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Dear Sebastopol City Council and staff,

Please explain why the updated Telecommunications Ordinance 1123, signed by Patrick Slayter in May 2019, does not apply to the installation of smart water meters in the public rights of way. Shouldn't this wireless utility project have required a conditional use permit? And first reviewed by the planning commission, preceded by a public notice and public meeting where the technical specs would have been vetted? Why was this never mentioned or an exemption from this ordinance never mentioned in any of the staff reports or council meetings on this issue?

Ordinance 1123 <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/getattachment/4371a3fe-b28f-4e19-a4b2-bedd0073ab92/ordinance-number-11-23-telecommunications-facilities-and-minor-antennas-appvd-5-7-2019.pdf.aspx?lang=en-us&ext=.pdf>

At the January 4th council meeting the mayor asked staff to prepare a brief report on the water meters to run down and assemble "all these really important questions." He said "and I think that would go to alternatives, what other devices might be possible within the bounds of the contract that the city has agreed to and addressing the concerns, answering all the questions and doing our level best to get at the concerns."

We appreciated his offer and when can we expect to discuss the response? At the Jan 18th council meeting the city manager had prepared a report, which was not presented because it was slated at the end of the meeting and you ran out of time. Since this issue is important to many people and you've heard from a lot of people on this, when can we expect to revisit this? And can the mayor slate the issue early in the agenda, instead of at the end of the meeting?

Since the city already ordered the smart water meters this is extremely time sensitive. Can the order be put on hold or canceled? If they've already arrived, can the meters be sent back?

	Frequencies used	Power output	How often	Type of radio	Type of RF
Badger smart water meter	902-928mhz	1/4 watt	4 x a day plus up to every 15 seconds	two way, send and receive	Pulsed
PG&E gas smart meter	450-470mhz	1/8 watt	4x a day	one way, send only	Pulsed
PG&E electric smart meter	902-928mhz	1 watt	avg.10,000-max190,000 a day	two way, send and receive	Pulsed

Thank you,
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