



**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA
AVENUE
MAY 21, 2013**

1:45 P.M. (MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 10)

Agenda 

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

2.1 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS Prior to recess into Closed Session, the public may speak up to three minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session.

2.2 RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: Fran Elm, Human Resources Director, Chris Sliz, Employee Relations Manager. Employee Organizations: Santa Rosa Firefighters Association - Local 1401 (representing City Employee Unit 2); Operating Engineers Local 3, Maintenance and Utility System Operators (Employee Units 3 and 16); Santa Rosa City Employees Association (Employee Units 4, 6, 7); Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, (Employee Unit 5); Service Employees International Union Local 1021, (Employee Units 8 and 14); Public Safety Management Association (Employee Unit 9); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association (Employee Unit 17), Santa Rosa Management Association (Employee Unit 18).

2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Agency Designated Representatives: Kathleen Millison, City Manager and Jennifer Phillips, Assistant City Manager. Unrepresented Executive Management, Middle Management, and Confidential Employees (Employee Units 10, 11 and 12).

2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case regarding potential Sonoma County Landfill liability)

2.6 RECESS CLOSED SESSION(S) AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER


3:00 (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER)

3. STUDY SESSION Study Session items are items for in-depth discussion and possible direction to staff. No action may be taken.

3.1 SONOMA CLEAN POWER - COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)

BACKGROUND: City staff will introduce a study session about the implementation of an electrical power generation purchasing program to increase the use of renewable energy in Sonoma County, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide other local energy programs as proposed by Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA), a Community Choice Aggregation program operating under California law. Cordel Stillman, Deputy Chief Engineer and lead staff for the Sonoma County Water Agency, which sponsored the feasibility studies and sought proposals from energy suppliers, will present an overview of the implementation plan, estimated rates, and future steps for SCPA and will respond to questions. City staff will present an overview of general impacts to City operations and policy issues related to City participation in the program and opportunities for residents and businesses residing in the city who are current electrical power customers. No action will be taken at this time; however, SCPA has requested that the City Council consider taking action at a subsequent public meeting by June 30, 2013, to determine whether City of Santa Rosa and all its electrical power customers residing within the jurisdiction will participate through automatic enrollment in the SCPA program.

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4:00 P.M. (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Except for public hearing items, comments from the public will be allowed on all agenda items at the time each item is called. Comments on public hearing items may be made when the hearing is opened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Comments from the public on non-agenda items will be heard under Agenda Item 15.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

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

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PRESENTATION - WATER AWARENESS MONTH POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

6.2 PRESENTATION - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AWARD OF MERIT FOR NORTH SANTA ROSA STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN

6.3 PROCLAMATION - CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SONOMA COUNTY

Proclamation 

6.4 PROCLAMATION - BARBERSHOP HARMONY MONTH

Proclamation 

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS This time is reserved for City staff to provide a five-minute briefing to the Council on departmental issues of interest. No action will be taken on these matters except to possibly place a particular item on a future agenda for Council consideration.

7.1 COMMUNITY


MEDIA

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BACKGROUND: Staff will provide a brief update on the process for building broad community agreement on the future priorities for Public, Education, and Government (PEG) programming.

7.2 MYSANTAROSA CITIZEN REQUEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

BACKGROUND: In an effort to help citizens easily request City services and keep track of requests, the City of Santa Rosa has launched a Citizen Request Management system (CRM) called MySantaRosa. The new program will help connect residents to the correct City personnel to answer questions, requests or address issues.

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8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 7, 2013, REGULAR MEETING

Minutes 

9. MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

9.1 STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS

9.2 MAYOR /COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

9.3 REPORTS BY MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REGARDING VARIOUS AGENCY MEETINGS ATTENDED AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL DIRECTION

TO ITS REPRESENTATIVES ON PENDING ISSUES BEFORE SUCH
BOARDS (IF NEEDED)

- a) Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA)
- b) Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee
- c) Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)
- d) Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- e) Other

10. CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

11. CONSENT ITEMS

11.1 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - COLLEGE AVE AND GLENN ST, WEST AVE AND DELPORT AVE, AND KAWANA SPRINGS RD AND MEADOW WAY


RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, award construction contract No. C01579, Safe Routes To School - College Ave and Glenn St, West Ave and Delport Ave, and Kawana Springs Rd and Meadow Way in the total amount of \$250,737.90 to the lowest responsible bidder, FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc. of Livermore, CA, and establish a total contract amount of \$275,811.69 (the original contract amount plus a 10% contingency) for the installation of two pedestrian actuated flashers and other improvements. Funding for this project has been appropriated to JL Key 17464. The sources of funds are Safe Routes to School funds and local transportation funds. No City General Fund money is included in this project.

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11.2 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Police Department that Council, by resolution, authorize the City Manager or her designee to accept defined Federal Government program funds for the Santa Rosa Police Department for overtime and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations of funds as they are received from the defined Federal Government programs.

