

**CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL
&
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
DISSOLVED SONOMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA



**Wednesday July 6, 2016
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES**

City Council
Laurie Gallian, Mayor
Madolyn Agrimonti, MPT
David Cook,
Gary Edwards
Rachel Hundley

OPENING

Mayor Gallian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Terry Leen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Agrimonti, Edwards, Hundley, Cook and Mayor Gallian.
ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann, City Attorney Walter, Stormwater Compliance Specialist Pegg, Finance Director Hilbrants

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cecelia Ponicsan complimented the Council for their successful Goal Setting meeting and reported that a company called Battery Recyclers of America would recycle all types of batteries.

Terry Leen announced the formation of an American Veterans (AMVETS) organization in Sonoma and that he was the Commander Elect. He added that they stood ready to support the City.

2. MEETING DEDICATIONS - None

3. PRESENTATIONS

Item 3A: Presentation and update on stormwater program activities.

Stormwater Compliance Specialist Pegg presented an informative and detailed report on the City stormwater system and responded to a few questions from the City Council.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL

Item 4A: Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only.

Item 4B: Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Item 4C: Approval of the allocation of a City funded rental at the Sonoma Veteran's Memorial Building as requested by AMVETS Post 55.

Item 4D: Approval and ratification of the appointment of Matt Metzler as the alternate commissioner for the Community Services and Environment Commission for an initial two-year term.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Hundley, seconded by Clm. Agrimonti, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Item 5A: Approval of the portions of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Agrimonti, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled

7. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Item 7A: Discussion, consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution calling for an election on a proposed ballot measure to continue the existing voter approved funding of a transactions and use (sales) tax to fund general city services.

City Manager Giovanatto reported that, pursuant to Council direction given at the June 27, 2016 meeting, staff had prepared the appropriate documents to place the extension of the sales tax on the November 2016 ballot. She stated that staff was seeking Council input on the term of the tax, the ballot measure language and the writer of the argument in favor.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. David Eichar expressed support for the measure and added that Council may want to consider raising the Transient Occupancy Tax.

It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Hundley, approve a five year term for the tax and the ballot language and to appoint Councilmembers Edwards and Hundley as the argument writers; and to adopt Resolution No. 21-2016 incorporating those decisions, and entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA APPROVING CALLING FOR, GIVING NOTICE OF, AND ESTABLISHING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR AN ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING VOTER APPROVED FUNDING OF A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION ON THE CITY'S BEHALF. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7B: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Setting Priorities for Filing a Written Argument Regarding a City Measure.

City Manager Giovanatto reported that at the June 27, 2016 meeting Council directed that the referendum measure relating to leaf blowers be placed on the November 2016 ballot. This issue has been brought back for Council to decide who would write the argument in favor of the ordinance.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. David Eichar expressed his support for banning leaf blowers and questioned if an argument writers' eligibility was confirmed. City Clerk Johann responded that she would confirm if an argument writer was a registered voter if that was the requirement.

Sarah Ford stated that Sonoma Neighbors Against Leaf Blowers (SNALB) would be happy to help write the argument and questioned if they qualified as a bona fide association. Mara Lee Ebert and Cecelia Ponicsan agreed with Ms. Ford. Attorney Walter opined that the group would qualify.

Clm. Hundley stated she preferred to leave it to the community. Clm. Agrimonti stated she was neutral but would agree to be on a Council subcommittee. Clm. Cook stated he was neutral but didn't want the City Clerk to have to decide. Mayor Gallian stated her support for a Council subcommittee to write the argument. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Agrimonti, that Mayor Gallian and Clm. Agrimonti would write the argument and to adopt Resolution No. 22-2016 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING A WRITTEN ARGUMENT REGARDING A CITY MEASURE. The motion carried four to one, Clm. Edwards dissented.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

9. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Clm. Cook reported that the Sonoma Clean Power board was considering allowing Mendocino County to join and that he would seek direction from the Council before voting on that issue. His office hour would now be on Wednesdays at 1:00.

Clm. Edwards reported meeting with Sonoma Overnight Shelter and that he would continue to research their proposal for a Safe Parking Program and would be prepared to share his ideas and thoughts at the August meeting.

Clm. Agrimonti thanked those who helped clean up after the fireworks display.

Clm. Hundley reported that SVCAC reviewed plans for a restaurant at the old Uncle Patty's location. She also reported attendance at the Vitality Partnership meeting.

Mayor Gallian reported on the Open House Community Partnership workshop; thanked the newspaper for putting together the grand jury report; announced a July 16 meeting regarding Hwy 116 improvements and proposed round about; attended the ribbon cutting at Sweet Scoops; loved the fireworks and thanked the public for their generous support; and she will be holding office hours on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUCCESSOR AGENCY STAFF - None

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lynn Clary requested signs be placed in the Plaza restricting chasing the ducks.

Cecelia Ponicsan complained that many service trucks still did not have the required signage.

Mara Lee Ebert reported that members of SNALB went around to businesses asking them not to use leaf blowers and received a very positive response.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 15th day of August 2016.

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk