A. CONVENE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

The open session of the scheduled Joint City Council / City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency began at 6:12 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Eric Lucan, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise Athas, Councilmember Pam Drew, and Councilmember Pat Eklund

STAFF PRESENT: Acting City Manager Adam McGill, City Attorney Jeff Walter, Assistant City Clerk Theresa Brown, City Clerk Terrie Gillen, Assistant City Manager Michael Antwine, Acting Police Chief Matthew McCaffrey, Captain Jim Correa, Community Development Director Vicki Parker, Public Works Director Chris Blunk, Superintendent Lyle Waite, Planning Manager Steve Marshall, Sustainability Coordinator Gretchen Schubeck, Management Analyst Laura McDowell, and HR Senior Office Assistant Shani Combs

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Lucan stated that the City Council discussed with staff the Public Employee Appointment of the City Manager. Then Council gave direction to staff.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PRESENTATIONS

C.1. Ceremonial Matter - The Rugani Family recognized as the Fourth of July Parade Eagle Award Winner

Members of the Rugani family received the Eagle Award from representatives of the Fourth of July Parade Committee.

C.2. Ceremonial Matter - Proclaiming October 2, 2019, as Energy Efficiency Day

Sustainability Coordinator Schubeck received the proclamation award.
C.3. Ceremonial Matter - Proclamations recognizing former Police Advisory Review Board (PARB) members, George Coley and Larry Harrison

Both Mr. Coley and Mr. Harrison received the proclamations in acknowledgement of their services.

C.4. Presentation by Stephanie McNally, with the Canal Alliance, regarding Marin Census 2020

Ms. McNally provided a power point presentation to the City Council speaking on the importance of having a census as well as speaking about the challenges conducting it.

C.5. Presentation by Jason Fried, with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), regarding a Review of Municipal Service Review in the Novato Region

Mr. Fried provided an oral presentation mentioning the purpose of LAFCo and highlighting topics mentioned in the draft report. Additionally, he invited the public to attend a LAFCo meeting on October 10 at 7 pm at the Novato Council Chambers to receive community input on the review.

D. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Athas and seconded by Councilmember Drew, the City Council voted 4-0 via roll call to approve the Final Agenda.

AYES: ATHAS, DREW, EKLUND, LUCAN
NOES: None.

Motion carried.

E. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL & CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager McGill spoke about the progress of the downtown SMART station, Vineyard Road project, and the Planning Commission’s vote regarding cannabis. Next, the City Council reported on meetings and events they attended and/or participated in locally or regionally.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council heard from five (5) speakers.
G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda items G.8, G.9, and G.10 were pulled for quick questioning before the Council approved the following motion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Councilmember Drew and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Athas, the City Council voted 4-0 via roll call to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding item G.6.

AYES: DREW, ATHAS, EKLUND, LUCAN
NOES: None.

Motion carried.

G.1. Waive reading and authorize introductions and/or adoption of ordinances by title only

(This is a standard procedural action to waive any readings of an ordinance on this agenda, so that the City Council does not have to read the ordinance in its entirety.)

G.2. Approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting of August 20, 2019

G.3. Approve the minutes of the special Joint City Council/ City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency meeting of August 22, 2019

G.4. Approve the minutes of the Joint City Council/ City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency closed session meeting of August 27, 2019

G.5. Approve the minutes of the Joint City Council / City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency meeting of August 27, 2019

G.6. Approve the minutes of the Joint City Council / City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency Meeting of September 10, 2019

This item was pulled to be discussed at the end of this meeting.
G.7. Award the construction contract for the Lamont Avenue Class 2 Bicycle Lanes project (CIP Project Number 16-013) in the total amount of $287,089.50 to Coastside Concrete & Construction Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the contract.

CEQA Determination: Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, Existing Facilities - Subsections 15304 (a) and 15304 (h)

G.8. Authorize the Acting City Manager to execute a contract with Kiosk Creative, LLC. in the amount of $70,000, for work related to CalRecycle Grant #FW-17-0187.


G.11. Adopt a resolution of the City Council authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute a joint Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) agreement with the County of Marin for traffic signal upgrades.

*The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-064.*

G.12. Receive a report that Mayor Lucan has signed a letter of support/request for signature and a coalition letter of support for Senate Bill 5 (Beall/McGuire/Portantino): Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program in response to an action alert from the League of California Cities.

G.13. Adopt a resolution approving the City of Novato salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

*The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-065.*
H. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

H.1. Consider, discuss and possibly introduce an ordinance accelerating the State of California schedule increasing the minimum wage in the City of Novato and finding that the introduction and adoption of the ordinance is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)

Management Analyst McDowell gave a presentation on the history and progression of this topic, as well as articulated the need for Council’s direction on how to proceed if the Members agreed to implementing the ordinance. Thereafter, the Council and staff discussed any remaining Council questions before they listened to public comment.

There were approximately 30 speakers for public comment, either in support of moving forward to introduce an accelerated minimum wage or recommended delaying that move. Additionally, of those 30, there were a few speakers, who were adamantly opposed to the proposed ordinance all together.

Afterwards, Council deliberated and commented on whether or not to move forward with the proposed ordinance.

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Councilmember Eklund and seconded by Councilmember Drew, the City Council voted 4-0 via roll call to delete all of #F on page 5 (regarding “an employer paying at least $1.00 per hour per employee towards an employee medical benefits plan” of the draft ordinance).

AYES: EKLUND, DREW, ATHAS, LUCAN
NOES: None.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Councilmember Eklund and seconded by Councilmember Drew, the City Council voted 3-1 via roll call to retain A & B (regarding “2-30.8 - Enforcement” on page 6 of the draft ordinance) and delete the Petaluma version.

AYES: EKLUND, DREW, LUCAN
NOES: ATHAS

Motion carried.

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Councilmember Eklund and seconded by Councilmember Drew, the City Council voted 3-1 via roll call to move the introduction of the ordinance.

AYES: EKLUND, DREW, LUCAN
NOES: ATHAS

Motion carried.
ITEM PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

G.6. Approve the minutes of the Joint City Council / City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency Meeting of September 10, 2019

Per Councilmember Drew and staff, this item would be tabled for the next meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION: Upon motion by Councilmember Drew and seconded by Councilmember Eklund, the City Council voted 4-0 via roll call to move G.6 to the next meeting.

AYES: EKLUND, DREW, ATHAS, LUCAN
NOES: None.

Motion carried.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no items for this matter.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items for this matter.

K. COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS (CCB’S) APPOINTMENTS

There were no items for this matter.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint City Council / City Council of Successor Agency of the Dissolved Redevelopment Agency adjourned its meeting in memories of Edna Muse and Sally Harris Frederickson at 9:38 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and adopted at the Novato Joint City Council/ City Council as Successor Agency of the Dissolved Redevelopment Agency regular meeting of October 8, 2019.

/Terrie Gillen/

Terrie Gillen, CMC
City Clerk