

**CONCURRENT 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**



**Wednesday July 6, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

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

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**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL** (Edwards, Hundley, Cook, Agrimonti, Gallian)

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration. Upon being acknowledged by the Mayor, please step to the podium and speak into the microphone. Begin by stating and spelling your name.*

**2. MEETING DEDICATIONS**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 3A:** Presentation and update on stormwater program activities.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL**

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**Item 4A:** Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only. (Standard procedural action - no backup information provided)

**Item 4B:** Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council Meeting.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve.

**Item 4C:** Approval of the allocation of a City funded rental at the Sonoma Veteran's Memorial Building as requested by AMVETS Post 55.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL, Continued**

**Item 4D:** Approval and ratification of the appointment of Matt Metzler as the alternate commissioner for the Community Services and Environment Commission for an initial two-year term.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve.

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

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**Item 5A:** Approval of the portions of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

**7. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

*(Matters requiring discussion and/or action by the City Council)*

**Item 7A:** Discussion, consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution calling for an election on a proposed ballot measure to continue the existing voter approved funding of a transactions and use (sales) tax to fund general city services. (City Manager)  
Staff Recommendation: Approve the resolution to place the extension of the City's local transaction and use tax (Measure J) on the November ballot.

**Item 7B:** Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Setting Priorities for Filing a Written Argument Regarding a City Measure. (City Manager)  
Staff Recommendation: Council discretion.

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

*(Matters requiring discussion and/or action by the Council as the Successor Agency)*

**9. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

I do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on June 30, 2016. Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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*City of Sonoma*  
**City Council**  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 3A

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Public Works

**Staff Contact**

Stormwater Compliance Specialist, Chris Pegg

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**Agenda Item Title**

Presentation and update on stormwater program activities.

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**Summary**

The City of Sonoma's stormwater program has grown significantly in the past 3 years in response to state regulations protecting surface waters from pollution. Stormwater program activities include public education regarding pollution, public involvement in cleanups and program development, spill-response, illegal dumping remediation, mitigation of adverse impacts on surface waters from construction and development, and water quality monitoring.

A presentation of the annual report and an update on these program activities to City Council promotes public awareness of stormwater issues, creates opportunities for public involvement in the stormwater program, and enhances Council's understanding of issues that may affect constituents.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Receive presentation

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**Alternative Actions**

N/A

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

1. Supplemental Report
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## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

### PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON STORMWATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

*For the City Council Meeting of July 6, 2016*

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#### **PURPOSE**

A presentation and update on City of Sonoma's stormwater program activities promotes public awareness of stormwater issues, creates opportunities for public involvement in the stormwater program, and enhances Council's understanding of issues that may affect constituents.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Sonoma operates a storm drain system that collects stormwater during rain events and discharges it to Nathanson, Fryer, and Sonoma creeks. This storm drain system enhances public safety and reduces flood hazards; however, discharges from urban storm drain systems are generally known to contain pollutants such as sediment, pesticides, pathogens, and trash. The Federal Clean Water Act prohibits discharges of these and other pollutants to a broad class of waterbodies known as Waters of the United States, which includes Nathanson, Fryer, and Sonoma creeks.

In California, the State Water Resources Control Board authorizes operators of storm drain systems to discharge stormwater to Waters of the United States only after a permit has been issued ensuring that the operator has limited the quantity of pollutants in the discharge to the maximum extent practicable. The State Water Resources Control Board issued such a permit ('stormwater permit') to the City of Sonoma in 2013.

The City of Sonoma's stormwater program has grown significantly in response to the requirements of the stormwater permit in the 3 years since it was issued. Program focuses include public education, public involvement, enhanced spill response, dumping abatement, mitigation of adverse impacts on surface waters from construction and development, and surface water quality monitoring.

#### **SUMMARY**

Program highlights from the past year have included the following:

- Ongoing outreach to the public regarding less-toxic pesticide alternatives at Friedman's Home Improvement Store.
- Ongoing implementation of the 2014 Integrated Pest Management Policy, with sustained reductions in pesticide use for City operations and maintenance activities.
- Grant-funded monitoring and source-detection for pesticides and pathogens in receiving waters through the Clean Streams in Southern Sonoma County project with County of Sonoma, Sonoma Ecology Center, and EPA.
- Special training for all City Maintenance Workers in spill response procedures that best protect water quality.
- Ongoing improvements to plan review procedures and construction site inspections resulting in reductions of sediment in stormwater runoff.

- New development controls that promote low-impact development, groundwater infiltration, pollutant reductions, stormwater runoff reductions, and flood-prevention benefits.
- Grant funded assessments of culverts and storm drain outfalls for sediment pollution risks through the Clean Streams in Southern Sonoma County project.
- Funding and initiation of Full Trash Capture planning through a region-wide project to identify trash generating areas and implement Best Management Practices to prevent 100% of trash from entering our local waterways.
- Homeless encampment cleanups that removed 5500 pounds of trash from Sonoma Creek and the Montini Preserve.
- A new partnership with Sonoma County Water Agency to seek grant funds to prepare a Stormwater Resource Plan and seek implementation funds for stormwater capture and reuse projects in Sonoma Valley.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Receive presentation.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None

### **CONCLUSION**

The Stormwater Compliance Specialist can be reached at (707) 933-2245 or at [cpegg@sonomacity.org](mailto:cpegg@sonomacity.org) with questions or concerns.



***CITY OF SONOMA***  
***City Council***  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 4B

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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**Agenda Item Title**

Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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**Summary**

The minutes have been prepared for Council review and approval.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve the minutes.

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**Alternative Actions**

Correct or amend the minutes prior to approval.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

Minutes

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**Alignment with Council Goals:** N/A

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**cc:** N/A

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**Monday June 27, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
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MINUTES**

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

**OPENING**

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

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

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

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jack Wagner stated the need for additional affordable housing.

Cecilia Ponicsan spoke about the school's organic gardening experience and the reported harmful effects of Round Up herbicide.

David Brigode commented that, at the time the new Mobilehome Rent Control Ordinance was adopted, the City Council agreed to review and update the implementation guidelines.

**2. MEETING DEDICATIONS**

At the request of Mayor Gallian a moment of silence was observed for the Orlando community in light of the recent terror attack.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 3A: Recognition of the service of members of the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board**

Mayor Gallian, noting that the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board had recently been dissolved, acknowledged the faithful service of those who had served including Nancy Parmelee – 23 years, Dean Moser – 20 years, Bill Dardon – 16 years, Mark Bramfitt – 13 years, Bill D'Allaird – 3 years, David Artson – 3 years, and David Brigode – 3 years. She then presented certificates of appreciation to the members present. Bill Dardon commented that they did not

meet a lot but always tried to do what was best for the park residents. David Artson thanked the Council and staff for all they do.

**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 minutes of the May 23, June 6 and June 9, 2016 City Council Meetings. (Removed from Consent, see below)
- Item 4C:** Adopt the FY 2016-17 City Council Goals.
- Item 4D:** Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Request for Proposal for Professional Services for City Manager Recruitment. (Removed from Consent, see below)
- Item 4E:** Approval of the allocation of City funded rentals at the Sonoma Veteran’s Memorial Building as requested by the Sonoma Community Center, La Luz, Vintage Festival, Sonoma Valley High School Boosters Club, Valley of the Moon Lions Club, Sonoma International Film Festival, Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club, and Native Sons of the Golden West.
- Item 4F:** Adoption of Plans and Specifications, Award a Contract to Argonaut Constructors, lowest responsive bidder, for the 2016 Street Rehabilitation Project No. 1502, and Authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$485,678.10.
- Item 4G:** Authorization for City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase a New (Replacement) Public Works Department Pickup Truck.
- Item 4H:** Approval and ratification of the appointment of Yvonne Bowers, Nancy Parmelee, and Jeanne Camus-Boynton to the Traffic Safety Committee for initial two-year terms.
- Item 4I:** Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Funding Agreement with the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District for the Design of the Chase Street Bridge Sewer Crossing.
- Item 4J:** Consideration and Possible Action to Amend and Terminate the City of Sonoma PARS Section 457 FICA Alternate Retirement Plan. (Res. No. 18-2016)
- Item 4K:** Accept Final Progress Report on the 2015-16 City Council Goals.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach removed Consent Items 4B and 4D for separate consideration. It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Cook, to approve the items remaining on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4B:** Approval of the minutes of the May 23, June 6 and June 9, 2016 City Council Meetings

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach requested minor revisions to the May 23 and June 6, 2016 minutes. There were no other public comments. It was moved by Clm. Agrimonti, seconded by Clm. Cook, to approve the minutes with the revisions requested by Mr. Allebach. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4D:** Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Request for Proposal for Professional Services for City Manager Recruitment.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach stated he would like to know how and when the public would be allowed to participate in the recruitment and selection process. City Manager Giovanatto explained that this was the first step and that recruiting firms would be proposing not only their services but potential processes to be utilized. She pointed out that the Municipal Code defined the duties of the City Manager. Chris Petlock suggested starting with an ad in the local paper. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Edwards, to authorize the City Manager to issue a RFP for professional services for City Manager recruitment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Item 5A: Approval of the portions of the minutes of the May 23, June 6 and June 9, 2016 City Council meetings pertaining to the Successor Agency.**

The public comment period opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Hundley, seconded by Clm. Edwards, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item 6A: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Adoption of the FY 2016-17 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma Successor Agency.**

City Manager Giovanatto and Finance Director Hilbrants provided Council with a detailed presentation of the budget. They emphasized that the \$31.3 million balanced budget included conservative revenue projections due to the leveling off of major revenue generators.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach asked about the City's unfunded pension liability. Finance Director Hilbrants explained that the City had taken steps to reduce and hold the line on it. Chris Petlock expressed appreciation that the Capital Improvement Program had been included.

Clm. Hundley stated that the workshop had been very informative and helpful in understanding the budget. Councilmembers Agrimonti and Edwards expressed appreciation to staff for a wonderful job. Mayor Gallian noted that City residents let the Council know what their priorities were. It was moved by Clm. Cook, seconded by Clm. Hundley, to adopt Resolution No. 19-2016 entitled A Resolution of the City of Sonoma and the Successor Agency of the Former Sonoma Community Development Agency Adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Waiving the Annual Allocation Equal to One Quarter of One Percent of the Budgeted General Fund Expenditures to the Public Art Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-17. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 7A: Discussion, consideration and possible action to: (1) introduce ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 01-2016 (Leaf Blower Ord.); (2) adopt resolution calling for an election on Ordinance No. 01-2016 at the regular municipal**

**election on November 8, 2016; or (3) adopt resolution calling for a special election on Ordinance No. 01-2016 on a date specified in the resolution.**

Assistant City Attorney Nebb reported that on March 21, 2016 the Council adopted Ordinance No. 01-2016 banning gas leaf blowers within the City's limits while allowing use of electric and gas powered leaf blowers pursuant to certain regulations. Thereafter the ordinance was successfully referendaed causing the ordinance to be suspended. She explained that the Council had three options: (1) repeal the ordinance; (2) submit the ordinance to the voters at the next regular municipal election; or (3) submit the ordinance to the voters at a special election to be held not less than 88 days after the Council orders that the election be held. She stated that if the ordinance was repealed by the Council or by the voters, the Council could not enact the same or substantially the same ordinance for one year thereafter.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach, Jack Wagner, Sarah Ford, Cecelia Ponicsan, and Karin Skoogland stated their agreement with placing the matter on the November 2016 ballot. John Fannuchi encouraged the Council to rescind the ordinance.

Councilmembers expressed a majority consensus to place the matter on the November ballot but could not reach a consensus on who should write the ballot argument in favor. Clm. Hundley suggested that either a subcommittee of Council or the Sonoma Neighbors Against Leaf Blowers (SNALB) should write it. Clm. Cook stated he did not want the Mayor to write it. Clm. Edwards stated he would not support Council writing it.

It was moved by Clm. Hundley, seconded by Clm. Edwards, to adopt Resolution No. 20-2016 entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonoma Giving Notice of and Establishing the Policies and Procedures for a Regular Election to Adopt or Reject City Council Ordinance No. 01-2016 Prohibiting Gal Leaf Blowers and Regulating Electric and Battery-Powered Leaf Blowers in the City of Sonoma and Directing the County Elections Department to conduct the Election on the City's Behalf and authorizing SNALB to write the argument in favor. Upon being informed by Attorney Nebb that the Council could not authorize an outside group to author the argument the motion was amended by rescission of that verbiage and removal of the paragraph stipulating the author. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed 7:55 to 8:10 p.m.

**Item 7B: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a Report of Measure J Revenue Performance, Analysis of Options of the Sunset Provisions and Direction to Staff.**

City Manager Giovanatto reported that in 2012 the City went to the voters presenting Measure J for consideration which consisted of the addition of a half-cent local transactions and use tax to fund City services. The specific text of the Ballot Measure stated "To preserve the safety, public services and quality of life of Sonoma, and provide funding for essential services such as police, fire and emergency medical services, street and road maintenance, graffiti abatement and other general community services, shall an ordinance be adopted temporarily increasing the City sales tax by one-half of one percent for a term of 5 years, with all funds to be spent locally?" Since its approval in 2012, Measure J has provided a total of approximately \$8 million local tax dollars and in FY 2016-17 is projected to be the fourth highest revenue source following Transient Occupancy Tax, Property Tax and General Sales Tax in the City's General Fund. The current Measure J was initially set with a 5-year sunset clause in a calculated and focused approach to (1) review the performance of the local sales tax, and (2) assure taxpayers that the

City could and would demonstrate its ability to manage and use the funds in a fiscally responsible way. It also provided for the breathing room to analyze how the State would ultimately realign redevelopment activities, fund affordable housing and transfer further responsibilities to cities without benefit of additional funding. This “sunset clause” is set to expire on June 30, 2017 and to continue collection of the tax a new measure must be renewed by voter ballot in November. Absent this local tax revenue source, the City will be facing serious revenue shortfalls in the future and budget cuts to core public services will be necessary.

Giovanatto stated that staff was seeking direction from Council, whose options included: 1) Propose to extend the tax measure with a new sunset provision based on a set timeframe (5-years, 10-years, 20-years); 2) propose to extend the tax measure in perpetuity (no stated end date); or 3) Council could chose not to move forward with renewal of the local sales tax which would give staff the advance notice to begin looking at future General Fund expenditure reductions equal to the loss of \$2.2 million in revenue.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Fred Allebach suggested that a portion of the Measure J funds be used to diversify Sonoma’s economy.

Councilmembers expressed unanimous concurrence to seek renewal of the sales tax but differed in their opinions regarding the length of its term. Councilmember Cook and Mayor Gallian supported perpetuity. Councilmembers Agrimonti and Edwards supported a five year term and Councilmember Hundley stated her preference was for ten years but she could support five.

In response to the question by Mayor Gallian City Manager Giovanatto stated that she felt a five year term would be the best and pointed out that many of the City’s plans for the future were in five year increments. The matter was slated to return on the July 6 agenda. Mayor Gallian asked staff to find out if the Council would have the ability to cancel the tax prior to the end of a five year period.

**Item 7C:      Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a Report by the Facilities Committee Regarding the Proposal by the HAVEN to Establish a Safe Parking Pilot Program for Sonoma Homeless.**

City Manager Giovanatto reported the Facilities Committee (Councilmembers Cook and Edwards) had done some research and met with staff and the project proposers. She stated that there were still unanswered questions and issues that needed to be addressed and no action had been taken by the Committee.

Clm. Edwards reported he had met with Catholic Charities and toured areas in Santa Rosa where Safe Parking programs were being used. He stated he still had questions but was willing to work towards a solution. He pointed out that Sonoma was the only small community in the County that had a shelter and was already taking on a big share of the responsibility.

Mayor Gallian invited comments from the public. Kathy King stated that the proposed program could be implemented at no cost to the City. She said that homelessness was a nationwide issue and was not going to go away and that they (The Haven) had thirty people on their waiting list with only ten beds. Cynthia Vrooman (Sonoma Overnight Support - SOS), Frank Windes (Methodist Church), and Barbara Mahon spoke in support of the program and urged the Council to move ahead quickly.

Clm. Cook stated that the issue would be better addressed in a regional or County-wide partnership. He pointed out that if the ordinance was changed to allow camping at the proposed location, it would be allowed in the entire City and residents did not want that.

Clm. Hundley stated she would like to see a meeting among all the stake holders to try and come up with a solution.

Clm. Agrimonti commented that SOS had exploded into many more services than their original mission. She stated her enthusiasm for the recent action by the Board of Supervisors to allocate additional funding for legal services for those fighting illegal evictions.

Clm. Edwards stated he would like to have more time to do his research, meet with Santa Rosa Councilmembers and try to come up with other solutions.

Further discussion ensued with Council reaching majority consensus to have the Facilities Committee continue to look into the issue and report back in September.

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**9. COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Clm. Agrimonti reported on the Waste Management meeting.

Mayor Gallian reported on SCTA/RCPA and the Mosquito Abatement District meetings and wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Clm. Agrimonti invited volunteers to help with the cleanup the morning after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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

City Manager Giovanatto reported that recruitment for the Sonoma County Library Commission representative was open until July 15 and that she would be conducting final interviews for the City Clerk/Executive Assistant position in the coming weeks. In response to the public comment made by Mr. Brigode at the beginning of the meeting, she reported that she and the City Attorney would be working on the guidelines in the next few months.

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 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     day of     2016.

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Gay Johann  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 4C

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

**Agenda Item Title**

Approval of the allocation of a City funded rental at the Sonoma Veteran's Memorial Building as requested by AMVETS Post 55.

**Summary**

Per the City's agreement with Sonoma County, a City funded rental allows a group use of the facility for up to twelve hours on the date of their event as long as the building is left clean and is secured upon departure. All use of the facility is subject to the terms and conditions of the County's standard use agreement for the building. Groups are required to provide a refundable security and cleaning deposit at the time of booking. Ten of the City funded rentals are allocated for weekend days (Friday 5 p.m. thru Sunday midnight), the remaining five must be used mid-week. City funded rent events may not be held on a County-observed holiday or any day that the use would conflict with use of the building by a Veterans organization.

Terry Leen, AMVETS Post 55, has requested a rent subsidy for the November 12, 2016 Sonoma Bar Battle fundraising event. If this request is approved, the City will have one weekend and five weekday City funded rentals available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Recommended Council Action:**

Approve the request.

**Alternative Actions:**

Council Discretion.

**Financial Impact**

\$15,000 has been included in the 2016/17 budget to cover the cost of fifteen rentals.

\$1,000 is remitted to the County for each City funded rental approved by Council.

**Environmental Review**

**Status**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

**Attachments:** Email from Terry Leen

**Alignment with Council Goals:**

*Provide continuing leadership as elected officials and residents of the community by taking steps to assure a safe and vibrant community.*

**Compliance with Climate 2020 Action Plan Target Goals:** N/A

cc: Via email: Terry Leen

## Gay Johann

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**From:** Terry <bnz2fr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** Gay Johann  
**Subject:** Re: Free days @ Vet;s Bldg

Gay,  
We would like to request Nov. 12, 2016 for the Sonoma Bar Battle please use AMVETS post 55.  
Please let me know if I need to do more.

Your the best,  
Terry

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 21, 2016, at 8:49 AM, Gay Johann <[gjohann@sonomacity.org](mailto:gjohann@sonomacity.org)> wrote:

Terry, get your request in ASAP – I only have two weekend free days left for FY 16/17.

Gay Johann  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk  
City of Sonoma  
1 The Plaza  
Sonoma CA 95476  
(707) 933-2216



*City of Sonoma*  
*City Council*  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 4D

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk

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**Agenda Item Title**

Approval and ratification of the appointment of Matt Metzler as the alternate commissioner for the Community Services and Environment Commission for a two-year term.

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**Summary**

The Community Services and Environment Commission (CSEC) consists of nine members and one alternate who serve at the pleasure of the City Council. Of the nine members, one is designated as a representative of the youth in the community. Five of the members and the alternate must be City residents. Commissioners may serve for a total of eight years (Two-year term, Four-year term, Two-year term).

Mayor Gallian and Councilmember Hundley interviewed applicants on June 28, 2016 and Mayor Gallian has nominated Matt Metzler for appointment as the alternate on the CSEC for an initial two-year term ending July 6, 2018.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve and ratify the appointment.

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**Alternative Actions**

Council discretion.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

1. Matt Metzler's application
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cc: Matt Metzler, via email

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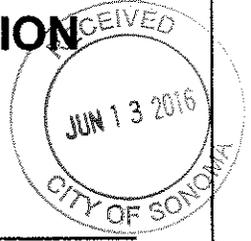


# CITY OF SONOMA

## COMMISSION APPLICATION

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CITY OF SONOMA

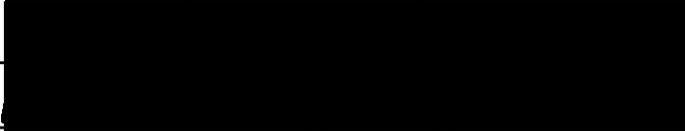


NAME: Matt Metzler

ADDRESS: 1110 Fryer Creek Dr. Sonoma CA 95476

MAILING ADDRESS: same

CONTACT INFO (Please include daytime & evening phone numbers and email address):



