A. CONVENE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Michael Frank, Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola, Public Works Director Jason Nutt, Senior Planner Steve Marshall, Senior Management Analyst Tom Adams, City Attorney Jeff Walter and City Clerk Sheri Hartz

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

A closed session was convened upon adjournment of the open session. See Minutes after Adjournment.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation: Older Americans Month
Roberta Romeo, Novato's representative on the County Commission on Aging gave the Commission's Annual Report and presented proclamations to citizens who are active in working with seniors. The Mayor then presented Ms. Romeo with a proclamation honoring her 20 years of service on the Commission upon the occasion of her retirement.

Proclamation: National Safe Boating Week
Carol Paz, Flotilla 14 Commander, and Jerel Berkov, Flotilla Vice Commander, were present to receive the proclamation and to announce some upcoming safe boating campaign events.
D. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA, WAIVER OF THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND NOTICES OF INTENT

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Gail Meyers
2. Lawrence Pebbles

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2012

   The Council adopted the minutes of April 2, 2012.

2. ADOPT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2012

   The Council adopted the minutes of April 10, 2012.

3. MEASURE B GROUP 8 AND PROPOSITION 1 B PHASE 3 CONTRACT 2 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION - CIP NO. 12-001 & 11-001 AUTHORIZE BID ADVERTISEMENT

   Council approved plans and specifications and authorized the bid advertisement for the Measure B Group 8 and Proposition 1 B Phase 3 Contract 2 Pavement Rehabilitation CIP Project Nos. 12-001 and 11-001.

4. HILLSIDE PARK UNIT 4 LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT A-91

   Council adopted Resolution of Intention No. 38-12 to levy assessments for FY 2012/13 for Landscape Assessment District A-91 in the Hillside Park Unit 4 Subdivision and to set a hearing to confirm or revise the FY 2012/13 assessments proposed in the Engineer’s Report. The district is the assessing entity for maintenance costs of certain open space surrounding the subdivision.

5. SAN MARIN LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT A-81

   Council adopted Resolution of Intention No. 39-12 to levy assessments for FY 2012/13 for Landscape Assessment District A 81 in the San Marin Area and setting a hearing to confirm or revise the FY 2012/13 assessments proposed in the Engineer's Report.
The district is the assessing entity for maintenance costs of certain landscaped medians in the San Marin neighborhood.

6. SAN PABLO SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT A 03

Council adopted Resolution of Intention No. 40-12 to levy assessments for FY 2012/13 for Landscape Assessment District A 03 in the San Pablo subdivision and setting a hearing to confirm or revise the FY 2012/13 assessments proposed in the Engineer's Report.

7. WILDWOOD GLEN LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-91

Council adopted Resolution of Intention No. 41-12 to levy assessments for FY 2012/13 for Landscape Assessment District C 91 in the Wildwood Glen Subdivision and setting a hearing to confirm or revise the FY 2012/13 assessments proposed in the Engineer's Report. The district is the assessing entity for maintenance costs of certain landscaping along Olive Avenue fronting the subdivision.

Councilmember MacLeamy moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve the Consent Calendar, with Councilmember MacLeamy recusing herself from and Mayor Pro Tem Eklund voting No on Item F-3 (vote 3-1-0-1), Councilmember Kellner recusing herself from Item F-5 (vote 4-0-0-1), and noting changes requested for the minutes in Items F-1 and F-2. 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

8. DOWNTOWN NOVATO WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROGRAM

1) Adopt a categorical exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program; 2) Consider approving a recommended sign family, gateway sign, and sign image developed for the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program; and 3) Direct staff and MERJE to complete the construction design phase of the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program.
Senior Planner Steve Marshall gave the staff presentation and then introduced John Bosio, wayfinding consultant with MERJE, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process so far and showing the final design versions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Gail Meyers
4. Jerry Peters

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve Resolution No. 42-12 adopting a categorical exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for and approving the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Lucan, to approve the recommended sign family option 7, revised gateway sign and sign image developed for the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilmember MacLeamy moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve completion by staff and MERJE of the construction design phase of the Downtown Novato Wayfinding Signage Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Following the vote, there was some discussion of how best to engage the public regarding the location of certain signs such as the interpretive signs or kiosks, such as email “blasts” and other measures that could be taken.

9. COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

   Consider adopting a resolution rescinding Resolution 26-08 and adopting an updated Policy Manual for the City Council and adopting, by a second resolution, the revised regular Council meeting schedule.

City Manager Frank presented the item, stating that it was the result of a series of Council workshops which looked at the Council Policy Manual. Council discussed various additional revisions to the draft policy, approving them by straw votes before adopting the Policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve Resolution 44-12, rescinding Resolution No. 26-08, and re-adopting an updated Policy Manual, including revisions as amended by straw votes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilmember MacLeamy moved, Seconded by Councilmember Kellner, to approve Resolution No. 43-12, establishing the City Council meeting place, dates and times. The motion was approved unanimously.
J. COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS (CCB’s) APPOINTMENTS

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

K. COUNCILMEMBER/CITY MANAGER REPORTS

No reports were given.

L. WORK STUDY SESSION

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in memory of Bill Palmer and Anita Zunino.

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JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION
NOVATO CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 SHERMAN AVENUE
MAY 8, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Public Comment: None

2. Recess into Closed Session

B. CLOSED SESSION

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8:

   CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

   Property: APNs 155-400-01, -02, -04, -06, & -07
   Agency Negotiator: Michael Frank, City Manager
                      Cathy Capriola, Assistant City Manager
                      Jeff Walter, City Attorney
                      Steve Marshall, Senior Planner
   Negotiating Parties: Brendan Moriarty, Trust for Public Land
   Under negotiation: Property Purchase Offer
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9:
(One potential case)

There was no action taken to report. Council gave direction to staff on the two items listed
above.

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

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Sheri Hartz, City Clerk