

**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, August 19, 2013
6:00 p.m.

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. Angela Wilson, of HomeGrown Bagels, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Johann, Assistant City Attorney Nebb, Planning Director Goodison, Public Works Director Takasugi.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Police Chief Sackett and Deputy Sherman introduced the new Canine Unit, a two year old named Dickie. Deputy Sherman described the training that they had already received and announced Dickie had been released to duty.

Daryl Ponicsan commented on the ill effects of leaf blowers and once again requested the Council ban them. Cecelia Ponicsan stated that leaf blowers caused asthma and reported that one in five children in Sonoma County had asthma.

2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements

Cm. Rouse proudly announced the birth of his first granddaughter and dedicated the meeting to Sonoma's newest resident - Amelia Michelle Barker. Cm. Barbose requested that the issue of modification of the Montini Management Plan come before the Council as soon as possible. He added that he was in favor of allowing dogs on the trail. Cm. Cook requested that the issue of leaf blowers be placed on a future agenda. Mayor Brown dedicated the meeting in the memory of former State Senator Patricia Wiggins.

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

City Manager Giovanatto announced the following: The draft Library JPA would be before Council for review in October, staff would provide a Council Goal Report Card at the next meeting, the public was advised that an error that occurred in processing the August water bills had been corrected and they would be receiving corrective notices, the management plan for 32 Patten would be considered by the Successor Agency and Oversight Board in September, the Veterans Cemetery expansion project had begun, CFAC was seeking nominations for 2013 Treasure Artist of the Year, and due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Council meeting would be held on Wednesday September 4, 2013.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Item 4A: Recognition of Carole Latorre's service on the Community Services and Environment Commission (CSEC)

Mayor Brown presented Carole Latorre a certificate recognizing her service on the CSEC from March 2008 through June 2013.

Item 4B: Ledson Hotel Ten-Year Anniversary Proclamation

Mayor Brown read aloud a proclamation recognizing Steve Ledson and the tenth anniversary of the Ledson Hotel on the Plaza.

Item 4C: HomeGrown Bagel Thirty-Five Year Anniversary Proclamation

Mayor Brown read aloud a proclamation recognizing the thirty-fifth anniversary of HomeGrown Bagels and proprietor Stuart Teitelbaum's contributions to the community.

Item 4D: Presentation regarding the Sonoma County Food System Alliance Food Action Plan

Phina Borgeson reported that Food System Alliance was a county-based coalition of diverse stakeholders working to address food system needs. Convened in partnership by Ag Innovations Network and the County of Sonoma in 2009, FSA is a powerful tool working to bring the community together to deal with countywide issues. She provided details about FSA activities and programs.

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 June 24, July 1 and July 15, 2013 City Council Meetings.

Item 5C: Approval and Ratification of the Appointment of Bill Willers to the Planning Commission.

Item 5D: Approval and Ratification of the Appointment of James Cribb to the Planning Commission as the Alternate Commissioner.

Item 5E: Approval and ratification of the appointment of Christopher Rateaver to the Community Services and Environment Commission.

Item 5F: Approval and ratification of the appointment of Kate Schertz to the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission as the Alternate Commissioner.

Item 5G: Approval and ratification of the appointment of David Brigode to the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board.

Item 5H: Approve the granting of "Free Days" at the Sonoma Valley War Memorial Veterans Building to Chicuchas Wasi, Sonoma Community Center and SVHS Music Program. Approved subject to applicants' compliance with the City's standard insurance requirements.

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 June 24, July 1, and July 15, 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. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Cook, 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 to appoint a representative to the Sonoma County Health Action Board.

City Manager Giovanatto reported that Patricia Talbot had been the City's representative on the Health Action Board for several years but recently announced that she would step down to allow for a Councilmember to be the City's representative. Mayor Brown stated that he would like to serve on the Board. It was moved by Gallian, seconded by Clm. Barbose, to appoint Mayor Brown to the Health Action Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8B: Discussion, consideration and possible approval of an exception to the Special Events Policy in order to allow the display of a banner on the Plaza Horseshoe lawn on September 21, 2013, in conjunction with the Plein Air event.

Planning Director Goodison reported that the Special Events Policy provided that banners meeting specific criteria could be placed in the Plaza upon approval by the City Council. The policy restricted the size of banners to six square feet and did not allow them on the Plaza horseshoe lawn. Sonoma Plein Air requested placement of a 3' x 10' banner within the lawn area of the Plaza Horseshoe on the day of their event, September 21, 2013. The Community Services and Environment Commission (CSEC) approved the Plein Air Event application at their July 10, meeting and recommended approval of the placement of the banner to the City Council, as the Council had previously authorized a similar exception to the banner policy for this event last year. He stated that as presented, this request did not comply with the established criteria in the Special Events Policy as it related to size and placement of the banner. Goodison added that if the Council approved an exception for this event, it may also wish to consider directing staff and the CSEC to revisit banner criteria of the Special Events policy.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Ellen Hoover stated that she had been Co-Chair of the event for five years and that she did not understand why they were being singled out regarding their request for a banner since it had been approved in previous years.

Clm. Barbose stated he had no problem approving this exception but that it would be appropriate to revisit the policy in light of all the exceptions that had been made. It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Cook, to approve the exception subject to staff approval of the specific location and means of securing the banner and to direct staff and CSEC to revisit the policy. Clm. Gallian stated she was not singling this event out but felt that the horseshoe was a protected zone and she did not support placement of banners on it. The motion carried with four affirmative votes, Clm. Gallian abstained.

Item 8C: Discussion Regarding a Proposed Sidewalk Trip-Hazard Repair Policy.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi reported that California Street and Highways Code, and the City Municipal Code places responsibility on the abutting property owner for maintaining the sidewalk fronting or adjacent to their property in safe condition. Historically, the City of Sonoma had enforced the sidewalk repair ordinance by complaint only and had not actively inspected sidewalks for trip hazards. He stated that staff was proposing a phased inspection and repair program, with a cost share component. It was conceptually planned over a period of 11 years, but could take longer depending upon the extent of trip hazards discovered and the degree to which abutting property owners choose to participate in the cost share component.

Takasugi provided additional details about the proposed policy including the cost share component, contracting and budgeting. Clm. Rouse stated that tree roots caused most of the sidewalk issues and asked how that would be addressed. Takasugi stated that they would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. Councilmembers Rouse, Gallian and Barbose stated their support for development of the proposed policy. City Manager Giovanatto thanked Takasugi for developing the policy and stated that REMIF also supported it.

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 two recent meetings of Sonoma Clean Power.

Clm. Gallian reported on the Cittaslow Sonoma Valley, SCTA, M & C, and Ag and Open Space meetings.

Clm. Cook reported that Friends of the Library raised over \$10,000 at their last book sale.

Mayor Brown reported on the Disaster Council meeting.

Item 10B: Final Councilmembers' Remarks.

Clm. Gallian stated that Senator Wiggins would be missed.

Mayor Brown encouraged all to participate in the upcoming Vintage Festival parade.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. in memory of Pat Wiggins and in celebration of the birth of Clm. Rouse's granddaughter.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 4th day of September 2013.

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