

**SONOMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA



Monday, September 29, 2014

5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

1. OPENING

Mayor Pro Tem Cook called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Dan Takasugi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Rouse.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann, Public Works Director Takasugi, and City Finance Director Hilbrants.

2. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Item 2A: Discussion, consideration and possible action on approving a Proposition 218 Notice to Update City Water Rates and Setting a Date for a Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Takasugi reported that consultant David Spilman had revised the water rate study pursuant to Council direction provided at the August 25, 2104 study session. Mr. Spilman stated the revisions included use of a four-tier residential conservation rate structure with greater financial incentive to encourage water conservation and additional conservation incentives for multi-family and commercial accounts. Spilman provided detailed analysis of the various recommended rates and their computation and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook invited comments from the public. Madolyn Agrimonti commented that those who could afford to pay more would continue to use a lot of water.

It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Brown, to set the public hearing on the water rates for November 17, 2014 and to approve the public notice. The motion carried unanimously, Mayor Rouse absent.

Item 2B: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt Procedures for Establishing and Increasing Fees and Charges Under Proposition 218.

Finance Director Hilbrants stated that staff was recommending adoption of a procedure in compliance with State laws for the establishment and/or increase of fees and charges. She provided details on the procedure being recommended. The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Brown to adopt the resolution entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonoma adopting procedures for establishing and increasing fees and charges under Proposition 218. The motion carried unanimously, Mayor Rouse absent.

3. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Clm. Brown reported on the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Clm. Barbose reported on the Sonoma County Waste Management meeting.

Clm. Gallian reported on the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook reported on the Legislative Committee meeting and the TOPS in Sonoma Chamber forum.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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 20th day of October 2014.

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager / City Clerk