



**City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Tuesday, February 25, 2020

3:00 PM

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

Vice Mayor Fleming called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Vice Mayor Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member Chris Rogers, Council Member Jack Tibbetts, and Council Member Richard Dowd

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Tom Schwedhelm, and Council Member John Sawyer

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane De Witt spoke regarding Item 2.2 and the importance of keeping a tight budget during negotiations.

Vice Mayor Fleming called the closed session to order at 3:04 p.m. to discuss Items 2.1 and 2.2 as listed on the agenda:

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Related Cases: 1) City of Santa Rosa v. Pacific Gas & Electric Company; PG&E Corporation Court Case No.: Sonoma County Superior Court SCV-262772; 2) Coordination Proceeding Special Title: California North Bay Fire Cases Court Case No.: San Francisco Superior Court CGC-17-004955 (Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4955); 3) In re: PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Debtors Court Case No.: United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division - Chapter 11 - 19-30088 (DM) and 19-30089 (DM); and 4) Public Utilities Commission of the State of California Proceedings related to Pacific Gas & Electric Utility.

**2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Chuck McBride, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer, Amy Reeve, Human Resources Director, Jeremia Mills, Employee Relations Manager and Jeff Berk, Chief Assistant City Attorney.

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); Executive Management (Employee Unit 10); Middle Management (Employee Unit 11); Confidential (Employee Unit 12); Mechanics (Employee Unit 13); City Attorney (Employee Unit 15); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association (Employee Unit 17), Santa Rosa Management Association (Employee Unit 18).

Vice Mayor Fleming adjourned the closed session at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:00 p.m.

### **3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.**

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Vice Mayor Victoria Fleming, Council Member Ernesto Olivares, Council Member Chris Rogers, Council Member Jack Tibbetts, and Council Member Richard Dowd

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Tom Schwedhelm, and Council Member John Sawyer

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

City Attorney Gallagher reported Council provided direction to counsel on Item 2.1 and that Item 2.2 was continued to the March 3, 2020, meeting.

### **6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **6.1 PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL**

Vice Mayor Fleming read the proclamation and presented it to

Bernice Espinoza, Katherine Rinehard, and Leslie Graves, Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project.

## **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 direction to staff.

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

City Manager McGlynn and City Attorney Gallagher had nothing to report.

## **9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No statements of abstentions were made.

## **10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **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 Dowd attended the Russian River Watershed Association meeting and provided a brief report.

#### **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)**

Council Member Dowd provided a brief report.

**10.1.9 Home Sonoma County (HSC)**

**10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)**

**10.1.11 Other**

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Approved as submitted.

**12. CONSENT ITEMS**

Council Member Tibbetts pulled Item 12.1 for discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane De Witt spoke in opposition to Item 12.3. Comment provided from speaker card: Please abolish this department and save money to be spent better elsewhere on authentic community engagement instead of political patronage.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rogers, seconded by Council Member Tibbetts, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items 12.2 through 12.6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Rogers, Council Member Tibbetts, and Council Member Dowd

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Schwedhelm, and Council Member Sawyer

**12.2 RESOLUTION - THOMAS FLORIAN FRAZIER PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the appropriation of \$75,000 from the Sonoma County Park Land Acquisition Fund as matching funds for the acquisition of the Thomas Florian Frazier property (APN: 038-261-010) to expand access to Sonoma County's Taylor Mountain Regional Park.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-023 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SONOMA'S APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY PARKLAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF THE THOMAS FLORIAN FRAZIER PROPERTY BY SONOMA COUNTY AND THE SONOMA LAND TRUST**

- 12.3** RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RECLASSIFICATION OF THE VACANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ENGAGEMENT POSITION TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Human Resources Department that the Council, by resolution, amend the City Classification and Salary Plan to create the classification of Deputy Director - Community Engagement with a salary range of \$116,976 to \$151,305 annually, in Unit 18 - Miscellaneous Mid-Management and authorize the reclassification of the vacant Director of Community Programs and Engagement position to Deputy Director - Community Engagement.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-024 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING THE CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN TO CREATE THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RECLASSIFICATION OF THE VACANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ENGAGEMENT POSITION TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 12.4** RESOLUTION - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CONSORTIUM DATED MARCH 1, 2020

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Amended and Restated Joint

Powers Agreement for the Sonoma County Public Safety Consortium dated March 1, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-025 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CONSORTIUM DATED MARCH 1, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

**12.5 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR PUBLIC NOTICE PRINTING SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution, approve award of a 5-year Blanket Purchase Order with Minuteman Press of Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa, California for printing of public notice postcards services, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-026 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AWARD OF A FIVE-YEAR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER WITH MINUTEMAN PRESS OF SANTA ROSA FOR PRINTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE POSTCARD SERVICES**

**12.6 ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECOND READING - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20-16 - RESILIENT CITY DEVELOPMENT MEASURES BY ADDING SECTION 20-16.130, SECOND, 12-MONTH AUTOMATIC EXTENSION FOR TENTATIVE MAPS AND ASSOCIATED ENTITLEMENTS, TO ADDRESS CONTINUED HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WITHIN THE CITY FOLLOWING THE TUBBS AND NUNS FIRES OF OCTOBER 2017 - FILE NUMBER REZ19-012**

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting by a (7-0-0) vote, amends City Code Chapter 20-16, Resilient City Development Measures, to add a second, 12-month automatic extension to approved tentative maps and associated entitlements, to address housing needs within the City

following the Tubbs and Nuns fires of October 2017.

**This Consent - Ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE NO. ORD -2020-002 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20-16 - RESILIENT CITY DEVELOPMENT MEASURES BY ADDING SECTION 20-16.130, SECOND, 12-MONTH AUTOMATIC EXTENSION FOR TENTATIVE MAPS AND ASSOCIATED ENTITLEMENTS, TO ADDRESS CONTINUED HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WITHIN THE CITY FOLLOWING THE TUBBS AND NUNS FIRES OF OCTOBER 2017 - FILE NUMBER REZ19-012**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rogers, seconded by Council Member Olivares, to waive reading of the text and adopt Consent Items. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Member Olivares, Council Member Rogers, and Council Member Dowd

**No:** 1 - Council Member Tibbetts

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Schwedhelm, and Council Member Sawyer

**12.1 RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARON & BUDD, P.C. AND DIXON DIAB & CHAMBERS, LLP, TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IN LITIGATION AGAINST PG&E ARISING FROM THE KINCADE FIRE OF OCTOBER 2019**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, approve a Professional Services Agreement with Baron & Budd, P.C. and Dixon Diab & Chambers, LLP, for legal representation on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa in litigation against PG&E arising from the Kincade Fire of October 2019.

City Attorney Gallagher provided information on the contract and answered questions from Council.

**This Consent - Resolution was adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-027 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARON & BUDD, P.C. AND DIXON DIAB &**

**CHAMBERS, LLP, TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IN LITIGATION AGAINST PG&E ARISING FROM THE KINCADE FIRE OF OCTOBER 2019.**

**The time not yet being 5:00 p.m., Vice Mayor Fleming recessed the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Kathryn Veniello, Ridgway High School, spoke regarding school resource officers and needing one at Ridgway High School. Comment provided from speaker card: Ridgway High School students and staff need the support of City of Santa Rosa for a school resource officer to keep our school safe.

Valerie Jordan, Administrator in Santa Rosa City Schools, spoke on the importance of a school resource officer at schools. Comment provided from speaker card: Ridgway High School would like.

Duane De Witt spoke regarding the Roseland Neighborhood Community Plan.

Fred Krueger spoke regarding growth, development and housing in Santa Rosa.

Allen Thomas spoke on his concerns surrounding his neighborhood regarding social services and how the City can interface with the public to increase transparency.

Mito Gonzalez spoke regarding labor issues and the labor union going on strike at Memorial Hospital. Comment provided from speaker card: speaking in support of caregivers at hospital.

Carmen Amavisca spoke regarding labor issues and the labor union going on strike at Memorial Hospital. Comment provided from speaker card: speaking in support of caregivers at hospital.

Larry LiGouri, National Union of Healthcare Workers representative, spoke regarding the labor issues and the union going on strike at

Memorial Hospital. Comment provided from speaker card: Here in support of caregivers at Santa Rosa Memorial.

Mary Virginia Watson spoke regarding the labor issues and the labor union going on strike at Memorial Hospital.

Steven Batson spoke regarding the treatment of employees and declining conditions at Memorial Hospital since being taken over by Provident Health. Comment provided from speaker card: Speaking in support of caregivers at hospital.

Jen LaPorta spoke regarding small cell installations in Santa Rosa and her concern neighborhoods are not being properly notified by the City when wireless transmission facility permits are applied for by providers.

#### **14. REPORT ITEMS - NONE.**

#### **15. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET PRIORITIES**

BACKGROUND: The City Charter, Section 28(a), states that "...not later than March 31st of each year and prior to any annual goal setting meeting held by the Council, the Council shall hold a public hearing seeking oral and written comment from the public on budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year."

Public input is an important component to the preparation of the budget. This public hearing also provides information to the City Council as they establish and refine their Council Goals. In addition to this public hearing, members of the public may provide comments or suggestions at any time on the City's website.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department, that the Council hold a public hearing on budget priorities and consider written and oral comments as part of future budget deliberations. No action is necessary.

Presented by Chuck McBride, Assistant City Manager.

Vice Mayor Fleming opened public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Hammond, Sonoma County Library, thanked the Council for their ongoing support for the Roseland Community Library. Comment provided from speaker card: Library respectfully requests City of Santa Rosa to allocate \$150,000 toward support of temporary Roseland library in FY 20/21.

Debbie McKay, League of Women Voters, spoke regarding climate change, homelessness, and urged council to keep the budget in line with Tier 1 priorities. Comment provided from speaker card: Support budget following Council Tier 1 priorities.

Karen Schneider, Library Commission, spoke regarding the Roseland Community Library and her experience growing up going to the library. Comment provided from speaker card: Support for Roseland.

Duane De Witt spoke regarding the Roseland Community Library and helping Roseland community.

Anne Seeley, Concerned Citizen's of Santa Rosa, spoke regarding climate change and homelessness issues being part of the budget.

John Quinn, Santa Rosa Youth Soccer League, spoke regarding athletic fields and park maintenance. Comment provided from speaker card: We have an acute need for lighted all-weather soccer fields to serve our community.

John McCall, Sonoma Land Trust, spoke regarding Southeast Greenway being a budget priority. Comment provided from speaker card: Request staff time for real estate svcs - Greenway Project.

Tom Amato, Oakmont Democratic Club, thanked the Council for dealing with climate change and requested Council make climate change a Tier 1 priority.

Robert Gaiser, Southeast Greenway Committee, spoke on the Southeast Greenway Project and requested Council make it a Tier 2 priority.

Thea Hensel spoke regarding Southeast Greenway Project and requested Council make it a Tier 2 priority. Comment provided from speaker card: staff time for real estate svcs. Greenway Project.

Norma Doyle, Roseland Library Coalition, spoke regarding Roseland Library and thanked Council for their continued support and the importance of reading.

Ana Stevens spoke regarding not being notified of a cell tower going up in her neighborhood and the negative affect on her health. Comment provided from speaker card: oppose 4G/5G cell tower at 401 College Ave.

Peter Rumble, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber and Santa Rosa Downtown Action Organization, spoke regarding meeting with staff frequently on issues going on downtown, and keeping downtown a Tier 1 priority.

Mike Turgeon, Friends of Climate Action Plan (FoCAP), spoke regarding the climate community being grateful for the decisions the Council has made regarding climate action.

Kevin Conway, Friends of Climate Action Plan, spoke regarding his experience of going to Doyle Park not being enjoyable, reducing greenhouse gasses, and possibly spending \$1,200 to \$1,500 to have their staff join the Urban Sustainabilities Director's Network.

Sidnee Cox spoke regarding small cell installations should be monitored on a regular basis to be compliant with permitted radio

frequency range, and on municipal wireless broadband.

Ted Calvert spoke regarding the Roseland Community Library and the services they provide.

Jen LaPorta spoke regarding adopting a telecommunications ordinance, and the dangers of small cell towers.

Sara Ortiz, Sonoma County Public Library Foundation, spoke regarding on the importance of libraries in a community. Comment provided from speaker card: Sonoma County Public Library Foundation supports the City of Santa Rosa providing \$150,000 in funding towards lease costs for the Roseland Library.

Alima Silverman spoke regarding climate change needing to be a Tier 1 priority.

Abigail Zoger spoke regarding funding for climate change action and solutions. Comment provided from speaker card: in support for climate action.

Alma Shaw requested the Council to continue to work with County to find short and long term solutions to the current un-sheltered housing crisis and possibly opening the fairgrounds as one of the solutions.

Kim Schroeder spoke regarding small cell tower wireless facilities and the dangers of 5G towers and their affect on climate change. Comment provided from speaker card: Please add updated telecommunications ordinance to protect neighborhoods and schools.

Ananda Sweet, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber, spoke regarding the Chamber supporting a budget that emphasizes economic development, expedites housing development while maintaining core services, investment in sustainable reserve, and keeping economic development downtown a Tier 1 priority.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Vice Mayor Fleming closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION) - NONE.**

**17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS - NONE.**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [IF NEEDED]**

**19. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Hearing no further business, Vice Mayor Fleming adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 3, 2020, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

**20. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST**

Approved on:

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Stephanie A. Williams  
City Clerk