



City of Santa Rosa

Flamingo Resort and Spa
2777 4th St, Courtyard I
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 21, 2019

9:00 AM

SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE TEAM SESSIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FLAMINGO RESORT AND SPA
2777 FOURTH STREET, COURTYARD I
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Objectives:

- Understanding of major items scheduled for 2019 and major department projects
- Council consensus on priorities for the year and what to defer
- Strengthen teamwork of Council and executives
- Consensus on protocols related to Council districts

1. Welcome from the Mayor

Mayor Schwedhelm called the workshop to order at 9:01 a.m. Thanked the public, Council, and staff for attending. The Mayor noted he would establish a subcommittee following the workshop to work with staff to establish success metrics for the Council's agreed upon priorities, to then come back to the Council for discussion.

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

Also present: City Manager, Sean McGlynn; City Attorney, Sue Gallagher; Deputy City Manager, Gloria Hurtado; Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director, David Guhin; City Clerk, Daisy Gomez; Fire Chief, Tony Gossner; Housing and Community Services Director, David Gouin; Chief Financial Officer, Chuck McBride; Information Technology Director, Eric McHenry; Acting Human Resources Director, Jeremia Mills; Transportation and Public Works Director, Jason Nutt; Police Chief, Hank Schreeder; Santa Rosa Water Interim Director, Emma Walton; Santa Rosa Water Deputy Director, Jennifer Burke; Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Adriane Mertens.

2. Public Comments – This Public Comment period will be for the February 21 and February 22, 2019, sessions

Justine Toms spoke in support of creating low income housing.

Mike Turgeon spoke in support of creating a climate action plan.

Andy Ferguson spoke in support of creating a climate action plan.

Bob Gaiser spoke in support of funding Southeast Greenway.

Steve Birdlebough spoke in support of funding public transportation.

Nick Caston spoke in support of the cannabis ordinance.

Debbie Harika spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Cathleen Caffrey spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Tom La Penna spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Roger McConnell spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Linda Adrain spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Buzz Draper spoke in support of rent control at the mobile home park.

Mara Ventura, North Bay Jobs with Justice, spoke in support of a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage.

Maddy Hirsfield, North Bay Jobs with Justice, spoke in support of a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage.

Jack Buckhorn, North Bay Jobs with Justice, spoke in support of a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage.

Marty Bennett, North Bay Jobs with Justice, spoke in support of a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage.

Kevin Conway, Friends of the Climate Action Plan, spoke in support of creating a climate action plan.

Cecile Querubin, Santa Rosa Together, spoke in support of promoting healthy districts.

Linda Proulx spoke in support of funding Southeast Greenway.

Maria Garcia, North Bay Jobs with Justice, spoke in support of a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage.

Terri Shore, Greenbelt Alliance, spoke in support of protecting the region's open spaces.

Perry Angle, North Bay Organizing Project, spoke in support of a policy for housing, rent control, and just cause evictions.

Reece Foxen, Library Commissioner, spoke in support of funding Sonoma County libraries.

Diane Wheeler, Friends of the Climate Action Plan, spoke in support of creating a climate action plan.

Tim Gega spoke in support of housing the homeless.

Shelly Browning, Friends of Public Banking, spoke in support of public banking.

Debora Hammond, Friends of Public Banking, spoke in support of public banking.

Mark Malouf, Teamsters Local 665, spoke in support of cannabis.

Clayton Taylor, Teamsters Local 665, spoke in support of cannabis.

Sharon Dezurick spoke in support of funding the Roseland Library.

Norma Doyle spoke in support of funding the Roseland Library.

Evette Minor spoke in support of rental inspections.

Eris Weaver spoke in support of funding a bicycle infrastructure.

Marisol Angeles spoke in support of funding the Roseland Library.

Kathryn Jurik spoke in support of housing the homeless and providing basic needs.

David Ransom, North Bay Organizing Project, spoke in support of a policy for housing, rent control, and just cause evictions.

Celma Luster spoke in support of funding the Roseland Library.

Karen Schneider spoke in support of funding the Roseland Library.

Thomas Ells spoke regarding the funded projects under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

Gillian Haley spoke regarding the homeless encampment sweeps.

Ashton Kluttz spoke in support of funding the Bird Rescue Center.

Thea Hartman, North Bay Organizing Project, spoke in support of a policy for housing, rent control, and just cause evictions.

Lee Pierce, TEOS Group, Inc., spoke in support of community outreach to women, veterans, minorities, disabled, and businesses.

Efren Carrillo, Burbank Housing, spoke in support of affordable housing.

Suzanne Farver, Climate Reality, spoke in support of an all-electric ready ordinance.

John Lowry spoke in support of low income housing.

Wayne Yamagishi spoke in support of an all-electric ready ordinance and creating a climate action plan.

