



## MINUTES

### 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.

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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 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ADVISORY NOTICE**

In response to Executive Order N-29-20, the City of San Rafael will no longer offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend. This meeting will be streamed through YouTube Live at [www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael](http://www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael). Comments submitted via YouTube Live must be submitted according to the directions located on the YouTube video description. The City is not responsible for any interrupted service. To ensure the City Council receives your comments, submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. For more information regarding real-time public comments, please visit our Live Commenting Pilot page at <https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/live-commenting-pilot/>.

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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.**

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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 Oblatz 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 seconded 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 seconded 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.

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LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

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KATE COLIN, Mayor