstention were made.

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

Council Member Fleming announced her appointment of Gary Wysocky to the General Plan Community Advisory Committee.

Council Member Schwedhelm congratulated Scott Westrope on his appointment as the City of Santa Rosa Fire Chief.

Council Member Sawyer congratulated Scott Westrope on his appointment as the City of Santa Rosa Fire Chief and provided a brief update on the Bennett Valley Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Rogers congratulated Scott Westrope on his appointment as the City of Santa Rosa's Fire Chief, congratulated Council Member Tibbetts and his wife on becoming new parents, announced his appointment of Laura Fennell to the Cultural Heritage Board and Logan Pitts to the Board of Community Services.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was provided.

#### **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**

Mayor Rogers provided a brief update on the Climate Action Subcommittee meeting, the Long Term Financial Policy and Audit Subcommittee meeting and the Open Government Subcommittee meeting.

**10.1.2 Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority (SCTA/RCPA)**

Mayor Rogers provided a brief report.

**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)**

Mayor Rogers provided a brief report.

**10.1.7 Zero Waste Sonoma (formerly known as Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA))**

**10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**

Council Member Schwedhelm provided a brief report and announced he was elected to be the new Chair of the Board.

**10.1.9 Home Sonoma County (HSC)**

Council Member Schwedhelm provided a brief report.

**10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)**

**10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee**

**10.1.12 Other**

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Katherine Dodd, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environment, submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes expressing the dangers of wireless exposure, asked the Council to pass an

urgency ordinance to protect residents, to not sign master agreements longer than three years, and to invest in municipal wired internet and federal rescue funding.

Teresa, Graton resident, submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes expressing opposition of small cell antennae being installed in Sonoma County, the research conducted on electromagnetic frequency, and urged Council to read the research done by Dr. Beverly Rubik.

Jennifer LaPorta, Safe Tech for Santa Rosa, submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes regarding the number of people against the unchecked permitting of wireless transmission facilities, the need to preserve local control of the placement of cell towers on utility poles, and questioned why the master agreement was signed without an ordinance in place to protect schools, residential areas, daycare, and walking path areas.

Tom LaPorta, Safe Tech for Santa Rosa, submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes regarding the number of people against the unchecked permitting of wireless transmission facilities, wired technology being faster and safer, using municipal internet to bridge the digital divide, and asked for the completion of the telecommunications ordinance for a Council to vote.

Julia Ross submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes to please give the small cell policy attention.

Sidnee Cox submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes, asking for the correction of the spelling of Theodora's Scarato's last name, asked that Ms. Scarato's comment be corrected to reflect "Theodora Scarato, Executive Director of Environmental Healthy Trust, submitted comments on the extensive research that documents the adverse ecological effects of 4G and previous generations of cell tower emissions, especially on birds, bees and trees, with additional warnings about potential adverse effects of 5G." and asked that Dr. Cindy Russell's comment be corrected to

reflect “Dr. Cindy Russell, Executive Director of Physicians for Safe Technology submitted comments on the research that wireless technology is a proven environmental and human toxin and registered her opposition to the densification of wireless tower and small cell placement in our communities, urging the council to pass a strong ordinance to protect the health, safety and privacy of the public.”

Isashia submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes asking on the status of the small cell policy, the date of a Council vote and the public need to see the policy.

Anna submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes, asking on the status of the small cell policy, the date of a Council vote and the public need to see the policy.

Sherry Noonan submitted comment on the July 21, 2020, minutes, asking on the status of the small cell policy, the date of a Council vote and the public need to see the policy.

**Approved correcting the Call to Order start time to 2:30 p.m.**

11.1 July 21, 2020, Regular Meeting.

**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 3-16-2021\)](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 3-18-2021\)](#)

**Approved as submitted.**

11.2 February 23, 2021, Regular Meeting.

**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes](#)

**Approved as submitted.**

11.3 March 2, 2021, Regular Meeting.

**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes](#)

**Approved correcting the start time of the meeting to 2:30 p.m.**

## 12. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane De Witt submitted comment on 12.6, 12.7, and 12.8 congratulated to bus drivers for their work during the pandemic and the need to make sure the system is cost effective, shorter routes and frequent.

