

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SONOMA CITY COUNCIL

Emergency Operations Center, 175 First Street West  
Sonoma CA 95476



Thursday August 7, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

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

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## MINUTES

### OPENING

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

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Barbose, Gallian and Mayor Pro Tem Cook.  
ABSENT: Mayor Rouse and Councilmember Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann, Assistant City Attorney Nebb.

Assistant City Attorney Nebb announced that she had received confirmation from the State Attorney General's office that because they are on the Board of Directors for Sonoma Splash, Mayor Rouse and Councilmember Brown did have a conflict of interest and could not participate in discussion of the issue at hand.

### 1. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

**Item 1A: Discussion, consideration and possible action to provide direction to staff and/or approve a Loan Agreement, Promissory Note, Deed of Trust and Guarantee relating to the request from the Sonoma Valley Health and Recreation Association for a loan for the development of a pool facility.**

City Manager Giovanatto opened the discussion and requested Assistant City Attorney Nebb to update the Council on the progress that had been made in preparation of the drafting of the necessary loan and security documents.

Assistant City Attorney Nebb stated that a loan agreement, a deed of trust, a note, and an environmental agreement had been drawn up but were not yet in final form and she was not expecting the City Council to take any action at this meeting. She explained the purpose of the environmental report and then led a very lengthy discussion with input from the City Councilmembers, SVHRA Attorney Michael Woods, and SVHRA President Paul Favaro regarding details of the loan agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook invited comments from the public. Madolyn Agrimonti, SVHRA, suggested drawing up a memorandum of understanding or similar document.

Loretta Carr expressed concern that because of the two recused Councilmembers it was possible that two Councilmembers, representing a majority of three, could be making a half a million dollar decision about City funds. She also stated concern about the nine to twelve residents that would be displaced as a result of the proposed development. Ms. Carr stated that because of the severe lack of affordable housing SVHRA should not do away with the housing units.

John Kelly stated that Calistoga tracks City residents using their pool and suggested they be contacted to find out the tracking method they use. He felt the scholarships should be available to all Sonoma Valley residents.

Jack Wagner confirmed with Attorney Nebb that three affirmative votes from the Council would be required to approve the loan.

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS & REPORTS - None**

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2014.

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Gay Johann  
Assistant City Manager / City Clerk