

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-154

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA WAIVING CITY COUNCIL POLICY 000-06 AND AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE 2050 SANTA ROSA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa 2035 General Plan was adopted in 2009, and since the adoption of the Santa Rosa 2035 General Plan in 2009, the City has experienced low housing production and increased homelessness, the destruction of housing and displacement of residents by the Tubbs fire, the impact of cannabis business activity on industrial and commercial land, and the annexation of the Roseland community into the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, Council authorized the 2050 Santa Rosa General Plan Update with PlaceWorks Inc., to prepare a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan supported by robust and inclusive public engagement to address these issues as well as to remedy infrastructure and service deficiency, and environmental degradation within designated disadvantaged community areas within the City; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, Council received staff's report on the Community Involvement Strategy for the 2050 Santa Rosa General Plan Update and a request for a waiver of Council Policy 000-06 regarding Council appointments to boards, commissions and committees to allow the Director of Planning and Economic Development to select Community Advisory Committee members reflecting the diverse neighborhoods, age-groups, community organizations, special interest groups and business stakeholders within the City based on an open application process; and

WHEREAS, after accepting public comment and deliberation, Council accepted, by motion, the Community Involvement Strategy and directed staff to prepare a resolution to waive the application of Council Policy 000-06 to the formation of a twenty-five (25) member Community Advisory Committee provided: 1) the Director of Planning and Economic Development (PED) will select the first eighteen (18) CAC members based on an open application process to help ensure the CAC reflects diverse neighborhoods, age-groups, community organizations, special interest groups, and business stakeholders within the City; 2) each of the seven (7) Council members will seat one CAC member, totaling seven (7), to round out the diversity of the full CAC; and 3) the Director of PED or Council member that selected any vacated CAC seat will select the replacement member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby waives Council Policy 000-06 and authorizes the formation of the twenty-five (25) member Community Advisory Committee subject to the following requirements:

1. The Director of Planning and Economic Development (PED) will select the first eighteen (18) CAC members based on an open application process to help ensure the CAC reflects diverse neighborhoods, age-groups, community organizations, special interest groups, and business stakeholders within the City.

2. Each of the seven (7) Council members will seat one CAC member, totaling seven (7), to round out the diversity of the full CAC.
3. In the event a CAC seat is vacated by resignation or non-attendance by a member, the Director of PED or Council member that selected the vacated seat will select the replacement.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 15th day of September, 2020.

AYES: (6) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (1) Council Member Tibbetts

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney