

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**3:15 P.M. (MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ROOM 10)**

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

Mayor Olivares called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Council Members present: Mayor Olivares, Vice Mayor Ours, Council Members Bartley, Gorin, Sawyer, Vas Dupre and Wysocky. (Council Members Vas Dupre and Wysocky arrived ten minutes late.)

**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 –** There were none.

**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**  
[4:15:50 PM](#)

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. All Council Members were present as noted above.

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

The City Attorney announced that the City Council voted 7-0 not to appeal the judgment in the case of Home Builders Association of Northern California v. City of Santa Rosa, et al.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**  
[4:15:57 PM](#)

**6.1 Proclamation – Arbor Day**

Girl Scouts were present to accept the proclamation.

**6.2 Proclamation – Santa Rosa Police Department Employee of the Year.**

Officer Charles LaSala was present to accept the proclamation.

**6.3 Presentation – Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2010**

Jim Wright, Purchasing Agent, gave a presentation to the City Council explaining the Achievement Award.

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**7.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT [4:35:48 PM](#)**

Economic Development Program staff provided Council with a quarterly update on the City's Economic Development Program.

**7.2 SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS [5:06:20 PM](#)**

The Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Steering Committee is recommending to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors that groundwater stakeholders collaboratively develop a non-regulatory, voluntary groundwater management plan for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin on March 22, 2011. If approved, the Sonoma County Water Agency would convene a broad-based Basin Advisory Panel to develop a consensus-based groundwater plan under the Groundwater Management Act (AB 3030). Staff will provide an update to the Council on the steering committee process and its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Glen Wright, Deputy Director Water Resources gave a brief presentation and introduced Gina Bartlett, Center for Collaborative Policy and Mark Trotta, SCWA who gave the balance of the presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Colleen Fernald** addressed the Council in support of the collaboration.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [5:29:50 PM](#)**

- February 15, 2011
- March 1, 2011

The Minutes for February 15 and March 1, 2011 were approved as submitted.

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

**1. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS [5:30:27 PM](#)**

Council Member Bartley noted he will be abstaining from discussion and/or action on Item 11.3.

**2. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS [5:30:38 PM](#)**

**3. REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS REGARDING VARIOUS AGENCY MEETINGS ATTENDED (IF NEEDED)**

- 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 [5:42:11 PM](#)**

There were none.

**10. CONSENT ITEMS [5:43:45 PM](#)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jack Osborne [5:44:19 pm](#)** addressed the City Council indicating the public has no idea what written information is provided in the closed session litigation discussion. Regarding Item 10.2 he indicated the City should not be spending money they do not have.

**MOVED** by Vice Mayor Ours, **seconded** by Council Member Wysocky, **carried unanimously**, to adopt and waive reading of the texts of the resolutions in Items 10.1 and 10.2 as follows:

**10.1 RESOLUTION - SANTA ROSA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA APPOINTMENT**

This resolution recommended by the BIA Advisory Board and the Department of Economic Development and Housing, approves the appointment of Jeff Durkin of Hilton Sonoma Wine Country to the BIA Advisory Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27848 ENTITLED:**  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE SANTA ROSA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA.

**10.2 RESOLUTION - REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT FOR RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION ON IRWIN CREEK**

This resolution, recommended by the Utilities Department, authorizes the grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Fund to restore 2 acres of riparian habitat on Irwin Creek. The grant is for \$20,000 and requires a 1:1 match from the City of Santa Rosa in which the City of Santa Rosa's matching funds will be used to purchase restoration materials and pay staff time for a portion of the maintenance. The money to be used is already budgeted for in the Riparian Habitat Improvements (JL Key 86342).

**RESOLUTION NO. 27849 ENTITLED:**  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT FOR RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION OF IRWIN CREEK.

**11. REPORT ITEMS**

**11.1 REPORT -- APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND APPROPRIATIONS OF**

**REDEVELOPMENT RESERVES [5:49:31 PM](#)**

The Mayor noted that this item had been acted on by the City Council at a Special Meeting called and held Monday, March 7, 2011. No further action was taken.

**11.2 PUBLIC HEARING – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CREEK STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (This item will be continued to April 19, 2011) [5:49:44 PM](#)**

**MOVED** by Council Member Wysocky, **seconded** by Council Member Gorin, **carried unanimously**, to **continue this item to Tuesday, April 19, 2011** for City Council consideration and action.

**11.3 PUBLIC HEARING – ELNOKA VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFICATION APPEAL [5:49:53 PM](#)**

**MOVED** by Council Member Sawyer, **seconded** by Council Member Gorin, **carried on a 6-0-1 vote** (Council Member Bartley abstaining), to **continue this item to Tuesday, March 29, 2011** for City Council consideration and action.

**12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION) –** There were none.

**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**

**Claude Biava** addressed the City Council regarding a fence issue.

**Deborah Tavares** addressed the City Council regarding PGE WMDs (Wireless Meters Deployment) sensitivity issues.

**Colleen Fernald** addressed the City Council indicating taxpayer monies should be better spent.

**Anne Seeley** addressed the City Council in support of the RDA action taken yesterday and announced the upcoming April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Aircraft Symposium at the Flamingo Hotel.

**Elizabeth Gatley** addressed the City Council stating she didn't get notice of the Special CC/RDA Mtg. held Monday, March 7, 2011 and that the City should pay down debt before spending on new housing projects.

**Bryan M.** addressed the Council regarding various matters including the CC/RDA Mtg. held Monday, SMART meters and economic development.

**15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING [6:13:35 PM](#)**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Olivares adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 15, 2011, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

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Gayle Petersen  
Interim City Clerk