



## MINUTES

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

### In-Person:

San Rafael City Council Chambers  
1400 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 providing information on the Brown Act and public comment during Open Time, as well as, a land acknowledgement.

City Clerk Lindsay Lara announced the process for Spanish interpretation for the evening. She informed the community that the in-person meeting would also be recorded and streamed live to YouTube and through Zoom, and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through Zoom. She explained the process for community participation on the telephone, through Zoom and in-person.

## **OPEN SESSION**

1. None.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

2. None.

## **OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding rent control: Dhalma, Legal Aid of Marin, Darlin Ruiz Moreno, Voces del Canal, Piqui Tenorio, Voces del Canal, Veronica Duarte, Blanca Salinas, Voces del Canal, Maria Salinas, Voces del Canal, Name withheld, Zoila Rios, Voces del Canal, Cruz Vargas, Voces del Canal, Rosaura Rios, Voces del Canal, Auriela Vargas, Voces del Canal, Sara Benitez, Irene de Leon, Luis Martinez, Voces del Canal, Isa Ferres, Gina Guillemette, Community Action Marin, JD, Legal Aid of Marin, Aaron Burnett, Canal Alliance, Glendy, Rosa Guevara, Marina Palma, Voces del Canal, Al Vetere, Stephanie Barahona, Rosa Vasquez, Voces del Canal, John Reynolds, Jason Sarris

- Name withheld, addressed the City Council regarding homelessness

Jim Schutz, City Manager announced housing-related topics that are coming up at the next several City Council meetings.

## **CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

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

3. City Manager and Councilmember Reports:

City Manager Jim Schutz reported on:

- COVID-19 reflections

Assistant City Cristine Alilovich announced:

- Policing in our Community meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Al Boro Community Center (and via Zoom)

City Councilmember Reports:

- Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati reported on two Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) meetings and the Marin Sanitary Service 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.
- Councilmember Hill reported on the BioMarin Rare Disease Day 2023 and the ad hoc green, microgrid policy makers group.
- Councilmember Kertz reported on MWPA and Marin Catholic Charities meetings, as well as, a police department ride-along.
- Councilmember Bushey reported on a Marin Transit meeting and a Library Foundation Board interview.
- Mayor Kate reported on Transportation Authority of Marin and Federation of Neighborhoods meetings, the Marin Sanitary Service 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, and a ribbon-cutting for Silverworks.

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

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati moved and Councilmember Kertz seconded to approve the Consent

Calendar.

4. Consent Calendar Items:

- a. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 (CC)**  
*Approved minutes as submitted*
- b. **Voter-Approved Tax Oversight**  
**Voter-Approved Tax Oversight Committee (VATOC) Annual Report (Fin)**  
*Accepted report*
- c. **Termination of COVID-19 Local Emergency**  
**Resolution Terminating the COVID-19 State of Local Emergency (FD)**  
*Resolution 15193 - Resolution Terminating the COVID-19 State of Local Emergency*

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

5. Special Presentations:

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

- a. **Presentation of Proclamation Supporting Women’s History Month (CC)**

Mayor Kate presented the proclamation.

Councilmember Bushey provided comments.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

6. Other Agenda Items:

- a. **[Informational Report on Wildfire Prevention Efforts in the MWPA San Rafael Zone](#)**  
**Informational Report on the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Work Plan Projects for the Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 (FD)**

Fire Chief Darin White introduced Deputy Director of Emergency Management Quinn Gardner, Hazard Mitigation Coordinator Kate Anderson, and Defensible Space Program Manager Manny Albano who presented the Staff Report. Mark Brown, Executive Director of Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority provide comments.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Al Vetere, Belle Cole, Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association Firewise Committee (DBCNA), Lori Schifrin

Staff responded to public comment.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Kertz moved and Councilmember Bushey seconded to accept the report.

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

*Accepted report*

b. **Camping at Albert Park**

**Resolution Prohibiting Camping on Certain Public Property: Albert Park (CD/CA)**

Assistant Community Development Director Chris Hess presented the Staff Report in collaboration with Assistant City Attorney Genevieve Coyle.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Phil Mooney, Matt Butler, Name withheld, Paul Santagata, Robert Brown, Al Vetere, Katie Fleet, Lori, Jason Sarris, Robbie Powelson, Jessica Loarie, Lucie Hollingsworth, Legal Aid of Marin, Name withheld

Staff responded to public comment.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Hill seconded to adopt the resolution as presented, with the omission of the last whereas paragraph and the paragraph numbered 2.

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

*Resolution 15194 - Resolution Prohibiting Camping on Certain Public Property: Albert Park*

**SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:**

1. Consent Calendar: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

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LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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KATE COLIN, Mayor