

**SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

[3:32:03 PM](#)

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, and Wysocky. Council Member Vas Dupre arrived at 3:37 p.m.

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

3. STUDY SESSION

**3.1 SMART RAIL LINE GENERAL
STATUS REPORT AND REVIEW OF THE
PROPOSED OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE FACILITY** [3:32:37 PM](#)

Mr. Dave Heath, Interim Director of SMART, gave the presentation along with members of his staff.

The purpose of this study session is to allow the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) to provide a general status report and to review the site for the proposed Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) south of Todd Road and just west of Highway 101 on the east side of SMART's existing rail right-of-way. No official actions need to be taken by the City at this time.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROLL CALL

[4:08:36 PM](#)

All Council Members were present.

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

6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

**6.1 PRESENTATION – RAMSAR
DESIGNATION OF THE LAGUNA DE
SANTA ROSA WETLAND COMPLEX**
[4:08:46 PM](#)

David Bannister gave the presentation.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS - None

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [4:22:11 PM](#)

- March 7, 2011 City Council Special Meeting and City Council/Redevelopment Agency Special Joint Meeting.
- March 8, 2011 Regular Meeting

The Minutes were approved as submitted.

9.A MAYOR'S/COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

**1. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY
COUNCILMEMBERS**

**2. MAYOR /COUNCILMEMBERS'
REPORTS** [4:23:04 PM](#)

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

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

9.B CITY MANAGER'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS [4:35:03 PM](#)

10. CONSENT ITEMS [4:41:48 PM](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOVED by Vice Mayor Ours, **seconded** by Council Member Bartley, **carried unanimously**, to adopt and waive reading of the text of the resolution in item 10.1 as follows:

10.1 RESOLUTION - SPEED LIMIT ON THIRD STREET, E STREET TO MONTGOMERY DRIVE

This resolution, recommended by the Public Works Department, repeals the intermediate speed limits on Third Street between E Street and Montgomery Drive, thus reducing the speed limit to 25 mph per California Vehicle Code Sections 22352 (a) (2) (A).

RESOLUTION NO. 27850 ENTITLED:
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REPEALING THE INTERMEDIATE SPEED LIMIT ON THIRD STREET BETWEEN E STREET AND MONTGOMERY DRIVE.

Since it was not 5 p.m., the Council took Public Comments at this time.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS [4:43:03 PM](#)

Colleen Fernald addressed the City Council regarding nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 4:45 P.M.
[4:47:08 PM](#)

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 5:00 P.M.

11. REPORT ITEMS [5:02:15 PM](#)

11.1 PUBLIC HEARING – WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT PROGRAM
[5:02:22 PM](#)

BACKGROUND: On February 15, 2011, Council declared, by resolution, weeds and rubbish as a public nuisance. The second procedure is to publish a notice of a public hearing, at which time a person or persons may voice an objection to the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program. After hearing any or all protests, the Council, by

resolution, may grant or overrule any protest and authorizes the Fire Department to abate the nuisances.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department, that Council, by resolution, grant or over rule any protests and authorize the Fire Department to abate the nuisances.

Toby Ray, Fire Inspector I, made the staff presentation.

Mayor Olivares opened the public hearing.

Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOVED by Council Member Bartley, **seconded** by Council Member Sawyer, **carried unanimously**, to adopt and waive reading of the text of the Resolution in Item 11.1 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 27851 ENTITLED:
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA OVERRULING PROTESTS AND AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF WEEDS OR RUBBISH UPON OR IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

11.2 PUBLIC HEARING - FEDERAL SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO ACCESSIBLE PARATRANSIT BUSES [5:04:06 PM](#)

BACKGROUND: The City of Santa Rosa has contracted with MV Transportation for the provision of complementary, ADA Paratransit services since November 1, 2002. This service has provided as many as 51,000 rides to ADA eligible passengers in a one year period and was selected as the CalACT Outstanding Paratransit Program for 2010. Santa Rosa Paratransit extended its Paratransit service area to include the Earl Baum Center for the Blind, which now accounts for nearly 10% of the total annual rides performed, in July 2005. Given the growing senior and disabled population in the City and Roseland, City staff projects that demand for Paratransit services will only continue to increase in the coming years.

RECOMMENDATION: The Santa Rosa Department of Transit recommends that Council, by resolution, authorize (1) the submittal of a Federal Section 5310 grant application for the

acquisition of two accessible Paratransit buses and (2) the appointment of the Director of Transit as the authorized agent to execute any actions necessary for this application, the acceptance of these funds, and the completion of the project.

Michael Ivory, Transit Planner, made staff presentation.

Mayor Olivares opened the public hearing.

Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 27852 ENTITLED:
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH CALTRANS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO ACCESSIBLE PARATRANSIT BUSES THROUGH THE SECTION 5310 PROGRAM AND PROVIDES A RESOLUTION OF AUTHORITY TO THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT.

12. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION)**
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 [5:05:55 PM](#)**

Bill Haluzak addressed the City Council regarding zoning of properties within his Burbank Avenue neighborhood.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING [5:10:59 PM](#)

Hearing no further business, Mayor Olivares adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 29, 2011, at a time to be set by the Mayor.

Approved on:

Gayle Petersen
Interim City Clerk