



## MINUTES

### SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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

#### **CLOSED SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**

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#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. Mayor Kate to announce Closed Session item.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

2. Closed Session:
  - a. Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6  
Lead Negotiators: Timothy L. Davis and Stephanie Vollmer (Burke, Williams & Sorensen)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Jim Schutz, Cristine Alilovich, Nadine Hade, Thomas Wong,

Carmen Valdez and Sylvia Gonzalez  
Employee Organization: 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; Unrepresented Mid-Management; Unrepresented Executive Management

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

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Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 the announcement of the new police chief, David Spiller and a thank you to Interim Police Chief David Starnes. She spoke on the housing and public art items on tonight's agenda. 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.

Assistant City Attorney Lisa Goldfien announced that no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session held prior to the meeting.

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

3. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Jim Schutz announced:

- Business economic recovery update
- Homeless encampment update

Andrew Henning, Director of Homeless Planning and Outreach gave a homeless encampment update.

David Starnes, Interim Police Chief gave a bike theft update.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

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

4. Councilmember Reports:

- Councilmember Bushey reported on a Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) meeting, a library subcommittee meeting regarding a conceptual proposal for a combined library/community center and a meeting with the Point San Pedro Road Coalition.
- Mayor Kate reported on meetings with Marin Transit and SMART.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

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

5. Consent Calendar Items:

- a. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Approve Minutes of City Council / Successor Agency Regular and Special Meetings of Monday, February 1, 2021 and Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (CC)**  
*Approve minutes as submitted*
- b. **Chief of Police Employment Agreement**  
**Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute An Employment Agreement with David Spiller to Serve As the City of San Rafael Chief of Police (CM)**  
*Resolution 14889 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute An Employment Agreement with David Spiller to Serve As the City of San Rafael Chief of Police*
- c. **Amendment of the Current Vegetation Management Ordinance**  
**Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 1988: 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)**  
*Adopted Ordinance No. 1988 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Rafael 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*
- d. **Regulation of On-Street Parking on Narrow Streets**  
**Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance 1989: An Ordinance Amending San Rafael Municipal Code Section 5.40.080 Regulating Parking on Narrow, Hilly City Streets (FD)**  
*Adopted Ordinance No. 1989 – An Ordinance of the Council of the City of San Rafael Amending San Rafael Municipal Code Section 5.40.080 Regulating Parking on Narrow, Hilly City Streets*

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

6. Public Hearings:

a. **Housing Development Policies and Permitting**

- i. **First Introduction of An Ordinance: Consideration of An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the San Rafael Municipal Code (Zoning) to Amend Section 14.04.040 (Property Development Standards (DR, MR, HR)), Section 14.05.030 (Property Development Standards (GC, NC, O, C/O, R/O, FBWC)), Section 14.12.040 (Exceptions to Property Development Standards), Section 14.16.030 (Affordable Housing), Section 14.16.190 (Height Bonus), Section 14.16.300 (Small Lots), and Section 14.28.040 (Public Notice And Hearing) (CD)**

Paul Jensen, Community Development Director, Ali Giudice, Planning Manager and Ethan Guy, Principal Analyst presented the staff report.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Bob Pendoley, Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative (MEHC), David Wain Coon, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Diane Henderson-Glischinski, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Brad Rogerson, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Tom Monohan, Victoria DeWitt, Susan Bradford, Roger Smith, Lynn Robinson, Kate Powers

Staff responded to public comment.

Staff responded to comments and questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers and staff discussed how to modify the language of the Ordinance.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati moved to pass the Ordinance to print, removing the proposed amendment "Section 14.12.040 (Exceptions to Property Development Standards)"

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

*Passed Ordinance No. 1990 to print*

- ii. **Resolution Adopting "Guidelines for the Administration of the Affordable Housing Requirement Program"**

Councilmember Hill moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati moved to adopt the resolution

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

*Resolution 14890 - Resolution Adopting "Guidelines for the Administration of the Affordable Housing Requirement Program"*

iii. **Resolution Adopting Density Bonus and Incentives Regulations Applicable to Housing Development Projects that Qualify for a Density Bonus as Set Forth in San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.16.030**

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Hill moved to adopt the resolution

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

*Resolution 14891 - Resolution Adopting Density Bonus and Incentives Regulations Applicable to Housing Development Projects that Qualify for a Density Bonus as Set Forth in San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.16.030*

b. **Public Art Projects**

i. **Informational Report Providing an Update Regarding Public Art Projects in Terra Linda and Canal Neighborhoods (CD)**

Thomas Wong, Analyst and Ali Giudice, Planning Manager and presented the staff report.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Meg Reilly, Marin Society of Artists, Kim Keith-Brown, Terra Linda Homeowners' Association, Lorenzo Jones, Shirley Fischer, Susan Coleman

Staff responded to public comment.

Staff responded to comments and questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kertz moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati moved to accept the report

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

*Accepted report*

ii. **First Introduction of An Ordinance: Consideration of An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Rafael Amending San Rafael Municipal Code (SRMC) Section 14.25.040 Exempting from Environmental and Design Review Any Public Art Projects that Undergo Review Through a Separate Review Process Established by the City for that Purpose**

Councilmember Kertz moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati 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. 1991 to print*

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

7. Other Agenda Items:

a. **[Grand Jury Report on Roadblocks to Safe Evacuations in Marin](#)**  
**Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Response to the 2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled "Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation In Marin" (FD)**

Darin White, Fire Chief presented the staff report.

Staff responded to comments and questions from Councilmembers.

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

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Kertz moved and Councilmember Hill moved to adopt the resolution

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

*Resolution 14892 - Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Response to the 2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled "Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation In Marin"*

**SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:**

1. Consent Calendar: - None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

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LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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KATE COLIN, Mayor

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**SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**Present:** Mayor Kate  
Vice Mayor Bushey  
Councilmember Hill  
Councilmember Kertz  
Councilmember Llorens Gulati (arrived 7:04 p.m.)

**Absent:** None

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

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and invited public comment on all three agenda items.

**Speakers:** Lisa Merigian

Mayor Kate closed the public comment period.

- a. **Training on Legal Matters Affecting Public Officials: Meetings, Records, Conflicts of Interest and Compensation**  
City Attorney Rob Epstein, Assistant City Attorney Lisa Goldfien and contracting attorney Nira Doherty gave a presentation.
- b. **Training on the Role of Elected Officials in Disaster Operations**  
Quinn Gardner, Emergency Management Officer, gave a presentation.
- c. **City Council Discussion on Councilmember Appointments to Committees**  
The City Council discussed preferred appointments to Committees.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Kate Colin, Mayor