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rogers, seconded by Council Member Schwedhelm, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.10. 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 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF USE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALNET CONTRACT FOR THE CONTINUED PURCHASE AND USE OF VERIZON CELLULAR/WIRELESS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Information Technology Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize staff to utilize of the State of California CALNET Contract No. C4-CVD-19-001-03, between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless and the California Department of Technology (CDT) for continued purchase of cellular/wireless equipment and service, through Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless, Irvine, CA, for the Contract's initial two year term, and contingent on CDT exercising its two, two-year options for a total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for a 6-year period ending May 22, 2027; and 2) delegate authority to the City Manager or his designee to execute such agreements and documents that may be necessary to establish and execute cooperative purchases using the state's contract, including the Non-State Entity Service Policy and Agreement, the Authorization to Order and the Telecommunications Service Request.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - CDT Agr. No. C4-CVD-19-001-03](#)  
[Attachment 2 - CDT Agr. No. C4-CVD-19-001-03, Amendment 1](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Exhibit A - Contract](#)  
[Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-037 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING STAFF TO USE THE STATEWIDE CONTRACT NO. C4-CVD-19-001-03 BETWEEN CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY (CDT) FOR THE CONTINUED PURCHASE AND USE OF WIRELESS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE THROUGH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE INITIAL AND EXTENSION TERMS ENDING MAY 22, 2027, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

**12.2 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXAMINATION OF TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX RECORDS**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize designated City of Santa Rosa officials and the City's revenue enhancement consultant, MuniServices, LLC, to examine confidential transactions (sales) and use tax records of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in accordance with the California Revenue and Taxation Code as required by the California Revenue and Taxation Code whenever a city passes a sales tax measure.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-038 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED CITY OFFICIALS AND MUNISERVICES, LLC, TO EXAMINE TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION**

**12.3 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2020-018-A, AN EXTENSION OF TWO ¼ CENT GENERAL SALES TAXES, KNOWN AS MEASURE Q**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve: 1) an Agreement for

Preparation to Administer and Operate City's Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance; and 2) an Agreement for State Administration of City Transaction and Use Taxes with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to provide for the Department's administration of the transaction and use tax ordinance passed by voters as Measure Q, a ½ cent general sales tax, on November 3, 2020.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A](#)  
                          [Exhibit B](#)  
                          [Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-039 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING TWO AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF A LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX**

**12.4            RESOLUTION - COURTHOUSE SQUARE BOLLARDS SCOPE ADDITION APPROVAL AND CONTINGENCY ACTION**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve: 1) a project scope addition; and 2) additional construction contingency in the amount of \$65,000.00, increasing the total contract amount to \$430,340.00, with M3 Integrated Services, Inc. for Contract No. C02312, Courthouse Square Bollards.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Attachment 1 - Map](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-040 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO APPROVE: 1) A PROJECT SCOPE ADDITION; AND 2) ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00, INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT TO \$430,340.00 WITH M3 INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. C02312, COURTHOUSE SQUARE BOLLARDS**

**12.5            RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR AN ESTIMATED \$205,427 IN LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) ANNUAL FORMULA ALLOCATION FUNDING FOR FY 2020-21

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to request \$205,427 in Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to assist in purchasing a battery electric bus; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to execute the certifications and assurances documents; 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the authorized agent form; and 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in revenue and expenditures by the approved grant award.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Exhibit A - Certification and Assurances](#)  
[Exhibit B - Authorized Agent Form](#)  
[Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-041 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR AN ESTIMATED \$205,427 IN LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS FOR FY 2020-21; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FORM**

**12.6 RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION LOW OR NO EMISSION BUS PROGRAM FOR FY 2020-21 AND COMMITTING ANY NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by two resolutions: 1) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to file and execute a grant application and related documents under the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Bus Discretionary

Grant Program requesting \$8,127,843 in federal funds for the purchase of electric buses, charging equipment and installation costs, and appropriate any necessary matching funds in partnership with Proterra Inc. as a grant partner for the purchase of 7 electric buses and 5 chargers with installation at an amount not-to-exceed \$9,468,437; and 2) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3-08.100(d) of the City Code for the purchase of up to 7 electric buses and 5 chargers with installation from Proterra Inc. using any grant funding awarded and local match up to an amount not to exceed \$9,468,437.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution 1 - Application for Funding from FTA](#)  
[Resolution 2 - Waiver of Competitive Bidding Presentation](#)

**These Consent - Resolutions were adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-042 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION LOW OR NO EMISSION BUS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND APPROPRIATING ANY NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-043 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO SEVEN ELECTRIC BUSES AND FIVE CHARGERS WITH INSTALLATION FROM PROTERRA, INC. UP TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,468,437**

**12.7 RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST, AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE ANNUAL FORMULA ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the SB1 State of Good Repair Project List for FY 2021-22 for preventative maintenance, and authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or his designee to request the City's annual allocation of FY 2021-22 State of Good Repair funding in the estimated amount of \$25,611 from the California Department of Transportation.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A](#)  
                          [Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-044 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

**12.8**        RESOLUTION - TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE IV AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE ANNUAL FORMULA ALLOCATION CLAIM SUBMITTAL

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works, or designee, to file a claim for the Transit Division's annual drawdown of Transportation Development Act Article IV and State Transit Assistance funds with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 2021-22 in the estimated amount of \$7,100,000 for ongoing Transit Operations and Capital budgetary needs.

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

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-045 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A FUNDING CLAIM WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE IV / STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$7,100,000**

**12.9**        RESOLUTION - CONTRACT AWARD - WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve and delegate authority to the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for weed and rubbish

abatement services for a one-year period with three one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the initial year; 2) authorize the City Manager to approve any of the three one-year options in the Agreement as necessary, up to an amount not-to-exceed the total budgeted for the Agreement by Council for that year; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute all such amendments and any necessary documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A - MOU](#)  
                          [Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-046 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND THE COUNTY OF SONOMA FOR WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT SERVICES**

**12.10**      RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF MODULAR TEMPORARY FIRE STATION BETWEEN THE MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR EXTENSION, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department and Real Estate Services that Council, by resolution: 1) approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Use of a Modular Temporary Fire Station Trailer and Apparatus Tent Between the Menlo Park Fire Protection District (District) and the City of Santa Rosa, extending the term by three years in the amount of one dollar (\$1) per year; 2) authorize the City Manager to approve an up to an additional two-year extension to the Agreement if deemed necessary; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute all amendments and any necessary documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Current Use Agreement](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Exhibit A - Use Agreement](#)  
[Presentation](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-047 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF MODULAR TEMPORARY FIRE STATION TRAILER AND APPARATUS TENT BETWEEN THE MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR EXTENSION IF NECESSARY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS**

**Mayor Rogers recessed the meeting at 4:48 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**

Alex Krohn spoke on waiting to hear from Council for an update on the status of a wireless ordinance, his frustration over the process so far, and AT&T and Verizon beeing allowed to see a draft of the policy but the public has not.

Amanda Hopkins submitted comment on the 9th Street Homeless encampment, surprise that Catholic Charities has shelter beds available, that many of the homeless are not wanting to use the shelter, the legal RV parking space being provided and the need to ask people to move to these to be able to receive services.

Duane De Witt submitted comment thanking Recreation & Parks maintenance staff on the work they do at Bayer Farm and to make things better for tax payers.

Mayor Rogers responded to Mr. Krohn's comment noting the telecommunications ordinance will be going before Council in the

next few months.

## 14. REPORT ITEMS

### 14.1 REPORT - INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9-28 TO THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO FUELS MITIGATION PILE BURNING

**BACKGROUND:** Reducing the vegetative fuel load is a critical part of the City's efforts to mitigate wildfire danger. By focusing on thinning and or removing low-lying vegetation, including those that can carry fire to taller tree canopies - called ladder fuels - from lands and in some areas, close to private residences, can create a more fire-resistant habitat by modifying fire behavior in an effort to reduce environmental damage and aid in suppressing wildfires. Benefits from fuels mitigation pile burning include: prevent loss of lives, reduce fire suppression costs, reduce private property losses and protect natural resources from devastating wildfire.

This chapter allows private landowners with parcels of five (5) acres or more in size and located in the City's Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to perform pile burning to reduce wildfire fuel hazards to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals. Similarly, private landowners on smaller parcels both in and outside of the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area may apply for a permit, however these will only be permitted on a case by case basis as determined by the Fire Chief.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Fire Department that Council introduce an Ordinance adding Chapter 9-28 to the Santa Rosa City Code pertaining to Fuels Mitigation Pile Burning to allow private landowners to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to perform pile burning to reduce wildfire hazards to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Ordinance](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 3-18-2021\)](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Schwedhelm, seconded by Council Member Tibbetts, to waive reading of the text and introduce**

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADDING  
CHAPTER 9 28 TO TITLE 9 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE SANTA ROSA  
CITY CODE PERTAINING TO FUELS MITIGATION PILE BURNING**

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

**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 5:56 p.m. in memory of the 308 Sonoma County residents who  
lost their lives to COVID-19.

**20. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

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

**Approved on: April 6, 2021**

**/s/ Stephanie A. Williams, City Clerk**