



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Final**

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025

2:00 PM

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

Mayor Stapp called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No public comments were made.

Mayor Stapp recessed the meeting to closed session at 2:03 p.m. to discuss Items 3.1 and 3.2 as listed on the agenda.

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

Name of Case: Angelina Lopez, et al. vs. City of Santa Rosa, et al.  
Court Case No.: USDC Northern District of California Case No.  
3:22-cv-05270-LB

**This item was received and filed.**

**3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager; Alan Alton, Chief Financial Officer; Dominique Blanquie, Human Resources Director; Siara Goyer, Employee Relations Manager; and Burke Dunphy of Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP.

Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers Local 3, Maintenance and Utility System Operators (Employee Units 3 and 16); Santa Rosa City Employees Association (Employee Units 4, 6, 7); Service Employees International Union Local 1021, (Employee Units 8 and 14);

Executive Management (Employee Unit 10); Middle Management (Employee Unit 11); Confidential (Employee Unit 12); Mechanics (Employee Unit 13); City Attorney (Employee Unit 15); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association (Employee Unit 17), Santa Rosa Management Association (Employee Unit 18).

This item was received and filed.

#### **4. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

**Mayor Stapp adjourned closed session at approximately 2:45 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 4:00 p.m.**

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**Mayor Stapp announced Items 8.2, 8.3, and 12.2 were continued to the April 1, 2025, regular meeting.**

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

Teresa Stricker, City Attorney, reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

#### **7. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### **7.1 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SURVEYOR'S WEEK**

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

Council Member Okrepkie read and presented the proclamation to Monica Winget, secretary for the California Land Surveyor's Association Sonoma Chapter. Monica accepted the proclamation and provided information about the field.

No public comments were made.

##### **7.2 PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

Council Member Bañuelos read and presented the proclamation to Melanie Jones-Carter.

Melanie Jones-Carter, advised the national organization originated in Sonoma County and spoke on this year's theme, For All Women and Girls - Rights, Equity, and Empowerment.

No public comments were made.

**7.3 PRESENTATION - DOWNTOWN ACTION ORGANIZATION ANNUAL UPDATE**

Attachments: [Annual Report 2024 Presentation](#)

Cadance Hinkle Allison, Executive Director - Downtown Action Organization, presented.

No public comments were made.

**8. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**Mayor Stapp announced Items 8.2 and 8.3 were continued to the April 15, 2025, regular meeting.**

**8.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 15, 2025, REGULAR MEETING)**

Staff will provide an update to Council on the Economic Development Strategic Plan. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

**This item was continued to the April 15, 2025, regular meeting.**

**8.3 UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE INTEREST IN SANTA ROSA (THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 15, 2025, REGULAR MEETING)**

Economic Development staff will provide information about the United Soccer League's Interest in establishing a professional soccer franchise in Santa Rosa. No action will be taken except for possible questions to staff.

**This item was continued to the April 15, 2025, regular meeting.**

**Mayor Stapp called Item 9.1 before Item 8.1.**

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

### **9.1 REPORT OF SETTLEMENTS AND ACTIVE LITIGATION**

The City Attorney will report on all settlements authorized by Council in closed session that were finalized in February 2025, which includes but may not be limited to all settlements requiring the City to pay more than \$50,000. The City Attorney will also provide a summary of pending litigation against the City.

Attachments: [Litigation Report](#)

Teresa Stricker, City Attorney, reported no settlements over \$50,000 were finalized in February and the caseload remaining consistent with approximately 31 litigation matters.

No public comments were made.

**This item was received and filed.**

**Mayor Stapp called Item 8.1 after Item 9.1.**

### **8.1 SANTA ROSA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

The City of Santa Rosa Transportation and Public Works Department is conducting an update to the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, to be renamed the Active Transportation Plan. City staff released the Public Review Draft of the Active Transportation Plan on March 3, 2025, to solicit feedback on the document. Public comment will be accepted through March 31, 2025. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted by the Council in the Spring of 2025. The Council may provide input and ask questions on the Active Transportation Plan and components of the staff briefing. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 03-18-2025\)](#)

Torina Wilson, Transportation Planner, presented and answered questions from Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eris Weaver, Executive Director of Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, spoke in favor of the Active Transportation Plan.