COMMISSION OF INTEREST: Community Services and Environmental Commission

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A MEETING OF THIS COMMISSION? yes HOW MANY? 2

If you are not selected for the commission listed above, would you be interested in serving on any of our other commissions? If so, please indicate which commission(s): Planning Commission

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU RESIDED IN SONOMA? 26 years

PRESENT OCCUPATION: Educator

### EDUCATION

SCHOOL	MAJOR	GRADUATION DATE & DEGREE
<u>Sonoma State University</u>	<u>Environmental Studies and Planning</u>	<u>B.A., 1982</u>
<u>Sonoma State University</u>	<u>Multiple subjects, Life Sci., Social science, + P.E.</u>	<u>Teaching credentials, 1984</u>

### COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

ORGANIZATION	DATES SERVED	POSITION
<u>Sonoma Valley High School Boosters</u>	<u>2006-2008</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
<u>Adele Harrison Middle School Parent-Teachers Organization</u>	<u>2004-2006</u>	<u>President</u>
<u>Vallejo School District Peer Assistance + Review Joint Committee</u>	<u>2004-2008</u>	<u>Teacher representative</u>
<u>City of Cotati Rent Stabilization Board</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Board Member</u>

(Use additional paper if necessary)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE: Thorough knowledge of local civic and environmental issues through years of active membership in the Sierra Club, Sonoma Land Trust, Praxis peace Institute, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Sonoma County Conservation Action, etc.

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COMMISSION?  
To advise the City Council on issues related to local parks, open space, and recreation, and to review special events applications and other community services.

WHICH ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMMISSION INTEREST YOU THE MOST? Preserving parks and open space, and improving Sonoma citizens' health + well-being by encouraging pedestrian and bicycle access to City recreational facilities.

WHICH ACTIVITIES INTEREST YOU THE LEAST? Paperwork, And sitting through meetings where attendees are not paying attention because they're staring at their phones.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR GOAL AS A COMMISSIONER? To encourage civic engagement in enhancing our parks, recreational facilities, and the local environment.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SEE THESE GOALS REALIZED?  
By providing a thoughtful, reasonable, and knowledgable perspective of the issues that come before the commission.

PLEASE LIST TWO LOCAL REFERENCES AND THEIR PHONE NUMBERS:

Georgia Kelly [redacted] Beth Hadley [redacted]

SOME COMMISSION POSITIONS MUST BE FILLED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE CITY OF SONOMA. A QUALIFIED ELECTOR IS A PERSON WHO IS 1) A U.S. CITIZEN; 2) AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE; AND 3) RESIDES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SONOMA.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE CITY OF SONOMA?  YES  NO

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Matt Metten  
Applicant Signature

6/10/16  
Date

All submitted applications are available for public inspection.

Return completed form to:  
City Clerk  
City of Sonoma  
No. 1 The Plaza  
Sonoma CA 95476



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council/Successor Agency**  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 5A

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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**Agenda Item Title**

Approval of the portions of the minutes of the June 27, 2016 City Council meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.

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**Summary**

The minutes have been prepared for Council review and approval.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve the minutes.

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**Alternative Actions**

Correct or amend the minutes prior to approval.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

See agenda item 4B for the minutes

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**Alignment with Council Goals:** N/A

cc: NA

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**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 7A

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Carol E. Giovanatto, City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING VOTER APPROVED FUNDING OF A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES

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**Summary**

At the June 27 Council meeting staff presented a background report on Measure J, the City's local transaction and use tax which has been in place since 2012 and for which is set to expire on June 30, 2017. This tax currently adds a half-percent local transactions and use tax to fund City services. This half percent tax is added to general Sales Tax on purchases in the City and to continue collection of the tax a new measure must be renewed by voter ballot in November. Absent this local tax revenue source, the City will be facing serious revenue shortfalls in the future and budget cuts to core public services will be necessary.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve the resolution to place the extension of the City's local transaction and use tax (Measure J) on the November ballot.

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**Alternative Actions**

Do not approve the resolution; make changes and/direct for item to return on July 18.

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**Financial Impact**

Absent renewal of Measure J the City's General Fund will be facing a loss of approximately \$2.2 million in revenue causing significant cuts to core public services.

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**Environmental Review**

**Status**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

Supplemental Report  
Resolution

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**Alignment with Council Goals:**

FISCAL MANAGEMENT: Maintain high level fiscal accountability that ensures short and long-term sustainability of City's financial position; provide for effective and efficient management of local taxpayers' dollars. Initiate steps to renew Measure J (FY 2015-16 Council Goals)

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**Compliance with Climate 2020 Action Plan Target Goals:**

N/A

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## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

### DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING VOTER APPROVED FUNDING OF A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES

*For the Council Meeting of July 6, 2016*

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At the June 27 Council meeting staff presented a background report on Measure J, the City's local transaction and use tax which has been in place since 2012 and for which is set to expire on June 30, 2017. This tax currently adds a half-percent local transactions and use tax to fund City services. This half percent tax is added to general Sales Tax on purchases in the City and to continue collection of the tax a new measure must be renewed by voter ballot in November. Absent this local tax revenue source, the City will be facing serious revenue shortfalls in the future and budget cuts to core public services will be necessary.

Staff presented the assistance that the revenues derived by Measure J has provided to the City and the fiscal responsibility shown in the expenditure of funds. Measure J revenue (approximately \$2.2M annually) is not a supplemental tax for the General Fund; rather, it provides coverage for costs assumed by the General Fund for core public services and outside organizational services, some of which were formerly provided under the redevelopment program. As stated in the text of the original measure (and for which the City received voter approval) the City was diligent in maintaining its promise to the voters and using the resources provided by the Measure J tax proceeds wisely to provide "funding for essential services such as police, fire and emergency medical services, street and road maintenance, graffiti abatement and other general community services". Overall, Measure J has provided a stabilizing local economic foundation for the City's provision of public services and as such, is needed to continue to fortify the City's General Fund. While several promises have been made by the State to replace "lost" redevelopment and housing funds, no movement has been made in this area. In fact, while the State extols its bounty of revenues collected, it has not returned any revenues lost by the cities. The City must continue to find revenue sources, such as Measure J, that are insulated from State intervention.

With Measure J set to expire in June 2017, the Council considered whether or not to pursue the extension of the tax as a ballot measure on the November 2016 ballot under three options:

- (1) Extend the tax measure with a new sunset provision based on a set timeframe (5-years, 10-years, 20-years)
- (2) Extend the tax measure in perpetuity (no stated end date)

- (3) Not to move forward with renewal of the local sales tax which would give staff the advance notice (12 months) to begin looking at future General Fund expenditure reductions equal to the loss of \$2.2 million in revenue.

Following discussion of the options and receiving public comment, it was a majority consensus that an extension of 5 years would be the preferred timeframe. Based on the discussion, this option was considered to coincide with allowing with a reportable/measurable period during which the City could continue to demonstrate its fiscal responsibility for expenditure of funds, and (2) this timeframe would mitigate any economic downturn predicted by State and National economists (anticipated in 2017-18). Lastly, according to State Board of Equalization, should the City Council administratively chose to end the tax early in any year prior to the 5-year sunset, they could do so without further voter approval.

A resolution has been prepared to place the extension of the City's local transaction and use tax (Measure J) on the November ballot. Contained within the resolution is a provision that directs that the Mayor prepare the ballot argument in favor. Council also has the option to prepare the argument in open session, appoint a Council subcommittee or other additional options as allowed for by election code.

The resolution also contains recommended ballot measure language which the voters will be considering as follows:

***To continue funding, that cannot be taken by the State, for general city services including preserving the quality of life of Sonoma, and to provide funding for essential services such as police, fire and emergency medical services, street maintenance, affordable housing, parks and other general community services, shall the City of Sonoma extend the existing voter approved sales tax of one-half of one percent for a term of 5 years, with all funds to be spent locally?***

The extension of the tax will continue to support the City's core services with affordable housing also added to allow for a more centralized focus to address this issue. This also aligns with 2016-17 Council Goals.

CITY OF SONOMA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA APPROVING CALLING FOR, GIVING NOTICE OF, AND ESTABLISHING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR AN ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING VOTER APPROVED FUNDING OF A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION ON THE CITY'S BEHALF

WHEREAS, in June 2012, the voters of Sonoma adopted a local revenue measure ("Measure J") to mitigate cuts to local city services including police, fire and emergency medical services, street and road maintenance, graffiti abatement and other general community services caused by the elimination of Redevelopment, recession and State takeaways; and

WHEREAS, Measure J established a general transactions and use tax ("sales tax") of one-half of one percent (0.50%) (as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9), which is enacted as Sonoma City Council Ordinance No. 04-2012; and

WHEREAS, Measure J revenues have been instrumental in preventing budget cuts to vital services; bringing back programs that were cut during the recession and elimination of redevelopment; re-establishing programs that had a significant portion their funding taken by the State; and investing in Sonoma's public safety, streets, parks, infrastructure, and youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the State has taken \$4.5 million from Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, although the revenues raised by Measure J have helped the City maintain essential services and prevent budget cuts, Measure J is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Fund forecast estimates that if Measure J expires, the City will have multi-million dollar budget deficits for every year into the foreseeable future, which would require reductions in City services adversely affecting 9-1-1 response times, public safety, youth crime intervention programs, economic development programs, community grant programs and parks, street, and pothole maintenance services; and for Sonoma, the long-term fiscally and organizationally sustainable Sonoma, including the need for an ongoing, locally-controlled revenue source to maintain essential programs and services desired by the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's transmittal memo and Executive Summary for the 2016-17 Adopted Budget re-emphasized the importance of the continuation of a voter-approved, locally-controlled revenue source and outlined some of the direct impacts to services that are important to the community if the revenue is not continued; and

WHEREAS, by law, all funds from a City of Sonoma Local Revenue Measure must stay in Sonoma to maintain local services and no funds can be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, if the Local Revenue Measure is approved, the City wishes to maintain and address service priorities that the public has identified as being important to them, including 9-1-1 emergency response times; maintaining city streets, roads, and repairing potholes; addressing housing, homelessness and transportation needs; and maintaining parks; and

WHEREAS, continued locally-controlled funding will allow the City to address and maintain police, fire and emergency medical services, street maintenance, affordable housing, parks and other general community services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Revenue Measure to be submitted to the voters, if approved, would continue to be imposed on retail transactions involving the sale and use of personal property. The tax rate would be one half of one percent (0.50%) of the sales price of the eligible purchase. The tax revenue would continue to be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the City. The tax would continue to remain in effect for a period of five years and set to expire on the fifth anniversary of the Operative Date, unless extended by a majority vote of the voters of the City.

WHEREAS, the Sonoma City Council is authorized by California Elections Code Section 9222 to place the Continuation Measure before the voters; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9282 sets forth the procedures for arguments in favor of or in opposition to any City measure; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9285 sets forth the procedures for rebuttal arguments; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2016, the Sonoma City Council adopted a resolution calling for the City's General Municipal Election to be held on the same day as and consolidated with all other applicable elections to be held on November 8, 2016. It is desirable that the election called by this Resolution be consolidated with the City's General Municipal Election and that, within the City, the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Elections Department of the County of Sonoma canvass the returns of the General Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, based on all of the information presented at this meeting to consider the "City of Sonoma Local Revenue Continuation Measure", both written and oral, including the staff reports and other relevant materials, the City Council finds that under CEQA Guidelines

15060(c)(2) & (3) and 15378(b)(2) & (4), this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq, "CEQA", and 14 Cal. Code Reg. Sections 15000 et seq, "CEQA Guidelines"). The transactions and use tax to be submitted to the voters is a general tax that can be used for any legitimate governmental purpose; it is not a commitment to any particular government action. As such, under CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) the submission of the sales tax measure to the voters will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The proceeds of the tax are anticipated to assist the City with retaining existing governmental functions and services to the public. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2), the sales tax measure is not a project pursuant to CEQA. In addition, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(4), the tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. If revenue from the tax were used for a purpose that would have either such effect, the city would undertake the required CEQA review for that particular project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sonoma as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council; and
2. Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C, Section 2; Government Code Section 53724; and Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council of the City of Sonoma hereby calls an election at which it shall submit to the qualified voters of the City, a measure that, if approved, would continue the existing general sales tax, as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9. This measure shall be designated by letter by the Sonoma County Elections Department. Pursuant to Election Code Section 10400 et seq., the election for this measure shall be consolidated with the established election to be held on November 3, 2015; and
3. The question to be presented to the voters shall be as follows:

To continue funding, that cannot be taken by the State, for general city services including preserving the quality of life of Sonoma, and to provide funding for essential services such as police, fire and emergency medical services, street maintenance, affordable housing, parks and other general community services, shall the City of Sonoma extend the existing voter approved sales tax of one-half of one percent for a term of 5 years, with all funds to be spent locally?	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

The question requires the approval of a majority of qualified electors casting votes; and

4. The ordinance authorizing the general tax to be approved by the voters pursuant to Sections 2 and 3 of this resolution is as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. The City Council hereby approves the ordinance, the form thereof, and its submission to the voters of the City at the November 8, 2016 election, as required by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma is requested to order the County Clerk to set forth in the voter information portion of all sample ballots to be mailed to the qualified electors of the City the full text of the Ordinance and to mail with the sample ballots to the electors printed copies of the full text of the Ordinance, together with the primary arguments and rebuttal arguments (if any) for and against the measure, and to provide absent voters ballots for the election for use by qualified electors of the City who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law. The Ordinance specifies that the rate of the transactions tax shall be one half of one percent (0.50%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City; it specifies that the rate of the use tax shall be one half of one percent (0.50%) of the sales price of tangible personal property stored, used, or otherwise consumed in the City, and that the tax shall remain in effect unless repealed by the voters in the future or repealed by the City Council. The State Board of Equalization shall collect the tax from retailers subject to the tax and remit the funds to the City; and

5. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to work with the County Elections Department as needed in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. The ballots to be used in the election shall be in form and content as required by law. The County Elections Department is authorized to canvass the returns of the general municipal election and certify the results to the City Council. Thereafter, in accordance with the time prescribed by the Elections Code, the City Council shall declare and cause to be entered in its minutes a statement of the results of the election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections; and
6. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma is requested to instruct the County Elections Department to provide such services as may be necessary for the holding of the consolidated election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. The City of Sonoma recognizes that the County will incur additional costs because of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for those costs. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to expend the necessary funds to pay for the City's cost of placing the measure on the election ballot; and
7. In accordance with Section 12111 of the Elections Code and Section 6061 of the Government Code, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the measure to be published once in the Sonoma Index-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City of Sonoma and hereby designated for that purpose by the City Council of the City of Sonoma. The City Clerk may request that the County of Sonoma Elections Department prepare and publish the required notice; and
8. The polls for the election shall be open at 7:00a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00p.m. that same day, when the polls shall be closed, except as provided by Section 14401 of the California Elections Code. The notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the City Clerk is authorized to give further notice of the election, as required by law.
  - a. The last day for submission of primary arguments for or against the measure shall be by 5:00p.m. on August 22, 2016.
  - b. The last day for submission of rebuttal arguments for or against the measure shall be by 5:00p.m. on September 1, 2016.
  - c. Primary arguments shall not exceed three hundred (300) words and shall be signed by not more than five persons.
  - d. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) words and shall be signed by not more than five persons; those persons may be different persons than the persons who signed the primary arguments.
  - e. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282 (b), the Mayor is hereby authorized to prepare a written argument and rebuttal in favor of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the City Council. At the Mayor's discretion, the argument may also be signed by bona fide associations or by individual voters who are eligible to vote.

f. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit the impartial analysis to the Elections Department as required by law.

g. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, when the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the measure, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument which it seeks to rebut.

- 9. The City Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk of the County of Sonoma, together with the attached ballot measure; and
- 10. The jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Sonoma have not changed since the last general municipal election; and
- 11. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sonoma, Sonoma County, California, at a meeting thereof, held on the 6th day of July, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers  
 NOES: Councilmembers  
 ABSTAIN: Councilmembers  
 ABSENT: Councilmembers

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Laurie Gallian, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

CITY OF SONOMA  
ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SONOMA EXTENDING THE 1/2% TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSES TO CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7285.9 and 7290, the City of Sonoma (the "City") has the authority to levy a Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes;

WHEREAS, a majority of the voters of the City approved a one-half of one percent (0.5%) Transactions and Use Tax at an election held on June 5, 2012;

WHEREAS, the City's Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance is found in Article 3.12 of Chapter 13 of the City's Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Article 3.13.090 sets forth a "Termination Date" of June 30, 2017, at which time Article 3.13.080 will be repealed unless an extension or re-authorization is approved by the voters of the City at an election called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, an extension or re-authorization of the City's Transactions and Use Tax will be submitted to the voters to extend the "Termination Date" of Section 3.13.090, Section 5 to June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. The definition of "Termination Date" in Section 5 of Article 3.13.090 of the City's Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.19.020 Definitions

(c) "Termination date" initially means June 30, 2022, and as of that date this Article is repealed unless an extension or re-authorization of this Article is approved by the voters of the City at an election called for that purpose.

Section 2. Approval by the Voters. This Ordinance shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8, 2016. Upon approval by a majority of the voters of the City voting on this Ordinance, the Transactions and Use Tax set forth in Article 3.13.050 of the City's Municipal Code shall be re-authorized and extended through and including June 30, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, by a majority vote of the City Council, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 7B

Meeting Date: 07/06/2016

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Carol E. Giovanatto, City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Setting Priorities for Filing a Written Argument Regarding a City Measure

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**Summary**

At the June 27 Council meeting the Council adopted a resolution calling for an election on Ordinance No. 01-2016 at the regular municipal election on November 8, 2016 placing the issue of banning gas powered leaf blowers before the voters. Prior to approving the resolution, the Council removed the portion of the resolution containing language on the preparation of a written argument and rebuttal in favor of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the City Council. Council directed that issue be returned for separate discussion and action. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282(b), *"for measures placed on the ballot by the legislative body, the legislative body, or any member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument for or against any city measure."*

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**Recommended Council Action**

Council discretion.

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**Alternative Actions**

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

Resolution

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**Alignment with Council Goals:**

N/A

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**Compliance with Climate 2020 Action Plan Target Goals:**

N/A

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**CITY OF SONOMA**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA  
SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING A WRITTEN ARGUMENT  
REGARDING A CITY MEASURE**

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Sonoma on November 8, 2016 at which time there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

Shall Sonoma City Council Ordinance No. 01-2016 banning the use of gas leaf blowers within the City's limits but permitting the use of electric and battery-powered leaf blowers under specified regulations be adopted?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA DOES RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282(b), the Mayor is hereby authorized to prepare a written argument and rebuttal in favor of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the City Council. At the Mayor's discretion, the argument may also be signed by bona fide associations or by individual voters who are eligible to vote.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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Laurie Gallian, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gay Johann  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
 City Council  
 Agenda Item Summary

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>07/06/2016</b>

<b>Department</b> Administration	<b>Staff Contact</b> Gay Johann, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
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**Agenda Item Title**

Councilmembers' Reports on Committee Activities.

**Summary**

Council members will report on activities, if any, of the various committees to which they are assigned.

MAYOR GALLIAN	MPT AGRIMONTI	CLM. COOK	CLM. EDWARDS	CLM. HUNDLEY
City Audit Committee	LOCC North Bay Division Liaison	ABAG Alternate	ABAG Delegate	Cittaslow Sonoma Valley Advisory Council, Alt.
Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District	North Bay Watershed Association	City Audit Committee	Cittaslow Sonoma Valley Advisory Council	LOCC North Bay Division Liaison, Alternate
Sonoma County Mayors & Clm. Assoc. BOD	Sonoma County Mayors & Clm. Assoc. BOD, Alt.	City Facilities Committee	City Facilities Committee	Sonoma Clean Power Alt.
Sonoma County Trans. Authority & Regional Climate Protection Authority	Sonoma County Trans. & Regional Climate Protection Authority, Alternate	Oversight Board to the Dissolved CDA	Oversight Board to the Dissolved CDA, Alt.	Sonoma County M & C Assoc. Legislative Committee
Sonoma Disaster Council	Sonoma County Waste Management Agency	Sonoma Clean Power	Sonoma County Health Action & SV Health Roundtable	S. V. Citizens Advisory Commission
Sonoma Housing Corporation	Sonoma Disaster Council, Alternate	S.V. Economic Vitality Partnership, Alt.	Sonoma County M & C Assoc. Legislative Committee, Alt.	S.V. Economic Vitality Partnership
S.V.C. Sanitation District BOD	Sonoma Housing Corporation	S. V. Library Advisory Committee	Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Comm. Alt.	S. V. Library Advisory Committee, Alternate
S.V. Fire & Rescue Authority Oversight Committee	S.V.C. Sanitation District BOD, Alt.			
VOM Water District Ad Hoc Committee	S.V. Fire & Rescue Authority Oversight Committee			
Water Advisory Committee	VOM Water District Ad Hoc Committee, Alternate			
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**Recommended Council Action – Receive Reports**

**Attachments:** None