City of Santa Rosa

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

City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 **3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor N. Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were made.

Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting to closed session at 3:01 p.m. to discuss Item 2.1 as listed on the agenda.

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager; Alan Alton, Chief Financial Officer; and Dominique Blanquie, Human Resources Director.
Employee Organizations: Santa Rosa Firefighters Association Local 1401, Firefighting (Employee Unit 2); Operating Engineers Local 3, Maintenance, Mechanics and Utility System Operators (Employee Units 3, 13 and 16); Teamsters Local Union 856, Support Services, Professional and Technical (Employee Units 4, 6, and 7); Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, (Employee Unit 5); Service Employees International Union Local 1021, Transit and Police Civilian Technical Unit (Employee Units 8 and 14); Santa Rosa Police Management Association, Police Safety Management (Employee Unit 9); Executive Management (Employee Unit 10); Middle Management and Confidential (Employee Units 11 and 12); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association, Attorneys (Employee Unit 17); Santa Rosa Management Association, Miscellaneous Mid-Management (Employee Unit 18).

This item was received and filed.

Mayor N. Rogers adjourned closed session at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:20 p.m.

3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL (IF NEEDED)

Present: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Absent: 1 - Council Member Eddie Alvarez

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

Samantha Zutler, Interim City Attorney, reported that Council met in closed session and no reportable action was taken.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Alvarez joined the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

6.1 PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Vice Mayor MacDonald read and presented the proclamation.

Jan Blalock, past Chair, Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, received the proclamation and provided a brief comment.

Eric Fraser spoke on Item 6.1 with the lense of freedom and free will.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE.

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

Maraskeshia Smith, City Manager reported Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) responded to a mutual aid request and sent staff to the Smith River Complex Fire in Del Norte County, SRPD recently held a swearing in ceremony, Transportation and Public

Works crews installed new lighted crosswalks and restriped existing crosswalks near schools ahead of the start of the new school year, and announced the grand opening of Caritas Homes Phase One hosted by Burbank Housing on August 24.

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No statements of abstention were made.

10. MAYOR'S/COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mayor N. Rogers reported on recent events attended, announced that Hugh Futrell was appointed to the Public Financing Authority, and on the Point in Time count.

Council Member Stapp provided a report on recent events attended.

Council Member Fleming reported on recent events attended and announced the resignation of Board Member Mary Watts from the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

Vice Mayor MacDonald reported on recent events attended.

Council Member Okrepkie reported on recent events attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Duane De Witt spoke on Mayor N. Roger's on the Point in Time Count report and Council Member Okrepkie's report on the Ukraine fundraiser.

Eric Fraser spoke on Council Member Fleming's report on BPU Member Watt's resignation and on community events.

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

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

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

Mayor N. Rogers provided a brief report.

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))

Vice Mayor MacDonald provided a brief report.

10.1.8 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

10.1.9 Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Mayor N. Rogers provided a brief report.

10.1.10 Renewal Enterprise District (RED)

10.1.11 Public Safety Subcommittee

10.1.12 Other

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11.1 August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

No public comments were made.

Approved as submitted.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gig Hitao spoke on Item 12.4 requesting it be pulled from the consent calendar and provided suggestion for amendments to correct flaws.

Eric Fraser spoke in opposition to Item 12.2.

Joe Dietzen spoke in support of Item 12.4.

Duane DeWitt spoke on Item 12.4 and provided suggestions to amend the ordinance, and other suggestions to address the unhoused dilemma.

Victoria Yanez spoke in opposition to Item 12.4 and provided comment on speaker card stating: Sam Jones releasing many people just to make room for campers.

Cadance Hinkle Allinson, Downtown Action, spoke in support of Item 12.4.

Michael Titone spoke in opposition to Item 12.4 and requested it be pulled from the consent agenda.

Natalie Balfour, Airport Business Center, spoke in support of Item 12.4.

Butterfly spoke on her lived experience with homelessness.

Argo T provided advanced public comment in support of Item 12.4.

Pauline Block, Cornerstone, provided advanced public comment in support of Item 12.4.

Danielle N., Downtown Association Organization, provided advanced public comment in support of Item 12.4.

Britt C., Downtown Association Organization, provided advanced public comment in support of Item 12.4.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

12.1 RESOLUTION - THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002259 WITH BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP FOR REAL ESTATE LEGAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney and the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002259 with Best Best & Krieger LLP to extend services and to increase compensation by $100,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed $400,000 for continued legal advice relating to real estate matters.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-146 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002259 WITH BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP FOR REAL ESTATE LEGAL SERVICES

12.2 RESOLUTION - SANTA ROSA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) accept the 2023 Annual Report for the Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area; 2) approve the continuation of the annual assessment on Santa Rosa lodging businesses; and 3) adopt the 2024 Work Plan for the Santa Rosa Tourism Business Improvement Area.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-147 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ACCEPTING THE 2023 SANTA ROSA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ANNUAL REPORT; APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON SANTA ROSA LODGING BUSINESSES; AND ADOPTING THE 2024 WORK PLAN

12.3 RESOLUTION - RATIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RENOVATION AND SEISMIC RETROFIT OF 55 STONY POINT ROAD FOR USE AS AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) ratify City staff's submittal of an application to the Fiscal Year 2022 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program (Grant) for retrofitting and upgrading the City's facilities located at 55 Stony Point Road as an EOC in the amount of $1,333,334; 2) appropriate a required 25% in local matching funds $333,334 from the general fund reserves to a project key to be established by the Chief Financial Officer; 3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the grant award and execute all agreements, related award documents and any amendments thereto required for such grant funds; and 4) appropriate the grant funds received to a project key to be established by the Chief Financial Officer.

This Consent - Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-148 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS A SUBRECIPIENT OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF SEISMIC RETROFIT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT 55 STONY POINT ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,333,334, APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS OF $333,334, ACCEPTING THE GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS

12.4 ORDINANCE ADOPTION - SECOND READING - ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 11.22 OF THE SANTA ROSA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11-22 - CAMPING ON PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

RECOMMENDATION: This ordinance, introduced at the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting by a 7-0-0 vote, repeals and replaces Chapter 11-22 of the Santa Rosa City Code (Camping on Public Streets and Public Property) to: 1) eliminate a blanket ban on camping on public property to align with *Martin v. City of Boise*, a 2019 decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and 2) establish standards for camping on public or private property that protect the health and safety of the community.

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

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2023-12 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 11.22 OF THE SANTA ROSA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11-22 - CAMPING ON PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane DeWitt spoke in support of Council Member Alvarez and efforts made in District 1.

Cynthia Lozano spoke regarding her renewal application for short term rental properties.

14. REPORT ITEMS

14.1 REPORT - INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE

BACKGROUND: The Council Policy No. 000-26 - Statement of Investment Policy was adopted by Resolution No. 17133 in January 1985. It has gone to City Council fifteen times since then to update and amend the policy. PFM Asset Management met with the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Team to discuss proposed changes. The Budget Team then held a meeting to collaborate with other stakeholders in the Parks & Recreation and Water Departments and Housing Authority to review and discuss the proposed changes. There was an overall consensus to move forward with the revisions.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution, amend Council Policy No. 000-26-Statement of Investment Policy, as revised.

Veronica Connor, Budget and Financial Analysis Manager, and

Monique Spyke, Managing Director - PFM, presented and answered questions from Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Fleming, seconded by Vice Mayor MacDonald, to waive reading of the text and adopt

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-149 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY 000-26 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Mayor N. Rogers took Item 15.1 ahead of Items 14.2 through 14.5.

15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - PLACEMENT OF ANNUAL STORM WATER ENTERPRISE CHARGES ON THE SONOMA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL - MANNER OF COLLECTION

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa is required under the federal Clean Water Act to obtain and comply with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Storm Water Permit). To comply with permit requirements and to control and reduce flooding, property damage, erosion, and storm water quality degradation in the City, the Council, in 1996, added Title 16 to the City Code, which created a Storm Water Enterprise and Utility ("Storm Water Enterprise") as an agency of the City. Under Title 16, the City Council is authorized to prescribe and collect charges (special assessments) for the services and facilities of the Enterprise. The Council's intention to collect the Storm Water Enterprise charges on the Sonoma County Property Tax Roll was stated in Resolution 22880, adopted in 1996, which levied the annual charges. The amount of the annual charges of the Storm Water Enterprise for fiscal year 2023-24 were adopted by the Santa Rosa City Council on June 20, 2023. This action only considers the manner in which the annual charges will be collected and not the amount of the fee.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the

Council, by resolution, adopt by 2/3 vote the Storm Water Enterprise Charge Report and approve placement of the Storm Water Enterprise charges on the Sonoma County Property Tax Roll to be collected by the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as Sonoma County property taxes are collected, unless those charges do not meet the County minimum of $10 and/or parcel owner contact information is known to be incorrect.

Claire Myers, Storm Water and Creeks Manager, presented and answered questions from Council.

Mayor N. Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. No public comments were made and Mayor N. Rogers closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Stapp, seconded by Vice Mayor MacDonald, to waive reading of the text and adopt

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-150 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND ADOPTING "REPORT FOR PROPOSAL TO PLACE STORM WATER AND DRAINAGE CHARGES ON SONOMA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION WITH COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES - FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024".

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Mayor N. Rogers recessed the meeting for a dinner break at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m, with Council Member Alvarez returning to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

14.2 REPORT - GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER) FOR FUNDING

FOR THE HIRING OF TWELVE (12) FIREFIGHTERS FOR HIGH DEMAND SERVICE AREAS

BACKGROUND: The SAFER grant program intends to improve or restore local fire department's staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively respond to emergencies. Grant funds are available for two activities: Hiring firefighters or the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. SRFD is requesting funding to hire 12 firefighters to address high service demand areas of the City, adding an additional four on-duty firefighters daily.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that Council, by resolution: 1) authorize staff to submit a grant application to FEMA for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) in the total amount of $7,084,440 for the hiring of twelve (12) firefighters for response in high demand areas; 2) authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to accept the grant award and approve and execute all documents and agreements related to the grant, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate funds into the project account by the amount of the grant award.

Scott Westrope, Fire Chief, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adina Flores spoke on the item and requested a citizen's action group to spot check or review contracts going before Council.

Shelby Pryor spoke on the item.

Vice Mayor MacDonald left the dais at 6:53 p.m. and returned to the dais after the vote on Item 14.2 at 6:55 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-151 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR FUNDING OF HIRING 12 FIREFIGHTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,084,440.00; AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD, APPROVE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald

14.3 REPORT - FY 2023-24 BUDGET AMENDMENT - INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A MODERN IRRIGATION SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE (BVGC) AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF A DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE BVGC IRRIGATION SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT

BACKGROUND: The BVGC is a 150-acre, 18-hole golf course with a driving range, pro shop, course restroom, maintenance shops and yards, and restaurant with banquet rooms. The golf course is a par 72, 6,500-yard course from the championship level tees and was built in 1969 on heavy clay soil.

Staff recommends that Council appropriate $2 million from the unassigned General Fund reserves for environmental review, design, and construction of a modern irrigation supply system for the Bennett Valley Golf Course (BVGC). Appropriation of funds is the first critical step towards a full replacement of the aging irrigation system infrastructure. Staff also recommends that Council delegate authority to the City Manager or designee to determine whether a design-build procurement, rather than a traditional design-bid-build procurement, is in the best interests of the City. Where the City Manager or designee make that determination, staff also recommends that Council delegate authority to the City Manager or designee to issue the design-build request for proposal. The contract that staff recommends that the City award for this project, whether it be utilizing a design-build or traditional design-bid-build delivery method, will return to Council for review and

approval.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended, by the Recreation and Parks and the Transportation and Public Works Departments, that the Council, by resolution: 1) increase appropriations in the Bennett Valley Golf Course (BVGC) Operations Fund in the amount of $2,000,000 from the unassigned General Fund reserves for environmental review, design and construction of a modern irrigation supply system at BVGC; and 2) delegate authority to the City Manager or designee to determine whether a design-build procurement is in the best interests of the City and to issue the design-build request for proposal for the Project.

Jen Santos, Acting Director - Recreation and Parks Department, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Carlile spoke in support of the item.

Shelby Pryor spoke in opposition to the item.

Jim Gurke spoke in support of the item.

Adina Flores spoke in opposition to the item.

Sheila Bell spoke in support of the item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-152 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FY 2023-24 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A MODERN IRRIGATION STORAGE SYSTEM FOR THE BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE (BVGC) WITH THE SOURCE OF FUNDS BEING THE UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A DESIGN-BUILD PROCUREMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY AND TO ISSUE THE DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROJECT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

14.4 REPORT - DIVERSITY OF CITY COUNCIL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

BACKGROUND: City Charter Section 11, Participation and Diversity in Boards and Commissions, requires that the Council issue an annual written report, to be discussed in public session, regarding its appointments to boards, commissions, and committees. The report shall contain, but is not limited to, the total number of appointments in a given year, the total number applications in a given year, and relevant diversity information including geographic and ethnic diversity.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Clerk's Office that the Council, by motion, accept the Annual Report of Diversity of City Council Appointees for the reporting year 2022 and provide feedback to staff on future reports.

Dina Manis, City Clerk, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shelby Pryor spoke on the item.

Adina Flores spoke on the item.

Zoom User spoke on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member C. Rogers, seconded by Mayor N. Rogers, approve the Annual Report of Diversity of City Council Appointees for the reporting year 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

14.5 REPORT - APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY, APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE SETTING CITY ATTORNEY SALARY

BACKGROUND: After a nationwide recruitment, selection process and candidate interviews, the City Council intends to appoint Teresa Stricker as the City Attorney. Council reached satisfactory terms and conditions for an employment contract.

The City Charter requires that the compensation for the salary of the City Attorney be established by ordinance. The Council will also introduce an ordinance establishing the salary of the City Attorney subject to the terms of the Employment Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, appoint Teresa Stricker to the position of City Attorney and approve the Employment Agreement - City Attorney. It is further recommended that the Council introduce an ordinance for first reading only, waiving full reading of the text, establishing the salary of the City Attorney in the amount of $24,500 per month or $294,000 annually effective November 6, 2023.

Dominique Blanquie, Human Resources Director, presented and answered questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Fraser spoke on the item.

Adina Flores spoke on the item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-153 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPOINTING A CITY ATTORNEY AND APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY POSITION

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

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

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ESTABLISHING MONTHLY SALARY OF $24,500 AND OTHER COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Natalie Rogers, Vice Mayor Dianna MacDonald, Council Member Eddie Alvarez, Council Member Victoria Fleming, Council Member Jeff Okrepkie, Council Member Chris Rogers, and Council Member Mark Stapp

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Support for ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) - Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. Provided for information.
- Opposition to AB 698 (Essayli) - Would prohibit state agencies and local governments from adopting or enforcing a rule, regulation, resolution, or ordinance that directly or indirectly results in prohibiting the use of gas stoves in residential and nonresidential buildings. Provided for information.
- Support for SB 470 (Alvarado-Gil) - Urban Water Community Drought Relief program: Small Community Drought Relief program: high fire hazard and very high fire hazard severity zones. Provided for information.

This item was received and filed.

16.2 NOTICE OF FINAL MAP - Montecito Townhomes Subdivision - Provided for information.

This item was received and filed.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Shelby Pryor provided a recommendation for a cultural center in Santa Rosa.

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

Mayor N. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 12, 2023, at time set by the Mayor.

20. UPCOMING MEETINGS

20.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST

Approved on:

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Dina Manis
City Clerk