A. CONVENE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor MacLeamy
Mayor Pro Tem Eklund
Councilmember Athas
Councilmember Lucan
Absent: Councilmember Kellner

Also Present: City Manager Michael Frank, Public Works Director Russ Thompson, Principal Planner Steve Marshall, Administrative Manager Felicia Newhouse, City Attorney Jeff Walter and City Clerk Sheri Hartz.

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

No closed session was scheduled.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation: Poetry Contest

Novato students Jacelyn Freitas, Olivia Bleth and Jack Callaway were present to receive their proclamations and read their winning poems aloud.

D. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA, WAIVER OF THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND NOTICES OF INTENT

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve the Final Agenda, Waiver of the Reading of Ordinances and Notices of Intent. The motion was carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Kellner being absent.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Eileen Plunkett
2. Catherine Rucker
3. Joan Goode
4. Elvera Berson  
5. Alan Berson

City Manager Frank responded to issues raised during Public Comment.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015

Councilmember Athas moved, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eklund, to approve the Consent Calendar, with revisions to the minutes of March 10, 2015 as noted. The motion was carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Kellner being absent.

G. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

No items were listed for this section.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. AWARD CONTRACTS FOR HAMILTON POOL SOLAR PROJECT SEED FUND, CIP 15-018

Consider holding a public hearing and adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts with Danlin Solar for the design, construction and maintenance of a solar power project at Hamilton Pool, CIP No. 15-018.

Administrative Manager Newhouse gave the staff report and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: 7:02 P.M.

There being no public testimony, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Councilmember Lucan moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve Resolution No. 14-15, authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts with Danlin Solar for the design, construction and maintenance of a solar power project at Hamilton Pool, CIP No. 15-018. The motion was carried 3-1-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting NO and Councilmember Kellner being absent.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUIET ZONES IN NOVATO

Consider receiving a staff report and presentation which will provide the results of additional research into the establishment of Quiet Zones within Novato relating to the rail operations of Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District
(SMART), and North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA). This staff report and the accompanying presentation will provide information and outline the City's next steps in establishing a Quiet Zone for Novato.

City Manager Frank made introductory comments before turning to Director Thompson to give the staff presentation and respond to Council questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. Eileen Plunkett
7. William Morrison
8. Al Dugan
9. Elvera Berson
10. Alan Berson
11. Joan Goode
12. Ken Dickinson
13. Chris Stewart
14. Janet Shirley

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Lucan, to direct staff to submit a Notice of Intent to establish a Quiet Zone within Novato. The motion was carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Kellner being absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund asked for discussion among the Councilmembers about the timing for commencement of quiet zones, stating that it should be as soon as possible. After some discussion, Council reached consensus that it would take staff's recommendation to establish quiet zones prior to the commencement of train service to the public, but not during the training/testing phase.

Mayor MacLeamy moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve the establishment of quiet zones prior to commencement of service. The motion was carried 3-1-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No and Councilmember Kellner being absent.

At 8:12 p.m., the Council took a brief recess and then reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

4. CITY OF NOVATO BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN PLAN - 2015

Consider approving a resolution adopting the City of Novato Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan - 2015.

Director Thompson introduced the item and then turned it over to Petr Skala and the consultant team, TAM staff and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission members. Mr. Skala introduced Scott McDonald, TAM, who gave the PowerPoint presentation. Michael Jones, Alta Planning and Design, was also present to respond to questions.
Councilmember Lucan moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to Approve Resolution No. 15-15, adopting the City of Novato Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan 2015. The motion was carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Kellner being absent.

5. EVALUATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN THE 1996 GENERAL PLAN TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL VITALITY CHAPTERS AND COMPLETE STREETS WHITE PAPER

Consider providing direction to staff on policies and programs contained in the Transportation and Economic Development and Fiscal Vitality Chapters of the 1996 General Plan and the draft policy and program recommendations presented in the Complete Streets White Paper.

Principal Planner Marshall gave the staff presentation and responded to Council questions, along with Director Thompson. Following discussion of policy and program questions raised by Council, the direction shown below was given:

Transportation Chapter

- Program 6.1 (Citywide Traffic Impact Fee): Include consideration of a construction impact fee for road maintenance due to construction vehicles.
- Policy 8 and Program 8.1 (Impacts of Transportation Improvements): Retain as a policy statement that can be cited during merits consideration of a transportation improvement, regardless of CEQA being applicable or not.
- Policy 10a (Clausing Avenue): Retain policy, regardless of development of the Landing Court site.
- Program 10.1 (Truck Route Plan): Carry forward to consider revisions to Novato Municipal Code Section 18-10. In addition, add a program in the Community Identity Chapter addressing enforcement of mobile billboards.
- Program 19.1 (Transit Support Facilities): Add language supporting transit support facilities that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and/or businesses.
- Policy 24 (Paratransit Services): Reword policy as follows: “Encourage the provision of cost-effective paratransit and other transit options that enable the mobility of the disabled and older adults.”

Economic Development Chapter

- Program 1.3 (Economic Development Master Plan): Revise program to incorporate Economic Development objectives/strategies as part of the City Council’s Strategic Plan.
- Policy 19 (Administrative Reform): Note in revised policy language that DNBA and Chamber have responsibility for polling local businesses on perceived legislative barriers.
• Policy 21 (Compatible Retail and Commercial Uses): A compatibility statement between commercial and non-residential uses should be incorporated into the Land Use Chapter.
• Policy 22 (Existing Retail Base): A separate policy should be added encouraging high tax-generating uses such as auto dealerships and hotels.

J. COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS (CCB’s) APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made to fill vacancy/vacancies on Council Commissions, Committees or Boards.

K. COUNCILMEMBER/CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mayor MacLeamy reported on her attendance of the Mayors Meals on Wheels Tour and the Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Advisory Commission meeting.

L. WORK STUDY SESSION

No items were listed for this section.

M. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Novato City Council