



CITY OF NAPA

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MEETING MINUTES - Final

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA

Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Mary Luros
Councilmember Chris DeNatale
Councilmember Bernie Narvaez
Councilmember Beth Painter

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

3:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

3:30 PM Afternoon Session
No Evening Session

3:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:30 P.M.

1.A. Roll Call:

Present: 3 - Mayor Sedgley, Vice Mayor Luros, and Councilmember DeNatale

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Narvaez, and Councilmember Painter

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental documents:

Item 3 - Email from Jarvis Peay

Item 5.C. - PowerPoint Presentation from City staff.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are on file in the City Clerk's department)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hinton - provided comments regarding City's proposed receivership of a property on Brown Street; voiced various concerns. Would like to see more information regarding the process.

Jim Bledsoe - asked how City would respond to Federal Government's new demands.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luros, seconded by Councilmember DeNatale, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Sedgley, Luros, and DeNatale

Absent: 2 - Narvaez, and Painter

- 4.A.** [009-2025](#) City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approved the minutes from the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting and the January 9, 2025 Special Meetings of the City Council.
- 4.B.** [018-2025](#) Napa County Mosquito Abatement District Board Membership
- Appointed Patrick C. Gorman to the Napa County Mosquito Abatement District Board for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2026.
- 4.C.** [435-2024](#) Amendment to Axon Enterprise, Inc. Agreement to Incorporate In-Car Video Cameras for Police Department Vehicles.
- Adopted Resolution R2025-004 approving and authorizing (1) the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City, an amendment to Agreement No. C2023-671 with Axon Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$100,116.92, for a four-year term, to purchase in-car video cameras for Police Department vehicles for a total project amount not to exceed of \$1,694,355.35; (2) an appropriation in the amount of \$21,657.89 from the Traffic Safety Fund, as documented in Council Budget Amendment No. 513P7
- Enactment No: R2025-004
- 4.D.** [489-2024](#) Emergency Repair of Browns Valley Creek at Tall Grass Drive Bridge
- Determined there was a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement a contract for the design, permitting, and construction to stabilize the creek bank and adjacent roadway for Browns Valley Creek at Tall Grass Drive, and determined that the actions authorized by this item are exempt from CEQA.
- 4.E.** [008-2025](#) Emergency Declaration for 36-inch Asbestos Cement Transmission Main Replacement
- Adopted Resolution R2025-005 (1) determining there is a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement contracts for the construction to replace up to 11,000 linear feet of 36-inch asbestos cement transmission main; (2) approving a transfer in the amount of \$11,000,000 from water CIP reserve fund balance account 531-35102 to CIP project account 53160139-63WT25UTER as documented in Council budget amendment No. 115; and (3) determining that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA
- Enactment No: R2025-005

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.A. [498-2024](#) Police Department's Report on Public Safety Update - Council and Community Immigration Concerns

Chief of Police Jennifer Gonzales provided the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment.

Anonymous speaker on behalf of his grandfather Refugio Reyes - shared concerns regarding potential immigration raids; provided comments in support of an anti-mass deportation resolution.

Fernanda - advocated in support of the petition to draft a resolution in support of an anti-mass deportation resolution. She also shared her own personal immigration story.

Jessica - Asked if the report provided was public. Suggested a clear public statement to reinforce the messaging of the policy of non-cooperation with ICE. Shared concerns the City was already on Federal radar due to agricultural community.

RJ - provided comments urging council to pass an anti-mass deportation resolution.

Jim - posed question regarding police protection.

Discussion was brought back to Council. Individual comments and questions ensued.

5.B. [019-2025](#) Authorize the Appointment Philip Brun as an Extra-Help Retired Annuitant

Human Resources Director Heather Ruiz provided the report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeNatale, seconded by Vice Mayor Luros, to adopt Resolution R2025-006 authorizing the appointment of Philip Brun as an extra-help retired annuitant to be employed within 180 days of the employee's retirement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Sedgley, Luros, and DeNatale

Absent: 2 - Narvaez, and Painter

Enactment No: R2025-006

5.C. [005-2025](#) 2025 Long-Term Financial Forecast Update

City Manager Potter introduced the item.

Finance Director Raj Prasad provided the report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Discussion was turned over to Council. Individual questions and comments ensued.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6.A. [430-2024](#)

Police Military Equipment Use Policy - Annual Report, Request to Purchase Equipment, and Ordinance Renewal

Mayor Sedgley opened the hearing.

Police Chief Jennifer Gonzales and Police Lieutenant Kristopher Jenny provided the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for disclosures; there were none.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Luros/DeNatale to close public testimony/MUC.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luros, seconded by Councilmember DeNatale to close the public testimony. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was turned over to Council; brief comments and questions ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luros, seconded by Councilmember DeNatale, to 1. Approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance (1) approving the updated Police Military Equipment Use policy to add additional equipment in accordance with California Government Code Sections 7070 through 7075; and (2) to receive the Annual Military Equipment Report pursuant to Government Code Section 7071 and determining that all equipment identified in the report complies with Government Code Section 7071(d) as required by Government Code Section 7071(e); and

2. Approve NPD's request to (1) purchase and use up to four (4) additional small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS), two (2) 6mm ARC semi-automatic rifles, two (2) 6mm ARC upper receivers, and two thousand (2000) rounds of 6mm ARC ammunition; and (2) proactively research government funding sources (grants) or discuss donations with donors for the purchase of items categorized as military equipment that would comport with current City policies and Administrative Regulations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Sedgley, Luros, and DeNatale

Absent: 2 - Narvaez, and Painter

Enactment No: O2025-001

7. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Vice Mayor Lueros encouraged folks to attend the Lighted Arts Festival.

Mayor Sedgley shared that Charles Phan, owner of the Slanted Door, passed away and he shared his condolences.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

Interim City Attorney Diaz announced that Council would be meeting to consider on item, 8.A., and would not be going into closed session on item 8.B. He read the language announcing item 8.A.

There were no requests from the public to comment.

8.A. [004-2025](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Elizabeth Gee vs Vincent Lloyd Cheney, City of Napa, et al
Napa County Superior Court Case No. 22CV000651

8.B. [017-2025](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Two Potential Cases

9. ADJOURNMENT: 5:12 P.M.

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 4:49 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M. There was no reportable action.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the City Council of the City of Napa is February 4, 2025.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk