

**CONCURRENT SPECIAL 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 95476**



**Monday, June 25, 2012  
6:00 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

City Council  
Joanne Sanders, Mayor  
Ken Brown, Mayor Pro Tem  
Steve Barbose  
Laurie Gallian  
Tom Rouse

**OPENING**

Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. David Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Sanders and Councilmembers Barbose, Brown, Gallian, and Rouse  
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Kelly, Assistant City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk Johann, Planning Director Goodison, Development Services Director Wirick, Police Chief Sackett, Fire Chief Garcia, Accountant Williams, and Public Works Director Bates.

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**2. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Item 2A: Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budgetary Allocations for Community and Recreational Service Providers (Tier 1 Non-Profits)**

Mayor Sanders announced that ownership of property within five hundred feet of the Sonoma Community Center created a conflict of interest for her and she was required to recuse. She stepped down from the dais and left the room.

City Manager Kelly reported that as a placeholder, the draft budget included the same allocations as the 2011-12 City Council approved Grant amounts [\$123,200]. The 2011-12 Council-approved budget allocation represented a 12% reduction from the 2012-11 grant amounts and was consistent with the reductions taken by City departments due to the City's fiscal situation since 2008-09.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown invited comments from the public regarding funding for the Community Center. Sonoma Community Center Executive Director Castrone presented a request for \$50,000. She stated they had increased their level of services and provided a description of their programs and activities.

It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Barbose to allocate the same amount to the Sonoma Community Center as last year, \$26,400. The motion carried with the following vote: AYES: Barbose, Rouse, Gallian. NOES: Brown. ABSENT: Sanders. Mayor Pro Tem Brown noted that the City had already given the Community Center a lot of money.

Mayor Sanders returned to the dais. She pointed out that the proposed budget included one fourth of the normal amount for street repairs and maintenance.

Boys and Girls Club of Sonoma Valley Board President Marchelle Carleton described their ongoing programs and presented a request for \$58,000.

Sonoma Ecology Center Executive Director Richard Dale and Program Manager Mark Newhouser described their programs and outreach efforts and presented a request for \$22,000.

**Item 2A: Tier 1 Allocations, Continued**

Vintage House Senior Center Executive Director Cynthia Scarborough, noting the passage of Measure J, requested funding in the amount of \$30,000.

David Cook stated that due to the financial uncertainties of the City, he would recommend that the City Council stick with last year's level of funding for the nonprofits.

It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Gallian to fund the nonprofits at last year's level (Boys & Girls Club = \$51,040; Ecology Center = \$19,360; Vintage House = \$26,400). Mayor Pro Tem Brown stated that he had always been a staunch supporter of funding for nonprofits; however, things had changed and now he would only support funding for the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Sanders stated she would not support the motion. She agreed that the nonprofits provided important services but she had concerns about the rest of the budget especially the level of funding for street maintenance.

The motion carried three to two, Mayor Sanders and Mayor Pro Tem Brown dissented. Clm. Brown asked that the minutes reflect that he supported funding for the Boys and Girls Club but could not support the motion overall.

**Item 2B: Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding the 2012/13 Draft City Operating Budget.**

City Manager Kelly reported the General Fund budget for 2012-13 represented a significant change from past budgets due to the following issues: dissolution of redevelopment, loss of low to moderate housing set-aside funding, addition of Measure J sales tax, the new Successor Agency budget, the new streets/pavement management budget, the first full year of the Fire Services Contract, and the contingency plan needed to address the uncertainties with the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) of the former Sonoma Community Development Agency (CDA). She stated that the General Fund operating budget was balanced at this time; however, due to the ROPS issues which were yet to be determined, the budget should be considered an interim budget until the uncertainties with the enforceable obligations of the former CDA were resolved.

City Manager Kelly presented a Power Point presentation providing financial background and history, information regarding the impacts of the dissolution of the redevelopment agency, creation of the Tourism Improvement District and passage of Measure J. The draft budget included \$12,936,065 in expenditures offset by \$12,936,065 in revenues.

Clm. Rouse noted that street maintenance was a big issue and inquired if there were other sources of funding available. Public Works Director Bates stated that staff had been researching a program through the One Bay Plan. City Manager Kelly stated that staff would continue to research legislation being proposed by Senator Wolk regarding infrastructure financing districts. Assistant City Manager Giovanatto pointed out that funds from Gas Tax, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) were no longer available.

Mayor Sanders asked the two Chiefs if they could make cuts to their budgets or take them back to last year's level. Fire Chief Garcia stated they had cut their budget by \$100,000 by eliminating the Training Officer position. The increase in the budget was due to the transfer of Medic positions from non-safety to safety status. He pointed out that the City received 100% of the revenue from Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

Police Chief Sackett stated that part of his budget increase was a result of County employees coming off of a three year mandatory time off requirement resulting in the budget reflecting their full salaries for the first time in as many years. He reported that no employees had received raises and the one section of the budget over which he had control (supplies) had been reduced 7%. Chief Sackett pointed out that the County was continuing to pay for the School Resource Officer. He said the only way to significantly reduce his budget would be to reduce staff. Mayor Sanders inquired about the recent change to his position. Chief Sackett stated that this past year he had been assigned oversight of the Valley Substation. He added that the amount of time he spent on Valley issues was probably less than 5%.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received.

**Item 2B: 2012/13 Draft City Operating Budget, Continued**

It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Rouse, to direct staff to bring back the budget on the Consent Calendar for adoption at the July 2, 2012 meeting. Mayor Sanders stated she would not be voting in favor because she did not feel the budget addressed the intentions of the voters when they passed Measure J regarding road priorities. The motion carried four to one, Sanders dissented.

**Item 2C: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Continuing Appropriations for 2012-13 until an Operating Budget is Approved.**

City Manager Kelly stated that there would be a small gap before the budget was adopted and staff recommended adoption of a budget continuation resolution.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received.

It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Brown, to adopt the Resolution No. 25-2012 entitled A Resolution of the City of Sonoma Adopting a Continuing Appropriations Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Clm. Brown and Clm. Gallian expressed appreciation for the volunteers who cleaned up the cemeteries.

Clm. Brown dedicated the meeting in the memory of Jim Parks.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in the memory of Jim Parks.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.

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Gay Johann, MMC  
City Clerk