A. CONVENE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Capriola, Public Works Director Russ Thompson, Community Development Director Bob Brown, Police Lt. John McCarthy, Assistant City Attorney Veronica Nebb and City Clerk Sheri Hartz.

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

No closed session was scheduled.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: City Storm Ready

Lt. John McCarthy opened the presentation and introduced Logan Johnson, Meteorologist for NOAA, who explained the Storm Ready program and presented the recognition to the Council and Fire District Board President Brad Beedle.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Lucan, to approve the Final Agenda, Waiver of the Reading of Ordinances and Notices of Intent. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Paula Neese
F.  CONSENT CALENDAR

1.  ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2014

The Council approved the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting.

2.  SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 2.8 OF THE NOVATO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PURCHASING OF SUPPLIES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

Council approved second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 1596 amending Section 2.8 of the Novato Municipal Code relating to purchasing of supplies and contractual services to provide a local vendor preference.

3.  APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZING A NEW DEPOSITORY BANKING RELATIONSHIP WITH UMPQUA BANK

Council approved Resolution No. 3-15 authorizing the Assistant City Manager / City Treasurer to execute all necessary documents and agreements to enter into a depository banking relationship with Umpqua Bank.

4.  COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014


5.  THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO GENERAL BUSINESS.

Councilmember Kellner moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve the Consent Calendar, pulling Item F-5 to General Business for discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

G.  UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

No items were listed for this section.

H.  PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items were listed for this section.
I. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES MULTI-YEAR TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLAN

Consider receiving a report on the Emergency Services Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan.

Lt. McCarthy opened the item and then turned it over to Dave Jeffries, the City's EOC consultant, who explained the training plan in more detail and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Eleanor Sluis

7. COMMUNITY - BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Consider approving a resolution adopting the Community-Based Transportation Plan.

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Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola introduced Director Thompson who gave the staff report and responded to Council questions along with Derek McGill from TAM, Lisa Newman, Project Manager and Fehr and Peers Consultants Rob Grandy and Andy Kosinski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Tina McMillan, Committee Member
4. Eleanor Sluis
5. Al Dugan
6. Pam Drew
7. Hutch Turner

Councilmember Lucan moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to Approve Resolution No.-15 adopting the Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP). The motion was carried 4-1-0-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No.

8. GENERAL PLAN PROCESS UPDATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT ASSISTANT PLANNER POSITION

1. Consider providing direction to staff on possible approaches to completion of the 1996 General Plan Policy and Program Evaluation and initiation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and
2. Consider authorizing the extension of the contract planner position through the completion of the General Plan Update process.
Director Brown gave the staff presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. Eleanor Sluis
9. Al Dugan
10. Hutch Turner

Council commented on the staff recommendations, with Mayor MacLeamy and Councilmembers Athas, Kellner and Lucan approving all three. Mayor Pro Tem Eklund agreed with hiring a contract planner to free up staff time, but felt that the parallel process for the EIR and General Plan would detract from public engagement. She also stated that she agreed that one on one meetings between staff and Council would be important but disagreed that Council silence on a particular matter did not indicate concurrence. She concluded by stating that she agreed with having the City's Boards and Commissions provide input and asked whether a redline version of the General Plan showing proposed changes would be provided. Director Brown stated that it would not.

Councilmember Kellner moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to Approve the General Plan update process as recommended by staff and authorizing the extension of the contract planner position through the completion of the process. The motion was carried 4-1-0-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No.

5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM TO THE MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (ITEM F-5 MOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR)

Consider adopting a resolution outlining the shifting of administrative and management oversight of the Animal Services Program to the Marin General Services Authority while still maintaining the role/responsibilities of County of Marin and cities or towns with respect to the Animal Services program.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund stated that she had pulled the item in order to get clarification from staff on whether the cities and towns in the County will still get a chance to approve the MOU with Marin Humane Society at the Council level. Assistant City Manager Capriola reported that this item was administrative in nature and would not change the practice of the contract coming back to the Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve Resolution No. 4-15 authorizing the delegation of the overall management of the Animal Services Program to the Marin General Services Authority (MSGA). The motion was approved unanimously.
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 Pro Tem Eklund reported that she had attended the recent Strategic Growth Council meeting, where the guidelines for Affordable Housing/Sustainable Communities Program and the Agricultural Program were approved, and announced the date by which concept applications must be received.

Councilmember Kellner reported on her attendance of the MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting, stating that Senator Mike McGuire had been the guest speaker.

Councilmember Athas stated that she had attended the recent Marin Clean Energy Executive meeting where new and future members were announced and the rise in customer base was reported. She added that, while there was discussion of a possible rate increase, the cost of MCE’s service was still well below that of PG&E.

Mayor MacLeamy reported that she had attended the U.S. Council of Mayors in Washington D.C., which included many presentations by Cabinet members, including Vice President Biden, and a visit to the White House. She stated that the overriding theme of the conference had been "cities are where things get done". She also reported that she learned that the practices of cities in California, especially Novato, are much more open than they are in other places in the country.

L. WORK STUDY SESSION

No items were listed for this section.

M. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 p.m., the Council adjourned in memory of Maria Estevez Martini.

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

/Sheri Hartz/
Sheri Hartz, City Clerk