

**CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL
&
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
DISSOLVED SONOMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
&
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA



Monday, October 19, 2015

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

City Council
David Cook, Mayor
Laurie Gallian, Mayor Pro Tem
Madolyn Agrimonti
Gary Edwards
Rachel Hundley

OPENING

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Edwards, Gallian, Hundley, Agrimonti and Mayor Cook
ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann, City Attorney Walter, Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEM 8B: City Manager Giovanatto requested removal of Item 8B Smoking Regulations from the agenda. City Attorney Walter explained that late in the day staff realized that Municipal Code Section 7.24 Smoking Regulations had been adopted by a vote of the people and as such could only be changed by a vote of the people. He suggested the matter be tabled for an indefinite period of time to allow staff to fully research the matter and determine the best course of action to take in proceeding with modification of the existing code section.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Georgia Kelly stated that the leaf blower issue was not going to go away. Because there was no action taken on the proposed ordinance at the last meeting, she suggested that it be brought back for further consideration.

Dave Ransom and Christine Missmer spoke on the need for affordable housing and again requested the Council to take up their resolution declaring a housing emergency.

David Eichar stated that an increase to the minimum wage would help the housing affordability issue. He agreed with Ms. Kelly that the leaf blower ordinance should be brought back since there was no action on it.

Ken Brown asked that the meeting be dedicated to firefighter Lino Sottile.

2. MEETING DEDICATIONS

Mayor Cook dedicated the meeting in the memory of Sonoma Valley Firefighter Lino Sottile.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Item 3A: Presentation by the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) regarding their Proposed Sewer Lateral Regulations

Public Works Director Takasugi introduced Kevin Booker who explained that SCWA was proposing Sewer Lateral Regulations to reduce inflow and infiltration into the collection systems, thereby preventing or lowering the potential for sanitary sewer overflows to occur and reducing the amount of influent into the treatment plants, thereby potentially reducing the cost to operate the wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. Reducing additional flows may also result in less need to increase the size of sewer mains and trunks and for expansion of treatment and disposal facilities, further reducing costs to sewer ratepayers. He said the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (District) currently did not have a specific requirement or program for testing of side sewers or repair or replacement of privately-owned building sewers which

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connect to residences and other commercial, industrial, and agricultural structures. The District believed there may be a significant contribution to infiltration and inflow from deteriorated building sewers. The purpose of the proposed Sewer Lateral Regulations was to establish triggers for when testing of side sewers should occur and when repair or replacement of building sewers would be necessary.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL

Item 4A: Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only.

Item 4B: Approval of the allocation of a City funded rental at the Sonoma Veteran's Memorial Building as requested by Sonoma Community Center for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Item 4C: Adopt resolution approving the Final Parcel Map for the 7-lot Parcel Map at 800 West Spain St. known as Hatchery Lane Subdivision Parcel Map No. 441. (Res. No. 41-2015)

Item 4D: Execution of purchase agreement for a new 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 command/utility vehicle for the fire department. (Removed from consent, see below)

REMOVAL OF ITEM 8B

It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Agrimonti, to amend the Agenda Order by removal of Item 8B as requested by staff. Attorney Walter repeated the explanation shown above as the reasoning for the request. Mayor Cook invited comments from the public.

Patty Byrd stated that smoking in the Plaza had gotten out of hand and was unfairly subjecting children and others to second hand smoke.

Armando Zimmerman stated it wasn't just the smoke that was an issue; he said the discarded butts and cigarette packaging was a nuisance as well.

Elizabeth Emerson, Laurie Bremmner, Pam Granger, and Gina Cuclis stated their continued support for the smoking regulations and offered their assistance in drawing up the ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cook removed item 4D. It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Edwards, to approve the items remaining on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4D: Execution of purchase agreement for a new 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 command/utility vehicle for the fire department.

Mayor Cook stated he removed this item so he could let the public know that the City shopped locally whenever it could. This new vehicle would be purchased from Sonoma Chevrolet enabling the sales tax to stay local. The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve Item 4D. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY

6. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS BOARD OF APPEALS

Item 6A: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PARTIALLY GRANTING THE APPEAL OF THE JULY 17, 2015 NUISANCE AND SAFETY VIOLATION AND ORDER ISSUED BY THE CITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR 20141 BROADWAY. (Res. No. 01-2015)

Boardmember Agrimonti requested to be kept up to date on this matter. The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Boardmember Gallian, seconded by Boardmember Hundley, to approve the consent calendar as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - None scheduled

8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Item 8A: Discussion, consideration, and possible action to Approve the Principles for Developing Governance Options for the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Public Works Director introduced Jay Jasperse Chief Engineer and Director of Groundwater Management for the Sonoma County Water Agency. Mr. Jasperse provided background and detailed information on the status of implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, adopted in 2014. The principles Council was being asked to approve included: 1) Groundwater sustainability planning under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) should build upon existing cooperation, established frameworks, and successful water management efforts in Sonoma County, including the adopted groundwater management plans in the Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa Plain. 2) Local agencies should work together to identify a cohesive and equitable approach to governance in which each local agency has a meaningful voice. 3) The governance structure should reinforce the “local management” principles embodied in SGMA by ensuring that management decisions are made at the local level in each groundwater basin. 4) To avoid redundancies, opportunities should be found for sharing resources (expertise and infrastructure) across basins.) Costs should be equitably shared in forming GSAs and implementing SGMA. 6) In addition to the local agencies, community stakeholders should be represented through advisory committees to provide diverse viewpoints in plan development and implementation. 7) A robust and transparent outreach program should be conducted to provide information to and receive input from private well owners and the general public regarding SGMA.

Mayor Cook invited comments from the public. Karla Noyes read a prepared statement expressing support for the program but adding a sense of urgency to it. She requested that implementation of this process begin sooner than suggested by the County.

It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Edwards, to approve the principles and skeletal framework of the project. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8B: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Provide Direction on Options for an Ordinance Regulating Second-Hand Smoke by Prohibiting Smoking in and Around Workplaces, Public Places and Multi-Unit Housing.

This item was removed from the agenda. See above for explanation.

9. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

10. COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Clm. Hundley reported on the Legislative Committee meeting.

Clm. Agrimonti reported on the Impact 100, ACE at Hanna meetings.

Clm. Gallian reported on the SCTA and RCPA, Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Board meetings and the Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast.

Mayor Cook reported on the Mayors’ and Councilmembers’ and Library Advisory Board meetings.

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

Public Works Director Takasugi displayed a sampling of the new historic street signs. City Manager Giovanto reported that the Public Works Department had been cleaning storm drains and prepping for the upcoming El Nino. She also reported that staff had conducted an emergency response drill in observation of the annual Great Shakeout and that staff had obtained a grant from Homeland Security to purchase laptop computers for the EOC personnel.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Robert Demler stated he liked the new street signs.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. in the memory of Sonoma Valley Firefighter Lino Sottile.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 2nd day of November 2015.

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager / City Clerk