

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**3:30 P.M. (MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ROOM 10)**

[4:00:20 PM](#)

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

Mayor Olivares called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Councilmembers present: Mayor Olivares, Vice Mayor Ours, Councilmembers Bartley, Gorin, Sawyer, and Wysocky. Councilmember Vas Dupre was absent.

**2. STUDY SESSION – None**

**3. 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 THREE MINUTES ON ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

There were no public comments.

**3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency Designated Representatives: 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 1021, (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).

**3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – EXISTING LITIGATION.** (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9) Name of case: Home Builders Association of Northern California v. City of Santa Rosa, et al., Sonoma Superior Court Case No. SCV 244441

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL**

Mayor Olivares, Vice Mayor Ours, Councilmembers Bartley, Gorin, Sawyer, Vas Dupre and Wysocky were present.

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

There was nothing to report.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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Duane DeWitt addressed the Council in support of the City's Sister City program.

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**6.1 PROCLAMATION - CLIMBERS FOR PEACE**

Councilmember Sawyer read and presented the proclamation to members of the Climbers for Peace Group on behalf of our Sister City Cherkessy, Ukraine.

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**6.2 PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING ROBERT DUNLAVEY**

The Mayor read and presented Bob Dunlavey with a proclamation honoring him in his retirement..

Mr. Dunlavey addressed the Council regarding his service with the City and thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Mayor Olivares and members of the Council thanked Mr. Dunlavey for his exemplary service to the City.

## 7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

There were none.

## 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [4:16:37 PM](#)

The City Council approved the December 14, 2010 Minutes as submitted.

## 9.A MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

### 1. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS [4:17:27 PM](#)

Councilmember Gorin noted she will be abstaining from discussion and/or action on Item 11.3, Report – Refunding of the Limited Obligation Refunding Improvement Bonds for the Fountaingrove Parkway Extension Assessment District.

### 2. MAYOR /COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS [4:17:33 PM](#)

- **Appointments to Boards and Commissions [4:17:41 PM](#)**

Various Councilmembers noted certain appointments that they would be making, but indicated they would give specific information to the City Clerk in the next day or so.

- **Election of Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG) Representatives and Alternates [4:21:49 PM](#)**

There was a **MOTION** by Councilmember Sawyer, seconded by Councilmember Gorin, carried unanimously to appoint **Councilmember Wysocky** to the **Sonoma County Transit Authority (SCTA)** as the City of Santa Rosa's **Representative**.

There was a **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Ours, seconded by Councilmember Vas Dupre, carried unanimously to appoint **Councilmember Sawyer** to the **Sonoma County Transit Authority (SCTA)** as the City of Santa Rosa's **Alternate**.

There was a **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Ours, seconded by Councilmember Bartley, to appoint **Councilmember Sawyer** to the **Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)** as Santa Rosa's Representative.

There was a **MOTION** by Councilmember Vas Dupre, seconded by Councilmember Gorin, to appoint **Councilmember Wysocky** to the **Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)** as Santa Rosa's Representative.

Given there were two nominees for Representative the following vote was taken regarding the first motion to appoint Councilmember Sawyer as the City's Representative.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Ours, seconded by Councilmember Bartley, carried on a 4-3 vote (Councilmembers Gorin, Vas Dupre and Wysocky voting NO) to appoint **Councilmember Sawyer** as the City's **Representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)**.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Gorin, seconded by Councilmember Vas Dupre, carried unanimously, to appoint **Councilmember Wysocky** as the City's **Alternate to the Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)**.

### 3. REPORTS BY MAYOR/ COUNCILMEMBERS REGARDING VARIOUS AGENCY MEETINGS ATTENDED (IF NEEDED) [4:29:19 PM](#)

- Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA)
- Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
- Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)
- Other

**9.B CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS [4:37:26 PM](#)**

1. City Manager Request for Appointment of Council Subcommittee to Discuss Feasibility of State Courthouse Proposal for the Downtown Area

Vice Mayor Ours, Councilmember Sawyer and Councilmember Gorin expressed an interest and were selected to serve on the subcommittee.

**10. CONSENT ITEMS [4:41:25 PM](#)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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PETER TSCHERNEFF addressed the City Council with concerns regarding the police sedan contract award.

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DUANE DEWITT – addressed the City Council regarding public participation.

**MOVED** by Vice Mayor Ours, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, **carried unanimously**, to adopt the motion and adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolutions in items 10.1 through 10.7 as follows:

**10.1 MOTION - CONTRACT AWARD – POLICE SEDANS**

This motion, recommended by the Finance and Police Departments, authorizes the contract award and issuance of a purchase order for six Ford Crown Victoria police sedans with extended power train warranties to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Hansel Ford, Santa Rosa, California, in the total amount of \$149,990.40. Funding for this capital purchase is allocated in the Police Department account numbers 17436, Replacement Fund Police Vehicle Purchases (\$49,604.87) and 300106 Public Works Equipment Replacement Purchases (\$100,295.53), object code 5694.

**10.2 RESOLUTION - FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND BUDGET ALLOCATION - NORTH SANTA ROSA STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN**

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Community Development, approves the following: (1) Authorizes the Mayor to sign a Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for \$400,000 to fund the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan; (2) Authorizes the City Manager to sign a Funding Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency for \$70,000 match for the preparation of the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan; (3) Authorizes the Mayor to sign a Funding Agreement with the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District for \$10,000 match for the preparation of the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan; and (4) Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to establish appropriations of \$500,000 in CIP project JL Key 08031-North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan, with the source of funds being a \$400,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Revenue GL Key 001231-4432), \$70,000 from Redevelopment Agency (Revenue JL Key 42021), \$10,000 from the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (Revenue GL Key 001235-4432), and \$20,000 of appropriations from the General Fund GL Key 020200-5320-Advance Planning.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27790 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE NORTH SANTA ROSA STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN, FILE NO. 2510-009**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27791 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND MAKING CERTAIN BENEFIT FINDINGS FOR CERTAIN PLANNING ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE NORTH SANTA ROSA STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27792 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR**

**THE NORTH SANTA ROSA STATION AREA  
SPECIFIC PLAN, FILE NO. ST10-009**

**10.3 RESOLUTION - ASSESSMENT LIEN  
AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 227 ORANGE STREET**

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Community Development, confirms the special assessment lien in the amount of \$27,762.32 against the real property located at 227 Orange Street for violations of the City Code that remain uncorrected by the responsible party, Richard Derham, and authorizes recording of a lien and placing the assessment on the property tax roll for collection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27793 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA CONFIRMING THE AMOUNT  
OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, CONFIRMING  
AND ORDERING THE RECOVERY OF  
PENALTIES AND COSTS ASSESSED AND  
IMPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING  
OFFICER FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY CODE  
PROVISIONS OCCURING ON THE PROPERTY  
AT 227 ORANGE STREET, SANTA ROSA,  
A.P.N. 010-196-005, AND ORDING THE  
ASSESSMENT BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX  
ROLL BY THE SONOMA COUNTY TAX  
COLLECTOR**

**10.4 RESOLUTION - ASSESSMENT LIEN  
AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 1265 CORBY AVENUE**

This resolution, recommended by the Department of Community Development, confirms the special assessment lien in the amount of \$42,846.49 against the real property located at 1265 Corby Avenue for violations of the City Code that remain uncorrected by the responsible party, Joseph Peter Wagner, and authorizes recording of a lien and placing the assessment on the property tax roll for collection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27794 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA CONFIRMING THE AMOUNT  
OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, CONFIRMING  
AND ORDERING THE RECOVERY OF  
PENALTIES AND COSTS ASSESSED AND  
IMPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING  
OFFICER FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY CODE,  
PROVISIONS OCCURING ON THE PROPERTY**

**AT 1265 CORBY AVENUE, SANTA ROSA,  
A.P.N. 037-151-007, AND ORDERING THE  
ASSESSMENT BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX  
ROLL BY THE SONOMA COUNTY TAX  
COLLECTOR**

**10.5 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE AND  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE  
FBI FOR SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE**

This resolution, recommended by the Police Department, authorizes the Police Department to accept and appropriate FBI funds in the amount of \$105,000.00 for overtime related to the Safe Streets project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27795 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA ACCEPTING AND  
APROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE FBI FOR  
SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE**

**10.6 RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO THE  
CITY CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY  
PLAN TO CREATE THE CLASSIFICATION  
OF GROUNDSKEEPER**

