



City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Schwedhelm called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE.

3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

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

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

7.1 FIRE RECOVERY AND REBUILD UPDATE

This will be a standing item on the agenda. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

No report made.

7.2 COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

This will be a standing item on the agenda. No action will be taken except for possible direction to staff.

No report made.

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

City Attorney Sue Gallagher reported federal bankruptcy court judge, Dennis Montali, gave final approval for PG&E's bankruptcy plan and that settlement proceeds to public entities may be distributed as early as mid to late summer.

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

None.

10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mayor Schwedhelm announced the Council goal setting meeting will be held on August 4 and then read a letter to the community that commits to making changes for inclusion, diversity and equity, to making immediate updates to the use of force policies and that, as Mayor, he signed My Brother's Keeper Alliance pledge.

Council Member Sawyer highlighted the peaceful protest that took place at Doyle Park and stated there was a valuable exchange of information shared.

Council Member Olivares stated he supports the letter, would like the letter to be put out into the community in multiple languages, and to be published in the local newspaper.

Council Member Rogers stated the 24 hour peaceful protest and congratulated the organizers for an impactful and successful event.

Vice Mayor Fleming stated she supports letter and echoed Council Member Olivares' request that the letter be published in the newspaper and go out in multiple languages. The Vice Mayor spoke on the limited diversity on the Council and encouraged members of the community to run for office.

Council Member Dowd stated he supports the letter and the Council and staff will continue to find successful ways to engage the community and bring it back to full vigor and health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Samra spoke on the letter the Mayor read and asked if the Council would be open to restructuring law enforcement and follow in the steps of San Francisco.

Cecilia spoke on the letter the Mayor read, her concern that the driver who disrupted the peaceful protest is being portrayed as the victim despite many witnesses giving a different account of the incident, and asked what the Council is going to do about it.

Judy Patrick spoke on the City of Sonoma Council formed a task force to discuss police budgeting.

Scott Star spoke on reports on the protest this weekend, and the growing issue of housing and community services.

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

10.1.1 Council Subcommittee Reports

Council Member Rogers reported that as a representative on the SMART board, he was appointed to the SMART Listening Campaign following the defeat of Measure I.

Vice Mayor Fleming provided a brief update on Economic Recovery Task Force.

10.1.2 Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority (SCTA/RCPA)

10.1.3 Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) - Water Advisory Committee

10.1.4 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

10.1.5 Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee

10.1.6 Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA)

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

10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

10.1.9 Home Sonoma County (HSC)

10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)

10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

10.1.12 Other

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cori Beaty spoke on Item 12.1 annexation limits for the Roseland area, and echoed the statements with previous speakers in opposition to the police wellness program.

Duane De Witt submitted comment on Item 12.1 regarding the appropriations of the Roseland area and asked if it will increase or decrease money for Roseland.

Duane De Witt submitted comment on Item 12.6 regarding the sale of the property to Catholic Charities and asked if the City will be making a profit on the sale.

Mel P. submitted comment in opposition to Item 12.4.

Shelley Reilly, Interim Deputy Director of Finance, answered questions from the Council for Item 12.1.

Jill Scott, Real Property Manager, answered questions from Council on Item 12.6

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fleming, seconded by Council Member Rogers, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.1 through 12.6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, Council Member Tibbetts, and Council Member Dowd

- 12.1** RESOLUTION - APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO TRANSFER THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROSELAND ANNEXATION AREA, AND ADOPT THE RESTATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 AND FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the use of an updated population factor used in the calculation of the limit for Fiscal Year 2018-19, resulting in restatements to the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. It is also recommended to approve the Agreement for Transfer of Appropriations Limit for the Roseland Annexation Area between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma and adopt the restatement of the appropriation limit for City of Santa Rosa to include Roseland Annexation Area for FY 2019-20.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-093 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO TRANSFER THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROSELAND ANNEXATION AREA, AND ADOPTING THE RESTATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 AND FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

- 12.2** RESOLUTION - APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, (1) adopt the Article XIIIB appropriation limit for the City of Santa Rosa at \$275,369,000 for the Fiscal Year 2020-21, and (2) approve the inflation and population factors used in the calculation of the limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-094 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

- 12.3** RESOLUTION - FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT F001842 WITH YARBROUGH BROS. TOWING, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Police and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution, approve the First Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001842 with Yarbrough Bros. Towing, Inc., Santa Rosa, California for vehicle impound services for an additional one-year term and increase compensation by \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$245,000.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-095 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001842 WITH YARBROUGH BROS. TOWING, INC.

- 12.4 RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WELLNESS SERVICES WITH W. SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY ALL PROPER CLAIMS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the professional services agreement with W. Solutions, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 over the next five years for wellness services for the Police Department.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-096 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH W. SOLUTIONS, INC. DBA WELLNESS SOLUTIONS, ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR A WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 12.5 RESOLUTION - THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT F001450 WITH SYAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works, Water and Finance Departments, that the Council, by resolution, approve the Third Amendment to General Services Agreement Number F001450 with Syar Industries, Inc., Napa, California, for asphalt concrete supplies for an additional one-year term and increase compensation by \$700,000, for a total amount not to

exceed \$1,665,391.55.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-097 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F001450 WITH SYAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

12.6 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF 307 6TH STREET, 498 AND 500 WASHINGTON STREET AND 431 A STREET FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF 307 6TH STREET, 500 WASHINGTON STREET AND 431 A STREET, SANTA ROSA, TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Real Estate Services and the Department of Housing and Community Services that the Council, by resolution, (1) accept conveyance by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa of 307 6th Street, 498 and 500 Washington Street and 431 A Street, (2) approve the sale of 307 6th Street, 500 Washington Street and 431 A Street, Santa Rosa, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the acceptance and sale.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-098 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ACCEPTING 307 6TH STREET, 498 WASHINGTON STREET, 500 WASHINGTON STREET AND 431 A STREET, SANTA ROSA, FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND APPROVING THE SALE OF 307 6TH STREET, 500 WASHINGTON STREET AND 431 A STREET, SANTA ROSA, TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES

The time not being 5:00 p.m., Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Roman Campos spoke on the program CAHOOTS program used in

Oregon and proposed the City start this program.

Kristen Malone spoke on attending the protest this weekend, learning about Measure O, and hopes the City makes changes to the budget based on community needs.

Natalie Anderson spoke stating she echoed the statements of previous speakers, the importance of taking care of community members by people who value lives, and the affects the budget has on the homeless population.

Seth spoke thanking the Council, agreed with the values but felt the means do not match the ends, and promoting peace and community safety.

Paulina, SSU Student, spoke on the Police budget and asked Council to consider changes and reallocating funds to other aspects of the city.

Lee Van Deveer thanked Mayor for showing up at the 24-hour rally, witnessing the driver who drove through the crowd, asked Council to look at the Black Lives Matter Defund Project and the Peoples Budget LA.

Anandi spoke in support of de-funding the Police and reallocate the funds to mental health and housing.

Dr. Thompson spoke in support of de-funding the Police and reallocating funds into community programs.

Samra spoke on feeling there is a potential bias on the Council against de-funding and rebuilding the Police.

14. REPORT ITEMS - NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 - 2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 ACTION PLAN AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, FAIR HOUSING, AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

BACKGROUND: The proposed action will authorize submission of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Action Plan (Plans) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as approve grant agreements for public services, fair housing, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. HUD requires submission of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan so that the City can receive federal housing and community development funds in the form of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS monies.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) authorize submission of the 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); (2) approve the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Grant Agreements for public services, fair housing, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of \$698,633; (3) authorize the Director of Housing and Community Services to execute the Grant Agreements and any future amendments thereto for public services, fair housing, and HOPWA; and (4) authorize the City Manager to execute the annual federal funding agreements with HUD and any additional forms or documents required by HUD to implement the 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Action Plan.

Megan Basinger, Housing and Community Services Manager, presented and answered questions from the Council

Mayor Schwedhelm opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Fraser spoke on the funding being controlled and overseen by HUD, the injustices on how housing complaints are resolved, and

asked Council to include steps to adjust systemic injustices that exacerbate the housing problem.

Gene Hottel submitted comment in support of closing 4th Street to make it more pedestrian friendly and encourage people to visit downtown.

Jeff Gilman, Executive Director of Redwood Gospel Mission, submitted comment asking Council allocate funds to support the homeless outreach work of Redwood Gospel Mission in partnership with Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds.

Jim Blake, Executive Director of Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds, submitted comment asking Council allocate funds to support the homeless outreach work of Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds in partnership with Redwood Gospel Mission.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Schwedhelm closed the public hearing at 5:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Olivares, seconded by Council Member Rogers, to waive reading of the text and adopt

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-099 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 - 2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 ACTION PLAN, AND APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, FAIR HOUSING, AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Sawyer, Council Member Tibbetts, and Council Member Dowd

15.2 PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FY 2020-21 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

BACKGROUND: The City Charter specifies numerous actions to take

place leading up to the City Council adopting a budget prior to the last day of June each fiscal year. City staff published a summary of the current year budget (FY 2019-20) on December 30, 2019; held a budget priorities public hearing on February 25, 2020; held a budget study session on May 19, 2020; published a budget summary and public hearing notice on June 9, 2020; and, made copies of the proposed budget available to the public on the City's website at www.srcity.org on June 9, 2020. Council goal setting meetings were canceled this year due to the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Manager and the Finance Department that the Council hold a Public Hearing and by five (5) resolutions, adopt the City Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Shelley Reilly, Interim Deputy Director of Finance, presented the budget overview slides and answered questions from Council.

Police Chief Rainer Navarro and Pamela Lorence, Administrative Service Officer, presented the proposed Police Department budget slides and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Tom Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member Chris Rogers, Council Member John Sawyer, Council Member Jack Tibbetts, and Council Member Richard Dowd

Shelley Reilly, Interim Deputy Director of Finance, presented an overview of the General Fund budget and answered questions from the Council.

David Guhin, Assistant City Manger, presented a General Fund request for a one-time request for Santa Rosa Community Empowerment Plan.

Amy Reeve, Director of Human Resources, presented slides on the request for the City-wide Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion Program.

David Guhin, Assistant City Manager, presented slides on the Planning and Economic Development Professional Services budget.

Jason Nutt, Assistant City Manger, presented information on EverGreen Clean Energy and answered questions from the Council.

Jason, Nutt, Assistant City Manager, presented the Citywide Capital Improvement Program funds and answered questions from the Council.

Shelley Reilly, Interim Deputy Director of Finance, presented the General Fund Reserve Options and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Tom Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member Chris Rogers, Council Member John Sawyer, Council Member Jack Tibbetts, and Council Member Richard Dowd

Mayor Schwedhelm opened the public hearing at 8:46 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nelson Lomeli spoke on his concern on the lack of funding for the housing and homeless crisis but there being funding for Police and asked the Council amend the budget to eliminate the \$2.5 million increase to the Police budgeC and invest the funds towards services that will help the community.

Samra spoke on opposition to Council adopting the current Police budget and urged the Council to delay the decision until after official changes are made in the Police Department.

Terrie Wolfe spoke on her concern that Council's actions are in opposition to the letter read by the Mayor and suggested ways to change the culture in the Police Department.

Evan spoke on his concern on the excessive use of tear gas and rubber bullets used on constituents, the Police's excessive use of force, and in opposition to Council adopting the budget.

Danny Brown spoke in opposition to the proposed budget and asked the Police budget be lowered to the Measure O baseline and invested in mental health services and affordable housing.

Anandi spoke on police officers from other countries not carrying firearms, for Council to consider redistribution of officers to the Fire department, and reallocating funds to housing, education and mental health.

Jorge Inocencio spoke asking Council to cut the Police budget by 10%, to redistribute the funds to support services and departments that increase equity in the community, and in opposition to the Police budget as presented.

Colin Metcalfe spoke in opposition of the budget as presented and urged Council to reevaluate priorities.

Carla Wiking urged Council to not approve the budget and not increase the Police budget at this time and in opposition to the use of rubber bullets and riot gear.

Roman Campos spoke on the frustration of the community, Police not being equipped to deal with mental health crisis, and for funds to be set aside for ideas that come up through the community listening sessions.

Saba Gebre spoke on being a victim of police brutality and racial profiling, and urged defunding the Police and for the removal of Chief Navarro, reallocate funds to the people who are homeless, to educational institutions, to those who are historically repressed and systemic racism.

Emma Linford spoke on having a background in the mental health community, the system being broken for the community and police officers, and in opposition to the approval of the budget.

Sean spoke in support of defunding the Police and in opposition to Council approving the budget.

Kevin spoke in opposition to Council approving the budget, invest funds in community programs like CAHOOTS, and to cut the increase in the Police budget.

Eric Fraser spoke in opposition to the budget, his respect for public servants, and in opposition to the increase in the Police budget.

Lily spoke in support of defunding the Police.

Galaxy S10e/Lana Montgomery spoke in opposition to funding the Police.

Nurel Arriaran spoke in support of defunding the Police.

David Carlson spoke in support of delaying adoption of the budget and having a community dialogue before it is adopted, and in opposition of raising the Police budget.

Courtney Mulroy spoke regarding investing in community structure, mental health, in support of defunding the Police or not increase their budget, and asked Council to delay in adopting the budget.

Lauri Anderson spoke regarding reallocating funds to mental health,

homelessness, and education, requested data from Chief Navarro be made transparent, and urged Council to defer adopting the budget.

Miranda Rush, SRJC student, spoke in support of defunding Police and in opposition to the Police use of tear gas.

Alejandro spoke in opposition to adopting the budget as presented, in respect for the community speaking up, and stated the current police system is based off a past slave patrol.

Alysha Risch spoke stating she echoed the comments of previous speakers and hopes the Council makes changes.

Davin spoke stating he echoed the sentiments of previous speakers, is in opposition to increasing the Police budget, and reallocating funds to community efforts of self-governance, mental health services, and social programs for minorities.

D.C. Joy spoke in support of defunding the Police.

Judy Patrick spoke in support of reallocating funds to Housing and Community Services and Fire, in opposition to increasing the Police budget and asked Council to delay voting until the community was able to provide input.

Mayor Schwedhelm recessed the meeting at 10:00 p.m. and announced the meeting will continue/reconvene on Wednesday, June 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Approved on:

Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk