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: City Manager Michael Frank, Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola, Community Development Director Bob Brown, Public Works Director Russ Thompson, Director of Hamilton Reuse Scott Ward, Finance Manager Brian Cochran, Assistant City Attorney Veronica Nebb and City Clerk Sheri Hartz.

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

No closed session was scheduled.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation: Special Birthday

Gail Meyers was present to receive a proclamation and Key to the City in honor of her 80th birthday.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Mayor MacLeamy, to move Item I-6, Downtown Civic Center Planning Process, ahead of I-5 on the agenda due to the presence in the room of several members of the public interested in Item I-6. Mayor MacLeamy seconded the motion to allow discussion. The motion failed on a 1-4 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting Yes.

Councilmember Kellner moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve the Final Agenda, Waiver of the Reading of Ordinances and Notices of Intent. The motion was carried 4-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No.
E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Gail Meyers

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The Council approved the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.

2. ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2015

The Council approved the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting.

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

3. SMART STATION DESIGN OPTIONS AND STATION NAMING

Consider selecting one of two architectural options and select a color (if other than gloss black) for the shelters and light standards by March 31st, and consider directing staff and the SMART Board representative to request that SMART consider revising the current naming of the two stations proposed in Novato to Novato North - San Marin Station and Novato South - Hamilton Station.

Councilmember Kellner made opening comments in her capacity as the City's SMART representative and then Director Thompson gave the staff presentation.

*Councilmember Kellner moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve selection of Option 2 using the recommended gloss black color for the shelters. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Councilmember Athas moved, Seconded by Councilmember Lucan, to approve the recommended naming as Novato North - San Marin Station and Novato South - Hamilton Station. The motion was approved unanimously.*
4. BUDGET PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16

Consider receiving a staff update about the budget process for fiscal year 2015/16; opportunities for input and discussion; and scheduled budget-related City Council and Measure F / Citizens Finance Committee dates during April, May, and June 2015.

Finance Manager Cochran gave the staff presentation and responded to Council questions. Council acknowledged receipt of the update.

5. EVALUATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN THE 1996 GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY IDENTITY CHAPTERS

Consider providing direction to staff on policies and programs contained in the Environment, Human Services and Community Identity Chapters of the 1996 General Plan.

Mayor MacLeamy announced that Public Comment would be take first before the Council discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Rob Tysinger
3. Bonnie Morse

Director Brown gave the staff presentation, walking through the policies and programs that the Council wished to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

4. Trish Boorstein
5. Rick Fraites

The outcome of the discussion was the following direction from the Council to staff:

**Environment Chapter**
- Policy 1 (Ecology of Creeks and Streams): Retain policy as is.

_Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve an addition to Policy 1 to change the 50 foot setback regulation to allow for flexibility of increased setback. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote, with Mayor MacLeamy and Councilmembers Athas and Lucan voting No._

- Address potential for allowing beekeeping in the Healthy Eating/Active Living White Paper.
Policy 6 (Public Access): Add “manage and promote public access” and expand to clarify that proposals for waterway access should be evaluated regarding impacts to habitat value and “be modified to protect those habitat values.”
Policy 7 (Water Quality): “Require”, rather than “encourage” protection of water resources.
Merge policies and programs related to trees in a more coherent fashion (Policies 23, 24, 25 and 26; Programs 24.1 and 25.1)
Policy 38 (Solid Waste Reduction): Add “expand programs and increase diversion rates.”
Program 41.4 (Open Space Acquisition): Retain program wording as is.
Policy 47 (Hamilton Field): Delete policy.

**Human Services Chapter**: No changes

**Community Identity Chapter**: No changes

At 8:39 p.m., the Council took a brief recess and then reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

6. **NOVATO DOWNTOWN CIVIC CENTER PLANNING PROCESS**

   Consider providing direction on how to proceed with Civic Center master planning process.

Director Ward gave the staff presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Dwelly
Susan Magnone
Mike Read
Chase Calgiuri
Gail Meyers
Lonnie Kasle

_Councilmember Kellner moved, Seconded by Councilmember Lucan, to approve moving forward on improvements for Sherman Avenue as a connector to the Civic Green and to use for flex space. The motion was carried 4-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No._

_Councilmember Lucan moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve deferral of other decisions regarding historic homes and the Community House until the FY 2016/17 update of the City's Capital Improvement Plan occurs and community priorities are reviewed comprehensively. The motion was carried 3-2, with Mayor MacLeamy and Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No._

**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

Councilmember Lucan reported on his attendance of the North Bay Watershed Committee meeting, stating that there was extensive discussion of bay sediment.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund stated that she had attended the ABAG State of the Region presentation, where it was concluded that the region had a strong economy but had short term volatility and that growth and prosperity were not spread equally throughout the region, with the strongest counties being San Francisco, Santa Clara and Alameda. She added that the population was aging and urbanizing but that housing growth had lagged population and jobs growth, and that the middle class was disappearing in the Bay Area.

Mayor MacLeamy reported on her attendance of a Novato Streetscape Committee meeting, stating that Clean and Green Day had been scheduled. She said that the Committee was working on getting more islands adopted.

L. WORK STUDY SESSION

No items were listed for this section.

M. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned in memory of Judy Costa.

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