This resolution, recommended by the Human Resources Department, amends the City Classification and Salary Plan by creating the classification of Groundskeeper with a salary range of \$19.16 - \$20.00 - \$20.79 - \$21.73 - \$22.72 per hour, in Unit 3, Maintenance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27796 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA TO AMEND THE CITY  
CLASSIFICATIO AND SALARY PLAN TO  
CREATE THE JOB CLASS OF  
GROUNDSKEEPER.**

**10.7 RESOLUTION - EMPLOYMENT  
EXTENSION PER GOVERNMENT CODE  
21221(h)**

This resolution, recommended by the City Manager and the Human Resources Director, authorizes the extension of employment of Mr. McConnell for up to 960 hours or until no later than May 20, 2011 to allow the City to hire a permanent chief Financial Officer, and to provide some overlap as to allow Mr. McConnell to cross-train the new permanent chief Financial Officer. This employment extension will allow the necessary time for City Manager Kathy Millison to appoint a new chief Financial Officer and for the final candidate to provide notice

to his/her current employer and for any cross training to occur.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27797 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA TO EXTEND THE  
EMPLOYMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER**

**11. REPORT ITEMS**

**11.1 REPORT - 2012 AMGEN TOUR OF  
CALIFORNIA LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
[4:50:12 PM](#)

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa has hosted the Amgen Tour of California (ATOC), the largest, most important professional cycling stage race in the United States, since its inception in 2006 through the 2010 event. The event is owned by AEG Sports and is produced in collaboration with stage host cities which assist in fulfilling local race infrastructure needs. While Santa Rosa will not be participating in the 2011 race, AEG is seeking confirmation through a Letter of Agreement of the mutual interest of AEG Sports and the City of Santa Rosa to host the ATOC Overall Start in Santa Rosa on Sunday, May 13, 2012. Furthermore, the Agreement caps the City's obligations to no more than 15% above what is laid out in the 2011 Overall Start Host City Request for Proposal (attached as Exhibit A in the Letter of Agreement), and prohibits the issuance of an official announcement regarding the 2012 event unless each of the parties agrees in advance on the form and substance of such an announcement, except as may be required by law.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Department of Economic Development and Housing that the Council, by resolution, approve the Amgen Tour of California Letter of Agreement for Santa Rosa's participation as the Overall Start Host City for the 2012 professional cycling race, and authorize the City Manager to sign the subsequent 2012 Amgen Tour of California long-form agreement on behalf of the City with such modifications as approved by the City Attorney's Office and as outlined in the Letter of Agreement.

Raissa de la Rosa, Program Specialist, Economic Development and Housing, gave a detailed presentation on the upcoming event.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Wysocky, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, **carried unanimously**, to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 11.1 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27798 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE 2012  
AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA LETTER OF  
AGREEMENT TO HOST THE OVERALL START  
IN 2012**

**11.2 REPORT - REFUNDING OF THE LIMITED  
OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS,  
CITY OF SANTA ROSA, SKYHAWK  
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, SERIES 1995A  
AND REASSESSMENT REISSUE OF THE  
SKYHAWK SERIES 2011A BONDS**  
[5:06:53 PM](#)

BACKGROUND: This item, if approved, will authorize the issuance of Refunding Bonds that will replace the current outstanding City of Santa Rosa Skyhawk Assessment District Bonds. The relatively low interest rates currently applicable to this type of Bond will provide annual savings to the property owners within the District.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by these resolutions, 1) approve and authorize the issuance and sale of the Limited Obligation Refunding Improvement Bonds, City of Santa Rosa, Skyhawk Assessment District (Reassessment and Refunding of 2011), Series 2011A, in the amount not to exceed \$3,560,000, and 2) approve and authorize execution and delivery of the necessary associated documents, including a Reassessment Report, Paying Agent Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement for the proposed Bonds, and 3) approve and authorize execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement between Stone & Youngberg and the City of Santa Rosa.

Bruce McConnell, Interim Chief Financial Officer, along with attending Bond Counsel staff, gave the presentation and overview on the proposed reassessment/refunding bonds.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Bartley, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, **carried unanimously**, to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 11.2 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27799 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA OF INTENTION TO LEVY  
REASSESSMENTS AND TO ISSUE REFUNDING  
BONDS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27800 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING REASSESSMENT  
REPORT, CONFIRMING AND ORDERING THE  
REASSESSMENT BY SUMMARY  
PROCEEDINGS AND DIRECTING ACTIONS  
WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27801 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS AND  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING RELATED  
DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS**

**11.3 REPORT - REFUNDING OF THE LIMITED  
OBLIGATION REFUNDING  
IMPROVEMENT BONDS, CITY OF SANTA  
ROSA, FOUNTAINGROVE PARKWAY  
EXTENSION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT,  
SERIES 1999A AND REASSESSMENT  
REISSUE OF THE FOUNTAINGROVE  
PARKWAY EXTENSION SERIES 2011A  
BONDS [5:22:58 PM](#)**

**Councilmember Gorin left the Council  
Chambers during this item discussion and  
action.**

BACKGROUND: This item, if approved, will authorize the issuance of Refunding Bonds that will replace the current outstanding City of Santa Rosa Fountaingrove Assessment District Bonds. The relatively low interest rates currently applicable to this type of Bond will provide annual savings to the property owners within the District.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Finance Department, that the Council, by these resolutions, 1) approve and authorize the issuance and sale of the Limited Obligation Refunding Improvement Bonds, City of Santa Rosa, Fountaingrove Parkway Extension Assessment District (Reassessment and Refunding of 2011), Series 2011A, in the amount not to exceed \$8,835,000, and 2) approve and authorize execution and delivery of the necessary associated

documents, including a Reassessment Report, Paying Agent Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement for the proposed Bonds, and 3) approve and authorize execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement between Stone & Youngberg and the City of Santa Rosa.

Brian Cochran, Principal Financial Analyst, along with attending Bond Counsel staff gave the presentation on the proposed reassessment/refunding bonds.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Vas Dupre, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer, **carried on a 6-0-1 vote** (Councilmember Gorin abstaining), to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolutions in item 11.3 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27802 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA OF INTENTION TO LEVY  
REASSESSMENTS AND TO ISSUE REFUNDING  
BONDS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27803 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING REASSESSMENT  
REPORT, CONFIRMING AND ORDERING THE  
REASSESSMENT BY SUMMARY  
PROCEEDINGS AND DIRECTING ACTIONS  
WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27804 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS AND  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING RELATED  
DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Councilmember Gorin returned to the Council  
Chambers for the remainder of the meeting.**

**11.4 PUBLIC HEARING – HOUSING ELEMENT  
ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS [5:27:25 PM](#)**

BACKGROUND: On November 3, 2009 the City Council adopted the Santa Rosa General Plan 2035, which included three new Housing Element policies, one of which is required by Senate Bill 2 to be implemented by the end of 2010; all three policies are directed by the General Plan to be completed by the end of 2010. The policies (H-D-8, H-D-10 and H-D-11) require amendments to the

City's Zoning Code, including to allow for agricultural employee housing for six or fewer residents to be permitted in residential zones, allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the General Commercial (CG) zone and develop standards for emergency shelters, and allow transitional and supportive housing as residential uses subject to the same regulations as other residential uses. On December 9, 2010 the Planning Commission recommended (7-0) that the Council approve the Zoning Code Amendments consistent with the Housing Element of the Santa Rosa General Plan 2035.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Community Development Department and the Planning Commission that the Council introduce an Ordinance amending Zoning Code Sections 20-22.030, 20-23.030, 20-36.040 and 20-70.020, and adds Zoning Code Section 20-42.190 consistent with the Housing Element of the Santa Rosa General Plan 2035.

Jessica Jones, City Planner, Community Development, gave a detailed presentation on the proposed Housing Element Zoning Code Amendments.

**Mayor Olivares opened the public hearing.**

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**Duane DeWitt** addressed the Council and asked for support of these amendments.

**Hearing no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.**

**MOVED** by Councilmember Sawyer, seconded by Councilmember Wysocky, **carried unanimously**, to introduce and waive reading of the text of the Ordinance in item 11.4 as follows:

**ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE – SECTIONS 20-22.030, 20-23.030, 20-36.040, 20-42.190 AND 20-70.020 – FILE NUMBER ST10-003**

## **11.5 PUBLIC HEARING – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND DRAFT SANTA ROSA AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN** [5:37:00 PM](#)

**BACKGROUND:** The Draft Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan addresses the public right-of-way from Sonoma Avenue to Highway 12. The plan is proposed to provide multimodal enhancements, strengthen pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections to downtown and the future Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit station, and to develop conceptual, streetscape and design improvements for this segment of Santa Rosa Avenue. On November 17, 2010, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the plan, and it adopted a resolution on December 9, 2010 recommending that the City Council not adopt the plan as drafted. In its recommendation, the Planning Commission found that the draft plan does not adequately represent the community's vision for the corridor.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Community Development Department that the Council, by resolutions, adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Draft Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan.

Lisa Kranz, Supervising Planner, Community Development, gave a detailed presentation regarding the public process, Planning Commission consideration and staff's ultimate compromise plan recommendation.

**Mayor Olivares opened the public hearing.**

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**Duane DeWitt** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Anne Seeley** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation and in support of what the community proposed.

**Gig Hitao** spoke in support of staff's recommendation.

**Laura Fennell** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Jennifer Collins** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**M. J. Murphy** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Jean Von Trende** spoke in support of staff's recommendation.

**Jenny Bard**, representing Neighborhood Alliance spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Judy Kennedy** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Karen L. Macken** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**John Jenkle** spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation.

**Craig Lawson**, Chair of Community Services spoke in support of a compromise between both proposals and expressed concerns with maintenance of the median strips with trees and the signalization south of Julliard Park.

**Hearing no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.**

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Lengthy City Council discussion ensued with some Councilmembers expressing concerns that they felt the neighborhood had been misled and/or were given incomplete information and expectations as to what would be feasible in that area.

Discussion ensued regarding issues with the lack of symmetrical streets as well as concerns regarding medians, street trees, loss of parking, traffic flows/capacities north and south, and the possible impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods if traffic were to be diverted. Councilmembers noted that given this route is the gateway to Santa Rosa a unique solution is warranted and expressed frustration with both of the options before them indicating neither one really works. Discussion continued regarding if this should be viewed as a gateway "to" the downtown or "through" the downtown, with added discussion regarding the use of Highway 101 as an alternative route.

Concerns for public safety access, pedestrian safety and overall business access in the future were expressed. It was noted that given the reality of when funds would be available to pursue major changes in this project area and the likelihood of the only change which would be feasible in the near future would be striping, Council continued their discussion which evolved around not wanting to have to start the process all over again. The majority of Council concluded by indicating that in

the spirit of moving forward, they would support the Draft Santa Rosa Corridor Plan as recommended by staff.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Gorin, seconded by Councilmember Vas Dupre, **carried unanimously**, to approve and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 11.5 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27805 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AND ADOPTING A MITIATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SANTA ROSA AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN, LOCATED ON SANTA ROSA AVENUE BETWEEN SONOMA AVENUE AND HIGHWAY 12 – FILE NUMBER ST10-008**

**MOVED** by Councilmember Gorin, seconded by Councilmember Vas Dupre, **carried on a 6-1 vote**, (Councilmember Wysocky voting NO) to approve and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 11.5 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27806 ENTITLED:  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE SANTA ROSA AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN, LOCATED ON SANTA ROSA AVENUE BETWEEN SONOMA AVENUE AND HIGHWAY 12 – FILE NUMBER ST10-008**

**12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION)**

12.1 CITY OF SANTA ROSA ANNUAL REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT FEES AS OF JUNE 30, 2010 [8:04:34 PM](#)

Council accepted the report as submitted.

**13. [IF NEEDED] – ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S), ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION(S), RECONVENEMENT TO OPEN SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, IF ANY**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS [8:06:26 PM](#)**

**Robert Battaile**, representing the Bocce Ball League, spoke regarding his disappointment in the Parks & Recreation Department and their lack of support for Bocce Ball Courts and lighting.

**Richard Derham** spoke objecting to the lien placed on his house located at 227 Orange Street.

**Rachelle Bell** spoke regarding Marshall Law and the attempted assassination in Arizona last week.

**Mary Morrison** spoke regarding the war in Afghanistan and Marshall Law and statements made by Lynn Woolsey recently. Don't hold public comment to the end of the meeting.

**John Jenkel** spoke regarding Marshall Law and asked that the Council agendaize an item on unconstitutional war.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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Hearing no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Olivares **adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on January 25, 2011, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on: January 25, 2011

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Gayle Petersen  
Interim City Clerk