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Resolution 

11.3 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF THE 2013-2015 WORLD TRIATHLON
CORPORATION HOST VENUE AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE IRON
GIRL EVENT SERIES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Department of Economic Development and Housing that the Council, by two resolutions: 1) approve the 2013-2015 World Triathlon Corporation (WTC) Host Venue Agreement, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve and execute necessary contracts and agreements in individual amounts that do not exceed \$100,000 related to the Iron Girl Event Series; and 2) authorize the Economic Development and Housing Department Director to execute agreements implementing the purpose of the Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area work plan, as approved annually by Council.

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Resolution 1 


Resolution 2 

11.4 RESOLUTION - 2013-2015 COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES (Continued from May 14, 2013, meeting)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve the 2013-2015 Council Goals and Strategic

Objectives with the exception of Council Goal 4, Strategic Objective 3, "Support Efforts of Southeast Greenway Campaign by Monitoring and Providing Information" previously approved by Council Resolution No. 28266 on April 16, 2013.

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(THE COUNCIL MAY RECESS DURING THE EVENING FOR A 30-MINUTE BREAK)


12. REPORT ITEMS

12.1 REPORT - AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PENSION OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE), SERIES 2013 AND TO REFUND OUTSTANDING PENSION OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2003A AND 2003B

BACKGROUND: In July 2003, the City issued \$20.50 million of Series A (Variable Rate) and \$30.17 million of Series B (Fixed Rate) Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds (POBs), maturing September 1, 2024. The bond proceeds were delivered to CalPERS to pay a portion of the City's pension plan unfunded liability. Since the recession in 2008, the Federal Reserve has been keeping its short-term interest rate low to stimulate economic recovery. This creates an opportunity for the City to replace the POBs with a lower fixed rate financing and to capture the current historically low fixed rate environment. The 2003 POBs Series A (Variable Rate) require an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (LOC) issued by a bank as security for investors. Complying with the LOC requirement has become a challenge due to financial uncertainty associated with California governments. The proposed refinancing would reduce the City exposure to the risks of the availability of LOC in the future, rising LOC costs due to fewer LOC banks on the market and rising short term rates. The 2003 POBs Series B (Fixed Rate) weighted average interest rate on the outstanding bonds is 5.18%. In the current market, the weighted average interest rate is estimated at 3.40%. The proposed refinancing to a lower interest rate will result in cost savings over the remaining term of the bonds. The refinancing includes \$4 million principal pay down of the POBs consisting of one-time Property Tax Administration Fee settlement, Enterprise, Internal Services and Debt Services Funds. A detailed explanation of the proposed refinancing will be provided by staff, bond counsel, financial advisor and bond underwriter.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) approve the refunding of outstanding 2003 Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series A (Variable Rate) and Series B (Fixed Rate); (2) approve an appropriation of City funds to the prepayment of the 2003 Pension Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$4.00 million from the one-time Property Tax Administration Fee settlement, Enterprise, Internal Services and Debt Services Funds; (3) approve the issuance of Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable), Series 2013 in a principal amount of not-to-exceed \$35.00 million; (4) approve a Preliminary Official Statement; and (5) approve and authorize the execution of related documents by the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer or their respective delegates and actions with respect thereto.

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12.2 REPORT - INITIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REVIEW OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CROSSING AT JENNINGS AVENUE AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS

BACKGROUND: On November 13, 2012, City staff presented the results of a feasibility study conducted by Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) to the City Council. The City Council at that meeting expressed a preference to study an at-grade pedestrian and bicycle crossing as the preferred project. Staff informed Council that CPUC staff had clearly stated that approval of an at grade crossing at Jennings Avenue would be very unlikely unless at least one other crossing was eliminated at either 6th, 7th or 8th Streets. Cost is estimated at \$275,000 to complete the CEQA review and will be funded with a combination of gas tax and capital facility fees.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, direct City staff to complete environmental review in compliance with CEQA, for an at grade pedestrian and bicycle crossing with possible removal of a crossing at 6th, 7th or 8th Street, and an alternative ADA compliant bicycle and pedestrian over rail crossing, in lieu of SMART's plan to construct fences at the Jennings Avenue SMART crossing.

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13. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION)

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS This is the time when any person may address the Council on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Each speaker is allowed three minutes. To address the Council you are requested to complete the yellow Speaker's Card and give it to the City Clerk. If you are unable to or do not wish to wait for the public comment portion of the agenda, you are encouraged to contact the Council or City Clerk directly by emailing your information to cityclerk@srcity.org or by telephoning the Council and City Manager's Office at 707-543-3010.

16. [IF NEEDED] - ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S), RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION(S) IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, IF ANY

17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

*Did not appear on the preliminary agenda. **Quasi-judicial or adjudicative action.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

List 



Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council prior to this meeting regarding any item on this agenda are available for public review in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Room 10, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, during normal business hours.

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