

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

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA



**Monday, February 1, 2016
5:30 p.m. Closed Session (Special Meeting)
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

MINUTES

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

SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Gallian called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. No one from the public was present to provide public testimony on the closed session items. The Council recessed into closed session with all members present. City Manager Giovanatto, City Attorney Walter and Planning Director Goodison were also present.

CLOSED SESSION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Cal. Gov't Code. Number of potential cases: One.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Gallian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Zanne Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Attorney Walter, Planning Director Goodison, Administrative Assistant, Rita Gipson

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Gallian reported that Council gave direction to staff.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jack Wagner announced he would be running for City Council this year and would be filing this summer.

Lisa Marie expressed her passion for Sonoma and announced that she had planned to run for President of the United States in 2016 but will postpone that run until 2020.

Shizandra Fox stated her plans to run for Congress or the House of Representatives with a platform based upon the unmet needs of children.

Bruce Gordon expressed his support for Lisa Marie and her cause. He said she had enlightened him to the idea of our children and he would be running for Congress.

2. MEETING DEDICATIONS – None

3. PRESENTATIONS

Item 3A: Rise Up To End Violence Against Women Day Proclamation

Mayor Gallian read aloud the a proclamation recognizing February 14, 2016 as Rise Up To End Violence Against Women Day and presented it to Joanne Brown of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women

4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL

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

The public comment was opened and closed with none received.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled

7. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Item 7A: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Provide Direction on the Authority and Administration of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency JPA and the Potential Extension of the Agency.

Patrick Carter, Interim Executive Director for Sonoma County Waste Management Agency JPA discussed options for extending the agency. Mayor Gallian suggested a one year extension allowing time for further research of the options. Clm. Edwards indicated he would support SCWMA for an additional year with mixed reservations. Clm. Cook agreed no more than a year's extension. Clm. Hundley agreed for a one year extension asking for further input from local agencies. It was moved by Mayor Gallian, seconded by Clm. Agrimonti, to extend the agency for an additional one year to allow sufficient time to discuss all necessary issues and resolve outstanding questions. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Giovanatto suggested exploring a small local compost program and would report back to the City in September if this would go forward.

Item 7B: Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a request by the League for Historic Preservation to confirm that the Maysonnave House Lease allows for ancillary events as a means of fundraising for the upkeep of the Maysonnave House.

Planning Director Goodison stated the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation requested from council a confirmation that the occasional use of the Maysonnave property for events, including weddings, would be allowed for under its lease with the City as an ancillary activity consistent with the primary use of the property as a museum. Goodison noted that while these activities include a limited number of celebrations, small family gatherings, reunions and weddings intended to support the upkeep of the Maysonnave Home, the League does not intend to rely solely on event income, which is projected to account for about 50% of building maintenance costs. Goodison expressed it was estimated that approximately 50% of Maysonnave income could come from events with another 50% from a combination of fundraising activities, major gifts, donations and grants however, without the events income the Maysonnave House would not be able to function as an asset to the City, residents and visitors.

Ethel Daly responded for the League for Historic Preservation stating the league raised over \$100,000 in funds and awareness for the historic preservation over the years adding that weddings and community events should be part of the mix as a major source of income after determining the lease ancillary agreement allows for ancillary events as a means of fundraising sources. Daly urged a yes vote on motion for uses customarily associated with other museums to include twelve weddings a year and not more than two weddings per month and other events.

Zanne Clark stated her involvement in the League since 1985 asking for support to cover operations for the property.

Robert Demler agreed the Maysonnave House is a civic treasure asking for an agreement from the city to have a broader scope of usage for league members as well as the greater community resulting in a revenue stream as in the past.

Clm. Hundley asked about details regarding parking capacity. Goodison stated the Planning Commission reviewed the terms of the lease years ago as a museum noting it is city owned stating it would not go back to the Planning Commission.

Clm. Cook stated he had no concerns and supported two weddings a month. Clm. Edwards agreed stating he did not feel the league was charging enough for weddings and was in full

Item 7B: Maysonave House Lease, Continued

support. Clm. Agrimonti agreed with Clm. Edwards. Mayor Gallian agreed with not more than two weddings a month and not more than twelve a year and commended all league members for their support and the neighbors being in full accord having this continue. City Attorney Walter stated he would like to see a side letter agreement for both parties to sign off on to incorporate the financial information provided by the League, a list of proposed events limiting weddings to two a month and a quarterly reporting from the league regarding the events and a statement of reevaluation by Council. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Edwards to approve a side letter as suggested by Attorney Walter. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7C: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Review the Sonoma Community Fund Grant Program as Presented by the City Manager.

City Manager Giovanatto presented the Sonoma Community Fund program guidelines for 2016-2017 funded through a s budget allocation equal to 1.5% of specified General Fund Revenues. Giovanatto stated beginning 2016-2017 new Community Funding competitive grant guidelines would be in effect open to all non-profit agencies serving Sonoma. It centered around Council's intention to distribute the Community Grant funds to a wide span of agencies benefiting the greater good with a priority given to programs that focus on Youth, Adult or Senior Activities, Community Engagement and Civic Activities, Cultural and Arts and Environment and Green Initiatives. Council discussed the overall guidelines then Mayor Gallian opened to the public for comment.

Lisa Marie spoke in favor of giving younger people ages 18-35 a chance to be part of the city and the Community Grant Fund Program. Cynthia Scarborough, Executive Director of the Vintage House Senior Center, expressed concern as to the limit of only two years of funding and stated she would like to see the year to year funding removed and have the Vintage House put back into the city budget. Fred Allebach stated he was in support of the Vintage House and how much they rely on city funding. Public comment period was closed.

City Manager Giovanatto directed council to areas of the guidelines which she requested additional direction and during which straw votes were taken to determine majority preference of Council. Council gave direction on the following areas: 1) Four topic program focus areas: Council consensus on all four core areas were very diverse groupings that covered all programs and would change annually for evaluation. 2) Funding options: Council discussion of options regarding funding levels and matching grant requirements; Council discussion of setting minimum grant of \$5,000. Council majority concurrence for Option 1 & 1a with an addition of a \$5,000 minimum grant. 3) 2-year operational requirement: Council concurrence to set 2-year requirement. 4) 0% residency requirement for services: Council removed language on requiring documentation of services benefiting at least a 60% Sonoma residency factor. Requested language be changed to encourage evidence how program will demonstrate the benefits to City residents. 5) Grant Award Subcommittee: Council concurrence to have City Manager appoint staff subcommittee to review applications and make recommendation to Council in ranking order. City Manager verified that all grant applications would be included with Council staff report for transparency. With all direction given on specific areas of the Community Fund guidelines, staff will proceed to finalize program and call for grant applications in mid-to-late March.

RECESS: The meeting recessed from 8:50 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

Item 7D: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Addendum No. 1 to the City Prosecutors Agreement to Initiate a New Code Enforcement Program.

City Manager Giovanatto discussed the Program Administration Appointment of Code Enforcement Personnel, Compensation, Reporting and Termination of Service in order to initiate and undertake the responsibility for the prosecution of all misdemeanors and infractions occurring within the city limits of the City of Sonoma and establish terms and conditions for provision of additional professional services which Robert A. Smith would perform under Addendum No 1.

It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Hundley to approve Addendum No. 1 to the City Prosecutors Agreement to Initiate a New Code Enforcement Program authorizing the City Manager to execute same. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7E: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Update the Alcalde Selection Process

City Manager Giovanatto discussed minor modifications be updated to the Alcalde Policy by proposing the timing of the Alcalde appointment after the new Mayor is elected. Mayor Gallian stated moving the date to January would benefit more discussion and committee time for the incoming Mayor.

It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Cook to update the Alcalde Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

9. COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Clm. Edwards reported attendance at the Sonoma County Health Action meeting.

Mayor Gallian reported attendance at the Water Advisory Committee as the new Vice Chairman and reminded everyone that water conservation is still under mandatory water restrictions.

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

City Manager Giovanatto reported the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on January 26, 2016, to recommend CDC staff to select Satellite Affordable Housing Associates as the development partner for the project on Broadway. Giovanatto thanked the Rotary Club for paying the fees for the Castillo residence repairs on Broadway. Giovanatto reported the conversion project for the LED street lighting saved the City \$75,000 and would be completed during the week. She stated Phase 2 of the historic street signs and commissioned Sister City replacements were making great progress. She said the City would be getting bids for replacement AV equipment that had been malfunctioning at the Community Meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 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 7th day of March 2016.

Rita Gipson
Administrative Assistant