



City of Santa Rosa

Utility Field Operations
Building
35 Stony Point Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

City Council

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Wednesday, May 24, 2017

4:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Coursey called the special meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Council Member Schwedhelm joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Council Member Sawyer joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

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

1. CITY OF SANTA ROSA REVIEW OF HOMELESS SERVICE PROGRAMS

City will present a summary of the programs currently in place and contemplated to assist those experiencing homelessness.

Presented by Kelli Kuykendall, Acting Homeless Services Manager.

2. COUNTY OF SONOMA PRESENTATION

- County personnel will present a summary of the various Safety Net Programs that assist those experiencing homelessness;
- County will review the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) shelter program resource, the recent funding reductions, and the impact to shelter services; and
- As the lead applicant, the County will review the No Place Like Home new State program designed to assist people experiencing both homelessness and mental health issues.

Presented by Margaret Van Vliet, Director-Sonoma County Community Development Commission.

Presented by Barbie Robinson, Department of Health Services Interim Director.

Presented by Karen Fies, Director.

Presented by Michael Kennedy, Division Director.

Presented by Jenny Abramson, Homeless and Community Services Manager.

Presented by David Koch, Probation Director.

Presented by Michael Kennedy, Division Director, Health Services.

Vice Mayor Tibbetts left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Prentice spoke regarding his experience working with the addicted and mental illness; and spoke in support of faith-based inclusiveness.

Madalyn Brasher spoke regarding concerns of how homelessness is affecting her business and downtown businesses.

Patricia Hunstock spoke regarding the concerns of the homeless encampments.

Debbie McKay spoke regarding in support of working in coordination of neighboring cities.

Ronit Rubinoff, with Legal Aid, spoke regarding services offered to the community.

George Uberti spoke regarding the housing urban development and the auditing process.

James Kline spoke regarding the concerns of where to place the homeless; and spoke in support of homeless encampments.

Steve Birdlebough, Co-chair of the Friends of the Homeless, spoke in support of City and County efforts to build additional homes.

Edward Meisse spoke regarding in support of homeless encampments and working with non-profits.

Terri Mitchell spoke regarding concerns of the services offered and questioned if the homeless would use the services offered.

Johanna James spoke in support of Housing First; and spoke in support of access to public restroom.

Adrienne Lauby spoke regarding the death of the homeless due to natural causes; spoke in support of City and County collaboration; and in support of homeless encampments.

June Michaels spoke in support of mental health services; and spoke in support of access to public restroom.

Leslie Allyn spoke in support of providing the immediate and basic needs to help the homeless.

Sandy Shootwell spoke in support of providing basic needs to the homeless.

Susan Chunco spoke in support of providing basic needs and services for the homeless.

Michael O'Toole spoke in support of the homeless encampments.

Mandy P spoke in support of providing access to basic needs and services for the homeless.

Kevin Conway spoke in support of the family connection program.

Georgia Berland, Executive Officer of the Sonoma County Task Force, spoke in support of First Sober Sonoma and the Homeless Court programs.

Leah Marks spoke regarding the concerns of the homeless encampments located nearby schools.

Nicolette Lafranchi spoke regarding the type of assistance provided by the No Place Like Home initiative.

Peter Tscherneff spoke in support of placing the homeless in permanent homes and providing services.

Dorothy Friberg spoke regarding the various issues that the homeless struggles with.

Cecile Querubin spoke in support of the services provided for the homeless.

Thomas Ells spoke in support of the inclusionary zoning and the need of collaborative efforts to house the Santa Rosa Junior College students.

Cynthia Roe spoke regarding the concerns of the Community Housing Assistance Program.

Josh Silvers spoke regarding the concerns of the homeless encampments; and spoke in support of the Palms Inn housing program.

Celeste Austin spoke in support of providing basic needs and services for the homeless.

Xavier Nazari, Board Member of the Community Advisory Board, spoke regarding using vacant businesses as residential conversions.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Coursey adjourned the special meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Approved on:

Daisy Gomez
City Clerk