

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2011 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011
CHURCH OF ONE TREE, 492 SONOMA AVENUE
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

8:30 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Olivares called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Council Members present: Mayor Olivares, Vice Mayor Ours, Council Members Bartley, Gorin, Sawyer, Vas Dupre and Wysocky.

2. OPENING REMARKS by Mayor and City Manager

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Judy Kennedy, representing the Neighborhood Alliance, addressed the City Council asking them to focus on creating and sustaining a vital downtown, strong economic base and effective transportation system for the future; to sustain City leadership in resource efficiency, waste reduction, renewable energy generation, and greenhouse gas reductions in city and community operations; and to focus on sustaining thriving diverse neighborhoods and expanded open space and multi-service parks.

Jenny Bard, representing the Junior College Neighborhood, added to the comments made by Judy Kennedy and commented on the benefits of organized neighborhoods.

Steve Birdlebough, representing Friends of SMART, addressed the Council regarding transportation issues.

Willard Richards addressed the Council regarding various issues before the City.

Hank Topper, Community Advisory Board Member, addressed the Council indicating the importance of leadership and support. He urged support for citizen participation and commented on the Neighborhood Summit Coalition.

Thea Hensel addressed the city council regarding the Neighborhood Summit and the Southeast Greenway.

4. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

5. REVIEW OF COUNCIL NORMS AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:

The group reviewed the meeting agenda and considered possible outcomes. Meeting norms and ground rules were discussed.

6. LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Council, the City Attorney and City Manager discussed how to improve Council norms and working relationships.

Following Small Group and Large Group discussions, highlights and additional ideas were reported out.

Lunch Break

7. GOALS

Council discussed Vision 2030, followed by a review of the 2009-2011 Council Goals, Goals from the Strategic Planning Summit, and the Integration Document.

There was discussion of the desirability of establishing goals for a larger time period, such as three years, possibly up to five years, in place of the present two-year goals.

8. CLOSURE AND SUMMARY

Accomplishments of the day's efforts were summarized.

4:30 P.M.

9. ADJOURN to Continued Special Meeting to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Church of One Tree, 492 Sonoma Avenue.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Olivares called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Council Members present: Mayor Olivares, Vice Mayor Ours, Council Members Bartley, Sawyer, Vas Dupre and Wysocky. Council Member Gorin arrived at 8:50 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS by City Manager

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES – There were none.

4. GOAL SETTING

Executive staff and Council reviewed and clarified terminology and brainstormed possible goals. There was consensus for expanding the time frame for goals from a two-year period to a three- to five-year period.

The group took into consideration expectations of the community, along with budget impacts and means of financing.

Discussion ensued regarding prioritization of goals and a definition of what success would look like.

5. CLOSURE AND NEXT STEPS

Annette Townley, Organizational Development and Training Specialist, will finalize wording of goals and bring back to Council for adoption.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mayor Olivares adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 8, 2011, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

Sara J. Anna
Interim City Clerk