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SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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Present: Mayor Kate
Vice Mayor Bushey
Councilmember Hill
Councilmember Kertz
Councilmember Llorens Gulati

Absent: None

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

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

Watch on Webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/cc-2021-02-01>

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OPEN SESSION

1. None.

CLOSED SESSION

2. Closed Session: - None.

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited City Clerk Lindsay Lara to call the roll. All members of the City Council were present.

Mayor Kate provided opening remarks, which included welcoming newly appointed Councilmember Hill and announcing two upcoming community surveys regarding neighborhood engagement and local businesses. In addition, she included a land acknowledgement.

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

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Correspondence in real-time through YouTube, Zoom or telephone

- Tom Obletz addressed the City Council regarding the traditional Pledge of Allegiance before council meetings

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

3. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Jim Schutz announced:

- COVID-19 and the City's response updates
- Homeless encampment updates

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

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

4. Councilmember Reports:

- Councilmember Bushey announced an upcoming meeting as part of the City's new library process, which includes a new library and combined community center option.
- Councilmember Kertz provided an update on the homeless count for this year and reported on meetings with Marin County Council of Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) and Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA).
- Councilmember Llorens Gulati reported on meetings with MCCMC and Marin Clean Energy.
- Mayor Kate reported on meetings with Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), SMART and Marin Transit.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Kate invited public comment; however, there was none.

Councilmember Kertz moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati seconded to approve the Consent Calendar

5. Consent Calendar Items:

a. **Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes of City Council / Successor Agency Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (CC)

Approved minutes as submitted

b. **Annual Measure G Oversight Committee Report**

Measure G Cannabis Business Tax Oversight Committee Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (ED)

Accepted report

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Hill, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6. Special Presentations:

a. Presentation of Proclamation Supporting Black History Month (CM)

Sylvia Gonzalez-Shelton, HR Operations Manager presented the Proclamation.

b. Presentation of Proclamations to Tom Oblatz and Jeff Jones for Their Service on the Park and Recreation Commission (LR)

Mayor Kate presented the Proclamations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Public Hearings:

a. **Amendment of the Current Vegetation Management Ordinance**

Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Sections 4.12.010 and 4.12.030 of the San Rafael Municipal Code to Establish Citywide Vegetation Management and Wildfire Mitigation Standards to Help Reduce the Risk of a Catastrophic Wildfire (FD)

Darin White, Fire Chief introduced Quinn Gardner, Emergency Management Officer who presented the staff report

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speakers: Tom Oblatz, Kate Powers, Victoria DeWitt, Pamela Reaves, Grace G, Regina Kretschmer, Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Belle Cole, Organizing for Action

Staff responded to public comment.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers and staff discussed how to add the additional language to the Ordinance.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Kertz moved to pass the Ordinance to print, with the addition of two new whereases regarding ecologically sound practices and appropriate defensible space as discussed tonight

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Hill, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Passed Ordinance No. 1988 to print

b. **Regulation of On-Street Parking on Narrow Streets**
Consideration of An Ordinance Amending San Rafael Municipal Code Section 5.40.080 Regulating Parking on Narrow, Hilly City Streets (FD)

Darin White, Fire Chief introduced Quinn Gardner, Emergency Management Officer who presented the staff report

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment; however, there was none.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Kertz moved to pass the Ordinance to print

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Hill, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Passed Ordinance No. 1989 to print

SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. Consent Calendar: - None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting in honor of Maynard Willms at 9:20 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

KATE COLIN, Mayor

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SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL STUDY SESSION

Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.



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Present: Mayor Kate
Vice Mayor Bushey
Councilmember Hill
Councilmember Kertz
Councilmember Llorens Gulati

Absent: None

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

Mayor Kate called the session to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited City Clerk Lindsay Lara to call the roll. All members of the City Council were present.

1. Presentation of Financial Statement Information (Fin)

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Kate Colin, Mayor



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SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Watch Webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/cc-2021-01-26>

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Present: Mayor Kate
Vice Mayor Bushey
Councilmember Kertz
Councilmember Llorens Gulati

Absent: None

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

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 uploaded to YouTube after the meeting and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through Zoom. She explained the process for community participation through the telephone and Zoom.

a. **City Councilmember Interviews**
Interview Applicants and Make an Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the City Council to Expire November 2022 (CC)

Mayor Kate called the agenda item and the following thirteen applicants provided two-minute introductory comments.

Denis Avdic, Diana Lopez, Eli Hill, Eric Holm, Esme Octavia Lazare, Gary Bender, John Kakinuki, Joshua Sizemore, Judi Cooper, Kenneth Ghiringhelli, Matthew Siroka, Max Goodberg and Nancy Palacios

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speakers: Lucia Martel-Dow, name withheld

Mayor Kate expressed gratitude to the applicants for their willingness to get involved and spoke on policymaking in San Rafael.

Councilmembers each indicated their top two choices.

Mayor Kate selected Eli Hill and Eric Holm.

Councilmember Bushey selected Eli Hill and Eric Holm.

Councilmember Kertz selected Eli Hill and Nancy Palacios.

Councilmember Llorens Gulati selected Eric Holm and Eli Hill.

Three Finalists Selected:

Eli Hill

Eric Holm

Nancy Palacios

Each applicant answered four questions from the City Councilmembers.

Councilmembers each indicated their top choice was Eli Hill to be appointed as member of the City Council.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati seconded to appoint Elias David Hill as the at-large term representative to the San Rafael City Council

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Appointed Eli Hill to the Office of City Councilmember

b. Swear-in Ceremony

Administration of Oath of Office to Successful Candidate (CC)

City Clerk Lindsay Lara administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember, Eli Hill.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Kate Colin, Mayor

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