

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SONOMA CITY COUNCIL  
&  
CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED SONOMA COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**



**Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West  
Monday, January 28, 2013  
5:00 p.m. Closed Session  
6:00 p.m. Regular Session**

City Council  
Ken Brown, Mayor  
Tom Rouse, Mayor Pro Tem  
Steve Barbose  
David Cook  
Laurie Gallian

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**MINUTES**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:00 p.m., Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and invited comments from the public. Bob Edwards, SV Dog Owners and Guardians, spoke regarding the closed session item relating to the Montini property. He requested Councilmembers to keep in mind that many local dog lovers previously petitioned Council to allow dogs on the future Montini trail.

The Council then recessed into closed session with all members present. City Manager Giovanatto and City Attorney Walter were also present during the entire Closed Session.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**Item 2A: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS.** Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. Property: Montini Property, AP# 018-021-006, 018-011-017, 018-031-003, 127-051-105 and 127-051-106, Sonoma. Agency Negotiators: City Attorney Jeff Walter & City Manager Carol Giovanatto. Negotiating Parties: Sara Press, Misti Arias, & Lisa A. Pheatt. Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of Transfer Agreement under which property is to be conveyed to the City.

**Item 2B: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.** Significant exposure to litigation, one potential case. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council reconvened in open session and Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Pam Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Johann, City Attorney Walter, Planning Director Goodison, Police Chief Sackett, Development Services Director Wirick and Fire Chief Garcia.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** – Mayor Brown stated that no reportable action had been taken.

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements**

Cm. Rouse stated that constituents had contacted him regarding the prior Council discussion of the Maysonave Cottage. He explained that although Council decided to pursue leasing the property to a third party for development as a vacation rental, they would still be receptive to hearing from anyone who might have a better idea.

Cm. Gallian stated she would be developing her two-year goals and reported attendance at a meeting regarding gun violence sponsored by Congressman Thompson.

**Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements, Continued**

Mayor Brown dedicated the meeting in the memory of Robert McDonald. He announced that the Alcalde reception would be held Thursday at Vintage House and all were encouraged to attend.

**3. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUCCESSOR AGENCY STAFF**

City Manager Giovanatto stated that the next City Council meeting would be on February 11 and there would be no second meeting in the month February. Meetings will be back on the regular schedule beginning in March.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4A: Report on Health Action Sonoma County presented by Patricia Talbot**

Patricia Talbot reported on the activities and goals of Health Action Sonoma County and stated that she was honored to be the City's appointed representative on the Board.

**Item 4B: Presentation Regarding Cradle to Career Sonoma County**

Kellie Noe with Sonoma County Health Services and Dan Blake with Sonoma County Office of Education reported on the activities and goals of Cradle to Career Sonoma County. Mr. Blake stated that they would like to, at a future meeting, invite the Council to pledge support for the program.

**Item 4C: Proclamation Honoring Engineer/Paramedic Gabriel M. Stirnus**

Fire Chief Garcia stated that Engineer/Paramedic Stirnus was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Brown stated that he would present the proclamation at another time.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 5A: Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only.**

**Item 5B: Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 and the January 7, 2013 Meetings.**

**Item 5C: Approval and ratification of the appointment of Jeff Baptista as the alternate commissioner on the Design Review Commission for term ending January 28, 2015.**

**Item 5D: Approval of Ground Lease between the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma Dog Park Association, Inc., for the Ernest Holman Dog Park for a five-year term.**

**Item 5E: Authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with Marilyn Pinelli Gallagher Trust, on behalf of Royal Crown Cleaners, for groundwater monitoring wells associated with 32 Patten Street, Sonoma.**

**Item 5F: Approve changes to terms and conditions of employment for the Executive, Management, Administrative and Non-Represented Confidential personnel for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. (Res. No. 03-2013)**

**Item 5G: Approve Compensation Schedule for all positions in City Employment effective January 11, 2013. (Res. No. 04-2013)**

**Item 5H: Authorization to execute and file a Notice of Completion for the Bond House and Barn Demolition Project.**

**Item: 5I: Authorization for City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement to Purchase a New (Replacement) Public Works Department Dump Truck.**

**Item 5J: Authorization to Execute Funding Agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) to provide Administrative and Technical Assistance for the City's Water Conservation Program.**

**Item 5K: Approval of application by Project Sport/Echelon Gran Fondo for 1) Temporary Use of City streets; and 2) Approval of inflated arches on the Plaza Horseshoe in conjunction with the Sonoma-Napa Gran Fondo Bike Ride event scheduled for May 18, 2013. (Res. No. 05-2013)**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL, Continued**

- Item 5L:** Adoption of a Resolution approving an agreement for the transfer and acceptance of abandonment of a City water easement underlying a portion of the property located at 1360 Broadway [Friedman Home Improvement Corporation] and authorization for the City Manager to execute said agreement including a Quit Claim deed to the property owner Skycrest. (Res. No. 06-2013)
- Item 5M:** Adoption of a resolution decrying the growing and disturbing trend of gun violence and supporting efforts and measures aimed at reducing senseless gun violence in the United States, including but not limited to banning military type guns and assault magazines, requested by Mayor Brown. (Res. No. 07-2013)
- Item 5N:** Approval and ratification of the appointment of Harry Blum to the Community Services and Environment Commission for a two-year term ending January 28, 2015.

