

**PRELIMINARY SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

2:00 P.M. (MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 10)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) AND ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION(S) IN MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM (ROOM 10, CITY HALL)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Prior to adjournment into Closed Session, the public may speak up to 3 minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session.

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

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

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); Public Safety 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).

2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case

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

3:00 P.M. (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

3. JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

3.1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council prior to this meeting regarding any item on this agenda, excluding closed session items, are available for public review in the City Clerk's Office, Room 10, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Ave, during normal business hours.

3.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments from the public will be allowed at this time on the joint study session.

3.3 JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Sonoma County Water Agency staff will present to the Council and Board of Public Utilities the 2010/11 Water Transmission System budget request to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in a joint study session. Members of the Council and the Board of Public Utilities may discuss this information and ask questions of Agency staff.

3.4 ADJOURN JOINT STUDY SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

4:00 P.M. (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

5. REPORT, IF ANY, ON STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION(S)

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION - REDWOOD EMPIRE CHINESE ASSOCIATION - NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Except for public hearing items, comments from the public will be allowed on all agenda items at the time each item is called. Comments on public hearing items may be made when the hearing is opened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Comments from the public on non-agenda items will be heard under Agenda Item 12.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

This time is reserved for City staff to brief the Council on departmental issues of interest. No action will be taken on these matters except to possibly place a particular item on a future agenda for Council consideration.

7.1 NEW GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SERVICES

Staff will demonstrate new, enhanced Geographic Information System (GIS) services now available to residents. GIS-based information enables viewing of planned development, parcel lines, aerial images, census information and other information relevant to City of Santa Rosa residents. The GIS system is also heavily used internally by City staff to efficiently locate information and perform analysis on geographic trends within the city limits.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS

10. CONSENT ITEMS

10.1 MOTION -- ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

This motion approves the appointments of Chrissy Kaufman, Judy Kennedy and Michele Lott to fill at-large positions on the Art in Public Places Committee.

10.2 RESOLUTION - ASSESSMENT LIEN AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 JULLIARD PARK DRIVE

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Community Development, confirms the special assessment lien in the amount of \$974.89 against the property located at 511 Julliard Park Drive for violations of the City Code that remain uncorrected by the responsible party, Ralph E. Dunsdon, and authorizes recording of a lien and placing the assessment on the property tax roll for collection.

10.3 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND

This resolution, recommended by the Transit Department, authorizes the submittal of an application to the California Emergency Management Agency requesting \$25,113 from the California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) to implement a Transit Video Surveillance System; and appoints the Transit Director as the authorized agent to execute any actions necessary for this application, the acceptance of these funds, and the completion of the project.

10.4 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS FROM THE STATE PROPOSITION 1B PUBLIC MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT FUND

This resolution, recommended by the Transit Department, authorizes the submittal of an application to the California Department of Transportation requesting \$471,522 in Public Utilities Code 99313 and \$103,631 in Public Utilities Code 99314 funds from the Proposition 1B Public Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account to fund the purchase of fixed route hybrid buses; and appoints the Transit Director as the authorized agent to execute any actions necessary for this application, the acceptance of these funds, and the completion of the project.

10.5 RESOLUTION - CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS

This resolution, recommended by the Risk Management Division of the Human Resources Department, clarifies that the amount authorized for the compromise and release by the Claims Board of Workers' Compensation Claims shall be that cash value amount in excess of the duly agreed and uncontested claims award.

10.6 RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO ASSESSMENT LIEN AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 831 LINK LANE

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Community Development, confirms the special assessment lien in the amended amount of \$17,169.48 against the property located at 831 Link Lane for violations of the City Code that remain uncorrected by the responsible party, Olga Bermudez Alonzo, and authorizes recording of a lien and placing the assessment on the property tax roll for collection.

10.7 RESOLUTION - STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR BAYER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND GARDENS

This resolution, recommended by the Recreation, Parks & Community Services Department, directs staff to submit an application to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Proposition 84) for the development of Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens; and directs that if grant funding is awarded and upon approval of the grant contract the Council directs the Director of Finance to increase project account 8446 titled "Bayer Neighborhood Park & Gardens" by the amount of the grant.

10.8 RESOLUTION - STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK AND TRAIL

This resolution, recommended by the Recreation, Parks & Community Services Department, directs staff to submit an application to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Proposition 84) for the acquisition and development of Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail; and directs that if grant funding is awarded and upon approval of the grant contract the Council directs the Director of Finance to increase project account 8475 titled "Roseland Creek Park" by the amount of the grant.

10.9 RESOLUTION - APPROPRIATION OF PROPOSITION 42 FUNDS FOR STREET SLURRY SEAL PROJECTS

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Public Works appropriates \$335,000 of Proposition 42 Funds to Account No. 5097 Slurry Seal Preparation – Various Locations (\$267,000) and Account No. 4235 Slurry Seal – Various Locations (\$68,000).

11. REPORT ITEMS

11.1 REPORT -- SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY – 2010/11 WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM BUDGET REVIEW

BACKGROUND: Sonoma County Water Agency staff will have made a presentation to Council and the Board of Public Utilities in Study Session regarding the 2010/11 Water Transmission System budget request to the Santa Rosa City Council as an informational item.

RECOMMENDATION: The Santa Rosa City Council, by motion, may provide direction to the City's Water Advisory Committee representative regarding voting on the Water Transmission System budget at the Water Advisory Committee meeting.

11.2 REPORT -- CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN BOUNDARY

BACKGROUND: On December 15, 2009, the City Council accepted a progress report on the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan Zoning and Design Guidelines consistency Amendments project, stating that staff was moving in the right direction with the proposed amendments. These amendments include text amendments to the Zoning Code, rezoning of individual parcels, and text amendments to the Design Guidelines, in an effort to implement the Specific Plan as it was adopted by the City Council in 2007.

Following the staff presentation and public testimony on the project, the Council directed staff (4-0-3) to return with more analysis regarding various public requests for General Plan Amendments in the Specific Plan boundary, in particular, in the areas of Maxwell Court and Sebastopol Road. Staff has completed an analysis of these Amendment requests with the exception of Maxwell Court. A summary report regarding Maxwell Court is still in progress, and upon completion will be scheduled for Council review.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Community Development recommends the Council provide staff direction on how to proceed with the requests for General Plan Amendments.

11.3 REPORT -- AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

BACKGROUND: A number of questions have arisen with respect to Board and Commission appointments that were not specifically addressed in the Council Policy. This proposed amendment addresses appointment of employees, appointments to more than one Board or Commission position and attendance issues. In addition, it is recommended that the policy be updated to include ethics training requirements for Board and Commission members.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Attorney's Office that the Council adopt the revised Council Policy 000-06, Appointments to Boards/Commissions.

11.4 REPORT -- FY2008/09 MEASURE O ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: Ordinance 3680 added Chapter 3-26 to the Santa Rosa City Code establishing a special transactions and use tax. The special tax measure, known as Measure O, increased sales tax by a quarter cent to fund specific Police, Fire, and Gang Prevention/Intervention programs, as set forth in the Ordinance. In accordance with the Ordinance, a Citizen Oversight Committee was established, with members appointed by the City Council, to ensure the proper use of the Measure O funds. Each year, an Annual Report is prepared by City staff, reviewed by the Citizen Oversight Committee and presented to the City Council reporting on expenditures and activities during the past fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance, Police, Fire, and Recreation, Parks and Community Services Departments, and the Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee, that the City Council, by motion, formally accept the FY 2008/09 Measure O Annual Report.

11.5 REPORT -- AGREEMENT CONVEYING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR BAYER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND GARDENS

BACKGROUND: This resolution would authorize execution of an agreement conveying a conservation easement over Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Recreation, Parks & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, enter into an agreement conveying a conservation easement with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens.

11.6 REPORT -- APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES

BACKGROUND: It has been determined that a minimum of \$8 million in budget reductions will be required from general fund departments in FY 2010/2011 and will require a third major round of seniority-based layoffs. In order to mitigate some the negative effects of layoff, a Voluntary Retirement Program that encourages early retirements by providing an incentive is being proposed. Implementation of this program will result in vacant positions that can be eliminated from the budget. Employees who are approved to participate will receive an incentive of one week's base pay for each year of completed City service up to a maximum of \$60,000. The average incentive payout is estimated to be closer to \$35,000. The format of the incentive will be pre-determined for all members of a bargaining unit through a Meet and Confer process. Anticipated participation is 20-40 employees with a one-time implementation cost of approximately \$700K to \$1 million, which will be funded by salary savings from participating departments. On-going savings is anticipated to range from \$1.4 to \$2.9 million.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, approve the implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Program and provide direction to the Human Resources Department to begin the Meet and Confer process with the bargaining units. It is further recommended that the Council authorize the Interim City Manager or his designee to establish a Retiree Health Savings Plan, as required, and implement and administer the program.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address the Council on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Each speaker is allowed three minutes. To address the Council you are requested to complete the yellow Speaker's Card and give it to the City Clerk.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION)

13.1 MEMO RE ATTENDANCE AT WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

14. MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

14.1 APPOINTMENT TO SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD / REGIONAL CLIMATE PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD

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

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

17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING



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