This item was received and filed.

## **10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION/RECUSAL BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No statements of abstention/recusal were made.

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

Council Member Rogers reported on events recently attended and reported on the status of an MOU with the school board.

Council Member MacDonald reported on events recently attended.

Council Member Bañuelos appointed Douglas Mondell to the Community Advisory Board.

Mayor Stapp reported on events recently attended.

No public comments were made.

### **11.1 MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL DIRECTION TO BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ON PENDING ISSUES, IF NEEDED)**

#### **11.1.1 Council Subcommittee Reports**

Council Member Okrepkie provided a brief report on the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting.

Mayor Stapp provided a brief report on the Long-Term Financial Subcommittee meeting.

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

Council Member Okrepkie provided a brief report.

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

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

**11.1.5 Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee**

**11.1.6 Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA)**

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

**11.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**

**11.1.9 Sonoma County Homeless Coalition**

**11.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)**

**11.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee**

**11.1.12 Other**

Council Member Okrepkie provided a brief report regarding L.A.F.C.O. and thanked Jean Kapolchok for her service.

**11.2 MATTERS FROM COUNCIL REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11.2.1 REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM REGARDING DOWNTOWN CANNABIS DISPENSARY OPERATIONS**

BACKGROUND: At the March 4, 2025, City Council meeting, Council Member Rogers requested a future agenda item to discuss downtown cannabis dispensary operations. Council Member Alvarez concurred with the request.

Council Member Rogers withdrew the request for a future Agenda Item.

No public comments were made.

**11.2.2 REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING PROCESS FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM SOLAR PANELS AND POTENTIAL HOMEOWNER OFFSET**

BACKGROUND: At the March 4, 2025, City Council meeting, Council Member Rogers requested a future agenda item to discuss development of a certification of understanding process from solar

panel installation contractors or builders for understanding the energy production from solar panels and identification of the potential need for homeowner offset. Council Member Alvarez concurred with the request.

Council Member Rogers withdrew the request for a future Agenda Item.

No public comments were made.

## 12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12.1 February 19, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

No public comments were made.

**Approved as submitted.**

12.2 February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. **(THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 1, 2025, REGULAR MEETING)**

**This item was continued to the April 1, 2025, regular meeting.**

## 13. CONSENT ITEMS

No public comments were made.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Council Member Okrepkie, seconded by Council Member MacDonald, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 13.1 through 13.7.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

13.1 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD - DUTCH FLOHR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion: 1) consent to the

withdrawal of the bid of RRR Pirooz Engineering of Olivehurst, California, on Contract Number C02461, Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park; 2) award the contract in the amount of \$2,480,000 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Pat Nelson Construction, Inc. of Petaluma, California; approve a 15% contract contingency; and authorize a total contract amount of \$2,852,000. The source of funds is Capital Improvement Fund; no City General Fund money is included in this project.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Attachment 1 - Location Map](#)  
                          [Attachment 2 - Summary of Bids](#)  
                          [Attachment 3 - Relief of Bid Letter](#)

**This Consent - Motion was approved.**

**13.2        RESOLUTION - PROJECT SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CITY OF SANTA  
ROSA FOR THE HEARN AVENUE AT HIGHWAY 101 - PHASE 3  
REBUILD INTERCHANGE**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a Project Specific Maintenance Agreement for Hearn Avenue Overcrossing with City of Santa Rosa with the State of California, acting by and through the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the City of Santa Rosa regarding maintenance responsibilities within State right of way for the Highway 101 and Hearn Interchange project, and delegate authority to the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                          [Attachment 1 - Location Map](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [Exhibit A](#)

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-038 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROJECT SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR HEARN AVENUE OVERCROSSING WITH CITY OF SANTA ROSA WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS), OUTLINING THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING THE HEARN AVENUE AT HIGHWAY 101 - PHASE 3 REBUILD INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

**13.3 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 170093 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION WITH SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Fleet Division and Finance Departments, that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order 170093 for retread tires and services with Southern Tire Mart, LLC, Santa Rosa, California in the amount of \$20,000, for a total cumulative amount not to exceed \$120,000.

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

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-039 ENTITLED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FOR APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 170093 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION WITH SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC**

**13.4 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 169057 TO EXTEND THE TERM AND INCREASE COMPENSATION WITH WERLE ENTERPRISES, LLC, DBA NATIONAL PRINT + PROMO**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) 169057 for forms management services, to extend the term for a period of one year and increase compensation with Werle Enterprises, LLC, dba National Print + Promo, Rohnert Park, California in the amount of \$50,000, for a total cumulative amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-040 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 169057 TO EXTEND THE TERM AND INCREASE COMPENSATION WITH WERLE ENTERPRISES LLC, DBA NATIONAL PRINT + PROMO, ROHNERT PARK, CALIFORNIA, IN**

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**THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, FOR A TOTAL CUMULATIVE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000**

**13.5 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$153,987.86 BEQUEST FROM THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARY MAKI-RAMATICI TO THE HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATIONS FUND**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, accept a bequest of \$153,987.86 from the Estate of Rosemary Maki-Ramatici designated for homeless shelter solutions and appropriate the monies to the Homeless Shelter Operations Fund to support the implementation of the City's Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan (2023-2027).

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

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-041 ENTITLED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE \$153,987.86 BEQUEST FROM THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARY MAKI-RAMATICI TO THE HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATIONS FUND**

**13.6 ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECOND READING - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 6 AND TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 6-32 ENTITLED MASSAGE THERAPY, MASSAGE BUSINESS OR ESTABLISHMENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 20-49 ENTITLED MASSAGE REGULATION AND MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-23.030 AND 20-24.030 REGARDING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE RELATED USES; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-50.020(A), 20-52.060 AND 20-62.030(B)(2) BY ADDING ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-70.020 REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF MASSAGE RELATED USES AND BUSINESS SERVICE USES**

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the March 4, 2025, Regular Meeting by a 7-0-0-0 vote, amends Titles 6 and 20 of the Santa Rosa City Code by repealing Chapter 6-32 entitled Massage Therapy,

Massage Business or Establishment; adds a new Zoning Code Chapter 20-49 entitled Massage Regulation and Massage Establishment Registration; amends Zoning Code Sections 20-23.030 and 20-24.030 regarding permitting requirements for “massage related uses”; amends Sections 20-50.020(A), 20-52.060, and 20-62.030(B)(2) adding Administrative Adjustment provisions; and amends Section 20-70.020 revising the definition of “office - business/service” and adding a definition for “massage related uses.”

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

**This Consent - Ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2025-004 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 6 AND TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 6-32 ENTITLED MASSAGE THERAPY, MASSAGE BUSINESS OR ESTABLISHMENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 20-49 ENTITLED MASSAGE REGULATION AND MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-23.030 AND 20-24.030 REGARDING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE RELATED USES; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-50.020(A), 20-52.060 AND 20-62.030(B)(2) BY ADDING ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-70.020 REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF MASSAGE RELATED USES AND BUSINESS SERVICE USES**

13.7 ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECOND READING - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-23.030 AND 20-24.030 REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the March 4, 2025, Regular Meeting by a 7-0-0-0 vote, amends Zoning Code Sections 20-23.030 and 20-24.030 regarding permitting requirements for “adult entertainment business.”

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

**This Consent - Ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2025-005 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-23.030 AND 20-24.030**

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**REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT  
BUSINESSES**

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

Dr. Richard Buswell spoke regarding animal control officers and leash laws at Doyle Park.

Rich Caro spoke regarding animal control officers and leash laws at Doyle Park.

Emily Winfield spoke regarding leash laws at Doyle Park.

Carol Cranston spoke regarding animal control officers and leash laws at Doyle Park.

Brenda Fowler-Hart spoke regarding animal control officers and leash laws at Doyle Park.

Stephan Dalporto, Santa Rosa Firefighters, spoke regarding Measure H.

Janice Karmann spoke regarding the dog park at Rincon Valley.

**LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Attachments:** [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 03-18-2025\)](#)

**Mayor Stapp called Item 16.1 before Item 15.1.**

**16. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 16.1** PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AND AMEND SECTION 18-44.4907.1 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY DESIGNATED HIGH ZONE REFERENCE

BACKGROUND: As required by Government Code Section 51179, local jurisdictions are required to adopt, by ordinance, updated fire hazard severity zones in our jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section

51178. By locally adopting the updated CalFire maps released on 2/24/2025, the City of Santa Rosa satisfies the requirements of Government Code Section 51179.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Santa Rosa Fire Department that the Council introduce an ordinance designating moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones as recommended by The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) as Fire Hazard Severity Zones and amending Section 18-44.4907.1 of Chapter 18-44 of the Santa Rosa City Code to include reference to High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Ordinance](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Public Hearing Notice](#)  
[Presentation](#)

Kempen Robbins, Interim Division Chief Fire Marshal, presented and answered questions from Council.

**Mayor Stapp opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m. and having no public comments made, closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Council Member MacDonald, seconded by Council Member Okrepkie, to introduce an Ordinance entitled:**

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AND AMEND SECTION 18-44.4907.1 OF CHAPTER 18-44 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY DESIGNATED HIGH ZONE REFERENCE**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

## 15. REPORT ITEMS

- 15.1 REPORT - SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE

## INCREASE

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Santa Rosa purchases approximately 93% of its potable water supply from Sonoma Water, the region's water wholesaler. Sonoma Water's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Water Transmission System budget includes an 8.68% increase in the wholesale rate of water, from \$1,289.02 to \$1,400.86 per acre foot.

On March 6, 2025, the Board of Public Utilities reviewed Sonoma Water's proposed FY 2025/26 budget and rate increase and made a recommendation to City Council to provide direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative on a vote on Sonoma Water's proposed FY 2025/26 Water Transmission System budget and rate increase. The WAC is an advisory board to Sonoma Water. The WAC is scheduled to vote on Sonoma Water's proposed FY 2025/26 Water Transmission System budget and rate increase at the April 7, 2025, WAC Meeting. Ultimately the Sonoma Water Board of Directors will have final authority to approve Sonoma Water's proposed FY 2025/26 Water Transmission System budget and rate increase.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by motion, consider Sonoma Water's proposed Fiscal Year 2025/26 Water Transmission Budget and proposed rate increase and provide direction to its Water Advisory Committee (WAC) representative for the April 7, 2025, WAC vote on Sonoma Water's proposed 2025/26 Water Transmission System Budget and rate increase.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 – Sonoma Water- Water Transmission FY 202526 Draft Budget and Rates Presentation](#)  
[Revised Presentation \(Uploaded 03-18-2025\)](#)

Nick Harvey, Deputy Director - Santa Rosa Water, Lynn Rosselli, Administrative Services Division Manager - Sonoma Water, and Jake Spaulding, Finance Manager - Sonoma Water presented and answered questions from Council.

No public comments were made.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rogers, seconded by Council Member MacDonald, to approve Sonoma Water's 2025/26 Water**

**Transmission Budget and proposed rate increase, and direct the City's Water Advisory Committee representative to vote accordingly at the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting on April 7, 2025.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Mark Stapp, Council Member Caroline Bañuelos, Council Member Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, and Council Member Natalie Rogers

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

**17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.**

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

No public comments were made.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [IF NEEDED]**

**20. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mayor Stapp adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 1, 2025, at a time set by the Mayor.

**21. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**21.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

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

**This item was received and filed.**

**Approved on: April 15, 2025**

**/s/ Rhonda Bolla, Deputy City Clerk**