

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
MEETING OF October 5, 2022

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of October 18, 2022

The City Council Regular meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to AB 361. Pursuant to AB 361 (2021), Teleconference Restrictions of the Brown Act Have Been Suspended, as Well as the Requirement to Provide a Physical Location for Members of the Public to Participate in the Meeting. The City of Sebastopol City Council meeting was not be physically open to the public and all City Council Members teleconferenced into the meeting via Zoom.

Please note that minutes are not meant to be verbatim minutes and are meant to be the City's record of Actions Taken (Approved Motion of Agenda Item).

9:30 am City Council Special Meeting – Closed Session (ZOOM Virtual Meeting Format Only)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slayter called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Patrick Slayter – By video teleconference
Vice Mayor Neysa Hinton – By video teleconference
Councilmember Una Glass – By video teleconference
Councilmember Sarah Gurney - By video teleconference
Councilmember Diana Gardner Rich - By video teleconference

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a Special Meeting, pursuant to provisions of Government Code §54957, this is the time provided for members of the public to address the City Council regarding matters of municipal concern for the item listed below (maximum of three minutes per speaker) prior to adjournment into Closed Session.

Sandi Maurer commented as follows:

- Discussed response letter which shows the City did not comply with open bidding laws resulting in the contract with Syserco being void and illegal.
- Opt-out does not resolve the problem of neighbors meters.
- Requested reconsideration of the benefit of our compromise to only install the encoders and no new pit lids.
- Discussed various benefits such as sparing risk of a voided contract with Syserco; sparing Public Works Department the hassles of processing opt out applications and disability accommodation requests for

neighbors water meters; keeping antennas in new boxed condition so they can be sold or given back to Syserco; and sparing of complaints.

City Council Adjourn Into Closed Session on the Following Matters:

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation
(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
(Two Cases)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel: Pending Litigation
Employee arbitration and appeal
Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)

Adjournment of Closed Session: Mayor Slayter adjourned the closed session at 11:25.

Convene Open Session of the Special City Council Meeting. Mayor Slayter reconvened the open session at 11:26 am.

Report out of Closed Session: There was no report out.

October 5, 2022 City Council Special Meeting, Closed Session, was adjourned to the October 18, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Slayter adjourned the City Council Special Meeting Closed Session at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary C. Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC