



## MINUTES

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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Present: Mayor Phillips  
Vice Mayor Colin  
Councilmember Bushey  
Councilmember Gamblin  
Councilmember McCullough

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Jim Schutz  
City Attorney Rob Epstein  
City Clerk Lindsay Lara

### **OPEN SESSION - (669) 900-9128 ID: 889-1633-1168# - 6:00 PM**

1. Mayor Phillips announced Closed Session items.

### **CLOSED SESSION - (669) 900-9128 ID: 889-1633-1168# - 6:00 PM**

2. Closed Session:
  - a. Personnel Matters – Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager

### **REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Watch online: [www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael](http://www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael)

Listen by phone: (669) 900-9128,

ID: 884-8011-5619#

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and invited City Clerk Lindsay Lara to call the roll. All members of the City Council were present.

City Clerk Lindsay Lara informed the community the meeting would be streamed live to YouTube and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through YouTube live chat. She explained the process for community participation through the telephone and on YouTube.

City Attorney Rob Epstein announced that no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session held prior to the meeting.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

3. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Jim Schutz announced:

- COVID-19 and the City's response updates
- Election Day and information on how and where to vote
- Expressed thanks to our community and staff for virtual events held in October

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION - 7:00 PM**

- Salamah Locks, Commission on Aging, announced the next Commission on Aging meeting, and reminded everyone to vote
- Leslie address the City Council regarding agenda item 5.d
- Name withheld, addressed the City Council regarding the vandalized statue at the Mission Church

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Phillips invited public comment on the Consent Calendar; however, there was none

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Gamblin seconded to approve the Consent Calendar

4. Consent Calendar Items:

- a. **Approval of Minutes**  
Approve Minutes of City Council / Successor Agency Regular Meeting of Monday, October 19, 2020 (CC)  
*Approve minutes as submitted*
- b. **Special Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Appointment**  
Approve Appointment of Gail Grasso to the Special Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee to the End of July 2022 Due to the Resignation of Pamela Cook (CC)  
*Approved Appointment*
- c. **Agreements for On-Call Planning and Environmental Consultant Services**
  - i. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with MIG, Inc. for On-Call Planning and Environmental Consultant Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 (CD)  
*Resolution 14865 - Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with MIG, Inc. for On-Call Planning and Environmental Consultant Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000*

- ii. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with M-Group for On-Call Planning and Environmental Consultant Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 (CD)  
*Resolution 14866 – Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with M-Group for On-Call Planning and Environmental Consultant Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000*

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 5. Other Agenda Items:

- a. [Canal Policy Working Group](#)

Resolution to Pursue Bold, Collaborative Solutions that Place Equity at the Forefront of Our Efforts to Address the Disproportionate Impacts the Covid-19 Pandemic is Having on Our Most Marginalized Communities, Local Businesses and Property Owners (CM)

Cristine Alilovich, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report along with the Canal Policy Working Group, Omar Carrera, Canal Alliance, Chandra Alexandre, Community Action Marin, Stephanie Haffner, Legal Aid of Marin, and Supervisor Dennis Rodoni.

Councilmembers provided comments

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

**Speakers:** Chris Hart, Christina Rosales, Mari, Lisel Blash, John Reynolds, Veronica, Marina Palma

Mayor Phillips called for recess at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Phillips called the meeting back in session at 8:03 p.m.

**Speakers continued:** San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Alex, Kiki la Porta, Name withheld

Staff responded to public comment and Councilmembers provided comments

Councilmember Colin moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to adopt the resolution

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

*Resolution 14867 – Resolution to Pursue Bold, Collaborative Solutions that Place Equity at the Forefront of Our Efforts to Address the Disproportionate Impacts the Covid-19 Pandemic is Having on Our Most Marginalized Communities, Local Businesses and Property Owners*

- b. [CDBG-CARES Act Coronavirus Funding Allocation Recommendations](#)

Resolution Recommending Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Allocation 3A Funding to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for the San Rafael Planning Area (CD)

Ethan Guy, Principal Analyst, presented the staff report

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

**Speakers:** Cecile Gramajo, Marina Palma, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Peter Mendoza, Marin Center of Independent Living

Councilmembers provided comments

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Colin seconded to adopt the resolution

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

*Resolution 14868 – Resolution Recommending Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Allocation 3A Funding to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for the San Rafael Planning Area*

c. [Opportunity Zone Renter Relocation Assistance Informational Report](#)

Informational Report on Renter Relocation Assistance in the Opportunity Zone Located in the Canal Neighborhood of San Rafael (CD)

Ethan Guy, Principal Analyst, presented the staff report

Mayor Phillips commented and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

**Speakers:** John Reynolds, Chris Hart, Marina Palma

Councilmembers provided comments

Councilmember Colin moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to accept the report

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

*Accepted report*

Mayor Phillips called for recess at 9:01 p.m.

Mayor Phillips called the meeting back in session at 9:06 p.m.

d. [Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation](#)

Resolution Approving a Housing Trust Fund Grant to the County of Marin for the Affordable Housing Development at 3301 Kerner Boulevard in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,540,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Documents and Related Documents (CD)

Andrew Hening, Director of Homeless Planning and Outreach, and Ethan Guy, Principal Analyst, presented the staff report and introduced Leelee Thomas, Marin County Community Development, who would be available to answer questions

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

**Speakers:** Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative, Dawei Wong, Housing Advocates of Northern California, Rev. Lynn Oldham Robinett, Marin Interfaith Council, Linda Hallman, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, Joanne Webster, Housing Crisis Action Steering Committee, Bob Pendoley, Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative, Margorie Delgadillo, Salamah Locks, Marin Commission on Aging, Shannon Griffin, Marin Organizing Committee, Peter Mendoza, Marin Center of Independent Living

Mayor Phillips called for recess at 9:54 p.m.

Mayor Phillips called the meeting back in session at 10:09 p.m.

**Speakers continued:** Catherine, Sami Mericle, Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative, Ron Brown, Marin Organizing Committee, Margaret Fisher, Kate Sprague, Name withheld, Name Withheld, Nick Morris, Street Chaplaincy Executive Director, Josh Sullivan, Marin Organizing Committee & Legal Aid of Marin Supervising Attorney, Karen Strolia, Downtown Streets Team, Name withheld, Name withheld, Name withheld, John Reynolds, Name withheld, Laura J. Giacomini, Congregation Rodef Sholom and Marin Organizing Committee, Bill Carney, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Sunny Lee, Lisel Blash, Name withheld, Marjorie Dalgadillo, Omar Carrera, Canal Alliance CEO, Mark Kay Sweeney, Homeward Bound of Marin

Councilmembers provided comments and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers

Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember Bushey seconded to adopt the resolution subject to review of the appraisal by Mayor Phillips and Councilmember Gamblin, and to delegate authority to Mayor Phillips and Councilmember Gamblin to either authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents, or to schedule a special meeting of the City Council to meet the schedule imposed by the County of Marin if concerns arise.

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips

NOES: Councilmembers: Colin

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

*Resolution 14869 – Resolution Approving a Housing Trust Fund Grant to the County of Marin for the Affordable Housing Development at 3301 Kerner Boulevard in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,540,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Documents and Related Documents*

e. Third Street Improvements

Informational Report on the Third Street Rehabilitation and Third Street Safety Improvements Projects (PW)

Bill Guerin, Public Works Director introduced April Miller, Senior Civil Engineer and Robert Stevens, CSW Stuber-Stroeh, who presented the staff report

Councilmembers provided comments

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

**Speakers:** Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Lisa Merigian, Sunny Lee, Alan Edmondson, Name withheld, Name withheld

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers and Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Colin moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to accept the report

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough & Mayor Phillips  
NOES: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

*Accepted report*

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS / REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

(including AB 1234 Reports on Meetings and Conferences Attended at City Expense)

6. Councilmember Reports: -None.

**SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:**

1. Consent Calendar: - None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Phillips and the City Council adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m. in memory of Jerry Belletto and Tom Untermann.

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