

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SONOMA CITY COUNCIL

Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma CA

Monday, December 19, 2016

5:00 p.m. Special Meeting

AGENDA

City Council
Rachel Hundley, Mayor
Gary Edwards, MPT
Madolyn Agrimonti
David Cook,
Amy Harrington



Rachel Hundley, Mayor of the City of Sonoma has called the City Council into a Special Meeting to hear one item of business.

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5:00 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (Cook, Harrington, Agrimonti, Edwards, Hundley)

Item 1: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Members to the Farmers Market Task Force or Create an Ad Hoc Committee of Two Council Members only and Give Direction as to the Topics the Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee Should Study (City Manager)
Staff Recommendation: Council appoint sub-committee as Council Ad Hoc Committee or Farmers Market Task Force

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CITY OF SONOMA
City Council
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 1
 Meeting Date: 12/19/2016

Department Administration	Staff Contact Carol Giovanatto, City Manager
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Agenda Item Title

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Members to the Farmers Market Task Force or Create an Ad Hoc Committee of Two Council Members only and Give Direction as to the Topics the Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee Should Study

Summary

At the December 12th Council meeting, Councilmember Harrington made a motion to “to appoint a Council Sub-Committee including two members of the CSEC (Community Services & Environment Commission), two members of Valley of the Moon Certified Farmers Market Staff, City Staff, and two members of the public to redefine the objectives of the Farmers Market and report back to Council for ratification before consideration of extension of the agreement to be completed by the February City Council meeting.” The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Edwards and passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Cook and Agrimonti dissenting. The motion did not contain the appointment of specific Councilmembers or other committee members and no follow-up motion was made. However, since the motion specifically called out the make-up of the committee which included not only two councilmembers, but other individuals as well, it will be subject to the Brown Act and all of its requirements (72-hour meeting notices, posting of agendas, minutes, etc.).

In order for the process to continue expeditiously, this Special Council meeting is being convened to identify next steps and consider appointments. In consultation with the City Attorney’s office, the task force/committee could be formed under two different scenarios:

- (1) Farmers Market Task Force** (as approved at the December 12th Meeting): two Councilmembers, two Farmers Market Board members, two members of CSEC, two members of the public and City Staff. Meetings will follow all Brown Act requirements including 72-hour meeting notices, posting of agendas, minutes, etc.

- (2) Ad Hoc Committee:** Instead, Council could create and appoint two Councilmembers to a Council ad-hoc committee to work with staff for the purpose of meeting with the Farmers Market Board, other stakeholders and interested persons (at the committee’s discretion) to discuss operational and other issues. An Ad Hoc Committee made up *solely of less than a quorum of the Council*, would not be subject to the strict Brown Act requirements due to its specific and short-term nature of subject matter and would not require 72-hour meeting notices, posting of agendas, minutes, etc. Under this scenario, the Ad Hoc Committee could meet as frequently as needed and not be constrained by timelines for meeting noticing. Council could suggest, but not mandate, who the Ad Hoc Committee should consult with.

Topics of discussion for the Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee based on Council comments from the December 12th Council meeting could include:

- composition of vendor types
- vendor selection/local preference
- modifications to existing operations
- review of fee structure
- recommendation on extension of existing agreement

Recommended Council Action

Council appoint sub-committee as Council Ad Hoc Committee or Farmers Market Task Force

Alternative Actions

Council discretion.

Financial Impact

N/A

Environmental Review**Status**

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

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

Attachments:

Alignment with Council Goals:

cc: Bill Dardon via email