



MINUTES

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

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SPECIAL MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.

Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall

1400 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Cristine Alilovich
City Attorney Robert Epstein
City Clerk Lindsay Lara

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Mayor Kate invited public comment, however there was none.

1. Presentation from Jacob Green and Associates, Inc. (JGA) regarding City Governance and Strategic Planning Best Practice

Presentation initiating the first phase of the City's Priority Goal Setting process intended to build alignment around the City Council's vision for the upcoming fiscal year. During the next phase, at a future City Council meeting, the community will have an opportunity to review proposed Council priorities that will be developed by staff and provide input before priorities are finalized and adopted.

Jacob Green and Greg Devereaux from Jacob Green & Associates gave a presentation.

Staff and JGA responded to questions from City Council.

Staff responded to questions from councilmembers.

Mayor Kate adjourned to closed session at 3:49 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING

1. Mayor Kate announced Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING

2. Closed Session:

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
In closed session the City Council will establish the expectations and criteria for the City Manager's future performance review
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9): 1 potential case
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code Section 54957.6
Lead Negotiators: Timothy L. Davis and Allison B. Hernandez (Burke, Williams & Sorensen)
Agency Designated Representatives: Cristine Alilovich, Paul Navazio, Marissa Sanchez, and Angela Robinson Piñon
Employee Organizations: 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; San Rafael Police Mid-Management Association; San Rafael Fire Chief Officers' Association; San Rafael Mid-Management Employee Association; Unrepresented Executive Management

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Vice Mayor Hill
Councilmember Kertz
Councilmember Llorens Gulati
Mayor Kate

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Cristine Alilovich
City Attorney Robert Epstein
City Clerk Lindsay Lara

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and invited City Clerk Lindsay Lara to call the roll. All members of the City Council were present.

City Attorney Robert Epstein announced there was no reportable action in the Closed Session held prior to the regular meeting.

Mayor Kate provided opening remarks, which included gratitude to City staff, especially to Public Works. She addressed a recent incident of hate speech in a Bay Area City Council meeting and expressed that while the City Council is required to listen to hate speech, they do not agree with or support it. Also, she included 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. She noted the two-minute timer for public comment and closed captioning on Zoom.

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 announced:

- March 5th Presidential Primary Election
- Deadline for public comments on the Northgate Mall Redevelopment Draft EIR is March 5th
- Canal Youth Art Contest event hosted by Flock Safety Team and co-hosted by Voces del Canal to be held on Saturday, March 9th at 1pm at the Al Boro Community Center
- Age-Friendly San Rafael Celebration event to be held Sunday, March 10th at the San Rafael Community Center
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm at the Public Safety Center

City Councilmember Reports:

- Vice Mayor Hill attended the Vivalon Healthy Aging Campus Grand Opening event on February 9th
- Councilmember Kertz participated in Vivalon’s food delivery with the chair of the Age-Friendly, and attended a community meeting with Supervisor Sackett related to Silveira Parkway
- Councilmember Bushey reported on Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Marin Transit meeting, Central Marin Sanitation Agency, San Rafael Sanitation Board, Peacock Gap Homeowners Association neighborhood issue, and participated in Vivalon’s food delivery service
- Councilmember Llorens Gulati had informal conversations related to tenant protections
- Mayor Kate reported on Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), the closure of SMART on March 23rd and 24th and April 13th and 14th from Sonoma to Cotati, announced SMART Strategic Plan Workshops on March 14th and March 27th, Transportation Authority of Marin, BayWAVE, and her participation in the Mayor Institute on City Design.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Councilmember 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 February 20, 2024 (CC)

Approved minutes as submitted

b. **Women's History Month Proclamation**

Proclamation in Recognition of Women's History Month (HR)

Received and filed

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey (for item 4.b), Hill, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: Bushey (from items 4.a)

4.a passed 4-0-1 and 4.b passed 5-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. Special Presentations:

a. [Presentation from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District on the San Rafael Transit Center \(PW\)](#)

City Manager Cristine Alilovich introduced the General Manager of Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District Denis Mulligan who gave a presentation alongside his team Planning Director Ronald Downing, Project Manager Ray Santiago, and Consultants Maura Baum and Adam Dankberg.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: Lindsay Klumpp of San Rafael Heritage, Sue Burrell, Aaron Burnett of Canal Alliance, Matt Butler, Shinji Sakai Egi, Grace Para, Amy Likover of San Rafael Heritage, Aurelia Vargas, Zoyla Rios, Jeff Rhoads of Resilient Shore, Patrick Seidler Transportation Alternatives Marin, Bill Carney of Sustainable San Rafael, Al Vetere

Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District responded to questions from the community.

Councilmembers provided comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. Public Hearings:

a. [General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports and Updated Informational Report Regarding Challenges to Approving and Developing Housing](#)

2040 General Plan Annual Progress Report for 2023, Housing Element Annual Progress Report for 2023, and Updated Informational Report Regarding Challenges to Approving and Developing Housing (CD)

Homelessness and Housing Analyst Mel Burnette and Housing Program Analyst Alexis Captanian presented the Staff Report.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: Bill Carney of Sustainable San Rafael, Salamah Locks, Howard Schwartz of Sustainable San Rafael, Miles Smith of Sustainable San Rafael, Amy Likover of San Rafael Tree Group, Aaron Burnett of Canal Alliance, Matt Butler, Al Vetere

Staff responded to questions from the community.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Vice Mayor Hill moved and Councilmember Bushey seconded to accept the reports

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

Motion passed 5-0

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

7. Other Agenda Items:

- a. [Specialized Assistance for Everyone \(SAFE\) Team 2023 Annual Report](#)
Accept the Specialized Assistance for Everyone (SAFE) Annual Report for the 3-Year Pilot Alternative Response Team Program (PD)

Police Chief David Spiller introduced Lt. Todd Berringer who presented the staff report along with SAFE Team Director Aziz Majid.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speaker: Salamah Locks, Shinji Sakai Egi, Al Vetere

Staff responded to questions from the community.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Kertz seconded to accept the Specialized Assistance for Everyone (SAFE) Annual Report for the 3-Year Pilot Alternative Response Team Program

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

Motion passed 5-0

b. [Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Update and Personnel Changes](#)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Update for the Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2023 and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Amendments to Salary Schedules to Reflect FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Personnel Changes (Fin)

Finance Director Paul Navazio presented the staff report.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kate invited public comment, however there was none.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati seconded to accept the report and adopt the Resolution Authorizing Amendments to Salary Schedules to Reflect FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Personnel Changes

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

Resolution 15279 - Resolution Authorizing Amendments to Salary Schedules to Reflect FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Personnel Changes

[OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION](#)

- Salamah Locks addressed the City Council regarding Marin Commission on Aging.
- Shinji Sakai Egi expressed appreciation to the City Council for their services and addressed the City Council regarding transit matters.

SAN RAFAEL SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. Consent Calendar: - None.

[ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024

KATE COLIN, Mayor