City of Santa Rosa

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

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT
JULY 28, 2026

2:00 P.M. - STUDY SESSION

4:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION

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PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS WILL BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN 5:00 P.M. MATTERS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Non-Agenda Items are the time when any person may address the Council on

matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The first public comment period on non-agenda items (Agenda Item 14) will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and will be limited to twelve speakers selected randomly by the Mayor. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes. Speakers who do not have an opportunity to speak during this time will be allowed to make public comment under Agenda Item 18.

2:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953)

This time is reserved for any Council Member to announce remote participation under the "Just Cause" provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE.

Following the announcement of Closed Session items and prior to recess into Closed Session, the public may speak up to three minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION(S) AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA ZOOM.

4. STUDY SESSION

Study Session items are items for in-depth discussion and possible direction to staff. Council will take no action.

4.1 TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES (TOC) POLICY

The Planning and Economic Development and Transportation and Public Works Departments recommend that the Council hold a study session to receive information and provide policy direction regarding implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy. This item has no fiscal impact on the current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - MTC TOC Resolution and Framework
Attachment 2 - MTC Administrative Guidance Transit-Orier
Presentation
Late Correspondence (Uploaded 07-28-2026)

4.2 SANTA ROSA CITYBUS SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE

The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Council hold a study session for staff to provide an overview of Santa Rosa CityBus system performance and finances and engage the Council in discussion about the goals of the Short Range Transit Plan update, the proposed planning approach, and next steps in the process. Council will take no action, but may discuss and provide direction to staff. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Presentation

4:00 P.M.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)

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

7. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE.

8. STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE.

This time is reserved for City staff to provide a five-minute briefing to the Council on departmental issues of interest. Council will take no action on these matters except to possibly place a particular item on a future agenda for Council consideration.

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 June 2026, 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
Litigation Report (UPDATED 07-28-2026)

10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION/RECUSAL BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

11.1.2 Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities (SCTCA)

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

11.2 BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

11.2.1 APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE DESIGN REVIEW AND PRESERVATION BOARD

The City Clerk's Office recommends the Council review an application and consider an appointment, by motion, to the Design Review and Preservation Board to fill a vacancy for the position of archeologist, architectural historian, or historian with a term ending December 31, 2028. This item has no impact on the current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Notice of Application Availability
Attachment 2 - Council Policy 000-06
Attachment 3 - ORD-2025-003

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12.1 July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: Draft Minutes

13. CONSENT ITEMS

13.1 MOTION - APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH AND COCOUNSEL LEGAL SOFTWARE

RECOMMENDATION: The City Attorney's Office recommends that the Council, by motion, approve an Agreement with Thomson Reuters Enterprise Centre GmbH through West Publishing Corporation, Eagan, Minnesota for Westlaw Legal Research and CoCounsel Legal for a term of five-years, in an amount not to exceed $174,432, and delegate authority to the City Attorney to execute the agreement. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report

13.2 MOTION - WAIVER APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF A MASTER BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR 3-YEARS FOR BIG BELLY SMART MAX TRIPLE STATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Council, by motion: 1) waive competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3-08.100(D) of the Santa Rosa City Code; and 2) approve issuance of a sole source / manufacturer Master Blanket Purchase Order for a 3-year term with Bigbelly Solar, LLC, of Needham, Massachusetts, for combination garbage, recycling and compost receptacles in a total amount not to exceed $1,000,000. This item has no impact on the current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Vendor Pricing

13.3 RESOLUTION - CONTRACT AWARD - SANTA ROSA AVENUE AT BELLEVUE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL

RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, reject the bid of Mike Brown Electric Co. of Cotati, California due to a bidding error; and award Contract No. C02283, Santa Rosa Avenue at Bellevue Avenue Traffic Signal Installation, in the amount of $1,026,700 to the lowest responsible bidder, St. Francis Electric, LLC, of San Leandro, California, approve a 15% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of $1,180,705. The source of funds is the Capital Improvement Fund. No City General Fund money is included in this project.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Bid Protest
Attachment 2 - Summary of Bids
Attachment 3 - GIS Map
Resolution

13.4 RESOLUTION - SONOMA LAND TRUST DONATION FOR SOUTHEAST GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that Council, by resolution, accept a donation from the Sonoma Land Trust for $750,000 to support the development of the Southeast Greenway Master Plan and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations by the amount of the

donation. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Resolution
Exhibit A - Restricted Donation Agreement

13.5 RESOLUTION - APPROPRIATION OF EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE ROBIN WAY WATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Public Utilities recommends that Council, by resolution, approve an appropriation of Expedited Drinking Water Grant funding in an amount of $4,442,100 from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Robin Way Water System Consolidation Project. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Location Map
Attachment 2 - ORD-2024-011
Attachment 3 - RES-2025-009
Attachment 4 - Funding Agreement D2502054
Attachment 5 - Reimbursement Agreement with SPCSD
Resolution

13.6 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S HOMEKEY PLUS GRANT PROGRAM WITH BURBANK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, CARITAS HOMES PHASE II, LLC, AND CARITAS HOMES PHASE II L.P. AS CO-APPLICANTS FOR CARITAS HOMES PHASE II IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $30 MILLION

RECOMMENDATION: The Housing and Community Services Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, authorize the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development's Homekey Plus grant program with Burbank Housing Development Corporation, Caritas Homes Phase II, LLC, and Caritas Homes Phase II L.P. as co-applicants in an amount

not to exceed $30 million for Caritas Homes Phase II and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the application, Standard Agreement and any Amendments thereto and the Homekey Plus documents. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Resolution
Late Correspondence (Uploaded 07-28-2026)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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15. REPORT ITEMS

15.1 REPORT - TRANSACTION AND USE TAX BALLOT MEASURE

BACKGROUND: In 2020, Santa Rosa voters approved a one-half cent local transactions and use (sales) tax known as Measure Q. Revenue generated by Measure Q, which expires in 2031, funds core municipal services including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and other City programs. Consistent with Council direction, this item includes the actions necessary to place before Santa Rosa voters a measure that would reauthorize the current one-half cent tax with a one cent tax. To ensure long-term funding stability for these services beyond 2031, the reauthorized one-cent tax would remain in effect until ended by voters.

If approved by the Council, the proposed ordinance will be submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election. If approved by a majority of voters, the tax would become effective in accordance with applicable provisions of state law.

Following a July 14, 2026 Revenue Enhancement Study Session, Council directed staff to return with the actions necessary to place

before Santa Rosa voters a measure that would reauthorize the existing Measure Q half-cent tax at a one-cent rate, at a term until ended by the voters. If the measure fails, the current one-half cent tax would remain in place until expiration.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager's Office and the Finance Department recommend the City Council (1) introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 3.30 of the Santa Rosa City Code to replace the City's existing, voter-approved one-half cent transactions and use (sales) tax with a one cent tax, until ended by voters, and (2) adopt a resolution ordering the submission of the ballot measure to qualified electors of the City of Santa Rosa at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election and directing related actions.

Attachments: Staff Report
Resolution
Resolution - Revised Redlined (Uploaded 07-28-2026)
Resolution - Final (Uploaded 07-28-2026)
Ordinance
Presentation (Uploaded 07-28-2026)
Late Correspondence (Uploaded 07-28-2026)

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing matters will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matters are reached on the agenda.

16.1 PUBLIC HEARING - SANTA ROSA FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa requires that residents comply with Chapter 9.08 of the Santa Rosa City Code, to abate and maintain their parcels throughout the declared fire season.

RECOMMENDATION: The Fire Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, confirm the itemized report of the Fire Department of the cost of weed and rubbish abatement as provided for in Sections 9-08.020, 9-08.080, and 9-08.090 of the Santa Rosa City Code. This item has no impact on current fiscal year budget.

Attachments: Staff Report
Attachment 1 - Weed Abatement Summary
Resolution
Exhibit A - Unpaid Weed Abatement Report
Public Hearing Notice
Presentation

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Support Letter for AB2047 - Firearms: 3-dimensional printing blocking technology - Provided for information.
- Support Letter for SB1153 - Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire - Provided for information.
- Support Letter for AB1436 - State Air Resources Board: air pollution regulations: private fleets - Provided for information.

Attachments: Legislative Update Memo
Bill Text - AB2047
AB2047 - Support Letter
Bill Text - SB1153
SB1153 - Support Letter
Bill Text - AB1436
AB1436 - Support Letter

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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

21. UPCOMING MEETINGS

This schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of the City Council Meeting Agenda.

21.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Attachments: Upcoming Meetings List

***Did not appear on the preliminary agenda.**
****Quasi-judicial or adjudicative action, ex-parte communication disclosure is required.**

The Open Government Ordinance was adopted by City Council in December 2020 (ORD-2020-018) and amended in July 2021 (ORD-2021-007). These ordinances added and amended Chapter 1-10 to the City Code to codify the City of Santa Rosa's commitment to embrace a culture of open government to ensure public trust, engage the community, and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. To view a full versions of the Open Government Ordinances go to http://srcity.org/OpenGovOrdinance and http://srcity.org/OpenGovOrdinanceAmend. To request paper copies of the Open Government Ordinances contact the City Clerk's Office at 707-543-3015 (TTY Relay at 711) or cityclerk@srcity.org.

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council prior to this meeting regarding any item on this agenda, excluding closed session items, are available for public review in the City Clerk's Office, Room 10, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Ave, during normal business hours.