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Chair Cisco, Vice Chair Weeks, and Members of the Planning Commission,

The following items are related to the Study Session – General Plan Annual Review 2019 (Item 8.1), which is scheduled for tomorrow, July 9, 2020:

A commissioner has requested additional information/clarification for the following:

Clarify Police Department staff numbers (page 23)

The report states that the Police Department employed 85.5 civilian employees in 2019. The correct number is 79.5. The total number of Police Department employees was correctly reported as 260.5 (full-time equivalent). Note that the correction will be included in the final published report.

Clarify number of Landmark Alteration Permits applied for in 2018 (page 35)

The report includes the following incorrect statement: There were 25 LMA applications submitted in 2019; four less than the 21 submitted in 2018. The correct statement is: There were 25 LMA applications submitted in 2019; four less than the 29 submitted in 2018. Note that the correction will be included in the final published report.

Public Art strategic planning update (page 37)

Public Art Program Strategic Planning is continuing with a slightly different approach to address the immediate needs in our COVID-19 environment. We have formed a Crisis Response Team to inform and evaluate a needs assessment and make recommendations for supporting recovery of arts & culture in Santa Rosa. The group is a smaller working team of staff and community members separate from the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, which will resume work once the Crisis Team completes their work. The project timeline has been delayed due to COVID-19; it is now anticipated the planning process will continue through the summer and a draft plan will be available in early Fall.

Article 34 allocation status

In 2019, the Housing Authority had an allocation of 689 units based on the City's housing stock, 108 units were allocated as follows: 1) 23 units to Hearn Veterans Village; 2) 45 units to Boyd Street Apartments; and 3) 40 units to Dutton Flats. Megan Basinger will be available to provide additional clarification and answer questions during the presentation.

SMART update considering effects of COVID (pages 19 and 20)

Amy Lyle, Supervising Planner – Advance Planning, will be available to answer questions during the presentation. City staff has also reached out to SMART staff for an update. Once information becomes available it will be forwarded to the Commission.

SB2 Grant application status (second to last paragraph page 44)

The City was awarded \$310,000 in SB2 Planning Grant Program funds which will be used for a Missing Middle housing initiative, an Historic Resource Evaluation for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan planning area, and an evaluation of the existing Growth Management Ordinance and General Plan Element to determine whether they should be amended or eliminated. Amy Nicholson will provide more detailed information for each of these three programs during the presentation.

How housing allocation fees are disbursed (page 46)

Housing Impact Fees are disbursed via a competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) generally issued in late Spring. It should be noted that the funds identified in the NOFA not only contain the fees collected, but also any repayment of principal and interest from outstanding loans. The FY 2018/19 funds were awarded to three projects: 1) Boyd Street Apartments 2) Hearn Veterans Village; and 3) Lantana Townhomes. The FY 2019/2020 funds were awarded to Dutton Flats. Megan Basinger will be available to provide additional clarification and answer questions during the presentation.

Have programs or other initiatives included in the report been delayed due to COVID?

In addition to staff presenting, the following staff members will attend the meeting and be available to provide updates and answer questions:

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner

Joey Hejnowicz, Administrative Analyst – Public Works

Scott Moon, Division Chief Fire Marshal

Yuri Kolsen, Transit Planner

Gabe Osburn, Deputy Director Development Services – Planning & Economic Development

Tara Thompson, Arts and Culture Manager

Tasha Wright, Energy and Sustainability Coordinator

Peter Martin, Deputy Director Water and Engineering Resources - Water

Jen Santos, Deputy Director - Parks

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Warmly,

Shari

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