

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE  
JUNE 7, 2016**

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

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Council Members present: Mayor Sawyer, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, and Wysocky. Vice Mayor Schwedhelm arrived at 2:00 p.m.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Mayor Sawyer recessed the meeting to closed session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss Items 2.1 through 2.4 as listed on the agenda:

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Rhonda McKinnon, Interim Human Resources Director, Paul Carroll, Employee Relations Manager, and John Holtzman and Anna Carlsson of Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP.

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).

**2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case.

**2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one potential case.

**2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Attorney

Mayor Sawyer adjourned closed session at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session in the Council Chamber at 4:04 p.m.

**3. STUDY SESSION – NONE.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

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

City Attorney Fowler reported that the Council met in closed session it labor negotiators and there was no action to report; Council conferred with legal counsel regarding one anticipated litigation, significant exposure of one potential case and there was no action

to report; Council conferred with legal counsel on one anticipated litigation regarding a potential of initiation and there was no action to report; and Council met regarding public employee appointment for City Attorney and there was no action to report.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 PROCLAMATION - PRIDE MONTH**

Mayor Sawyer read the proclamation and presented it to Jim Foster, Executive Director of Positive Images; Javier Rivera, Program Director; Aiden Martin, Leadership Member.

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS- NONE.**

**8. CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS – NONE.**

**9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

No statements of abstention were made.

**10. MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

The Mayor and Council Members made announcements and reports of interest to the Council.

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

10.1.1 Council Subcommittee Reports – Council Member Wysocky gave a brief report on the Downtown Subcommittee.

10.1.2 Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority (SCTA/RCPA) – None.

10.1.3 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee – None.

10.1.4 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Council Member Combs provided a brief report.

10.1.5 Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee – None.

10.1.6 Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA) – Council Member Wysocky provided a brief report.

10.1.7 Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA) – None.

10.1.8 Other

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE.**

**12. CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOVED** by Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, seconded by Council Member Carlstrom, and **CARRIED** unanimously to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.2 as follows:

**12.1 RESOLUTION - APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS, FOR BOATING EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS AT LAKE RALPHINE IN HOWARTH PARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28787 ENTITLED:** RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS FOR BOATING EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS AT LAKE RALPHINE IN HOWARTH PARK AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT

**12.2 RESOLUTION - REJECT ALL BIDS - SANTA ROSA SERVICE HUB**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28788 ENTITLED:** RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE SANTA ROSA SERVICE HUB CONTRACT NO. C01985

The time not yet being 5:00 p.m., Mayor Sawyer took Report Item 14.1 – Reimagining CityBus Final Plan before Item 13 – Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters.

**14. REPORT ITEM**

**14.1 REPORT - REIMAGINING CITYBUS FINAL PLAN**

BACKGROUND: The Reimagining CityBus Final Plan is the culmination of over one year of data analysis, public and stakeholder consultation, and transit service planning activity, including three rounds of extensive public outreach.

The Reimagining CityBus Final Plan includes:

- An Executive Summary and Introduction (Chapter 1) providing the highlights of the plan and an overview of the planning process
- A summary of market analysis findings and existing services (Chapter 2)
- A discussion of the transit service planning approach and Service Design Guidelines (Chapter 3)
- Short-term (Phase I) service recommendations to be implemented in 2016 (Chapter 4)
- Longer-range (Phase II) service recommendations to be implemented as funding becomes available (Chapter 5)
- A discussion of the financial implications of the Phase I and Phase II recommendations (Chapter 6)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, adopt the Reimagining CityBus Final Plan, with the exception of the final configuration of Route 11 termini and service in the Memorial Hospital area, and direct staff to bring back recommendations for those elements for later Council action to incorporate them into the Final Plan.

Presented by Rachel Ede, Transit Planner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Canini spoke on general funds not being put towards the transit system and reinstalling the change machines at the transit mall.

Yvonne Moore spoke about keeping the Delport/ McMinn loop service in Roseland.

Tom Piazza spoke on the service in the Apple Tree area.

Janice Piazza spoke on the service in the Apple Tree area.

Peter Tscherneff spoke on various topics.

Stan Gow spoke in support of the plan.

Jean spoke on her concern of Route 18 being eliminated.

Mayor Sawyer recessed the meeting at 5:11 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

**MOVED** by Council Member Coursey, seconded by Council Member Combs, and **CARRIED** unanimously to waive reading of the text and adopt:

**RESOLUTION NO. 28789 ENTITLED:** RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO ADOPT THE REIMAGINING CITYBUS FINAL PLAN

The time being past 5:00 p.m., Mayor Sawyer took Item 13 – Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters before Report Item 14.2 – Santa Rosa Housing – Report 5: Housing Action Plan.

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

Helen Matausch spoke on being a resident for 10 years and calling recognition to the people and her initiative to have a Conservationist Day observed on July 22.

Peter Tscherneff spoke on having a United States Constitution Day.

Carolyn Epple spoke on the CHAPPS program.

Thomas Ells spoke on consolidation of the Transportation Authority and ABAG.

**14. REPORT ITEMS**

**14.2 REPORT - SANTA ROSA HOUSING - REPORT 5: HOUSING ACTION PLAN**

BACKGROUND: Following two housing-focused study sessions in fall 2015, the Council embarked on a six-part housing series to address how Santa Rosa can increase production, achieving a goal of “housing for all.” Reports 1 and 2, focused on funding resources and development process improvements, were held on February 23, 2016. Reports 3 and 4, on April 19, 2016, provided developer perspectives about housing development in Santa Rosa and an outline of housing programs and what changes might make them more effective. Report 5 includes a Housing Action Plan which refines housing program actions.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services and Planning and Economic Development Departments that the Council, by motion, accept the Housing Action Plan and authorize staff to develop the work plan for prioritizing the housing initiatives outlined in the report.

Presented by David Gouin, Director of Housing and Community Services, David Guhin, Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Walter Kieser, Economic and Planning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anne Seeley compliment council and staff on addressing the issue.

Chuck Cornell spoke on Burbank Housing being a resource and continuing to be a partner in affordable housing in Santa Rosa.

Edie Sussman spoke thanked Council and staff for the information received.

Allen Danley spoke on the issue of Section 8 vouchers being denied by landlords and adopting a non-discriminatory law.

Brian Ling encouraged staff and council to accelerate the process for affordable housing.

Thomas Ells spoke on commercial linkage fees, incentives, and bond issues.

Michael Cook spoke on the City creating a housing task force.

Josh Katz spoke on the prohibition of income discrimination being defacto segregation, robust code enforcement, and tiger salamander mitigation.

Kevin Conway spoke in support of the housing action plan and hopes the housing units will adhere with the climate action plan of 2012.

Steve Birdleough spoke on the importance of the bond measure on this issue and asked council looking at the parking ratio for developments.

Georgia Berland thanked the Council for the plan, the importance of the bond measure, and anti-discrimination for vouchers.

Andria Osgood spoke on the importance of land and money being leveraged for projects.

**MOVED** by Council Member Olivares, seconded by Council Member Combs, and **CARRIED** unanimously to accept the Housing Action Plan and authorize staff to develop the work plan for prioritizing the housing initiatives outlined in the report.

Council Member Wysocky left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Sawyer recessed the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

#### **14.3 REPORT - PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS INITIATIVE**

**BACKGROUND:** Staff will present a proposal requesting that Council fund and initiate the development of a new program titled Neighborhood Streets Initiative. This initiative would dedicate General Fund resources to maintaining and improving neighborhood area streets. Staff presented this initiative to the Community Advisory Board on May 25, 2016, discussed various options for implementing the program should Council agree to fund it, and will be presenting the Community Advisory Board's recommendation for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, direct the Finance Department to include funding the Neighborhood Street Initiative in the amount of \$3,000,000 within the FY 2016-17 budget and direct staff to implement the program recommendations from the Community Advisory Board.

Presented by Jason Nutt, Director of Transportation and Public Works.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane DeWitt spoke on the condition of Barham Avenue, Boyd Street, Corby Avenue, and Hearn Avenue in the Southwest area.

**MOVED** by Council Member Coursey, seconded by Council Member Olivares, and **CARRIED** 6-0-1 (Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, voting yes; Council Member Wysocky absent) directing the Finance Department to include funding the Neighborhood Street Initiative in the amount of \$3,000,000 within the FY 2016-17 budget and directing staff to implement the program recommendations from the Community Advisory Board.

**14.4 REPORT - SANTA ROSA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ANNUAL REPORT**

BACKGROUND: The Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area (SRTBIA) was established on September 3, 2010, by Ordinance No. 3946. The ordinance requires an annual report to the Council. The Annual Report is due to the Director of Planning and Economic Development Services by June 1 of each year.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by motion, approve the 2015 Annual Report and adopt the 2016/2017 Budget for the Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area.

Presented by Danielle O’Leary, Planning and Economic Development Manager and Executive Director of Visit Santa Rosa Brad Calkins.

**MOVED** by Council Member Carlstrom, seconded by Council Member Olivares, and **CARRIED** 6-0-1 (Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, voting yes; Council Member Wysocky absent) to approve the 2015 Annual Report and adopt the 2016/2017 budget for the Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area.

**15. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE.**

**16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- NONE.**

**17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Duane DeWitt spoke on the city creating Airstream camping areas to supplement visitor accommodations and veteran housing.

**18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE.**

**19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Sawyer adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m. in memory of Lillian Judd, an Auschwitz survivor during the Holocaust in WWII. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on June 14, 2016, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

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Stephanie A. Williams  
Interim City Clerk