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

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
5:30 p.m. Closed Session (Special Meeting)
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
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MINUTES

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

5:30 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION

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

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

RECONVENE, CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gallian called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Maclain Goertzen, Boy Scouts Troop #222, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager Johann, City Clerk Barr, City Attorney Walter, Planning Director Goodison, Finance Director Hilbrants, Public Works Director Takasugi

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Gallian noted that the Council gave direction to Special Counsel.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Caitlin Childs, Social Advocates for Youth, thanked the Council for its funding of their grief services program. Ms. Childs then announced that they were looking for a new location for that program because the current location had become prohibitively expensive. She noted that they are in need of an office space of approximately 2200-2500 sq. ft.

Caitlin Cornwall, Sonoma Ecology, & Tom Conlon, Transition Sonoma Valley, read a statement into the record regarding the Sonoma County Climate Action 2020 Plan. They encouraged the Council to re-agendize the plan, regardless of the lawsuit to at least move forward with the initial measures along with the eight additional measures proposed by Staff.

Terry Shore, Greenbelt Alliance, stated that she supported the comments of the previous speakers on the Climate Action Plan. She gave an update on Measure K, which protects the Community separators which are the open space and farmlands between the cities and towns.

Fred Allebach expressed his support of Caitlin Cornwall and Tom Conlon. He also requested that the Public be able to have some input during the City Manager recruitment.

Marilyn Good spoke regarding traffic and the need for environmental changes and encouraged the Council to take a stand on the Climate Action Plan.

Howard Egerbovei requested that the City consider funding the 4th of July Parade.

2. MEETING DEDICATIONS

Councilmember Hundley requested that the meeting be dedicated to Kathy Barnett who recently passed away. Ms. Barnett was born and raised in Sonoma and graduated from Sonoma High School. She was a local business owner and actively involved in the Community.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Item 3A: Proclamation honoring Congregation Shir Shalom on the Occasion of its 20th Anniversary Year

Mayor Gallian and the Council Members presented the proclamation.

Avrum Goldman accepted the proclamation on behalf of Congregation Shir Shalom.

Item 3B: Recognition of the Service of Gay Johann on her Retirement and Introduction of New City Clerk Rebekah Barr

Mayor Gallian presented Ms. Johann with a plaque in recognition of her service. Each Council Member spoke in recognition of Ms. Johann, who spoke in response.

City Manager Giovanatto introduced the new City Clerk Rebekah Barr, who also said a few words.

Item 3C: Recognition of the Service of George McKale, City Historian

Mayor Gallian presented the Certificate of Recognition to Mr. McKale for his dedicated service. Mr. McKale thanked the Council for the recognition.

Item 3D: Presentation by the Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County

Planning Director Goodison gave the staff presentation. He explained how a land trust model worked and noted that staff was presenting this item in order to gain the City Council's support to work with the Sonoma Land Trust on a pilot program and explore the cost and feasibility of bringing existing inclusionary units into the land trust model. He introduced Dev Goetschius, Executive Director, Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County.

Director Goetschius reviewed the program more in depth. She went on to describe what the program would look like here in the City of Sonoma, incorporating a power point presentation (a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Council Member Hundley inquired what would happen if the Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County were to go away. Director Goetschius stated that it is written into the regulatory agreements that if something were to happen to the Land Trust then the City would administer the ground lease without

disturbing the families that were sitting on that land. She also noted that the City has the option to either administer it in-house or assign it to another non-profit organization.

Council Member Edwards inquired how large the Sonoma Land Trust Board was. Director stated that there were six people on the Board and that all but one were local to Sonoma.

Mayor Gallian thanked Director Goetschius for making the presentation to the Council.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL

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: **Adopt Resolution Updating Signatories for the City of Sonoma's Financial Institution Accounts (Finance Director)**

Item 4C: **Consideration of a Resolution Upholding the Appeal of Ron Albert, thereby denying the Site Design and Architectural Review of a New Single-Family Residence, Additional Residence, and Accessory Structures Located at 314-424 Second Street East (implementing the City Council action of August 15, 2016) (Planning Director)**

Item 4D: **Consideration of a Resolution Amending the City of Sonoma Conflict of Interest Code (City Clerk)**

Item 4E: **Acceptance of the 2016 Local Agency Biennial Notice for the Oversight Board to the Dissolved Sonoma Community Development Agency (City Clerk)**

Item 4F: **Approval of the Minutes of the August 15, 2016 City Council Meeting (City Clerk)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti, seconded by Council Member Edwards, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented including Resolution #26-2016, #27-2016, and #28-2016 with no public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 5A: **Approval of the Portions of the Minutes of the August 15, 2016 City Council Meeting Pertaining to the Successor Agency (City Clerk)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Minutes

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti, seconded by Council Member Cook, to approve the Successor Agency Consent Calendar as presented with no public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Item 6A: **Discussion, consideration and possible action on an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve a Use Permit to convert a second-floor space into a vacation rental unit within the Sonoma Court Shops complex at 11 East Napa Street, Unit #1**

Council Member Edwards recused himself for reason of proximity and left the Council Chambers at 7:08pm.

Planning Director Goodison presented the history of the item. Planning Director Goodison noted that if the Planning Commission's decision was upheld then the two vacation rental units would fulfill the allowable number per parcel.

City Attorney Walter clarified that the items listed on the agenda as 6A and 6B would be considered as separate items since this was how the Planning Commission acted upon them.

Terence Redmond, on behalf of Sonoma Court Shops, spoke in favor of the Planning Commission's decision being upheld. Mr. Redmond acknowledged that he had misunderstood the appeal and apologized to Councilmember Hundley for any discomfort he may have caused with the letter that he had submitted. He stated that he was still puzzled by an appeal of either of the units. Mr. Redmond noted that there were 5,645 housing units in the City of Sonoma and 54 legal vacation rentals - less than .1% percent of recognized housing stock. He stated that he wanted to ensure that the City Council had a clear idea of what the facts were regarding housing stock in the city and what percentage is impacted by vacation rentals. Mr. Redmond gave a brief history of the two units.

Mayor Gallian opened the public hearing at 7:30pm.

Fred Allebach stated that the Plaza rents in general are extremely high, due to the shops on the Plaza making it so that residents cannot shop locally. He also stated that he felt if the units under discussion could be rented to locals and if the price was too high they should sit empty until someone could pay for them or rent them as businesses.

Jack Wagner stated that he did not approve of any new vacation rental applications in the City. He noted that if the units sit empty at the asking rate then it may require a lowered rate. He felt that it did take potential housing stock as it was taking it off the market. He noted that parking is also a constant issue. Mr. Wagner said he supported the appeal and thanked Councilmember Hundley for bringing it up.

Amy Harrington stated that this was a very important issue and the question was about one or two vacation rentals or that the City's focus was on ensuring that there was sufficient housing. She noted that she hoped the Council would support Councilmember Hundley's appeal.

Mayor Gallian closed the public hearing at 7:34pm.

Council Member Hundley stated that she had had the opportunity to speak to Ms. Melissa Redmond and had visited the properties in question. She drew attention to the fact that the original Planning Commission decision was a 3-2 vote with two of the long-term commissioners absent. She said that she wanted to discuss if this decision was consistent with the City's general housing policy.

Council Member Hundley noted that there was a housing crisis in the City of Sonoma, particularly around rental housing. She said that the units in question would be ideal housing for the "young professional" or a young married couple, or anyone who wanted to stay plugged in to the community. Council Member Hundley stated that vacation rentals may only be .1% of the current market, however, if everyone started to ask for it there would be a large shift in the market. She stated that the appeal was to define what the City's policy was and to ensure that the Planning Commission's decisions were in line with that. Council Member Hundley noted that she had been informed that the units under consideration had not been used as residences for twenty years because of the noise and turn-over rate. However, the housing market had changed drastically and the young professional of today expected that those urban center residences would come with those things. She noted that the letter

that had been distributed by Mr. Redmond had suggested the appeal was connected to campaign funds she received. Council Member Hundley stated that she had been talking about housing since the very beginning and there was no connection. She noted that if there was a decision made out of the Planning Commission that does not seem to be in line with the Council's policies it was her duty to bring it to their attention.

Planning Director Goodison stated that 11 E Napa Street was part of the original Sonoma Court Shops development and when it was approved by the Planning Commission there was no requirement for a housing component. When it was presented the idea was that those units in Building A would be used as apartments. The Live/Work allowance came at a later date in a subsequent application. He noted that 11 E Napa had never been used as an apartment.

Planning Director Goodison then stated that 533 First Street was built at a later date and was not part of the original Sonoma Court Shops project. He noted that it had been used briefly as an apartment but had been predominantly commercial use.

City Attorney Walter confirmed with Planning Director Goodison that 11 E Napa Street was originally permitted to be used as both an office and/or an apartment. Planning Director Goodison concurred.

Mayor Gallian inquired as to what the process would be if the Planning Commission's decision was upheld and the vacation rental use was initiated.

Planning Director Goodison stated that it was a different situation that would occur in a residential zone, as there was already a use permit that allowed for the development of Sonoma Court Shops. He noted that the action would be an amendment to the existing use permit which would allow the vacation rental option within the two particular units. If the Planning Commission's decision was upheld the decision would be limited to only those two units and would be an allowance. If circumstances changed, the option would remain for them to be used as an apartment or Live/Work, or as an office. Planning Director Goodison said this was the consistent process.

Mayor Gallian inquired if there would be four available uses for those units. Planning Director Goodison answered that was correct – there would be four use allowances, however, only one could occur at a time. He stated that this was not uncommon.

Council Member Hundley stated that she was aware that the unit had been used as an apartment because she had seen newspaper ads for the unit in question from over twenty years ago advertising it as such.

The public hearing was reopened at 7:47pm.

Terence Redmond stated that the unit in question had been used as an office since its inception and that the advertisement that Council Member Hundley was referring too was an advertisement for a back unit, not the property that was under consideration.

The public hearing was closed at 7:48pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she did not feel the housing issue would be solved by the unit in question. In regards to the three Planning Commissioners that were in attendance when the appealed action was taken and who voted in approval, Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she had interviewed Commissioner Sek, and, though Commissioner Sek was new to the Planning Commission, she was not new to the business. She noted that in the City Council Goals it said, *"However, the general statement of intent set forth in the goals does not in and of itself provide a legal basis for any particular action on this appeal."* Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she knew affordable housing was very important and

that there were steps being taken to address the issue.

Council Member Cook stated that he had visited the site and agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti's comment that the housing problem in Sonoma was not going to be solved by this one action. He did not want individuals to feel that his voting no on the appeal meant he was in favor of vacation rentals. Council Member Cook stated that he was against illegal vacation rentals and hoped the enforcement on those would stay strong. He also stated that there was talk going on at all levels of the government regarding the housing crisis, however, the item that was being considered was not part of that. It was about a room that was very noisy. Council Member Cook noted that the City had areas designated for vacation rentals and the unit under discussion was located in one of them.

Mayor Gallian drew attention to the use permit approval, under "findings". She stated that she felt there was some ambiguity, and asked for clarification. She noted that she found the term *"future land issues in the vicinity"* to be somewhat undetermined considering the action that could be coming forward to the Council in the future in regards to housing options.

Planning Director Goodison stated that the unit in question was part of a larger commercial complex and the adjoining uses were predominantly commercial though there were upper floor apartment units behind it in Building A. Sonoma Court Shops was owned by one group that did not necessarily own the other units. He noted that there were multiple options as to how to regulate vacation rentals in the future and any action taken by the Council in the future would not affect the units in question as those units would have already been acted upon. If the Council were to maintain the status quo of allowing vacation rentals within the downtown and within the commercial district, then other commercial properties could file an application for a vacation rental as long as they were not part of Sonoma Court Shops. The property that was the subject of the application must have a use compatible to its surroundings. A vacation rental was quasi-residential. Since apartments were allowed in the Downtown as a compatible use then it would make sense that a vacation rental would be compatible.

Council Member Hundley stated that she felt unit in question designated as an apartment was more in line with the City's written policies than a vacation rental would be.

Mayor Gallian inquired what would be the result of a tie-vote. Planning Director Goodison responded that an action cannot be taken without a majority vote, so if there were a tie-vote, then the action of the Planning Commission would stand.

City Attorney Walter asked Planning Director Goodison if this was addressed by the Municipal Code. Planning Director Goodison responded that it had consistently been the practice, but he could not supply a code citation.

Mayor Gallian stated that she would not be in support of the vote because she felt that the uses already afforded for the unit were meeting the City's needs in that particular complex. She also felt that if that unit was an apartment it would fit into the residential component. Mayor Gallian noted that unit was of substantial size and the noise was not an issue for her. She stated she felt that the commercial use had been successful and she did not want to disturb the City's housing stock as there were major decisions around that housing stock in the near future.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti, seconded by Council Member Cook to support the Planning Commission's decision and to deny the appeal. The motion failed with Council Member Hundley and Mayor Gallian voting NO, Council Member Cook and Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti voting YES, and Council Member Edwards absent. It was noted that a tie vote by the city council resulted in the affirmation of the decision of the Planning Commission, per SMC 19.84.040.

Item 6B: **Discussion, consideration and possible action on an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve a Use Permit to convert a second-floor space into a vacation rental unit within the Sonoma Court Shops complex at 533 First Street East.**

Planning Director Goodison presented the staff report on this item, noting that the facts of Item 6B were very much the same as the previous item. He noted that the development history was slightly different and it was clear the unit in question had been used briefly as an apartment before being used as a commercial space. Another difference from the previous item, was that there would be no parking exception necessary because it was a one bedroom unit, therefore, only required one parking space.

Council Member Cook clarified that the Planning Commission considered both Item 6A and 6B separately. Planning Director Goodison said that this was correct because one of units required a parking exception which was a separate action.

Council Member Hundley inquired if the property was explicitly designated as "Live/Work". Planning Director Goodison responded that it was approved as a flexible space with allowance for either commercial offices, a Live/Work unit, or residential use.

Council Member Hundley inquired if "Live/Work" was a distinct designation. Planning Director Goodison responded that Live/Work was a distinct category and required use permit approval. He noted that if the Planning Commission had approved it as commercial and residential, then Live/Work would not be an authorized use.

Mayor Gallian opened the public hearing at 8:11pm.

Terence Redmond addressed the item. He stated that when he had made the statement that there were 54 legal vacation units, he had wanted to emphasize how few there were. The unit under discussion was a one bedroom unit that was being proposed as a legal vacation rental and qualified for that use, which is what had been asked for.

Fred Allebach inquired how many vacation rentals there were around the Plaza and what was there cumulative effect. He thought that the Council could approve one and deny one. Mr. Allebach inquired if the comment regarding the Planning Commission decision standing in the case of a tie-vote was actually a rule.

Jack Wagner stated that he was again recording that he did not support any new vacation rentals. The action on one or two units would not solve the housing crisis. He noted that, even though this was the case, every single unit mattered and every single decision mattered - the item under consideration was one more chance to hold on to one more unit in the housing stock. Mr. Wagner used the analogy of the Climate 2020 Action Plan stating that any one of the initiatives alone would not solve the environmental issues however each one had to be considered to be effective. Mr. Wagner said that revenue could be gained from other places including TOT.

Council Member Hundley stated that she was incorporating her comments from the previous item. She stated that she appreciated Mr. Wagner's Climate 2020 Action Plan analogy – that every little thing on its own is not impactful necessarily, however as whole it is a different matter. Council Member Hundley noted that the Council needed to take every opportunity presented to them to address each item.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that the collection of her thoughts were around traffic and she did not mind a limited amount of vacation rentals. She felt that there were other ways to tackle the issue of housing. Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she appreciated Council Member Hundley's differentiation between market rate homes and affordable housing.

Mayor Gallian stated that she had reviewed the analysis of legal vacation rentals that had been updated on February 3, 2016 and noticed that 49 of the 54 vacation rentals were within the historical overlay zone. Planning Director Goodison addressed the different ways in which a vacation rental could be approved within the historical overlay zone.

Council Member Cook stated that he felt there was a balance between city character and tourism. He noted that he was not saying he wanted vacation rentals all over the City of Sonoma, however, there was a place for them. He said he had visited both of the units being considered and they were office space that was now vacant. The two units would add to the character of Sonoma. Council Member Cook stated that the conversation that was being held was about a decision that was made by the Planning Commission. He stated that he believed that all of the Council Members understood that there was a housing crisis and that they were working to address that crisis.

Mayor Gallian stated that the discussion had been an exercise in understanding the importance of each type of housing currently available within City limits. When she looked at the issue in question, she noted that the unit under discussion as Item 6B had residential there for 2-3 years. Mr. Redmond confirmed that this was accurate.

Mayor Gallian stated that she did see the proposed use as a possibility. She had visited the site and heard the noise and witnessed the surrounding activity. However, she could see someone living in either unit or using either as an office space. Mayor Gallian stated that she was not certain that the proposed use as a vacation rental was actually compatible, nor was she confident that it was a use she was willing to approve.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti, seconded by Council Member Cook to support the Planning Commission's decision and to deny the appeal. The motion failed with Council Member Hundley and Mayor Gallian voting NO, Council Member Cook and Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti voting YES, and Council Member Edwards absent. It was noted that a tie vote by the city council resulted in the affirmation of the decision of the Planning Commission, per SMC 19.84.040.

City Attorney Walter stated that he wanted to acknowledge the new City Clerk as she had forwarded the citation on tie-votes from the Municipal Code. He noted that it was section 19.84.040 and read the citation into the record.

Council Member Edwards returned to the dais at 8:35pm.

7. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Item 7A: **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Construction of a Monument in Honor of the Chinese Contribution to the Wine Industry in Depot Park and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Maintenance Agreement with the Sonoma-Penglai Sister City Committee**

Public Works Director Takasugi gave the staff report on this item.

Peggy Phelan, Chair, Sonoma Penglai Sister City Committee, stated that the Committee was very excited to move forward, and though they had not seen a copy of the Maintenance Agreement they were aware of it. She said she was available to answer any questions.

Bill Boerum, former President, Sonoma Sister Cities Association, commended Ms. Phelan on her work. He noted that these types of monuments are typical of those across the United States among Sister Cities and really brought to life the heritage of the given country.

Fred Allebach stated that the Historical Society has an upcoming lecture on Chinese history and reviewed some of the history of the Chinese people in the City of Sonoma.

Jack Ding, Sister Cities Association acknowledged Ms. Phelan and the Board. He stated that he wanted to humbly thank the Council.

David Cassidy stated that the Committee had been promoting the project in the Bay Area and also in China and he had been informed that individuals in both San Francisco and China were planning to visit the monument and making donations.

Council Member Hundley commented that Sonoma was the most historically significant city in the State of California and she thought the monument was going to show how multi-faceted the City was.

Council Member Agrimonti said that she was very excited and was in support of it on behalf of Council Member Edwards.

Council Member Cook stated that he wanted to thank the Sister Cities for their work on the project and that he would be supporting the item

Council Member Edwards stated that he was in support of this item and that he would be making a donation to the project and hoped the other council members would do so as well.

Mayor Gallian stated that she and Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti had taken a group of 2nd and 3rd grade students on a tour of City Hall and went through how an item was acted upon by the Council. The item they used was the monument under discussion. She wanted to announce that there had been great support from the classroom students and they could not wait to visit it when it was constructed.

Motion by Hundley, seconded by Council member Edwards, to approve a Monument in Honor of the Chinese Contribution to the Wine Industry in Depot Park and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Maintenance Agreement with the Sonoma-Penglai Sister City Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7B: **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement which resolves the Case Entitled Selma Blanusa v. City of Sonoma and Permits Construction of a Second Dwelling Unit on the Real Property described as 19725 Seventh St. East, Sonoma, CA and finding that said adoption is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

City Attorney Walter gave the staff report on this item. He noted that there had an amendment to the resolution

Jean Parisi inquired what the amendment to the Resolution was, and if it was different than what had been provided by Planning Director Goodison.

City Attorney Walter responded that the settlement agreement which was under consideration and had been published in the agenda packet, had the correct resolution attached as Exhibit D. He had inadvertently provided Staff with an earlier iteration.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that the Council had to make their decisions based on the information that was available. She said that she was not pleased about it, but felt she like was in the corner on the item.

Council Member Cook stated that the item under discussion was something that had been ongoing for a long time and had been well vetted. He noted that if it appeared that there were not a lot of questions or comments by the Council it was because it had already been covered.

Motion by Council Member Cook, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti, to Adopt a Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement which resolves the Case Entitled Selma Blanusa v. City of Sonoma and Permits Construction of a Second Dwelling Unit on the Real Property described as 19725 Seventh St. East, Sonoma, CA and finding that said adoption is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7C: **Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution in support Proposition 56 Ballot Measure (California Healthcare Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016) Requested by Mayor Gallian**

City Manager Giovanatto gave the presentation on this item.

Mayor Gallian stated that this item had been brought to her attention by the same individuals who were supporting the tobacco ordinance. She had personally endorsed it, and wanted to give the rest of the Council the opportunity to consider.

Council Member Agrimonti noted that she was in support of the item.

Council Member Edwards stated that he personally supported it but felt it was not necessary for the Council to take an action as a whole. Council Members Cook and Hundley concurred with Council Member Edwards.

Mayor Gallian noted that as there was not support for the item to be brought forward, there would be no further discussion or action.

Mayor Gallian called a short recess at 9:08pm.

The Council reconvened at 9:14pm.

Item 7D: **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Installation of Three (3) Taxi/Rideshare Parking Stalls Around the Sonoma Plaza**

Public Works Director Takasugi gave the presentation on this item.

Council Member Cook inquired how enforcement would be managed. Public Works Director Takasugi responded that as the time limit was only three minutes, Staff had felt that the parking places would not be used as a parking stall to take care of other business. He also noted that if someone did utilize the space for the short time period it would not be cause to take aggressive enforcement action.

Council Member Cook then asked if the signage would look different for the proposed stalls. Public Works Director Takasugi responded that there would be a sign placed at driver level at the head end of the parking stall as well as pavement marking at the entrance to the stall so that it is clearly visible.

Council Member Cook inquired what type of vehicles would be able to park in the proposed stalls. Public Works Director Takasugi stated that it was the hope that vehicles over 8 passengers would not use the stalls.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she was not in favor of Uber and Lyft. She then noted that in regards to the local taxi companies, she was concerned about the condition of the automobiles and if

the drivers underwent background checks. Public Works Director Takasugi stated that regarding Uber and Lyft, they had been added into the definition of the Council's taxi goal as this was a means of reducing the vehicle parking load on the Plaza.

Council Member Edwards inquired what the fine was for parking over three minutes. Public Works Takasugi stated that he was not sure what the fine was, but may be comparable to a regular parking fine of $40, if it was enforceable.

Council Member Hundley stated that she believes this was a great start and felt that the placements were very good, especially for picking up passengers late at night.

Council Member Cook noted that this item was one of Council's goals. He commended Staff on their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she could not support the item as she had not received an answer to her question regarding automobile condition and background checks. City Manager Giovanatto responded that the City had a taxi ordinance and did require a permit and insurance, however, neither background checks nor inspections of taxis were done.

Mayor Gallian stated that she was in support of the item since it was moving forward towards the Council's climate action goals of reducing greenhouse gases.

Motion by Council Member Cook, seconded by Council Member Hundley, to approve Installation of Three (3) Taxi/Rideshare Parking Stalls around the Sonoma Plaza. Motion passed four to one with Council Member Agrimonti voting NO.

Item 7E: **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Provide Direction to Councilmember Cook on Potential Voting Action by Sonoma Clean Power Board of Directors [Requested by Councilmember Cook]**

City Manager Giovanatto gave the presentation on this item.

Council Member Cook noted that the discussion on the amendment had been ongoing for approximately a year, so it might be difficult to explain every piece. He noted that there was the availability to request clarification from the legal staff at Sonoma Clean Power if necessary, then consider it at the October 3rd Council Meeting. Council Member Cook reviewed the proposed amendment which the change in language which would allow for the inclusion of Mendocino.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti stated that she wanted to ensure that with the weighted voting, the City of Sonoma would not have a lack of a vote. Council Member Cook stated that by adding Mendocino it would take some percentage of its voting weight away from the City of Sonoma, however, every member of the JPA would be losing the same percentage.

Mayor Gallian inquired if the Board had voted to include Mendocino and if they had be given voting shares. Council Member Cook responded that is why the amendment was being done, to enable Mendocino to come into the JPA. The final decision would be acted upon at their October 13th meeting. He stated that it was his hope that the Council would grant him the authority to act, with Council Member Hundley's input as the alternate.

Mayor Gallian expressed concern about the addition of Mendocino and the loss of voting power. As a smaller City she wanted to ensure that how Council Member Cook would vote was fairly represented under small cities. Council Member Cook said that he shared that concern and that was why he was bringing the item forward for vetting by the Council.

Council Member Hundley requested clarification on what items would be weighted and what would be straight board voting. Council Member Cook stated that the changing of the JPA would be weighted voting. He stated that the recommendations were from Board Staff and may not be what the Board approved upon consideration. Because of this, he was requesting that the Council give him leeway to vote taking into consideration the Council's input.

Council Member Hundley stated that she supports Council Member Cook having the flexibility to vote as per the power that he was given as the representative to the board.

Mayor Gallian noted that she would like Council Member Cook to give regular reports on how this item is progressing.

Council Member Cook noted that Council Member Hundley was the alternate and he would seek her input if necessary.

Motion by Council Member Agrimonti, seconded by Council Member Edwards, to authorize Council Member Cook to vote on behalf of the Council after taking into consideration their comments made at the meeting and that Council Member Hundley as the alternate would have the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7F: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Designation of the Voting Delegate for the 2016 League of California Cities Annual Conference

City Manager Giovanatto gave the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Hundley, seconded by Council Member Cook, to designate Mayor Gallian as the voting delegate for the City of Sonoma at the 2016 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

9. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti reported on the Sonoma Valley Women's Club Centennial celebration, and that she and Council Member Cook were serving as mentors for a high school senior student, Bella Fanucchi. The student will be working on a Recreational website as her Senior Project. Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti asked that she be scheduled on the October 17th Council meeting to give a presentation. She also reported on a meeting with RISK that she had attended. RISK deals with opioids, alcohol, and other drugs in relation to the young people in Sonoma. She asked that Staff provide and update on 2nd Street East and stop signs.

City Manager Giovanatto responded that the 2nd Street East item was still at the level of the Traffic Safety Committee and under discussion.

Council Member Edwards announced the Rotary Club of Sonoma 3rd Annual Clean-up on Eighth Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Agrimonti announced that she was part of SVConnect at Larson Park and that Sonoma Splash would be having a dunk tank. Council Member Hundley noted that she will be in the dunk tank.

Council Member Cook reported that he had an upcoming Library Advisory Meeting and the Sonoma Clean Power Meeting in October.

Mayor Gallian reported on the Ag and Open Space Meeting and they had considered their matching grants and listed the projects. She stated that these projects would be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisor. She also reported that she and Council Member Cook had attended a meeting on groundwater management. Mayor Gallian stated that Mr. Evans was looking for a student to work on a project researching all Alcades from the past.

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

City Manager Giovanatto announced that the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission was accepting nominations for the Treasure Artist. She also announced that a page had been set up on the City's website with information on the three ballot measures. City Manager Giovanatto spoke about the street and recycled pipeline projects that were on-going in the City.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm in honor of Cathy Barnett.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the 3rd day of October 2016.

Rebekah Barr, MMC
City Clerk/Executive Assistant to the City Manager