

**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 95476*



**Monday, April 1, 2013  
6:00 p.m.  
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MINUTES**

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

**OPENING**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Toni Kuhry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Johann, City Attorney Walter, and Associate Planner Atkins.

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Kristin Land reported a recent altercation involving her son and stated that the Police Department wrote it off as a fight instead of an assault. She said there had not been any investigation or follow up and she was concerned for the safety and well-being of the children in the community.

Deidre Sheerin announced that nine residents had moved into the Sweetwater Spectrum group home for autistic adults. She announced that autism was the fastest growing disability in the country and invited those interested to schedule tours of the facility.

Don Bandur inquired what the procedure was for placing a topic on a Council agenda. City Manager Giovanatto explained that topics submitted by the public would need a Councilmember sponsorship to be placed on an agenda.

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Cm. Rouse dedicated the meeting in the memory of John Cardinale. Cm. Barbose dedicated the meeting in the memory of Wylie Hartman. Cm. Barbose announced that the issue he had asked to be on a future agenda relating to use of the public parking lot behind Murphy's by the Basque Boulangerie had been resolved. He stated that the owner of the bakery whose delivery vans had been taking up many of the parking spots for many hours during the day had voluntarily offered to modify that practice. Cm. Barbose thanked the new owner of the bakery and welcomed them to the community.

Cm. Cook announced he would conduct an open office hour at City Hall every other Wednesday between 11 and 12 beginning April 3.

Mayor Brown and Cm. Gallian expressed their concerns and assured Ms. Land they would follow up on her issue. Mayor Brown dedicated the meeting in the memory of Bea Oliver and Ron Pflieger. He also noted that his birthday was the next day (April 2).

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

City Manager Giovanatto reported that the Economic Development Steering Committee and Chamber were conducting an online survey about Plaza parking time limits. The Police Department would be conducting an alcohol beverage server training April 17. The City received a check from the County as a result of the settlement agreement relating to the over-collection of tax administration fees by the County. The Arbor Day celebration would be April 26 in the Plaza. City Manager Giovanatto wished Mayor Brown a Happy Birthday.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4A: Presentation of the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission's 2013 Student Creative Arts Award to Ms. Maya Smoot.**

Lisa Carlsson, Cultural and Fine Arts Commissioner, presented a certificate and award check in the amount of \$2,000 to Sonoma Valley High School drama student Maya Smoot. Ms. Smoot thanked the City and the Commissioners for the recognition.

**Item 4B: Recognition of Robert Wentworth's service on the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board.**

Mayor Brown presented Mr. Wentworth a certificate of appreciation for his service on the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board since 1996. Mr. Wentworth thanked the Council and stated it was time for someone younger to take over.

**Item 4C: National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation**

Mayor Brown read aloud the proclamation declaring April 21-27 Crime Victims' Rights Week and presented it to Chief Deputy District Attorney Alexander McMahon. Mr. McMahon thanked the Council for the recognition and stated that the impact of crime was pervasive and knew no boundaries. His office served over 20,000 victims in 2012.

#### **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 March 4 and March 18, 2013 Meetings.**

Clm. Barbose removed the minutes from the consent calendar. The public comment period opened and closed with none received.

Clm. Barbose presented changes to the March 4, 2013 minutes. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve the minutes as revised. The motion carried unanimously.

Clm. Barbose presented changes to the March 18, 2013 minutes. It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve the minutes as revised. 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 March 18, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meeting 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 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

#### **8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 8A: Adoption of resolution authorizing a TDA Article 3 grant application for bicycle improvements (Depot Park bike path maintenance and Napa Road Class 2 bicycle lanes).**

Associate Planner Atkins reported that the proposed grant application would be for \$70,000 in TDA3 funding to add bicycle improvement features to two Public Works projects: 1) the Napa Road Rehabilitation Project; and, 2) the Depot Park Maintenance Project. Construction for the Napa Road Rehabilitation Project was scheduled for 2014, while construction of the Depot Park Project was scheduled for the summer of 2013. With respect to the Napa Road rehabilitation project, the grant funding would enable the striping of Class 2 bike lanes along Napa Road from Broadway to the City limits, east of Fifth Street East. The Depot Park component of the

**Item 8A: Grant application for bicycle improvements, Continued**

proposed grant funding would allow for the rehabilitation of the existing segment of Class 1 bike path that runs through Depot Park.

CIm Rouse inquired if there were any strings attached. Atkins responded that there was no matching funds requirement for this particular grant.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. George Steddart, effected homeowner on Napa Road, inquired which side of Napa Road would be affected. Atkins responded that bike lanes would be installed on both sides of the road. She also noted that a turn lane would be installed at Larkin Drive.

Matt Mickler stated his appreciation to the City for pursuing the grant funds. He said the projects were really needed.

CIm. Gallian inquired what other funding source could have been used. City Manager Giovanatto responded that this was a redevelopment funded project prior to elimination of redevelopment by Governor Brown. It was moved by CIm. Barbose, seconded by CIm. Gallian, to adopt the resolution entitled A Resolution by the Sonoma City Council approving the request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of fiscal year 2013-2014 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle project funding for the City of Sonoma. (Res. No. 15-2013) The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8B: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on Proposed Changes to the League of California Cities Bylaws.**

City Manager Giovanatto reported that the League's Board of Directors approved submitting two amendments to the League's Bylaws to the membership. The proposed amendments would amend the Bylaws to provide that: 1. Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred in by at least five or more cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities; and 2. The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3rd vote of those Directors present. Currently, the Board may take positions with a simple majority vote.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by CIm. Gallian, seconded by CIm. Cook, to authorize the City Manager to submit a ballot in favor of the proposed bylaw changes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8C: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Relating to Support for California Mayors United Against Proposition 8, Requested by Mayor Brown.**

Mayor Brown stated that he had been invited to join other California Mayors who were speaking out against Proposition 8 and encouraging the Supreme Court to find it unconstitutional and restore the freedom to marry to all Californians.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Mark Vogler stated the Council had been very proactive and he encouraged them to take it one step further and speak out in favor of marriage for all. He cited personal examples of why gays should be allowed to marry.

It was moved by CIm. Gallian, seconded by CIm. Rouse, to authorize Mayor Brown to support California Mayors United Against Proposition 8. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8D: Report on 2013 City Council Goal-Setting Work Session.**

City Manager Giovanatto reported that the City Council held a roll up your sleeve goal-setting session that went very well. She presented a summary of the goals and pointed out that the Council chose to not prioritize them but to advance them at their own pace. She thanked the Council for development of manageable goals and stated that she would be bringing forth a full report including next steps at a future meeting.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. Mayor Brown thanked City Manager Giovanatto and her staff for a very well-run work session.

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

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

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

Clm. Barbose reported on a meeting of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency.

Clm. Rouse reported on the Economic Development Steering Committee meeting.

Mayor Brown also reported attendance at the Economic Development Steering Committee meeting

Clm. Gallian reported on the Ethics Training Workshop facilitated by City Attorney Walter, the Ag Preservation and Open Space meeting, Water Advisory Committee and Cittaslow meeting.

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

Clm. Rouse led everyone in singing Happy Birthday to Mayor Brown.

Clm. Gallian announced it was School Library Month.

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. in memory of Bea Oliver, Ron Pfleger, John Cardinale and Wylie Hartman.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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