

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**2:00 P.M. (MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM)**

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

Mayor Gorin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Mayor Gorin, Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, Councilmembers Bender, Sawyer, Jacobi, Olivares and Wysocky.

**2. INTERVIEWS FOR PERSONNEL BOARD**

The Council interviewed Ferdinand Schoch, Ellie Lowry, and Norman Nielsen for two vacant positions on the Personnel Board.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) AND ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION(S) IN MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM (ROOM 10, CITY HALL)**

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**3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency Designated Representatives: Greg Scoles, Deputy City Manager, Fran Elm, Human Resources Director and Chris Sliz, Human Resources Deputy Director

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 707, (Employee Units 8 and 14); Police Management Association (Employee Unit 9); Santa Rosa City Attorneys' Association (Employee Unit 17), Santa Rosa Management Association (Employee Unit 18).

Unrepresented Executive Management, Middle Management, and Confidential Employees (Employee Units 10, 11 and 12).

**3.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: City Attorney

**3.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: City Manager

**3.4 ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION(S) AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**4. STUDY SESSION -- NONE**

**4:00 P.M. (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER) [4:06:19 PM](#)**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

All members of the Council were present as noted above. Teen Council member Carson Moore was also in attendance.

**6. REPORT, IF ANY, ON STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION(S) [4:07:19 PM](#)**

City Attorney Fowler announced that the Council had met in closed session to take up Items 3.2 and 3.3, and that Item 3.2 would be taken up further at the conclusion of the open session.

Mayor Gorin announced that four additional interviews were scheduled for March 17 and following those interviews the Council would be making two appointments to the Personnel Board.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 PRESENTATION -- ARBOR DAY [4:08:19 PM](#)**

Lisa Grant, Park Maintenance Superintendent, and Laniel Bryant, Recreation Coordinator, announced the City's Arbor Day celebration activities, including two pruning workshops and volunteer tree planting projects.

The following Arbor Day Poster Contest winners were presented with participation gifts:

Jack London Elementary School: 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Terra Cook

Biella Elementary School: 2nd grade – Nathen, Milo Wickman, Sonny Vang

Merryhill Elementary School: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jessica Glaubiger; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Christopher Blakeslee; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Megan McClarnon; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Tallulah Letscher; 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Travis Mc Anulty; Kindergarten – Jacob Robinson

St. Rose Catholic School: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Miss Dooling – Gillian Kwok

Meadow View Elementary: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Andrea Hernandez

Robert Lewis Stevenson Elementary: Grade 2-3 - Ashley Nguyen

Binkley Elementary School: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Charlotte Banhour

Matanza Elementray School: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Rush – Brianna Molina

## **7.2 PRESENTATION – BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY [4:16:04 PM](#)**

Dave Townsend, Bicycles for Humanity, made a presentation about the group's first shipment of used bicycles to Mambia, Africa and the establishment of a bike shop there to serve local residents' unmet transportation needs. Mayor Gorin then presented Mr. Townsend with a proclamation proclaiming March 7, 2009 as the first annual Bicycles for Humanity Bike Collection Day in Santa Rosa.

MOVED by Councilmember Sawyer, seconded by Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, carried unanimously, to add Item 7.3 to the agenda.

## **7.3 PRESENTATION – GIFT FROM SISTER CITY JEJU, SOUTH KOREA [4:24:27 PM](#)**

Peter Suk presented to the Council, on behalf of the Mayor of Jeju, a plaque displaying 47 'Dolhareubang' traditional Jeju stone grandfathers. Vickie Sumix, director of the Dance Center in Railroad Square, spoke regarding the dance troupe's recent trip to the Santa Rosa's sister city and to perform for the fifth consecutive year at the Jeju Fire Festival.

## **8. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **8.1 TRANSIT MALL REVITALIZATION AND WAYFINDING UPDATE [4:29:25 PM](#)**

Jason Parrish, Administrative Services Officer – Transit and Parking, reviewed the Transit Mall Revitalization and Wayfinding Design program, including current status on project funding, design principals, timelines, site challenges, and response from the Technical Advisory Committee. He presented 3-D renderings of the design.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT [5:05:48 PM](#)**

Richard Canini encouraged centralizing transit by allowing other buses, such as Greyhound and casino buses, to use the transit center. He recommended against real time signage due to expense.

## **9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2009 AND JANUARY 27, 2009, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES [5:08:26 PM](#)**

MOVED by Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, carried 6-0-1 (Councilmember Olivares abstaining) to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented.

## **10. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS [5:09:00 PM](#)**

Mayor Gorin announced that she, Vice Mayor Vas Dupre and Councilmember Bender would be abstaining from the adoption of Item 11.1 due to the location of their residences.

## **11. CONSENT ITEMS [5:09:43 PM](#)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT [5:09:56 PM](#)**

Peter Tcherneff thanked Fire Chief Varner for checking into the use of cactus.

### **11.1 ORDINANCE ADOPTION --ORDINANCE DESIGNATING WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRE AREAS**

MOVED by Councilmember Wysocky, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, carried 4-0-3 (Mayor Gorin, Vice Mayor Vas Dupre, and Councilmember Bender abstaining), to adopt and waive reading of the text of the ordinance in item 11.1 as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3907 ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE SECTION 4702.1 AND DESIGNATING WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRE AREAS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **12. REPORT ITEMS**

### **12.1 REPORT -- BUDGET DEFICIT MEASURE: LIST #3 GENERAL FUND DEFICIT REDUCTION ITEMS [5:12:43 PM](#)**

[5:14:38 PM](#)

City Manager Kolin explained some of the changes made to the list since last week's study session, saying some of the items that the Council had requested more information on were moved to the March 24, 2009 agenda. He said all the police reduction items were moved to that date as well.

Doug Schlieff, Santa Rosa Police Management Association, and Ken Johnson, Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, requested that the reduction of 26 police officer positions be suspended from the Budget Reduction List 3 to allow time for contract negotiation discussions to result in concessions which would produce the necessary savings.

Brian Cochran provided an overview of the budget reduction items contained in List 3 and the resulting \$6.2 million budget savings, with \$8.7 million in reductions to come back on March 24 for further consideration.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Seeley, spoke against eliminating the Director of Advance Planning position from the budget.

Jack Osborne suggested further evaluation of the City Attorney's Office budget pending a production report.

Richard Canini opposed funding redevelopment projects such as the Vineyard Creek Hotel and the Gateway Redevelopment Project Area redirecting those funds toward programs such as the homeless shelter.

Peter Tcherneff suggested turning graffiti removal into an art contest, legalizing marijuana, and reducing office staff by half.

John Jenkel spoke against the war in Iraq.

City Manager Kolin responded that the Advance Planning cuts would be taken up at the March 24 meeting; and that redevelopment expenditures are not on the list. City Attorney Fowler responded that each year her office reports office production and caseload statistics in its budget preamble.

MOVED by Councilmember Wysocky, seconded by Councilmember Bender, carried 6-1 (Councilmember Jacobi voting NO), to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 12.1 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27309 ENTITLED:**  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT BUDGET DEFICIT REDUCTION MEASURES TO BE EFFECTIVE NO LATER

THAN JULY 1, 2009, AND FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY STATING A LATER START DATE, TO BE EFFECTIVE NO LATER THAN STATED IMPLEMENTATION DATE, SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF THE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS

MOVED by Councilmember Wysocky, seconded by Councilmember Bender, carried 6-1 (Councilmember Jacobi voting NO), to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 12.1 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27310 ENTITLED:**  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING THE CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY PLAN BY ELIMINATING, RECLASSIFYING OR ADDING CERTAIN GENERAL FUND POSITIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF THE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS

#### 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS [5:49:42 PM](#)

The following people made comments before the Council regarding items not on the agenda:

Jack Osborne advised the Council against opposing a matter based upon personal bias.

Richard Canini spoke against redevelopment debt financing.

Peter Tcherneff spoke against his legal prosecution and related psychological evaluations.

Mary Morrison spoke against war.

John Jenkel spoke against war.

Colleen Fernald spoke against war

Kay Tokerud spoke against federal bailouts.

#### 14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION)

##### 14.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION REPORTS - JANUARY 2009

##### 14.2 LIVABLE PLACES UPDATE - JANUARY 2009

#### 15. MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS [6:11:10 PM](#)

The Mayor and members of the Council made further announcements and reported on items of interest to the Council.

#### 16. CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S

## REPORTS

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### 17. [IF NEEDED] – ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION ITEMS(S), ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION(S), RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, IF ANY

Mayor Gorin announced that the Council would not reconvene in closed session as had been previously announced.

### 18. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING [6:42:50 PM](#)

Hearing no further business, Mayor Gorin adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. in the memory of Mike Hauser, former director of the Chamber of Commerce; and in the memory of Beverly Sverko. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 10, 2009, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on March 31, 2009.

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Susan Stoneman