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

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

- Item 6A:** Approval of the portions of the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 and the January 7, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meetings pertaining to the Successor Agency.

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

**7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

- Item 8A:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on a report from the Traffic Safety Committee on the usage of the West MacArthur Street Class II Bike Lanes (requested by Councilmember Barbose).

Planning Director Goodison provided background information regarding the installation of bike lanes on West MacArthur Street as part of the City's comprehensive bicycle improvement project. He stated that the Traffic Safety Committee, at its November 27, 2012 meeting, considered a complaint from a West MacArthur Street resident. The resident claimed that the bike lanes were under-utilized and should be removed because they caused inconvenience to the residents who lost the ability to park in front of their homes due to the bike lane installation.

Councilmembers Barbose and Rouse stated there should be more outreach to encourage bicyclists to use the bike lanes. Goodison stated that staff were looking at various outreach programs.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. The following persons spoke in favor of the bike lanes: Paul Luca, Lyn Marie deVincent, Gary Helfert, Matt Metzler, Chris McCobb, and Rosemary Sutcliffe. Gary Helfert, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, stated they were a partner and would be happy to assist and provide support for any outreach program the City decided to launch. West MacArthur Street residents Sandy Sprague, Renee Sprague and Joe Hurrkey stated that the bike lanes caused congestion and placed those having to cross the street to get to their home in jeopardy. They asked that the bike lanes be removed.

Clm. Gallian stated that Sebastopol painted bike lanes and crosswalks a different color, which seemed to define them better. Clm. Cook suggested another rider count in six months. In response to the question by Clm. Cook; Goodison stated that it would cost approximately \$24,000 to remove the bike lanes. Clm. Barbose stated his desire to see an increased effort towards education and the promotion of bike usage. Clm. Rouse and Mayor Brown agreed with the other Councilmembers comments.

**Item 8B: Update on One Bay Area Transportation grant application for the resurfacing of Napa Road.**

Planning Director Goodison explained that this topic had been carried over from the December 17, 2012 meeting. He reported that staff had originally understood that demonstrating local compliance with Complete Streets principles required the adoption of a model resolution developed by MTC implementing a Complete Streets program. However, staff subsequently learned of an alternative approach, that of "self-certification." Under this approach, if a local jurisdiction was able to demonstrate that the Circulation Element of its General Plan already embodied Complete Streets principles, it may self-certify that it is already in compliance. Because Sonoma's Circulation Element was explicitly designed to address the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers, staff was able to make this finding, thereby avoiding the need to adopt the model resolution and associated program requirements.

Goodison stated that staff would continue to keep the City Council apprised of such conditions, especially those that represent ongoing commitments that have staffing and funding implications for the City and would continue to pursue grant opportunities and other outside funding opportunities as they become available in order to support infrastructure projects.

Clm. Cook thanked the Council for carrying the subject over and thanked Goodison for the explanation provided. The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. Mayor Brown thanked staff for always providing information requested by Councilmembers in a straightforward, unbiased fashion.

**9. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

There were no items.

**10. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND FINAL REMARKS**

**Item 10A: Reports Regarding Committee Activities.**

Clm. Cook reported on the Library Advisory Committee meeting. He said they had concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing streets to get to the library and wondered if the City could install flags on each side of the street that pedestrians could hold up while crossing. He also reported attendance at the League of California Cities New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy and stated that in future years, the City Manager should also attend.

Clm. Gallian reported on the meeting of the Sonoma County Ag and Open Space District and stated she was the new Chair of the Advisory committee. She also reported attendance at a Cittaslow meeting.

Clm. Rouse announced he would be visiting sister city Tokaj Hungary and attend a wine festival in May.

Clm. Barbose also reported attendance at the Cittaslow meeting.

Mayor Brown reported attendance at the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and reported Mark Bramfitt is their new Chair.

**Item 10B: Final Councilmembers' Remarks.**

Mayor Brown said he was looking forward to the State of the Valley on Thursday.

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. in memory of Robert McDonald.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

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Gay Johann, MMC  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager