

In the Council Chambers of the City of San Rafael, May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Regular Meeting

San Rafael City Council

Minutes

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

Absent: None

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

OPEN SESSION – (669) 900-9128, ID: 846-9457-0470# – 5:30 PM

1. Mayor Phillips to announced Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION – (669) 900-9128, ID: 846-9457-0470# – 5:30 PM

2. Closed Session:
 - a. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code Section 54957.6
Lead Negotiator: Timothy L. Davis (Burke, Williams & Sorensen)
Agency Designated Representatives: Jim Schutz, Cristine Alilovich, Nadine Hade, Shibani Nag
Employee Organizations: SEIU - Childcare; San Rafael Police Mid-Management Association;
Public Employee Union, Local 1; San Rafael Firefighters' Association; San Rafael Police
Association; SEIU Local 1021; Western Council of Engineers; San Rafael Fire Chief Officers'
Association

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and invited the City Clerk to call the roll

Mayor Phillips informed the community the meeting would be streamed live to YouTube and the City website, and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through the YouTube live chat

City Attorney Robert Epstein announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session

City Clerk Lindsay Lara explained the process for community participation through the telephone and YouTube

REGULAR MEETING
- VIRTUAL MEETING Telephone: (669) 900-9128,
ID: 897-7202-3202

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION – 7:00 PM

Mayor Phillips invited public comment for public expression open time, however there was none

Later in the meeting, City Clerk Lindsay Lara requested another opportunity for comments to be received on items not on the agenda. Mayor Phillips agreed and again invited public comment in Open Time

Correspondence in real-time through YouTube or telephone:

- Mark Wilkinson addressed the City Council regarding Costco
- Name withheld, addressed the City Council regarding Costco

City Manager Jim Schutz provided a brief informational comment on Costco

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

3. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Jim Schutz provided an update on recent efforts of how the City was responding to COVID-19, including the updated Shelter-in-Place Order

Mayor Phillips expressed thanks for the report from the City Manager regarding the City's response to COVID-19 and commented on the Message from the Mayor video, as well as, the Small Business Relief Fund

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Consent Calendar Items:

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

After addressing Open Time for Public Expression again, Mayor Phillips returned to the Consent Calendar and invited public comment

Steve Glanz addressed the City Council regarding the Canal Wifi initiative

Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember Colin seconded to approve Consent Calendar Items:

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
Approve Minutes of City Council / Successor Agency Regular Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2020 (CC)
[April 20, 2020 Minutes](#)

Approved as submitted
- b. **Amend City Council Appointments to Committees**
Approve the Appointment of Vice-Mayor Colin and Councilmember Gamblin to Serve on the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers Economic Recovery Committee for 2020; and Appoint Fire Chief Darin White to Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) Executive Board (CC)
[Amend City Council Appointments to Committees](#)

Approved as submitted

- c. **Termination of The Marin Telecommunications Agency
Second Introduction and Final Adoption of Ordinance 1984: An Ordinance of the City of San Rafael Providing for the Termination of the Marin Telecommunications Agency and Repealing the Telecommunications Ordinance Codified in Chapter 10.74 of the San Rafael Municipal Code (CM)**

[Termination of the Marin Telecommunications Agency](#)

Final Adoption of Ordinance 1984

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. Special Presentations:

a. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Police Week (PD)

Police Chief Diana Bishop expressed appreciation to the Police Department and commented on the history of National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Mayor Phillips presented the proclamation to the Police Department and expressed his appreciation the Police Officers everywhere

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Other Agenda Items:

a. CDBG-Cares Act Funding Recommendations for FY2019-20 Resolution Recommending Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) Funding for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for the San Rafael Planning Area (CD)

[CDBG-Cares Act Funding Recommendations FY2019-20](#)

City Manager Jim Schutz introduced Ethan Guy, Principal Analyst, who presented the Staff Report and introduced Jillian Zeiger, County of Marin Planner who was available to answer questions.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

Speaker: John Reynolds, Meredith Parnell, Volunteer Coordinator, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin

There being no further comment, Mayor Phillips closed the public comment period

Councilmembers provided comments

Councilmember Colin moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to adopt the Resolution

Resolution 14792 - Resolution Recommending Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) Funding for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for the San Rafael Planning Area

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

b. Preliminary Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on City's Finances & Initial Programs to Aid in Recovery

- i. Accept Informational Report on Cost Reduction Actions to Date Such as Reducing Staff Allocation Through Not Filling Vacant Positions (CM)**
- ii. Resolution Approving a Voluntary Retirement Separation Program**
- iii. Resolution Approving a Voluntary Work Hours Reduction Program**
- iv. Approve the Implementation of the Mandatory Furlough Program as Outlined in the City's Labor Agreements and Direct Staff to Meet and Consult with All Bargaining Units**

[Preliminary Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on City's Finances & Initial Programs to Aid in Recovery](#)

[Cristine Alilovich, Assistant City Manager and Nadine Hade, Finance Director presented the Staff Report](#)

[Staff responded to questions from the City Council](#)

[Mayor Phillips invited public comment](#)

Speakers: [Name withheld, Jamie Poirier, Name withheld](#)

[There being no further comment, Mayor Phillips closed the public comment period](#)

[Staff responded to questions from the public](#)

[Councilmembers provided comments](#)

[Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember Colin seconded to accept the report](#)

Accepted report

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

[Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember Colin seconded to adopt the Resolution](#)

Resolution 14793 - Resolution Approving a Voluntary Retirement Separation Program

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

NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember Colin seconded to adopt the Resolution

Resolution 14794 - Resolution Approving a Voluntary Work Hours Reduction Program

Councilmember McCullough moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to approve implementation

Approved Implementation

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

c. Canal Neighborhood WiFi Network Informational Report About Increasing WiFi Internet Access in the Canal Neighborhood (DS)

[Canal Neighborhood WiFi Network](#)

[Correspondence](#)

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Rebecca Woodbury, Director of Digital Service & Open Government and Vinh Pham, Data & Infrastructure Manager, presented the staff report

Staff responded to questions from the City Council

Mayor Phillips invited public comment

Speakers: Sarah Ashton, Chief Technology Officer at San Rafael City Schools, Javier Trujillo, Chief Assistant Director of IST at County of Marin, John Reynolds, Jess Lerner, Omar Carrera, CEO at Canal Alliance, Jade Rooky, Kiah Bosy, Jodi Nelson, Director of East Bay Neighborhoods for Responsible Technology, Lauren de Remer, Andy Perry, Vicki Sievers, EMS Safety Network, Rachel Gaunt, Gaby Farias, Catherine Dodd, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, Valeri Hood, Diane Coughtry, Linda Brauner, PHD, Steve Glanz, Chandu Vyas, Cynda Vyas, Bruce Vogen, Name withheld, Janet Fitzgerald

There being no further comment, Mayor Phillips closed the public comment period

Staff responded to questions from the public

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Councilmembers provided comments

City Manager Jim Schutz requested an addition to the recommended action to direct staff to execute the license agreement with Marin General Services Authority

Staff and Mayor Phillips discussed the recommended action

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember McCullough seconded to accept the report and authorize the City Manager to sign the License Agreement with Marin General Services Authority (MGSA)

Accepted report and authorized the City Manager to sign the License Agreement with Marin General Services Authority (MGSA)

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

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS / REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

7. Councilmember Reports:

Vice Mayor Colin reported on the first Marin County Council of Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) cross-jurisdictional meeting on the economic recovery

SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY

1. Consent Calendar: - None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020

GARY O. PHILLIPS, Mayor