

# City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber 100 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404

# **Public Safety Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:00 AM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Okrepkie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mayor N. Rogers joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

**Present:** 3 - Chair Jeff Okrepkie, Eddie Alvarez, and Natalie Rogers

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

#### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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No public comments were made.

Approved as submitted.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

## 6.1 ILLICIT MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

The Planning and Economic Development team will provide an update on the progress to update the Massage Establishment City Ordinance and the timeline to complete the new ordinance. The police department will provide a summary of recent enforcement operations to address the community concerns.

John Cregan, Police Chief, Gabe Osburn, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Lou Kirk, Assistant Chief Building Official, and Daniela DeBaca, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laurie Fong, representing the Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of the North Bay centered in Sonoma County, spoke in support of continuance of investigations of the establishments and noted AAPIC is ready to partner.

Lisa Landrus spoke in support of investigating LLC's that are also operating in other locations.

Beverly May, Director of Government Affairs and Human Trafficking for the California Massage Therapy Council, spoke offering to provide resources such as ordinances, sample applications and an inspection checklist for code enforcement to use, and stated they are open to an MOU with the City as a framework for ongoing collaboration noting San Diego and Santa Clara as example counties.

Patrick Murray spoke regarding the amount of illicit massage businesses in the country and stated there are federal, state and local resources available to combat the problem.

Michelle Rechin spoke asking who the public should contact and what type of information should be provided.

# Mayor N. Rogers joined the meeting.

#### 6.2 VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Chief Cregan will provide an overview of the police department's violence reduction strategies which have resulted in measurable safety improvements. A focus on data-led policing, pro-active enforcement, problem-oriented strategies, and community partnerships focused on the root causes of crime have been attributed to the success.

John Cregan, Police Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members. No public comments were made.

#### 6.3 MEASURE H IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Fire Department will provide a review of Measure H Implementation planning processes to ensure the City and Fire Department are prepared for the new revenue stream.

Paul Lowenthal, Division Chief Fire Marshal, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

#### 7. MATTERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

#### 8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

# 8.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fire Department will provide a high-level overview and update on major programs, projects and initiatives as they related to City Council goals and department operations.

Paul Lowenthal, Division Chief Fire Marshal, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

## 8.1 POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Cregan will provide a high-level overview and update on major programs, projects, and initiatives as they relate to City Council goals and police department operations.

John Cregan, Police Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Okrepkie adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2025, subject to any

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calendar changes for the 2025 year.

Approved on:

Rhonda Bolla, Deputy City Clerk