

**CONCURRENT SPECIAL & 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, December 2, 2013
5:30 p.m. Closed Session (Special Meeting)
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

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

MINUTES

5:30 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. No one from the public was present to provide public testimony on the closed session item. The Council recessed into closed session with all members present.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Item 2A: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, pursuant to Government Code §54957. Title: City Manager.

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

PRESENT: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Barbose, Cook, Gallian, and Rouse

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann, City Attorney Walter.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – Mayor Pro Tem Rouse reported that the City Council reached a consensus regarding a successor agreement with the City Manager.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Barnett stated that the recent election on Measure B (Hotel Limitation Measure) illustrated that public opinion was evenly split regarding the limitation of hotels. Measure B did not create division in Sonoma, division created Measure B. He stated that the City Council had the ability to address concerns and suggested they start with eliminating the three-minute speaker time limit. He also suggested consideration of how TOT was calculated and how the City would deal with simultaneous hotel applications. Barnett stated that the power of money had not gone unnoticed and the Council could expect vigorous public participation as applications for new hotels were reviewed.

2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements

Mayor Brown dedicated the meeting in the memory of Britney Anderson.

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

City Manager Giovanatto announced the Alcalde Nominating Committee would meet that Wednesday and the Climate Action Workshop would be held December 10 at the Community Center.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None Scheduled

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 November 18, 2013 Council meeting.
- Item 5C:** Approval of a resolution declaring the results of the November 19, 2013 Special Municipal Election.
- Item 5D:** Resolution upholding the decision the Planning Commission to approve a Planned Development Permit, Use Permit, and Tentative Map allowing construction of an 18-unit planned development at 821-845 West Spain Street (implementing the City Council action of November 4, 2013).

The public comment period opened and closed with none received. Mayor Pro Tem Rouse removed Item 5D. It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve the items remaining on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 5D:** Resolution upholding the decision the Planning Commission to approve a Planned Development Permit, Use Permit, and Tentative Map allowing construction of an 18-unit planned development at 821-845 West Spain Street (implementing the City Council action of November 4, 2013).

Mayor Rouse invited Steve Ledson to speak. Mr. Ledson presented an alternative solution that would result in a lower building height than what had been proposed by Council. The public comment period opened and closed with no other comments from the public. It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to reconsider the previous Council direction and reschedule the hearing. 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 November 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. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Rouse, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled

8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

- Item 8A:** City Council Reorganization.

Mayor Brown invited nominations for Mayor. Clm. Cook nominated Mayor Pro Tem Rouse. Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Deirdre Sheering and Michelle Rouse expressed support for Rouse's nomination. The nomination was ratified by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor Rouse thanked everyone. He said it was a great honor to follow in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great grandfather. He encouraged people to become involved and stated that he would seek efficiencies in running Council meetings. Mayor Rouse presented outgoing Mayor Brown with a ceremonial gavel marking his term as Mayor. He invited nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Clm. Barbose nominated Clm. Gallian. Clm. Brown nominated Clm. Cook.

Mayor Rouse invited comments from the public. Madeline Agrimonti and Jennifer Irving expressed support for Clm. Cook. Clm. Gallian declined to accept the nomination. The nomination of Clm. Cook for Mayor Pro Tem was ratified by a unanimous vote of the Council.

- Item 8B:** Consideration of Membership Changes to REMIF JPA.

City Manager Giovanatto reported that Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF) was founded by seven founding member cities. Since the original formation of the JPA, eight Associate cities had joined the JPA without benefit of full representation on the Board of

Item 8B: Consideration of Membership Changes to REMIF JPA, Continued

Directors. In late 2012 REMIF conducted a Strategic Planning Session with the outcome of the session being a change in governance structure to bring the Associate members to full representation. This change would require that the JPA bylaws be amended. The original bylaws of REMIF require that a unanimous vote of all founding member agencies must be secured to approve any changes. Staff is seeking feedback from Council as to the likelihood that Sonoma would approve such a change in the governance structure. The Council for each founding member city is being asked to weigh in prior to moving forward with drafting the changes necessary to the bylaws to allow Associate member cities to become Full member cities.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Brown, to support the bylaw change. The motion carried unanimously.

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 the Waste Management and Sonoma Clean Power Authority meetings.

Clm. Cook reported on the Sonoma Valley Library meeting.

Item 10B: Final Councilmembers’ Remarks.

Clm. Cook stated his first year on the Council had been good. He thanked his fellow Councilmembers and staff for their assistance.

Clm. Barbose congratulated Rouse and Cook. He stated that although he had some issues regarding the process and he did not agree with the City Attorney, he would not take it any further even though he felt there had been a violation.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. in memory of Britney Anderson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 8th day of January 2014.

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager / City Clerk