Cliff Whigham spoke in support of higher density residential developments.

3. Comments from the City Manager

City Manager McGlynn highlighted the city's focus on improvement, recovering from the disaster event, the disruption that it caused, deterioration in the City's fiscal condition, and the need to think and work regionally to solve problems.

4. Review Today's Agenda

Jan Perkins, Vice President of Management Partners, facilitated the workshop and covered the agenda. Leslie Salmon-Zhu provided graphic recording of the session.

5. Review Status of Priorities

Prioritized items for consideration were listed and each Councilmember participated in a dot-voting exercise to determine Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities.

Recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

6. Departments' Highlights of Priorities/Issues

Each department head provided a brief review of major projects and issues that his or her department is focusing on, and items that require involvement of other departments.

Hank Schreeder, Police Chief, spoke regarding the three pillars of the second year of our strategic plan: infrastructure, people and personnel, and staffing services.

Chuck McBride, Chief Finance Officer, spoke regarding the financial health and sustainability, CALPERS unfunded liability, budget process underway, deficit, reserves, purchasing policies, recovery accounting and auditing, staffing, and implications.

Eric McHenry, Chief Information Officer, spoke regarding digital and internal services, cyber security, and media services used to broadcast meetings.

Jeremiah Mills, Acting Human Resources Director, spoke regarding the director that will assume position soon, labor negotiations, Americans with Disabilities Act, changes in labor and harassment trainings, citywide recruitments, updating policies and trainings for compliance.

Daisy Gomez, City Clerk, spoke regarding the mandated items: elections, Brown Act postings, Public Records Act requests (tripled since the fire), political reform mandates, coordinating filings, and tracking multiple mandates.

Sue Gallagher, City Attorney, spoke regarding litigations (PG &E), new legislations, resolutions, ordinances, ensuring compliance, working with Finance - update procurement process, code update process improvements, streamlining, assuring FEMA-compliant contracts, Public records Act review of records for exemptions, Open Government Task Force implementation, all housing initiatives, Renewal Enterprise District support, legal support for multiple boards and commissions for compliance, respond to courts regarding claims, and help with day-to-day operations.

Dave Guin, Housing and Community Services Director, spoke regarding affordable housing, homeless services, maximize HUD rules, waitlist for vouchers, State action plan, disaster recovery dollars, and code enforcement.

David Guhin, Assistant City Manager/Planning and Economic Development Director, spoke regarding housing policy, downtown and citywide developments, General plan kickoff, three-year effort, recovery rebuild (1,000 construction permits), economic development to attract and retain businesses, Roseland opportunities, and types of investments.

Jason Nutt, Transit and Public Works Director, spoke on behalf of Recreation and Parks Interim Director, regarding the recovery projects, roads maintenance, facilities maintenance, public works roles, temporary and seasonal employees, financial impacts due to a fifteen dollar (\$15) minimum wage, and Measure M requiring a maintenance of effort.

Emma Walton, Interim Director, Santa Rosa Water, spoke regarding recovery from wildfires and working with FEMA to receive all and any eligible reimbursements, resilience to the water system, working with a consultant for ways to further harden our system, water supply and infrastructure planning, staying closely involved, maintaining a lot of infrastructure, constant strategizing, and infrastructure to support the city as a whole.

Tony Gossner, Fire Chief, spoke regarding fire prevention/rebuild: speeding up processes, Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) audit 2019, helping develop the fire services side of the General Plan Update, emergency preparedness, implementing new software and training staff, regional approach to fire prevention, grant applications, vegetation management, keeping our community safe, FCC/wireless emergency alerting issues, pros/cons of using sirens, infrastructure - just 10 stations now and some need replacing; a fire station now costs \$1,000 a square foot, staffing study underway, emergency medical: a countywide process, Sonoma County fire services, a grid system for evacuations, building a platform for managing all our emergency systems decisions, we want one unincorporated department, more positions out in the field, ½ cent sales/parcel tax, need construction and staff of two stations, add

second battalion, and apparatus replacement program.

Workshop was recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Council Member Tibbetts left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

7. Council Direction on Priorities

Council Member Tibbetts joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Council discussion pertained to defining Tier 1 as the Council's top priorities, which will receive primary attention. Tier 2 are projects that will receive attention as resources permit. Tier 3 are opportunities for the future. Council pending items result from direction at Council meetings. City Manager will advise Council on what adjustments to work plan will be needed to accommodate these new items so as to fully inform the Council of the impacts.

8. Recess Special City Council – Executive Team Session to Reconvene at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 22, 2019, at the Flamingo Resort and Spa, 2777 Fourth Street, Courtyard I, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Workshop was recessed at 4:48 p.m.

Approved on:

Daisy Gomez
City Clerk