



MINUTES

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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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OPEN SESSION - THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 PM

Dial-in: (669) 900-9128, Meeting ID# 812-7652-1604

1. Mayor Kate to announce Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION - THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 PM

2. Closed Session:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: 519 Fourth Street, San Rafael (APN 014-123-06)

Lead Negotiator: Jerry Ramiza, Burke, Williams and Sorensen

Agency Representatives: Cristine Alilovich, John Stefanski, Micah Hinkle, Alicia Guidice, Chris Hess

Negotiating parties: Seagull Prime Real Estate Fund and CRC Development LLC

Under negotiation: Price and terms of sale

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

Absent: Councilmember Bushey

Also Present: City Manager Cristine Alilovich
City Attorney Robert 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, except for Councilmember Bushey.

City Attorney Rob Epstein announced there was no reportable action in Closed Session.

Mayor Kate provided opening remarks, which included appreciation to City staff, a Marin County fentanyl awareness campaign and a land acknowledgment.

City Clerk Lindsay Lara 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 TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

- Kevin addressed the City Council regarding homelessness.
- Eva Chrysanthe addressed the City Council regarding homelessness.
- Amy Likover, Federation of San Rafael Neighborhoods/The San Rafael Tree Group, addressed the City Council regarding the event “Greening our Future - A Tree Plan for San Rafael” to be held September 14 at 7 p.m.
- Susan addressed the City Council regarding the North San Rafael Pavement Maintenance Project agenda item.
- Matthew Hartzell, WTB-TAM, addressed the City Council regarding the North San Rafael Pavement Maintenance Project agenda item.

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 Cristine Alilovich:

- Introduced and welcomed new Assistant City Manager, Angela Robinson Pinon
- Police Advisory and Accountability Committee (PAAC) Update:
 - Friday, September 22 application deadline
 - Community input survey on City website
 - Open House at Terra Linda Community Center with Councilmember Kertz and City Staff, to be held Thursday, September 7, 12-6pm. Councilmember Kertz will be there 12-3:30pm.
- Boards, Commissions & Committees (BCCs) applications are open online for many BCCs. Interviews to be held in October.
- Movies in the Park Update:
 - Peacock Gap Park featuring Vivo, to be held Friday, September 8. Event starts at 5pm and movie to start 15 minutes after sunset.
- 2nd Friday events downtown:
 - Art Walk 5-8pm
 - Dining Under the Lights 6-10pm, runs through October 13.

City Councilmember Reports:

- Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati attended the PAAC Open House at Pickleweed, announced the upcoming police academy, attended a San Rafael City Schools event to recognize Linda Jackson for serving 18 years on the board and attended Sea Level Rise subcommittee and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan meetings. She announced

Movies in the Park to be held at Pickleweed on September 22 and MCE's EV Open House for California Clean Air Day to be held October 4.

- Councilmember Kertz attended a community session on 30 Joseph Court regarding a residential center for recovery, toured 1250 South Eliseo Drive (Greenbrae), which will be a residential program for people experiencing homelessness and attended a Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) field trip event.
- Councilmember Hill reported on the PAAC Open House held in City Hall's Council Chambers on August 25.
- Mayor Kate reported on SMART's ridership and breaking their records. Also, she announced her appointment on Transportation Authority of Marin's Marin Countywide Transportation Plan Ad Hoc Committee has just started.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: Eva Chrysanthe

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: David Seltzer

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 Regular City Council Meeting of August 21, 2023 (CC)

Approved minutes as submitted

b. **North San Rafael Pavement Maintenance Project**

Award the Construction Agreement for the North San Rafael Pavement Maintenance Project to VSS International, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,035,522 (PW)

Awarded the construction agreement for the North San Rafael Pavement Maintenance Project to VSS International, Inc. in the amount of \$1,035,522; authorized the City Manager to execute the construction agreement; and appropriate \$1,190,000 for the agreement, including contingency funds of \$154,478, from the Gas Tax Fund (206)

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

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: Bushey

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. Special Presentations:

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: Name withheld

- a. [Proclamation Supporting National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month \(HR\)](#)
Mayor Kate presented the proclamation to Kara Connors, Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Prevention and Outreach Team, who provided comments.
- b. [Proclamation Supporting Hispanic Heritage Month \(HR\)](#)
Mayor Kate presented the proclamation to Cecilia Zamora, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Marin President & Latino Council Executive Director, who provided comments.
- c. [Proclamation Supporting National Preparedness Month \(FD\)](#)
Mayor Kate presented the proclamation to Manny Albano, Fire Department, who provided comments.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Other Agenda Items:

- a. [Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report and Climate Action Priorities Update](#)
 - i. **San Rafael Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report (CM)**
 - ii. **2023-2025 Two-Year Workplan Priorities Report (CM)**

Sustainability Program Manager Cory Bytof presented the Staff Report along with Christine O'Rourke, Marin Climate & Energy Partnership.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speakers: Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Howard Schwartz, Bell Cole, Organizing for Action Marin, John Mitguard, Al Vetere, Warren Wells, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Sue Saunders, Pam Reaves, Marin Conservation League, Susan, David Seltzer, Kate Powers, Victoria Holdridge

Staff responded to questions asked during the public comment period.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati moved and Councilmember Hill seconded to accept the San Rafael Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report.

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

Accepted report

Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati moved and Councilmember Kertz seconded to accept the 2023-2025 Two-Year Workplan Priorities Report.

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

Accepted report

b. [Electric Vehicle Strategy](#)

Marin Countywide Electric Vehicle Acceleration Strategy and City of San Rafael Draft Workplan (CM)

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Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speakers: Al Vetere, Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Miles Smith, Sustainable San Rafael, Kate Powers, Victoria Holdridge

Councilmembers provided comments.

Vice Mayor Llorens Gulati moved and Councilmember Kertz seconded to accept the City of San Rafael's Electric Vehicle Acceleration Strategy Draft Workplan report.

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

Accepted report

SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. Consent Calendar: - None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023

KATE COLIN, Mayor