

City Council

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City of Sebastopol

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF: Tuesday – October 1, 2024**

MINUTES FOR Regular City Council Meeting of October 1, 2024
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of October 15, 2024

Please note that these are action minutes only. Detailed raw transcript is attached to the minutes and made a part of the public record. These action minutes are the City’s record of a summary of actions that took place at the meeting. The vote/action is the required information of the meeting actions that took place. Approved minutes are available on the City Council Meetings page.

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6:00 pm City Council Regular Meeting, In Person – Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA; and by Virtual Format (Zoom)

Call to Order: Mayor Rich called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call:

- Present: Mayor Diana Gardner Rich
- Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman
- Councilmember Sandra Maurer
- Councilmember Neysa Hinton
- Councilmember Jill McLewis
- Absent: None
- Staff: City Manager Don Schwartz
- Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
- City Attorney Alex Mog
- Administrative Services Director Kwong
- Building Official Brown
- Police Chief Nelson

SALUTE TO THE FLAG : Mayor Rich led the salute to the flag.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED): To consider and take action on any request from a Council Member to participate in a meeting remotely due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances pursuant to AB 2449 (Government Code Section 549539(f)). None Required.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

The following were presented:

- Proclamation - Proclamation Recognizing October as the Annual Pomo and Coast Miwok People Honoring Month
- Proclamation - Proclamation Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Reference Order Number: 2024-218

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Conflicts of interest may arise in situations where a public official deliberating towards a decision, has an actual or potential financial interest in the matter before the Council. In accordance with state law, an actual conflict of interest is one that would be to the private financial benefit of a public official, a relative or a business with which the Councilmember is associated. A potential conflict of interest is one that could be to the private financial benefit of a Councilmember, a relative or a business with which the Councilmember is associated. A Councilmember must publicly announce potential and actual conflicts of interest, and, in the case of actual conflict of interest, must refrain from participating in debate on the issue or from voting on the issue and must remove themselves from the dais.

There were no stated conflicts of interest by City Councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (FIRST COMMENT PERIOD):

Up to Twenty (20) Minute Time Limit (Two Minutes for up to ten speakers). Additional public comment will be held at the end of the discussion and action items for up to an additional twenty (20) minutes. Mayor has discretion to allow for additional time beyond the 20 minutes allocated for public comment dependent upon the subject matter or number of speakers.

Process for calling on Speakers: Mayor or designee shall ask for public comment as follows: Speakers to be called on in an alternate manner (One speaker in person to be called on first; then one speaker remote to be called on second with additional speakers to be called on in the same manner) based upon the time limit.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Oliver
- Kyle
- Peter
- Linda
- Evert

Mayor Rich responded to public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent agenda consists of items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or have been reviewed by the City Council previously. These items may be approved by one motion without discussion unless a member of the City Council requests that the item be taken off the consent calendar.

The Mayor will read the consent calendar items; ask if a Councilmember wishes to remove one or more items from the consent calendar; and then open public comment to the members of the public in attendance. At this time, a member of the public may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion.

If an item or items are removed from the consent calendar, the item shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.

Councilmembers may comment on Consent Calendar items or ask for minor clarifications without the need for pulling the item for separate consideration. Items requiring deliberation should be pulled for separate consideration and shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.

Mayor Rich asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item. There was none.

City staff states minutes were reflected to correct the Councilmember 's name who presented the item (changed from Councilmember Maurer to McLewis)

Mayor Rich opened for Public Comment(s). The following member(s) of the public provided public comment.

- Linda

MOTION:

Councilmember Maurer moved and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item Number(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 with the correction to Item Number 2 (minutes).

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

1. Approval of Minutes of Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session of September 16, 2024 (Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approval of Minutes of Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session of September 16, 2024
Minute Order Number: 2024-219

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of September 17, 2024 (Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of September 17, 2024
Minute Order Number: 2024-220

3. Receipt of Annual Performance Report on Sanitary Sewer System. This Annual Sanitary Sewer System Performance Report to Council is a required component of the approved Sewer System Management Plan. (Responsible Department: Public Works Superintendent)

City Council Action: Approved Receipt of Annual Performance Report on Sanitary Sewer System. This Annual Sanitary Sewer System Performance Report to Council is a required component of the approved Sewer System Management Plan.

Minute Order Number: 2024-221

4. Receipt of Notice to Amend the City of Sebastopol Conflict of Interest Code. As required by the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 87300 et. seq.), the City is required to review and amend, biennially, the previously adopted Conflict of Interest Code. This Code designates employees who must periodically disclose certain personal financial holdings based on their position by filing a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). These filers are informally referred to as designated officials. Notice is required as there will be amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code. (Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Receipt of Notice to Amend the City of Sebastopol Conflict of Interest Code. As required by the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 87300 et. seq.), the City is required to review and amend, biennially, the previously adopted Conflict of Interest Code. This Code designates employees who must periodically disclose certain personal financial holdings based on their position by filing a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). These filers are informally referred to as designated officials. Notice is required as there will be amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code.

Minute Order Number: 2024-222

5. Approval of Resolution Amending City Personnel Rules and Regulations (Adding At Will Position Language to the Rules and Regulations as well as State Law language changes and other minor clean ups) (Responsible Department: Human Resources Consultant/Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution Amending City Personnel Rules and Regulations (Adding At Will Position Language to the Rules and Regulations as well as State Law language changes and other minor clean ups)

Minute Order Number: 2024-223

Resolution Number: 6617-2024

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS: Informational Items or Presentations are items that are informational only and do not require action by the City Council. Presentations shall be scheduled as necessary for the promotion of an event or service or general information items to the Council and should be limited to ten (10) minutes total in length of item (total length includes questions of Council to presenter and public comment). **NONE**

PUBLIC HEARING(s): **NONE**

REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION):

6. Consideration of Facilitator for February 2025 Goals and Priority Setting Workshop – This item was continued from the September 3, 2024 City Council Meeting (Responsible Department: City Manager)

City Manager Schwartz presented the agenda item recommending the City Council consider and approve a Facilitator for the February 2025 Goals and Priority Setting Workshop.

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked questions of the City Manager.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Linda

Mayor Rich responded to public comment.

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed proposed facilitators.

Comments were discussed for different perspectives.

Discussed pros and cons for proposals

MOTION:

Councilmember Maurer moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve contract amendment #2 with Baker Tilly for facilitation services for the February 2025 Goals and Priority Setting workshop in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, and McLewis

Noes: Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved contract amendment #2 with Baker Tilly for facilitation services for the February 2025 Goals and Priority Setting workshop in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Minute Order Number: 2024-224

7. Consideration of Direction to Mayor Voting Delegate for October 10th 2024 Mayors and Councilmembers for Letters of Interest/City Selection Committee: Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee – 2 seats (to fill expiring terms of Mayor Kevin

McDonnell of Petaluma and Vice Mayor Ben Ford of Cotati. 3 year term starting in December). Four letters of interest were received for two openings:
(Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

Mayor Rich presented the agenda item recommending the City Council provide direction to the Voting Delegate for October 10th 2024 Mayors and Councilmembers for Letters of Interest/City Selection Committee:

- Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee – 2 seats

Mayor Rich stated she will not be in attendance.

Mayor Rich asked for questions. Vice Mayor Zollman provided comments as to his request to be on the Committee.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle
- Mary
- Linda

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the letters of interests.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hinton moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to provide the following Direction to the Mayor or Voting Representative for Voting at the City Selection Committee Meeting and the Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Meeting of October 10, 2024 as follows:

Supported the following for the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee:

1. Vice Mayor Zollman
2. Ben Ford

And

Approved that if late nominations are received, that the City Council direct the Mayor or Designated Voting Representative to:

Have the authority to vote on these late nominations or recommendations at the City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Association Meetings

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved provide the following Direction to the Mayor or Voting Representative for Voting at the City Selection Committee Meeting and the Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Meeting of October 10, 2024 as follows:

Supported the following for the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee:

1. Vice Mayor Zollman
2. Ben Ford

And

Approved that if late nominations are received, that the City Council direct the Mayor or Designated Voting Representative to:

Have the authority to vote on these late nominations or recommendations at the City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Association Meetings

Minute Order Number: 2024-225

8. Discussion and Consideration of City Council Liaison for Specialized Assistance for Everyone (SAFE) Program and Clarification of Item in City Council priorities Staff Report of September 17, 2024 (Requestor: Vice Mayor Zollman/Responsible Department: Police Chief)

Police Chief Nelson and Vice Mayor Zollman presented the agenda item recommending the City Council

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked for questions of staff and Vice Mayor Zollman.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle
- Arthur
- Linda
- Oliver

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the potential appointment.

MOTION:

Mayor Rich moved and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to:

Approve the appointment of a City Council Liaison and direct the Police Chief to continue monitoring and exploring opportunities for the formation of a West County Homeless and Mental Health support and assistance program similar to a West County Mobile Support Team or a West County SAFE type of team.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Maurer, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: Councilmember Hinton and Councilmember McLewis

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the appointment of a City Council Liaison and direct the Police Chief to continue monitoring and exploring opportunities for the formation of a West County Homeless and Mental Health support and assistance program similar to a West County Mobile Support Team or a West County SAFE type of team.

Minute Order Number: 2024-226

Mayor Rich moved and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to appoint Vice Mayor Zollman as the Council Liaison.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved appointment of Vice Mayor Zollman as the Council Liaison.

Minute Order Number: 2024-227

9. Consideration of Approval of Early College Credit Capstone Internship Program with Analy High School and Santa Rosa Junior College and Budget Amendment for \$2500 for two Students to Work with the City of Sebastopol (Requestor: Vice Mayor Zollman/Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

City Clerk Gourley presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Approve the Early College Credit Capstone Internship Program with Analy High School and Santa Rosa Junior College and Budget Amendment for \$2500 for two Students to Work with the City of Sebastopol.

Staci Kortin, Work Based Program Manager, Alyssa and Hana (Proposed Interns) provided comments.

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked questions of staff.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the merits of this program.

MOTION:

Councilmember McLewis moved and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to Approve the Early College Credit Capstone Internship Program with Analy High School and Santa Rosa Junior College and Adopt Resolution for Budget Amendment for \$2500 for two Students to Work with the City of Sebastopol at the living wage rate.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the Early College Credit Capstone Internship Program with Analy High School and Santa Rosa Junior College and Adopt Resolution for Budget Amendment for \$2500 for two Students to Work with the City of Sebastopol and approved the rate of living wage.

Minute Order Number: 2024-228
Resolution Number: 6618-2024

10. Consideration of Approval of Concurrent Resolution with Gold Ridge Fire District regarding Reorganization (Fire Ad Hoc Committee)

City Manager Schwartz presented the agenda item recommending the City Council approve Resolution between the City of Sebastopol and the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District consenting to the annexation of City fire and emergency medical services.

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked questions of the fire ad hoc committee.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle
- Linda
- Oliver

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the language and reports needed. The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the LAFCO process.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hinton moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve the Joint Resolution of the City of Sebastopol and Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Endorsing the Proposed Annexation of the City of Sebastopol’s Fire and Emergency Medical Services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the Joint Resolution of the City of Sebastopol and Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Endorsing the Proposed Annexation of the City of Sebastopol’s Fire and Emergency Medical Services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.

Minute Order Number: 2024-229
Resolution Number: 6619-2024

11. Consideration of Waiver of Fees for Trashlantis Special Event Permit \$825 and City Sponsorship (Requestor: Councilmember Maurer and Mayor Rich/Responsible Department: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

Councilmember Maurer presented the agenda item recommending the City Council consider approval of waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for the Trashlantis (An Active Transport, Zero-Waste, Music+ Eco-Festival) in the amount of \$825.00 and co sponsor the event.

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked questions of the presenter and staff.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Michael
- Kyle
- Linda

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the event.

MOTION:

Councilmember Maurer moved and Mayor Rich seconded the motion to approve waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for the Trashlantis (An Active Transport, Zero-Waste, Music+ Eco-Festival) in the amount of \$825.00 and co sponsor the event.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for the Trashlantis (An Active Transport, Zero-Waste, Music+ Eco-Festival) in the amount of \$825.00 and co sponsor the event.

Minute Order Number: 2024-230

12. Discussion and Consideration of Approval City Council Policy – Priority Number 1 (As approved at September 17th Council Meeting Titled :_ First & Second Policy to be presented to the City Council:
 - a. Selection of Mayor/Selection of Vice Mayor
 - b. Role of Mayor/Role of Vice Mayor
 - c. Seating of City Councilmembers Based upon Selections of Mayor and Vice Mayor
 - d. Required Trainings (Brown Act; Ethics; Work Place Violence; Sexual Harassment) (Item F will be continued to a future meeting) (Responsible Department: Ad Hoc Committee for Council Protocols)

City Clerk Gourley presented the agenda item recommending the City Council review and discuss the options /examples from other CA cities regarding policies to be incorporated into a City Council Protocols and Procedures Handbook. It is the recommendation that the Council approve the preferred procedure and City staff will return the policies for formal approval at the next City Council meeting.

The Ad Hoc committee provided comments.

Mayor Rich asked for questions of staff. The Council asked questions of staff.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle
- Oliver
- Linda
- Evert

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/or Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the various policies and provided comments.

MOTION:

Mayor Rich and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve Policy of Selection of Mayor as follows:

- Mayor Position: Vice Mayor would be advanced into the role of Mayor upon ratification by the City Council.

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Policy of Selection of Mayor as follows:

- Mayor Position: Vice Mayor would be advanced into the role of Mayor upon ratification by the City Council.

Minute Order Number: 2024-231

MOTION:

Mayor Rich moved and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to approve Policy of Selection of Vice Mayor as follows:

Vice Mayor: Rotation based upon the total vote counts received in the election year held two years prior.

The Council discussed the motion.

Mayor Rich amended the motion and Vice Mayor Zollman seconded the amended motion to approve Policy of Selection of Vice Mayor as follows:

- Vice Mayor: Rotation based upon the total vote counts received in the election year held two years prior

- Staff to return with language for clarification if this results in someone not having served as Mayor or Vice Mayor prior and how that fits into the rotation

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: Councilmembers Hinton and Maurer

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Policy of Selection of Vice Mayor as follows:

- Vice Mayor: Rotation based upon the total vote counts received in the election year held two years prior
- Staff to return with language for clarification if this results in someone not having served as Mayor or Vice Mayor prior and how that fits into the rotation

Minute Order Number: 2024-232

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Zollman moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve Policy of Role of Mayor and Vice Mayor with language as amended:

- Recognized as spokesperson for the City Council when speaking on behalf of the City and City Council
- To serve as the City’s primary media spokesperson in coordination with City staff. Appropriate City staff should always be alerted to media contact and that the Mayor to alert the remaining Councilmembers of media contact in a timely manner
- Nothing under the Mayor’s duties shall limit any individual Council Member’s ability to interact with members of the public or media by expressing individual opinions
- Participate in the preparation of the agendas of meetings in accordance with the Agenda Review Committee Policy
- Shall be elected annually from among the members of the Council, in accordance with the Selection of Mayor/Vice Mayor Protocols at the Council's first meeting in December

Mayor Rich re-opened public comment.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Laura
- Kyle
- Mary

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved approve Policy of Role of Mayor and Vice Mayor with language as amended:

- Recognized as spokesperson for the City Council when speaking on behalf of the City and City Council

- To serve as the City’s primary media spokesperson in coordination with City staff. Appropriate City staff should always be alerted to media contact and that the Mayor to alert the remaining Councilmembers of media contact in a timely manner
- Nothing under the Mayor’s duties shall limit any individual Council Member’s ability to interact with members of the public or media by expressing individual opinions
- Participate in the preparation of the agendas of meetings in accordance with the Agenda Review Committee Policy
- Shall be elected annually from among the members of the Council, in accordance with the Selection of Mayor/Vice Mayor Protocols at the Council's first meeting in December

Minute Order Number: 2024-233

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Zollman moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve Policy of Seating Selection as follows:

- Mayor to sit in center of the dais
- Vice Mayor to coordinate with Mayor as to which side to sit on
- Remaining Councilmembers to provide individual requests to Mayor for seating selection after the installation of Councilmembers and seating to be assigned at next City Council meeting.

Mayor Rich re-opened public comment.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Kyle
- Linda

Mayor Rich called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Policy of Seating Selection as follows:

- Mayor to sit in center of the dais
- Vice Mayor to coordinate with Mayor as to which side to sit on
- Remaining Councilmembers to provide individual requests to Mayor for seating selection after the installation of Councilmembers and seating to be assigned at next City Council meeting.

Minute Order Number: 2024-234

Due to Council protocols (length of meeting) the following items were not discussed.

~~ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Two minutes per speaker for up to twenty (20) minutes total for public comments but can be reduced at Mayor’s discretion depending upon the number of speakers or Mayor has discretion to allow for additional time beyond the 20 minutes allocated for public comment dependent upon the subject matter or number of speakers.~~

~~CITY COUNCIL/CITY STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS: _____~~

- ~~13. City Manager and/or City Clerk Reports: (This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)~~
- ~~14. City Council Reports/Committee/Sub-Committee Meeting Reports: (Reports by Mayor/City Councilmembers Regarding Various Agency Meetings/Committee Meetings/Sub-Committee Meeting /Conferences Attended and Possible Direction to its Representatives (If Needed) on Pending issues before such Boards. (This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)~~
- ~~15. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers)~~

CLOSED SESSION: NONE


ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 1, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting will be adjourned to the City Council Special Meeting Closed Session of Monday October 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at City of Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA

The Special City Council Meeting, Closed Session, Meeting of Monday, October 14, 2024 will be adjourned to the City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Mayor Rich adjourned the City Council Meeting of October 1, 2024 at 10:42 pm to the next City Council Special Meeting Closed Session of Monday October 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at City of Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA

Respectfully Submitted:



Mary Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

Attachment:

Raw Zoom Minutes

City Council Meeting - October 1, 2024

[CAPTIONER HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED TO CHAT EVENT; IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE, PLEASE CONTACT VITAC AT 800-590-4197 OR CC@CAPTIONEDTEXT.COM.]

Please stand by for realtime captions.

Excellence. We are calling the meeting to order a few minutes after 6 PM. The meeting of the city Council, October 1 beginning a few minutes of the 6:00 PM. The meeting for City of Sebastopol. Mary, please do a Roll Call please?

Thank you, Mayor.

[Roll being called] All councilmembers are in attendance.

Thank you very much. We will do the salute to the flag if everybody can stand please?

I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands One Nation Under God Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All.

Thank you, everyone. We now are moving onto proclamations. Presentations and introductions. We have two proclamations this evening. What we will be doing is reading the proclamation and we will ask the individual in the room whose accepting the proclamation to please come up and check on her hands and we can hand out the proclamation.

I SEE SOMEBODY HERE FROM YWCA. IS ANYBODY HERE TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION? SHALL WE START? WE WILL START WITH THE FIRST PROCLAMATION. WHICH IS RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. COUNCILMEMBER -- WILL PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION.

OKAY. PROCLAMATION FROM THE CITY OF -- FROM CITY OF SEBASTOPOL. THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL RECOGNIZES THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS ONE IN FOUR FAMILIES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. NEARLY ALL OF US KNOW SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN ABUSED. THE CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VIOLATES AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVACY, DIGNITY AND SECURITY. BASED ON SYSTEMATIC USE OF EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, , PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTROL OR ABUSE. WHEREAS, ESTABLISHING IN 1976, YWCA SONOMA COUNTY AS THE COMMITTEE SINGULAR AND VITAL RESOURCE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE IN THE PLACE WE SHOULD ALL FEEL THE MOST SAFE AND SET OUR OWN HOME'S. WHEREAS, YWCA OPERATES SONOMA COUNTY'S ONLY CONFIDENTIAL SAFE HOUSE SHELTER AND SONOMA COUNTIES ONLY 24/7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS HOTLINE. WHEREAS YWCA'S COUNSEL AND SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERS TRAUMA INFORMED INDIVIDUAL AND SUPPORT GROUP THERE BE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAUMA AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCLUDING THE STUDENTS AT YWCA THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL SERVING ONE OF THE MOST BURNABLE POPULATIONS, CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD. WHEREAS, ONLY IN A FORM COMMUNITY EFFORT WILL END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN YWCA SCHEDULED EVENTS AND PROGRAMS TO RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING TO SUPPORT THEIR VISION FOR EVERY FAMILY AND SONOMA COUNTY TO LIVE HEALTHY AND PROTECT THE LIVES AND BE SAFE IN THEIR OWN HOMES. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR, DIANA GARDNER RICH, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2024 IN -- AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SHE SAID HER HAND IN THE GREAT SEAL OF CITY OF SEBASTOPOL THIS FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE SOMEBODY HERE TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION. COME UP HERE AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE WOULD LIKE A QUICK PHOTO WITH ALL OF US? OKAY. COME UP AND SHAKE HANDS AND TELL US YOUR NAME?

MADALYN O'CONNELL FROM YWCA.

THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. THERE YOU GO. IF YOU WANT TO STAND FACING A CAMERA, WE CAN ALL LOOK VERY APPRECIATIVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE NOW MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PROCLAMATION. WHICH WILL BE READ BY THE VICE MAYOR STEPHEN ZOLLMAN. RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS THE ANNUAL SOUTHERN POMO AND KOS -- PEOPLE HONORING MONTH.

THANK YOU META-MAYOR. AS THE MAYOR SAID, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS THE NATIVE PEOPLE HONORING MONTH. UNITED STATES CONGRESS PASSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 172 IN 1991 WHICH AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THE SOUTHERN POMO HAVE MADE WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE -- THEIR HOME. THE END RADIANCE -- THE FEDERAL INDIANS OF --, IS COMPOSED OF SOUTHERN POMO AND -- ON THE LANDS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, ANCESTRAL LANDS OF THE GREAT WHEN SHARIA INDIANS. CITY OF SEBASTOPOL STRIVES FOR DIVERSITY AND ACCEPTANCE AND THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SEBASTOPOL ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TRIBAL HISTORIES, CULTURE, CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FEDERATED INDIANS OF GREAT RANCH -- TO SONOMA COUNTY IS VITAL TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORIGINS AND RICH HERITAGE. BE IT RESOLVED THAT MAIA DIANA GARDNER RICH AND THE HALF -- ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2024 AS THE ANNUAL SOUTHERN -- HONORING MONTH. THE ANNUAL POMO AND COAST MIWOK PEOPLE HONORING MONTH . SHE SETS HER HAND ON THE GREAT SEAL OF CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

I HAVE A QUESTION, I'M CONFUSED. ARE WE DECLARING OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER? BOTH MONTHS ARE INDICATED IN THE PROCLAMATION.

IT IS OCTOBER. NOVEMBER IS THE NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH.

THINK OF EQUIVOCATION. THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

SOMEBODY FROM THE ALLIANCE SAID WE WOULD DO IT RIGHT AFTER 6:00.

SHALL WE PASS IT TO --? THEY MAY COME IN. AS A REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC. IF THERE'S ANY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS YOU WANT TO SHARE THE COUNSEL, PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE CITY CLERK, MARY GURLEY, SHE WILL HANDLE THAT. ALL RIGHT? WE ARE DONE WITH PROCLAMATIONS. THOSE ARE ALWAYS REALLY POSITIVE AND FUN MOMENTS. AND VISIT CANADA. WE ARE NOW AT THE POINT OF THE CLEARING STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. LOOKING TO MY FELLOW CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. NO CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS. WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN THE AGENDA. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. TURNING TO THE CITY CLERK, CAN YOU PLEASE MANAGE THAT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENTS, IT IS A TWO-MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME PERIOD. WE WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST AND OUT TO

ZOOM. AFTER 20 MINUTES, WE WILL STOP AND REFER TO IT AT THE END. ALL OF HER?

THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU START, I WANT TO REMIND YOU FOR PURPOSES OF RECORDING, WE POST PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN WRITING POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A LOOK THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. THEY ARE CAREFULLY WRITTEN AND SENT IN BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE ISSUES. AS THEY DO WHEN THEY SPEAK IN HERE. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK THOSE. GO AHEAD, OLIVER?

THE LIGHT SHOULD BE ON.

THERE WE GO. TWO QUESTIONS OF THE COUNSEL. WHY ARE YOU FENCED IN. ARE YOU ARE WE GOING TO ATTACK YOU, IS THERE A DANGER? I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE. TO THE MAYOR'S POINTS, I HAVE A DETAILED PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT SALES TAX. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING THIS VARIOUS FLYERS IN OUR MAILBOXES, BUT ON OUR DOORSTEPS. I DID ACTUALLY POST TO IS ACTUALLY BEEN PAYING FOR ALL OF IT. WHICH IS IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. I GUESS THE QUESTION FOR THE COUNSEL. I'M A BIT CONFUSED. WE'RE HAVING A HUDSON SALES TAX THIS MONTH. IF THEY VOTE FOR AND WILL MEASURE TO YOU. THE COUNTY ALSO PUT ON MEASURE SAYING WE ARE OVER THE TOP AND WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE THE ADDITIONAL HALF CENTS. THEY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF PASSING IF THEY'RE SPECIFIC ABOUT SPENDING THE MONEY ON. FLYERS ARE COMING IN THE MONEY SAYING ALL OF THESE AMAZING THINGS A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY THE MEASURE COULD DO. LIKE PROTECTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES, MAINTAIN THE STREET SIDEWALKS AND PARKS. ET CETERA, ET CETERA. THAT IS NOT REMOTELY REALISTIC. WE HAD A GOOD CITY SURVEY INDICATING THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS SAFETY, WHICH IS FIRE AND POLICE. NUMBER TWO, LOOKING AFTER THE WATER. LOOKING AFTER THE CITY'S MONEY. SO, SOME CLARITY ON THIS ISSUES WOULD BE REALLY VALUABLE. THAT'S MY PUBLIC,, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU OLIVER FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO TO ZOOM. LINDA, CAN YOU YOURSELF? CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? LINDA, I WILL COME BACK TO YOU. KYLE, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE.

YES I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES I CAN. I APPRECIATE THE MAYOR'S OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THE CITY. AS WELL AS COUNSEL ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENTS BEING SUGGESTED IN WRITTEN FORM. IT'S IMPORTANT TO OBSERVE THE BEHAVIOR OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS WHEN IT COMES TO RESPONDING TO THOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WHETHER OR NOT WE SEE ACTUAL RESPONSES BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE THING ABOUT PROCESS THAT I WANT TO MENTION. OFTEN TIMES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE A LIMITED WINDOW TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT. IT GOES UP ON THURSDAY, THE AGENDA. CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY. THE OFF CHANCE WE HAVE A MONDAY HOLIDAY. THE ABILITY TO GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND HAVE VOICES HEARD BY STAKEHOLDERS IS VERY SLIM. FOR INSTANCE, BEFORE THE END OF THE BUSINESS DAY ON FRIDAY, I SUBMITTED A PUBLIC COMMENTS BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING WEBSITE UNTIL SOME POINT LATER TODAY. IT'S NOT CLEAR THAT ANY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE READ ANY OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. IT IS MY HOPE IN THE

PROCESS, WE ACTUALLY HEAR RESPONSES FROM THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED BOTH IN WRITTEN FORM AS WELL AS AT THE PODIUM. MORE TIMES THAN NOT, COMMENTS ARE NOT ADDRESSED. THEY'RE NOT RESPONDED TO. IT'S UNFORTUNATE. IT ACTUALLY SPEAKS TO A RELATIONSHIP THE COUNSEL HAS WITH THE PUBLIC. THAT IS REALLY CONCERNING THE ME. IN PARTICULAR, SINCE THE TAX MEASURE WAS BROUGHT UP, IT'S INTERESTING THAT THE BACKERS OF THE TAX MEASURE WHO PRODUCE BOTH THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR AS WELL AS THE REBUTTAL HAPPEN TO BE PAST CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. ARGUMENT AGAINST THE TAX MEASURE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED DECISIONS MADE BY PAST COUNCILMEMBERS, RIGHT? WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN ON CITY AND BUDGET COMMITTEES. COUNCILMEMBERS ON THAT ORGANIZATION THAT MADE THOSE DECISIONS THAT PUT US IN A FINANCIAL READ. THOSE WERE NEVER ADDRESSED. THE REBUTTAL TO THE --.

THANK YOU, KYLE, THAT WAS TWO MINUTES. NEXT, I WILL COME INTO CHAMBERS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT?

YES, THANK YOU. I SEE THE PICTURE THERE THE APPLES AND I HAVE TWO TOPICS AND I WILL BE QUICK. WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE BEAUTIFUL FRUIT TREE ORCHARDS BEING DISAPPEARED INTO GRAPES? IT IS A TERRIBLE THING THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED IT TO HAPPEN NOW THAT WE HAVE TWO BY GENETICALLY ALTERED, RADIATED POISON COLORED FRUITS FROM CHINA AND ARGENTINA. IT'S A SAD THING AND MAYBE WE CAN CHANGE ALL OF IT. OPEN YOUR HEART AND EYES. OCTOBER, FIRST WARRIORS OF RISEN TO SEESAW THE CURSE. WERE HE HAS ARISEN TO CEASE ALL WAR. SEE THE LIGHTS OF THE LAKOTA, EPISODE NUMBER 88. WARRIORS ARISEN FULFILLING DESTINIES DATE REMAIN IN TEXAS THEY FROZEN THE POOR. WARRIORS ARISEN, FREE FRAMING, ONE WITH CALIFORNIA LAUNCH SUPPORT THE EAST COAST SISTERS AND BROTHERS? HAVE THEY BEEN THREATENED BY THOSE WHO TRAFFIC HEROINE, FENTANYL, CHILDREN AND YOUNG MOTHERS? THE NEVER ENDING UNDERMINING BLOODLUST OF THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES, SO VERY INSANE. THE ELITES REQUIRE THE MASSES INGESTING BLOOD THAT MAINTAINS ALL WARS WITH SOLDIERS DYING IN THE SAND AND MUD. THEY REQUIRE ANY NEVER EVEN SEEK TO FIND THE GOSPEL OF PEACE TO ALL 17 BEINGS BEING KIND. I AM PETER, I AM THE CEDAR, I AM HERE TO SETTLE A FREE! COMMANDER, GET THE FOREVER GONE FROM MY SIGHT. MAINTAINING THE --. I HAVE COME FORTH OF BOTH PENSIONS AND LOVE, SUPPORTED FROM BEYOND AND ABOVE, AS MY WARRIORS ARE HERE AND NOW WITH ME. ALL WARRIOR LABOR, LAY DOWN THE SABER, BEING AFFORDED A PROPHETIC COMMAND. THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS WALKING THE CHOSEN INTO THE PROMISED LAND. ALL TIME IS NOW. NOW'S THE TIME. COMMANDING A TOTAL STRIKE OF THE ENTIRE WEST COAST. TELL THE WALL STREET CORRUPTION IS --.

PETER, THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND HAVE A BEAUTIFUL EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. LINDA, CAN YOU MEET YOURSELF PLEASE? CAN YOU GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I'M APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THREE OF YOU TO SEEK OUT --. YOU KNOW? THIS MAYOR, IT'S FUTILE TO EXPECT ANY KIND OF RESPONSE. SHE HAS DONE EVERYTHING TO SILENCE US AND KEEP OUR VOICES FROM BEING HEARD ABOUT ANYTHING SHE DOESN'T LIKE. WHICH IS AN AWFUL LOT IN OUR

INTEREST OF THE CITY. THIS IS SOME KIND OF LEGAL LAW THAT REQUIRES THE MAYOR AND THE CITY TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. THAT HAVE BEEN POSED FROM -- AND MYSELF THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. USED TO AGAIN, I'M GOING TO REMIND YOU. EVEN PATRICK SLATER ROUTINELY ANSWERED EVERY SINGLE THING AS A WAS ASKED. THIS IS A THING BY CHOICE. SHE IS UNRESPONSIVE. NOT ACTING IN OUR BEST INTEREST AT ALL. THERE ARE SO MANY HUGE ISSUES. MOST OF WHICH IS MONEY AND HEALTH. I WANT TO BRING IT UP.

LINDA, YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

HOW CAN YOU RECOGNIZE OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WHEN WE HAVEN'T ACKNOWLEDGED THE CANCER CLUSTER NEXT TO WHAT USED TO BE THE HOSPITAL. THEY ARE ALREADY ORGANIZED AND COME BEFORE. ALSO, THERE IS A, YOU KNOW? CANCER RATES ARE SOARING. LARGELY, IN MY EXPERIENCE, AND OPINION. BECAUSE OF THE EXPOSURE TO MAN-MADE WIRELESS --.

LINDA, THAT IS TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN CHAMBERS I WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. CNN, I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM. EVERETT'S, CAN YOU YOURSELF PLEASE?

CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I'LL STOP WHEN YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

IN QUEUE. THE ITEMS COMING UP AS FAR AS THE SELECTION AND VICE MAYOR. WE CAN LOOK AT OTHER PROCEDURES AND SO FORTH. THAT THE COMPANY DOES. ONE OF THE CAN BE LOOKED AT AS THE IDEA OF VOTING FOR A CAUSE OR SUPPORT FOR SOMETHING. IT COULD BE A WAR. IT COULD BE INJUSTICE, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE. PUTS THE COUNSEL IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION. IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT, YOU WERE LABELED AS AGAINST IT. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT IT, YOU HAVE TO SPEND STAFF TIME TO BUT IT JUST RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. I PREFER AND EXPECT MY COUNCILMEMBERS TO APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT AND BE FOCUSED ON THE CITY ISSUES. I CAN CONTACT MY REPRESENTATIVE AND MY SUPERVISOR. IF THERE'S ITEMS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF SEBASTOPOL. I DID NOT ASK TO BE REPRESENTED BY WHATEVER THE CAUSE MAY BE IN, WHETHER I AGREE WITH IT OR NOT IS NOT THE PLANS. COUNCILMEMBERS ARE FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN OPINION OF CITIZENS. BUT NOT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ARGUING BACK AND FORTH. THERE'S A WHOLE LIST OF GOOD CAUSES WE CAN BRING APPEARED WHAT ABOUT THOSE? YOU MAKE IT MUCH EASIER IF YOU PASS SOME KIND OF PROCEDURE FOR RULE TO SAVE YOU FROM FUTURE ITEMS AND MAKES IT EASIER TO SAY IT IS A GREAT CAUSE.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 25 SECONDS.

BUT WE DON'T SUPPORT IT AND THERE'S OTHER WAYS WE CAN. CONTACT A CONGRESSPERSON OR SENATOR OR WHATEVER. I HOPE YOU LOOK AT IT AND I GUESS IT'LL BE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE, INC. YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE'S ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE MORE TIME. ANYBODY WANT

TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

I WILL RESPOND BRIEFLY TO A COUPLE OF ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL, IN TERMS OF RESPONDING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. THERE IS A REAL NEED AT EVERY OF THESE MEETINGS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BALANCE THE NEED TO GET THROUGH ALL THE BUSINESS. AND THE NEED TO RESPOND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN THE MOMENT DURING A COUNCIL MEETING. THAT CAN BE A TOUGH BALANCE SOMETIMES. WE RECEIVE INTEREST IN THE CRITICISM FOR NOT GETTING THROUGH THE AGENDA AND DOING THE BUSINESS QUICKLY ENOUGH. WE ARE TRYING TO BALANCE ALL OF IT AS BEST AS WE CAN. IN TERMS OF PUBLIC COMMENT, GOING TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS TO GO TO ALL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WE DO RECEIVE THEM. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE TOPIC RESPONSES FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. I WILL ASK QUICKLY. THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RESPOND TO THE LEGAL QUESTION. WHETHER WE ARE OBLIGATED TO RESPOND BY THE LAW TO QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO US BY THE PUBLIC.

THANK YOU MAIA. THERE WAS NO LEGAL -- I'M SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME BETTER NOW? APOLOGIES. THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

GREAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE CONFIRMING THAT. ADDITIONAL COME IN TERMS OF SALES TAX, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE MAY BE CONFUSION OUT IN THE PUBLIC. THE CITY COUNCIL IS ACTIVELY DOING SHORTS AS CITY MANAGER AND I PAIRED GOING OUT TO GROUPS IN ORDER TO FILL THE ROLES INVITE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON MEASURE U. THOSE ARE OBLIGATIONS AND PARAMETERS OF WHAT WE DO IS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER. NOW THAT THE SALES TAX SUPPORTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THERE IS A SEPARATE GROUP THAT IS A CITIZENS COMMITTEE CALLED MEASURE U. SEBASTOPOL. THEY ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING ADVOCACY. THOSE ARE FOR INSTANCE THE FLYERS HE MAY HAVE SEEN DROPPED ON YOUR DOORSTEP. I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS AWARE THAT THE CITY ON INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SIDE HAS MAIL TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS AND INFORMATIONAL FLYER THAT IS A TWO-SIDED PIECE THAT HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY RECEIVED. YOU'LL SEE THE ACTIVITIES GOING ON PROBABLY AT THE SAME TIME. THEY ARE DIFFERENT FOCUSES. THE CITIZENS GROUP IS ALLOWED TO ADVOCATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL HAS TO BE NEUTRAL AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM -- IN TERMS OF THE HALF CENT SALES TAX. THERE IS A MEASURE H. THAT HAS GONE INTO PLAY TODAY. ON OCTOBER 1, THERE'S A HALF PERCENT SALES TAX THAT HAS BEEN ADDED ONTO THE 9.25 BRINGING IT UP TO 9.75. THAT IS MEASURE H, WHICH IS TO SUPPORTS FIRE SERVICES IN SONOMA COUNTY. I'M LOOKING AT FIRE REPRESENTATIVES. THAT IS IN EFFECT NOW. AND THE SALES TAX THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WILL BE ON TOP OF THE 9.75%. ANY INPUT FROM CITY ATTORNEY? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD A?

NO, THAT IS CORRECT. THE STAFF REPORT FOR JULY 16 AND MAY 21, WHEN THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS. IT HAS A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF MEASURE AGE AND THE KIDS FUTURE AND HOW IT PASSES -- IMPACTS THE CITY AND THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE SALES TAX INCREASE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN GO BACK AND REFER TO.

COULD YOU REPEAT THE STAFF REPORT DATE.

MAY 21 AND JULY 16.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANYTHING TO ADD? OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING FROM COUNCILMEMBERS?

NO.

MOVING FORWARD ON PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. I AM OBLIGATED TO READ EACH ONE OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. BY THE CURRENT POLICY VERBATIM. IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS AWARE THAT THE ITEM TONIGHT, WHICH IS TO CONSIDER A SET OF PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNCILS GOING THROUGH TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES. OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS, WE ARE ADDRESSING DIFFERENT GROUPS OF THEM. AND IN TERMS OF THE BARRIERS YOU SEE IN FRONT OF US. IT WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY A COUPLE COUNCILMEMBERS AS THE RESULT OF INDIVIDUALS APPROACHING THE COUNSEL TABLE AT THE END OF A RATHER PASSIONATE DISCUSSION AT THE LAST MEETING. WE HOPE THIS WILL ALLOW RESPECT AND SPACE FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT MARY GURLEY IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AND RECEIVE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION. ANYTHING TO ADD ON THE TOPIC? GREAT, THANK YOU. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM. I WILL READ THEM AND INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PULL THEM AND WE WILL GO OUT IN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS REMAINING ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024. THAT WAS A CLOSE SESSION. 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 (RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK) 3. RECEIPT OF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT ON SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. THIS ANNUAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL IS A REQUIRED COMPONENT OF THE APPROVED SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN. (RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT) 4. RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO AMEND THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE. AS REQUIRED BY THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 ET. SEQ.), THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND AMEND, -- I SENSE A CORRECTION ON MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17. TO MARY GURLEY.

AND ISLE OF WRIGHT THE CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17 WAS THE PERSON WHO MADE A MOTION.

I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT INTRODUCTION TO MEASURES.

IT WAS INTRODUCTION, YOU ARE CORRECT.

THE COUNCILMEMBER DID. FOR ITEM 8. IT CORRECTED THE COUNCILMEMBERS NAME.

WITH THAT CORRECTION, WOULD ANYBODY LIKE TO PULL ANY ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? NO? IF YOU CAN GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1-5. IF ANYBODY IN THE CHAMBERS WANTS TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, SEEING ON, I'M GOING TO VISIT THEM. DOES ANYBODY WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

LINDA, CAN YOU AND YOURSELF PLEASE? GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC,,
LINDA.

OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE SUBJECT MATTER IS OF NUMBER ONE. ON THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING. AND NUMBER THREE, IT IS PRETTY FUNNY IN A WAY THAT YOU HAVE AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT ON THE SEWER SYSTEM. AND NOBODY SEEMS TO BE PAYING ANY ATTENTION ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THE \$2.2 MILLION WIRELESS WATER METER SYSTEMS THAT IS OCCURRING NOW. SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE FAILED. THEY ARE BEYOND REPAIR. THOSE LITTLE THINGS AS I RECALL COST ABOUT \$700 APIECE. IF YOU AVERAGE IT OUT. I AM NOT ONLY SUGGESTING THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AND GET A REPORT FROM --. WHO LURED YOU, AND I MEAN YOU, DIANE. INTO VOTING FOR THE \$5 MILLION LOAN. WHICH YOU STILL HAVE AN ACKNOWLEDGED. IT'LL TAKE US MORE THAN 12 YEARS TO PAY OFF. WHICH IS NOW FAILING. IN ADDITION TO MAKING US SICK FROM THE POLLS WATER METER. IT'S ONLY BEEN IN PLACE FOR OVER -- A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. ALREADY IT IS FAILING. A LOT OF US SPOKE AGAINST IT AND TRIED TO TELL YOU BUT AGAIN HE DID NOT LISTEN!

YOU HAVE ABOUT 15 SECONDS.

THAT'S IT. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CITY. YOU HAVE GOOD SENSE. THE MANDE REPORT, PLEASE. FROM DANTE ON THE FAILURE OF THE WIRELESS WATER METERS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, LINDA FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. DOES ANYBODY WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE MORE TIME. DOES ANYBODY WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC, AND IS CLOSED.

WE WILL COME BACK TO THE COUNSEL TABLE ANY DISCUSSION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS. I'M LOOKING FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE?

SO MOVED.

SECONDED.

THANK YOU MAYOR. SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAUER AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR STEFAN ZALMAN. THE AMENDMENT TO THE SYSTEM SEPTEMBER 17 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR CORRECTION. COUNSEL --. [ROLL BEING CALLED]

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS PRESENTATIONS ARE NEXT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY THIS EVENING. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NONE THIS EVENING. WE ARE GOING INTO THE REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS. 6-12. NUMBER SIX IS WHERE WE START. CONSIDERATION OF FACILITATOR FOR FEBRUARY 2025 GOALS AND PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP – THIS IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER. HE HAS AN UPDATE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF HIS NUMBER ONE RECOMMENDED FACILITATOR. DON SCHWARTZ?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM TO YOU TONIGHT. ON THE AVAILABILITY, THE FIRM THAT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE IS THE MILLER CONSULTING GROUP. THE OTHER FOUR FIRMS ARE AVAILABLE. I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE SOMEONE SOON. WE DID A FELICITATION OF NUMEROUS SOMETIME BACK. WE RECEIVED FIVE

PROPOSALS FROM THE FIRM'S FOR THE BIG --. MILLER CONSULTING AND PROXIES. MARY AND I REVIEWED PROPOSALS CONDUCTED SOME INTERVIEWS AND REFERENCE CHECKS. AND AGREED ON THE TOP TWO IN THE ORDER OF -- AND -- GREW. SOME OF THE REASONS AS THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE DOING THIS KIND OF WORK IN WORKING WITH CITIES. DIRECTLY WE THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT VALUE TO BRING. THE PRICE FOR EACH OF THEM WAS ABOUT THE SAME OR IS THE SAME. \$10,000 IS THE BUDGET WE SET FOR IT AND WE CAPPED THE COMPENSATION INCLUDING ANY EXPENSES AT THAT LEVEL. I WANT TO THANK -- FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. THE MATERIAL SEE MORE FOCUSED ON WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. IT ADDRESSES SOME GOOD TOPICS TO COVER THESE EVENTS. GOVERNANCE AND IN THE FACT OF COUNCILS, PRIORITY SETTING AND CLARITY ON GOALS AND PROCESS FOR ENSURING STAY FOCUSED ON OUR GOALS AND MY SENSE IN PARTICULAR. WE WALK AWAY WITH SOMETHING PRACTICAL. AND A BROAD BRUSH ON THE HIGH LEVEL WHICH THE GOAL SHOULD BE PRACTICAL FOR EXECUTING THEM. WITHIN A NEW COUNSEL. THAT IS THE STAFF REPORT FOR THIS NOW BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

ANY QUESTIONS? GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR'S OMEN.

THANK YOU, META-MAYOR. HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE ALREADY HAVE FOR OTHER CITY SERVICES.

\$50,000 FOR THE FINANCIAL WORK AND ANALYTICS.

YOU SAID YOU THOUGHT BAKER TILLY HAD MORE IN-DEPTH SERVICES THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE? DID YOU FIND A WORKPLAN IN THAT PROPOSAL. A SPECIFIC WORKPLAN?

IN THE SENSE OF OUTLINING BOTH AN AGENDA AND POTENTIAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. AND HOW THEY WOULD PREPARE FOR. INTERVIEWING THE COUNCILMEMBERS DOING BACKGROUND RESEARCH ON THE CITY AND INTERVIEWING DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND FORMING AN AGENDA AND DEVISING IT IF HE WILL TO THE WORK WE HAVE DONE SUCH AS RECENT PRIORITY SETTING. BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND THOSE SORT OF THINGS. THEY WOULD REVIEW ALL OF IT AND HAVE INTERVIEWS AND SHAPE A SPECIFIC AGENDA FROM THERE. BUT THEY DO HAVE A SOMEWHAT STANDARD PROCESS THAT THEY USE AND THEY HAVE GIVING US EXAMPLES FROM OTHER CITIES. I LIKE THE RESULTS AND REPORTS THAT WE GET FROM THE SESSIONS. I'M PRACTICAL AND USEFUL TO EXECUTE AFTER THE CONVERSATION.

OF I CAN BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 163 OF THE PACKET. 163 THROUGH 166. WHEN I'M REFERRING TO A WORKPLAN AND BEHAVIORAL PROPOSAL, THEY WALK THROUGH A VERY SPECIFIC WORKPLAN. I DID NOT SEE THE SPECIFICITY. LIKE THAT IN THE BAKER TILLY. DID I MISS SOMETHING SPECIFIC AS THAT IN THE BAKER TILLY PLAN?

SO, THE BAKER TILLY PROPOSAL INCLUDES, NOT A THIS ROBUST DESCRIPTION. BUT IT'S MORE SPECIFIC TO WHAT WE ACTUALLY ASKED FOR. I THINK THE GROUP AND TO BE HONEST, SOME OF IT IS PRETTY STANDARD BOILERPLATE STUFF. IT APPLIES TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS WHICH IS NOT PARTICULARLY WHAT WE ASKED FOR AND DO A GOOD JOB. THAT'S WHY THERE THE SECOND CHOICE. IT'S NOT REALLY WHAT A SPOT ON ABOUT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR AND FEELS FRANKLY PRETTY GENERIC TO ME. COMPARED TO -- BAKER TILLY IS TO SOME EXTENT, THEY HAVE A

STANDARD TEMPLATE TO DO THIS. WE WERE PRESENTED A FEW EXAMPLES THAT SHOWS RESULTS IN A PRACTICAL PURPOSE. I FIND IT MORE PRAGMATIC AND FOCUSED FOR OUR NEEDS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE DETAIL, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A HALF DAYS SESSION. I'M NOT SURE HOW RELEVANT THE PLANNING PROCESS IS. HOW REALISTIC THAT IS. THEY DO HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION AND THEY DO A LOT OF WORK WITH CITIES AND TALK TO THE CITY THEY WORKED WITH BEFORE. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD SIGN. I DO THINK THEY COULD DO A CREDIBLE JOB FOR US.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, VICE MAYOR. ANYBODY OF QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC,. MARY GURLEY, CAN YOU PLEASE HAND THE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR US.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DISCUSSION A FACILITATOR ON THE 2025 GOALS AND PARTY SETTING WORKSHOP. PUBLIC,, I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO TO ZOOM. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? THANK YOU, GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT, LINDA.

I AM VERY SENSITIVE, LIVING IN A SHIELDED SPACE AND COMPUTER FREE, SO PHONE FREE, TV FREE AND LARGELY ELECTRICITY FREE. I DON'T HAVE EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION. MY QUESTION ON THIS PARTICULAR TOPICS I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH THE CONTRACT IS.

THANK YOU LINDA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS. IF ANYBODY WANTS TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, SEEING NONE, I WILL GO TO ZOOM ONE LAST TIME. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC, AND IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU TO CITY CLERK. ASKING THE QUESTION OF DON SCHWARTZ, WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT?

\$10,000.

RANK YOU, AND I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE STAFF REPORT.

IMPORTANTLY, IT IS IN THE BUDGET.

THE LINE ITEM WAS IN THE APPROVED BUDGET. YES, COUNCILMEMBER MAUER?

A RESPONSE TO VICE MAYOR'S ZOLLMAN'S COMMENTS. THIS WORKS ON PAGE FIVE. FIVE AND SIX. YEAH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCILMEMBER MAUER. WE ARE NOW BACK OF THE COUNSEL TABLE TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM. THE CITY MANAGER IS ASKING THAT WE GET DIRECTION REGARDING THE CHOICE OF A FACILITATOR FOR THE PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP. ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? COUNCILMEMBER HENSON?

I WILL GO AHEAD AND GO FIRST. I AM COMFORTABLE WITH THE CITY STAFF MAKING THE REFERENCE AND THEY HAVE DONE WORK FOR US. I SEE IT AS A BENEFIT AT THIS TIME. OVER A NON-BENEFIT. I AM ALSO CONCERNED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE OTHER ONE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LIST OF CITIES AT THE END OF THEIR PROPOSAL. THERE IS A LOT OF OUT-OF-STATE CITIES. THAT'S WHERE THE SMALLER CITIES ON CALIFORNIA CITIES ARE QUITE A BIT LARGER. I COULDN'T FIND A SMALL ONE LISTED EXCEPT IN STATES LIKE TEXAS. I FELT COMFORTABLE WITH THE FERTILITY RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. ANY INPUT THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED? COMPARING THE TWO TOP CANDIDATES HERE?

I THINK THE TWO TOP CANDIDATES ARE PRETTY MUCH NECK AND NECK. I THINK WITH BAKER TILLY BEING CLOSER, WE HAVE TO TRAVEL FOR THE OTHER GROUP THAT IS BACK USED. THAT'LL BE THE BIG ADVANTAGES THERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT A MOTION ON THE ITEM. I THINK THE CITY MANAGER, GO AHEAD VICE MAYOR?

MY COMMENTS ARE THE FACT THAT I WOULD LIKE SOME SEPARATION. BAKER TILLY IS AND FOR 50,000. FOR ME, I WANT AN OBJECTIVE EYE TOWARDS THIS. I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER MAUER BREAKING DOWN WHAT THE WORKPLAN IS ON PAGE FIVE AND SIX. BUT COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING, THE WORKPLAN FOR THE GROUP IS MUCH MORE DETAILED. IF I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS, I WANT THINGS TO BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIED AND THEY HAVE THE STEPS GOING THROUGH ALL OF IT. I WOULD LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE LIVE TO THE PROCESS AND I THANK YOU FOR HAVING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES IN ANY TYPE OF PROCESS IS A WELCOME SIGN OF RELIEF FOR ME. I WANTED TO PUT FORTH THOSE COMMENTS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

I WANTED TO ASK VICE MAYOR'S ZOLLMAN. MEANING I WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT YOU ARE THINKING. VICE MAYOR'S ZOLLMAN. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT UP COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. WE ARE ALREADY SORT OF ALLIED WITH BAKER TILLY FOR A LOT AND REFERENCE OF THE FINANCES. I REALLY WANT A DIFFERENT I WERE OUR PROCESS, DIVIDING OUR GOALS MOVING FORWARD. I WANT A SEPARATE RESPECT FOR NOT JUST ANOTHER PARTY LATCHING ON TO SOMEBODY WHO SKEWED OUR FINANCIAL EXPECTED -- PERSPECTIVE. I NEED SOME FRESH EYES.

THANK YOU.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR CITY MANAGER. IF WE -- AND I'M LISTENING TO VICE MAYOR,'S ZOLLMAN. THIS IS GOAL SETTING. WHY THERE MIGHT BE ABLE BENEFIT TO HAVING A NEW EYE ON THE SITUATION. LOOKING AT THE SITUATION WORKING WITH WHAT WILL BE AT THAT POINT A CITY COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES ONE NEW PERSON AT LEAST. I'M FEELING COMPELLED TO CONSIDER THE IDEA ARE THEY CALLED --. THE MAHARAJA GROUP. WHAT IS THE DOWNSIDE TO THE QUESTION TO THE CITY MANAGER. YOU WERE EXPRESSING A FAIRLY STRONG OPINION THAT BAKER TILLY IS A BETTER CHOICE. WHAT IS THE DOWNSIDE WITH GOING WITH --.

I THINK IT'LL TAKE TWO PRIMARY THOUGHTS ON THAT. I THINK IT'LL TAKE MORE WORK TO GET THEM TO GET THEM FOCUSED ON WHAT WE NEED TO DO. ESPECIALLY IN LIMITED SESSION. EVEN FOUR OR FIVE HOURS IN A VERY COMPRESSED TIME. A GOOD TAKE WORK TO ENSURE WE GET THE FOCUS IS NEEDED FOR CONSIDERABLY SHORTER SESSION. A SECOND CONCERN IS THE PROPOSAL THAT IS 10 HOURS OF WORK BEFORE THE SESSION. ALL THE INTERVIEWS AND REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS OF THOSE SORT OF THINGS. BAKER TILLY DID NOT PUT A LIMIT ON THAT THEY HAVE PEOPLE DOING THE WORK SO WE HAVE A COUPLE PERSPECTIVES. I'D BE CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEBODY BEING ABLE TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK ON A CITY THEY'VE

NEVER WORKED BEFORE. IN 10 HOURS. MANY OF THE FIRMS WHO DO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTING. THEY HAVE PROJECT SPECIFIC AND AREA SPECIFIC EXPERTS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT -- FOR EXAMPLE HAS SPOKEN MUCH IF AT ALL WITH -- AND I CAN'T REMEMBER THE ONE WHO WAS PART OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THIS. MORE ON ACCUMULATION AND A ROSTER OF FOLKS THEY BRING IN FOR PARTICULAR PROJECT AND EXPERTISE. I DON'T THINK WE GET AN ADVANTAGE OF HAVING THEM WORK WITH THIS NOR DO I REALLY SEE A DISADVANTAGE. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT AGENTS TO PARTNER TOGETHER FOR PARTICULAR PROJECT. LIKE THE APPROACH AND THE FOCUS THEY BRING TO THIS. MOST IMPORTANTLY THE RESULTS FROM THE CITIES THEY PROVIDED EXAMPLES FOUR.

QUESTION FOR MARY. YOU MENTIONED POTENTIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES? WOULD IT BE MORE EXPENSIVE TO GO WITH THIS? WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT.

IT IS WITHIN THE CONTRACT. BUT THEY ARE BACK AT EASE. I MADE, TAKES AWAY FROM THE CONTRACT. THE COST IS WAS WAS WITHIN THE CONTRACT. THEY PLAY -- THEY PAY \$10,000 AND THAT INCLUDES TRAVEL?

YES.

THEY ALLOCATED CERTAIN HOURS WHERE IF YOU LOOK AT THE FEE AT THE BOTTOM OF BAKER TILLY, IT IS AND BREAK OUT THE NUMBER OF HOURS FOR THE PREP WORK. IT DOES ON THE OTHER ONE AND IT IS ITEMIZED. I GUESS THEY WOULDN'T GO OVER THE HOURS MAYBE?

I'M SORRY?

I WANTED TO SAY THAT I HEAR YOU BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DON'T ALREADY INTERNALLY HAVE OURS. I DON'T KNOW. HAS ANYBODY WORKED?

STEVE IS ON ZOOM IF YOU WANT TO ASK HIM. FROM BAKER TILLY. YOU HAVE THAT OPTION. RIGHT?

OKAY. WE ARE LOOKING AT THE DISCUSSION AT THE MOMENT IS BETWEEN THE TWO APPLICANTS. DO WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM -- AVAILABLE?

I DON'T BELIEVE SO. I NOTIFIED PROPOSERS FROM EACH OF THE THREE MEETINGS THAT WE WOULD TALK ABOUT IT TONIGHT. THE COUNCIL HAS NOT MADE A DECISION. SO LET THEM KNOW AND ALSO, SEE IF THEY'RE STILL AVAILABLE.

CAN I ASK ONE MORE QUESTION? I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY HALF-DAY. BUT ON ONE PROPOSAL, IT DOES SAY A FULL DAY. THE OTHER ONE DOES NOT INDICATE. ARE THESE HALF-DAY SESSIONS WHEN WE ACTUALLY ARE DOING THE GOAL SETTING? ARE THEY WHOLE DAY?

MY RECOLLECTION IS, WHEN WE SET THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 4, THE INTENT WAS TO GO FOR FOUR HOURS. THAT WAS A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SO I'M HAPPY LITTLE BIT FUZZY ON THAT. THAT HAS BEEN MY WORKING ASSUMPTION. THAT'S HOW WE DESCRIBE THE SCOPE OF WORK IN OUR PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. SO, AT THIS POINT, WE'RE PLANNING ON ESSENTIALLY A HALF-DAY OF THE COUNCILS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THAT. THE CHOSEN FACILITATOR IS COMFORTABLE WITH THAT. WE CAN EXPLORE GOING IN ANOTHER HOUR. I THINK IT IS A PRETTY COMPRESSED TIME.

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET.

FEBRUARY 4.

THEY AGENDA COMMITTEE. THIS IS THE FIRST WE'RE HEARING ABOUT IT? I DON'T RECALL IT. IT'S ON MY CALENDAR.

HAS A BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL?

THE FORWARD CALENDARS. FEBRUARY 4.

FEBRUARY 4 IS THE DAY. WE HAD SUBSTANTIAL COMMENTS LET'S WRAP IT UP AND MAKE A DECISION.

SO THE GROUP IS FROM MAINE. IS THAT CORRECT? THEY ARE FROM MAINE? IT LOOKS LIKE IT BASED ON THE MATERIALS AND IT USED TO BE IN CALIFORNIA BUT NOW IT'S BACK EAST.

THEY ARE ON THE EAST COAST IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO HIRE SOMEBODY WHO IS A LOCAL FIRM.

I WANT TO SAY. I'M ON VACATION AND I HAD NO IDEA THIS WAS THE DATE. I ALREADY HAVE A VACATION PLAN.

WE WILL HAVE TO REASSESS THE DATE.

I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T.

NO APOLOGIES NECESSARY AND IT HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE COUNCIL. THERE YOU GO. IT MAY HAVE BEEN PUT OUT. MARY GURLEY'S PRETTY GOOD ABOUT PUTTING DATES OUT THERE. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE DON'T HAVE A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WAS NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. WE HAVE TO REASSESS. WE HAVE A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WILL BE COMING TO THE COUNCIL ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. WE HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE THAT PERSON. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF POINTS BEING MADE. NUMBER ONE. IT'LL BE IN FAVOR OF BAKER TILLY. A COUPLE OF ITEMS. THEY ARE LOCAL. THE OTHER ONE IS THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CITY ALREADY. THE TIME REQUIRED BY STAFF IS BEING INDICATED AS BEING LESS. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT HOURS. IF THEY BID THE PROJECT ON A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT, AND THEY'RE COMING FROM THE EAST COAST COMMENTS ON THEM HOW THEY FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THE JOB. CITY ATTORNEY?

TO CLARIFY, THE PROPOSAL SAYS THE FEE IS \$10,000 COST TO THAT INCLUDES ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES? OTHER GROUPS HAVE AN HOURLY RATE. AN ESTIMATED COST BASED ON THE FOR A TOTAL OF 8500. PROPOSAL SAYS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT IN ADDITION TO THAT FEE.

THEY INDICATED THEY WILL CAP A \$10,000. SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSAL.

THEY WILL CAP THE TOTAL FEE TO THE CITY AT 10,000. ALL RIGHTS, WE HAVE 10,000 FROM EACH ENTITY. AS A COMMENTS BEING MADE ABOUT THE ADVANTAGE OF NEUTRALITY FROM A NEW CONSULTANT WHO COMES IN AND DOESN'T HAVE ANY PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OR RELATIONSHIPS. I THINK WE NEED TO DECIDE. THERE ARE TWO MOTIONS. ONE IS BAKER TILLY AND THE OTHER IS --. GO AHEAD?

I MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER 24 FACILITATION SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY, 2025 COUNCIL GOAL SETTING SESSIONS.

WE HAVE A FIRST AND A SECOND. IF IT PREVAILS WE WILL HAVE A DECISION. MARY GURLEY? ANY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE? NO? OKAY, GO AHEAD.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAUER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. FOUR FACILITATION SERVICES FOR THE FEBRUARY .25 GOALS IN THE AMOUNT ONTO EXCEED \$10,000.

[ROLL BEING CALLED]

MOTION PASSES, 3-2 WITH COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, MAUER AND McLEWIS. AS STEFAN ZALMAN AND -- IN OPPOSITION.

WE WILL FIND IT EIGHT THE SUITS THE COUNCIL AS WELL. I WONDER IF THEY ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG -- GO LONGER THAN FOUR HOURS OF THE COUNCILS WILLING TO GO LONGER AS WELL.

THUMBS UP ON GOING LONGER.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU WILL GET YOUR THUMBS UP OR DOWN FROM THE NEW PERSON WHEN THEY ARE HERE. OKAY. WE ARE DONE WITH THIS ITEM AND WE ARE MOVING ONTO ITEM NUMBER 7. THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY THOROUGH AND INTERESTING WORTHWHILE DISCUSSION. 7. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTION TO MAYOR VOTING DELEGATE FOR OCTOBER 10th 2024 MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST/CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT WILL NEED TO BE -- IT INVOLVES AN OCTOBER 10 MEETING OF THE MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. CONSISTENT WITH THE VOTING PROTOCOL. THE VICE MAYOR WILL BE PRESENT AND WILL VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL. BUT THE COUNCILS OBLIGATION AT THIS POINT IS TO MAKE A DECISION AND INFORM THE VICE MAYOR HOW WE WOULD LIKE HIM TO VOTE AT THAT MEETING. THIS IS BEING PRESENTED TO US BY THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, MARY GURLEY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. YOU JUST GAVE THE WHOLE AGENDA ITEM. AS STATED, THIS IS WHAT DIRECTION TO THE ALTERNATE AS THE MAYOR WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OCTOBER 10 MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS MAZE MEETING. THEY ARE MADE UP OF THE NINE SONOMA COUNTY CITIES. THEY HAVE A CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF THE MAYORS, BOARD COMPRISED THE MAYORS, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS ALL MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS. DENIES -- DENIES ITEMS TO WELCOME TO MEMBERS TO THE MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THERE IS MEMBERS -- AND COUNCILMEMBERS FROM PETALUMA. WE RECEIVED FOUR LETTERS OF INTEREST AND ONE FROM BEN FORD. WE RECEIVED ONE FROM KEVIN McDONALD. ONE FROM GERARD GOODNESS AND ONE FROM STEPHEN ZOLLMAN. THE COUNCIL IS TO DISCUSS WHICH TWO NAMES ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE VOTING DELEGATES. AND ALSO, IF THERE ARE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE, TO DETERMINE IF THE VOTING DELEGATE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GO AHEAD AND VOTE ON IT. ABSTAIN AND TO REQUEST TO BE BROUGHT TO CITY COUNCIL FOR FULL CONSIDERATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS ON THIS ITEM?

I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT WHY HE WANTS TO EARN OUR SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION AND WHY HE PUT HIS LETTER IN.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. BASED UPON MY WANTING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE MEASURE O IS FLOWING FROM. REACHED OUT TO WEST COUNTY SERVICES AND PETALUMA. PEOPLE SERVICES TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY WERE GETTING THEIR FUNDING. AND COMMUNICATED WITH THE CHIEF TO FIGURE OUT WHERE HE THOUGHT MONEY WAS FLOWING FROM. IN A LATER ITEM ON THE AGENDA, TURNS OUT THERE MIGHT BE THE PROSPECT OF WORKING WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO FIGURE OUT WHERE MONEY COULD BE FLOWING FROM. WHEN WE MEANT -- WENT TO THE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS DINNER, BUT SHE FROM

SANTA ROSA WAS EXCITED. HE LISTED ALL THE ITEMS IN THE LETTER. WOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUTTING THAT FORWARD. EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT A POLICY THING, BUT I FEEL LIKE I CAN BRING IS AT LEAST EXPERIENCE IN DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. EITHER HAVE SERVED PEOPLE OR MADE AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE SERVED PEOPLE. WHERE DOLLARS COULD BE REVIEWED TO SEE THEY ARE ACTUALLY MEETING THE GOALS OF WHY THE MEASURE. BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY PAST. THAT'S THE EXPERIENCE I CAN OFFER. ALONG WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES. THANK YOU FOR ASKING.

I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION. WE HAVE YOU AS A COUNCILPERSON INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE SEATS. WE HAVE BEEN FORD AND I BELIEVE MIKE MacDONALD WHO ARE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN CONTINUING. DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS AND INPUT ON WHICH ONE OF THOSE TWO INDIVIDUALS YOU FEEL WOULD BE MORE EFFECT LIVED TO CONTINUE? ASSUMING WE RECOMMENDED YOU?

THAT IS A REALLY GOOD QUESTION. HAVING SERVED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FORD ON THE --. I THINK HE IS A STUDENT AND DOES HIS HOMEWORK. I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS LETTER. HE SAID IN HIS LETTER, THIS IS NOT A POLICY THING. IT'S A WONKY THING WHERE YOU NEED TO BE GOOD WITH NUMBERS. YOU NEED TO BE CLEAR WHEN HE THINK THE COUNTIES ACTUALLY NOT DOING WHAT THE VOTERS HAD PUT FORTH WHEN THEY ACTUALLY VOTED TO PASS THE MEASURE. THEREFORE, THE SECOND PARAGRAPH HE SAYS THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY, AS HE PUT IT, ACCUMULATING FUND BALANCES WHEN IT'S NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF THE VOTERS. THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT. THE NEXT PARAGRAPH. IF IT'S NOT BENEFITING ALL THE VOTERS, IT'LL INCLUDE WEST COUNTY WHICH WE ACTUALLY ARE IN WEST COUNTY. SOMEBODY'S DONE THEIR HOMEWORK. I DON'T KNOW. OVERALL I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CONTENT OF THE LETTER.

AT THIS POINT UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, WE CAN GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY AND MAYORS MEETING FOR THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO TO THE IN CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING IT ON, WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE.

I WANT TO WEIGH IN SUPPORT FOR BOTH STEPHEN AS WELL AS --. YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER ABOUT THEN, HE'S COMING FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. OFTEN TIMES, IT'LL REFLECT THE CITY OF -- IN SIZE OF POPULATION, GEOGRAPHIC SIZE. POPULATION DEMOGRAPHIC. HAVING THAT, IT'LL ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE INTEREST OF SEBASTOPOL. SO I HIGHLY RECOMMEND WE SUPPORT BOTH OF THOSE FOLKS MOVING FORWARD, THANKS.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ENCOURAGE TO VOTE AS WELL. THAT IS IT. I DO NOT HAVE ANY REASONS. ACTUALLY I DO BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN WATCHING HOW HE VOTES ON CERTAIN THINGS, AND I THINK THAT HE DOES DO HIS HOMEWORK AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR HIM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

THANK YOU. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE HAVE 10 OR 11 LARGE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO INFRASTRUCTURE. TRAFFIC-WISE, ROADWAYS, --
I AM SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT THIS IS COMMENTARY ON THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. COULD YOU PLEASE LINK YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MEASURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE?

THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT FOR WHICH WE APPARENTLY HAVE NON-. THE MAYOR DOES NOT RESPOND TO THE CITIZENS COMMENTS, AND CONTINUES TO MAKE --

I AM SORRY. THIS IS THE MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:I HAVE NOT BEEN PROPOSED AS AN OVERSIGHT. IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN PROPOSED I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

I AM JUST SAYING THAT WE REALLY NEED OVERSIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE FLASHING THOSE WONDERFUL LITTLE TOWN RIGHT DOWN THE TOILET.

I AM NIGHT QUITE SURE HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS, BUT I'M TRYING TO GET COMMENTARY ON MEASURE O.

THE YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS THAT WE ARE GETTING DIRECTION TO THE VICE MAYOR TO SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OR TWO OUT OF THE FOUR? THAT IS WHAT THIS AGENDA ITEM IS.

ON THE COMMITTEE'S OF WHOEVER IS CHOSEN I HOPE THEY DO SOME OVERSIGHT. WHICH IS BADLY NEEDED. THAT IS MY COMMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS. I WILL GO ONE LAST TIME TO ZOOM. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE BUT WE DO HAVE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES ARE BEING CONSIDERED . OUR OWN VICE MAYOR. HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE HIS NAME? CAN SOMEONE HELP ME? PERFECT. I KNEW THAT. DOES ANYONE ON THE COUNCIL -- WE HEARD SOME COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF THEM. ANYONE WANT TO COMMENT ON SOME OF THE OTHERS?

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT. I REALLY APPRECIATED THE LETTER. I THOUGHT I WAS EDUCATED BY IT, SO IT SEEMS -- AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE BEEN ON THERE BECAUSE HE IS ONE OF OUR OWN. HE CAN KEEP US INFORMED. THAT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN.

OKAY.

I AGREE. DEFINITELY IN SUPPORT OF YOU DOING THIS. I DID LIKE THE LETTER, BUT I GUESS THE QUESTION I HAVE IS IF WE ARE LOOKING FOR DIVERSE REPRESENTATION HAVING A SMALLER CITY AND THEN A LARGER CITY I AM JUST WONDERING WHAT OTHER REPRESENTATION. THAT IS IT, RIGHT? FOR THIS, SO I'M TORN BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A DIVERSE REPRESENTATION FROM TWO DIFFERENT SIZE CITIES, BUT THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS RIGHT NOW.

DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO SHARE REGARDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMMITTEE? NO. THEN WE WILL GO TO THE COUNCIL MEMBER WITH A COMMENT HERE.

ALWAYS WANT TO SUPPORT OUR OWN. IT WILL BRING MORE MONEY ULTIMATELY HOME AND UNDERSTAND THE MEASURE SO WE CAN BE INFORMED AS WELL. I'M GOING TO ADVOCATE FOR BEN FORD. ALSO SERVED WITH BEN FORD, AND I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COUNCIL MEMBER IS SAYING, BUT THE SMALL CITIES ALWAYS HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER

BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONES THAT NEED THE FUNDING OFF OF THAT CORRIDOR OF 101. THEY ARE A SMALL CITY LIKE US, SO BEN FORD HAS IMPRESSED ME OVER THE YEARS. I ALSO NOTE THAT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY BUDDY ELSE THAT HAS PUT FORTH ASKING ME TO VOTE FOR THEM, SO IF NOBODY ELSE ASKS I DO NOT FEEL ANY OBLIGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR ANYBODY ELSE.

THANK YOU. ICR CITY CLERK I THINK OFFERING SOME INFORMATION. I JUST DID A QUICK SEARCH ON THE MEASURE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THEM. THERE ARE SEVEN MEMBERS. HOSPITAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. SO THAT IS THE COMMITTEE.

OKAY. MY COMMENT IS THAT I HAVE TO RESPECT THE INPUT THAT I AM HEARING THAT SEEMS VERY CONSISTENT REGARDING OBVIOUSLY I WOULD SUPPORT -- I GUESS I NEED TO SAY THAT, BUT YES I THINK HAVING OUR COUNCIL MEMBER BE ON THE MEASURE O COMMITTEE IS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL FOR US AND I AM JUST PLEASED THAT IN ADDITION TO ALL OF HIS OTHER ACTIVITIES HE IS WILLING TO TAKE THAT ON AND I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE WROTE A LETTER THAT I THOUGHT WAS VERY SUBSTANTIVE, AND DID NOT MAKE ANY ASSUMPTIONS. ACTUALLY LAID OUT HIS REASONING, AND I APPRECIATED THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT OUR OWN COUNCIL MEMBER I WAS STILL SUPPORT HIM BASED ON THE LETTER. IN TERMS OF BEN FORD I HEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS, BUT I FEEL LIKE THE BIG CITIES ARE REPRESENTED PRETTY CONSISTENTLY IN OTHER WAYS, SO I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF BEN FORD, BUT I WILL LOOK TO COUNCIL MEMBER IF I COULD AND JUST ASK WHETHER SHE HAS ANY FOLLOW-UP THOUGHTS ON THAT TOPIC.

NOT REALLY. IT SOUNDS LIKE PEOPLE KNOW HIM. I KNOW HE IS A BUSINESS OWNER, SO I KNOW HE IS GOOD WITH NUMBERS AND BUDGETS AND ALL OF THAT, BUT I DO NOT KNOW THE OTHERS. I AM WILLING TO TAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK HAVING THAT DIVERSE REPRESENTATION EVERYWHERE IS IMPORTANT.

ALL RIGHT. THE PENDING ISSUE IS THAT WE NEED TO VOTE ON WHICH OF THESE WE ARE GOING TO ASK OUR VICE MAYOR REPRESENTING US TO VOTE FOR AT THE MEETING, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO DETERMINE OR DIRECTION TO THE VICE MAYOR IF THERE ARE ANY CANDIDATES NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR THAT WE AREN'T AWARE OF BECAUSE THAT CAN HAPPEN DURING THE MEETING IN THE MOMENT. DO WE WANT TO GIVE HIM DISCRETION OR NOT GIVE HIM DISCRETION? ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS?

I AM ALWAYS FOR DISCRETION IN THOSE SITUATIONS. WE HAVE TO PUT FAITH IN OUR COLLEAGUES AND LEADERSHIP. I THINK THAT THINGS CAN HAPPEN, SO I WOULD BE -- I WILL GO AHEAD AND MOVE THAT WE SUPPORT BOTH OUR COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE COMMITTEE WITH THE AUTHORIZATION THAT IF SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPENS THAT THE VICE MAYOR WILL BE ABLE TO USE HIS DISCRETION TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL IN THE MOMENT.

I WILL SECOND THAT.

OKAY. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO STEPHEN WHO HAS ACCEPTED THIS RESPONSIBILITY. WHEN DOES IT START? DOES ANYBODY KNOW? I AM SORRY. WINWOOD YOUR APPOINTMENT START? JANUARY?

OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NUMBER EIGHT, WHICH IS THE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL LIAISON FOR A WEST COUNTY HOMELESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM. THIS ITEM IS BEEN BROUGHT TO US BY OUR CHIEF OF POLICE. ANY COMMENTS BEFORE WE BRING UP OUR POLICE CHIEF?

NOT AT THIS POINT.

GREAT. I WAS LOOKING FOR HIM, BUT HE IS RIGHT THERE READY TO GO, SO PLEASE GO AHEAD.

OKAY. THE ITEM AS MENTIONED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IS THE DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON TO EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL FORMATION OF A WEST COUNTY HOMELESS AND MENTAL SERVICES TEAM. I AM NOT GOING TO GO TOO IN-DEPTH HERE WE HAD PRIOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SAFETY MODELS, BUT ESSENTIALLY THE DIFFERENCES ARE THIS. THE MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM CURRENTLY HAS ACCESS THROUGH THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THAT PARTICULAR MODEL DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY HOMELESS OUTREACH OR WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS. IT IS STRICTLY FOCUSED UPON PERSONS WHO ARE GENERALLY IN CRISIS DECOMPENSATING AND THEY WILL RESPOND TO HELP DE-ESCALATE SITUATIONS AND ASSIST POLICE. A SAFE TEEN TYPE OF MODEL ACTUALLY HAS LICENSED CLINICIANS AS WELL AS AN EMT ON BOARD. THEY PROVIDE THREE PRIMARY SERVICES. THEY ALSO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSES FOR ISSUES RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION, BUT ALSO RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. THEY HAVE NONEMERGENCY RESPONSES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED AND PROACTIVE OUTREACH. ON A DAILY BASIS THERE ARE OLD REGION TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SERVICES. THEY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES SUCH AS GIVING THEM RIDES TO URGENT CARE CLINICS. PROVIDING FOR BASIC FIRST AID OUT IN THE FIELD. EMTS ARE ABLE TO DO THAT UNDER OUR EXISTING RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE BE GENERALLY WE END UP CALLING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND IN TURN IF THEY ARE IN NEED OF MORE ADVANCED CARE THERE IS NO OPTION TO TAKE THEM TO AN URGENT CARE FACILITY OR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN OR ANYTHING ELSE. THEY GO TO A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM GET THAT ENDS UP TYING UP THE FIRE ENGINE AND AMBULANCE AS WELL AS IMPACTING EMERGENCY ROOMS, SO THERE IS A REDUCTION WITH THAT SAFETY AND TYPE OF A MODEL ON A BROADER SCALE TO OUR SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE ROLE OF THE LIAISON WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE INVOLVED IN THE MONITORING AND SUPPORT AND EXPIRATION OF ANY PROPOSED PROGRAM AT THE ELECTED OFFICIAL LEVEL. IN OTHER WORDS IF THERE WERE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE TO TAKE PLACE THAT WOULD INVOLVE ONE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS OR OTHERS WITHIN THE COUNTY THEY WOULD BE OVER CITY REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENT US IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS. AND TURNED MY ROLE IN THIS WOULD BE TO CONTINUE HAVING SOME CONVERSATIONS TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AND EXPLORATION WHETHER THIS WAS FEASIBLE FOR US FROM A FISCAL STANDPOINT AS WELL AS A COST-BENEFIT STANDPOINT TO THE CITY. THIS CAME ABOUT ORIGINALLY BECAUSE THE VICE MAYOR AND MYSELF HAD SOME INTEREST IN THIS AND MET WITH THEIR DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THEIR POLICE CHIEF MILLER AND WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THIS MODEL OF ALL OF THE MODELS

AVAILABLE THAT ARE BEING UTILIZED. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE. RUNS ABOUT \$125 PER HOUR, WHICH IS REALLY CHEAP WHEN YOU COMPARE IT WITH THE IN REACH MODEL. CURRENTLY MY OFFICES ARE SPENDING ABOUT 50% OF THEIR TIME DEALING WITH HOMELESS ISSUES. WE HAD 64 INCIDENT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS INVOLVING MENTAL HEALTH EPISODES WHERE WE THOUGHT INDIVIDUALS WERE LIKELY IN NEED OF BEING PLACED ON A 72 HOUR HOLD. THEY WERE DECOMPENSATING. FROM THE MEMBERS WOULD CALL US. THESE MODELS OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO A POLICE RESPONSE IN MANY CASES. IF THERE IS NO INDICATION OF VIOLENCE OR THINGS LIKE THAT WE DO NOT RESPOND, SO THE TEAM RESPONDS WITHOUT US. THAT ASSISTS PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CRISIS TO NOT ESCALATE FURTHER ORDERED DECOMPENSATE FURTHER. WE HAVE HAD SOME PRETTY TRAGIC OUTCOMES THROUGH THE YEARS WITH POLICE RESPONSE WITH THE MENTALLY ILL. WE HAVE GOTTEN BETTER IN CALIFORNIA. MY OFFICERS ARE TRAINED IN CRISIS DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES. THEY ALL GO TO CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING. NONETHELESS, THEY HAVE EXPERTS ON BOARD.

I THINK THAT GIVES US A SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION. AS YOU SAID, WE RECEIVED INFORMATION IN THE PAST. THE REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT IS NOT -- I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR ON WHAT IS BEING ASKED. IS THE REQUEST SIMPLY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS? THERE IS NO REQUEST THAT WE APPROVE A SAFE PROGRAM OR THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND NONE OF THOSE FACTORS.

CORRECT BECAUSE THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH MYSELF, AND WE KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED AND LOOPED IN. PROBABLY ATTEND SOME OF THESE MEETINGS TOGETHER AND EXPLORED THE POTENTIAL EXPIRATION OF 18. BASICALLY THREE CHOICES CAN I PICK YOU CAN VOTE TO DIRECT ME TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THINGS ON MY END. YOU CAN JUNCTION WITH THE LIAISON. YOU CAN OPT NOT TO APPOINT A LIAISON AND DIRECT ME TO CONTINUE SOME EXPLORATION AT MY LEVEL. OR YOU CAN VOTE ESSENTIALLY TO DISCONTINUE AND EFFORTS TOWARDS THE EXPLORATION OF THIS.

THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

HE MENTIONED THE RATE OF PAPER \$125 PER HOUR. YOU SAID THAT WAS COST-EFFICIENT. IF WE WERE TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. WHEN A LIAISON WITH A GOAL I WOULD ASSUME TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE ADDED TO OUR CURRENT FORCE OR THAT WE WOULD CONVERT WHAT IS NOW FULL OFFICERS INTO THESE KIND OF ROLES IF THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH 50% OF THE CALLS AND ULTIMATELY REDUCE THE POLICE BUDGET? WHAT WAY WOULD THIS GO IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE?

IF YOU COULD GIVE A BRIEF ANSWER. IT IS KIND OF BE ON THE TOPIC, BUT A BRIEF ANSWER WOULD BE HELPFUL.

ESSENTIALLY THESE TEAMS ARE NOT MEANT TO REDUCE POLICE STAFFING OR CAUSE A REDUCTION IN POLICE BUDGETS. THEY DO ALLOW POLICE TO NOT FOCUS SO MUCH TIME ON THE HOMELESS ISSUES AND FOCUS MORE ON TRADITIONAL POLICING. GENERALLY THESE TYPES OF TEAMS ARE CONTRACTED OUT WITH AN ENTITY THAT RUN THE ENTIRE OPERATION AND PAY THE STAFF MEMBERS.

I ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND A GIVEN ONE OF THE OPTIONS IS TO DIRECTED THAT THIS INQUIRY AND I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL BROADER QUESTIONS. GO AHEAD.

BEFORE I CAN MAKE A DECISION ON THIS I NEED SOME CLARITY ON COST. I SEE SHARED COST AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS, SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY IF WE ARE GOING TO SPEND BEFORE A VOTE NOT TO OR EXTEND TIME ON THIS THE OVERALL COST FOR THIS. I SEE A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS IN THEIR. BASED ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE WHO SHARES THAT COST?

THEY FUNDED ON THEIR OWN. EFFORTS ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY THEM RECEIVING SOME MEASURE O FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY. THEIR COSTS ANNUALLY IS ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION. I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN POTENTIALLY EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A MORE REASONABLE TEAM TO SERVE THE AREA INCLUDING SEBASTOPOL. THE SHERIFFS OFFICE WOULD SHARE A PORTION OF THAT BILL WE WOULD SHARE A PORTION OF THAT HERE WE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS, AS WOULD HE FOR SOME OF THE OUTLYING AREAS TO OFFSET THE COST OR MAKE IT A NO COST ITEM. THAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS IS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS OCCURRING AT THIS POINT. I ALSO LEARNED TODAY THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION ONE THAT THEY ARE REFRAMING THE STRUCTURE OF SOME OF THE FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ORIGINALLY PROPOSITION 63 WAS THE MEASURE WITH A 1% TAX ON THE RICH. A GOOD CHUNK OF THAT WAS DEDICATED TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS. PROPOSITION ONE IS REFRAMING HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE PULLED OUT SO TO SPEAK, AND THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY FOR INDEPENDENT PRINCIPALITIES TO TAP INTO THE FUNDS. THIS IS AN EXPLORATION AT THIS POINT. WE ARE NOT MAKING A COMMITMENT TO GO FORWARD AND FORM A TEAM OR SPEND ANY MONEY. IT IS JUST TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF IT.

ANY FOLLOW-UP QUESTION?

NO.

WE ARE STILL IN THE QUESTION SECTION. ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF HAVING THIS FUNDED FULLY?

WE DO NOT KNOW. THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT.

IF THEY DO FULLY FUND THE CURRENT MOBILE SERVICES TEAM WE DO NOT PAY ANYTHING FOR THAT? SO WHAT EXISTS NOW THEY DO PAY FOR?

THAT WOULD BE THE COUNTY TEAM THAT IS AVAILABLE TO OUR OFFICERS, BUT IT IS BRAD KIND OF THIN.

I WAS GOING TO SAY HOW OFTEN DO WE UTILIZE THAT?

THAT WOULD BE A CHIEF QUESTION.

WE HAVE HAD INCIDENTS WHERE RECONTACTED THEM TO THE PROBLEM AS THE MAYOR ELUDED IS THEY ARE SPREAD THIN. THERE IS WANTING TO COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THERE ARE ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE HOURS FOUR DAYS A WEEK WHERE THEY OVERLAP IN THE AFTERNOON AND NO SERVICE AVAILABLE AFTER 10:00 P.M. OTHER THAN A CALLOUT SERVICE, SO THEY ARE SPREAD VERY THIN. WE HAVE HAD TIMES WHERE WE CALLED THEM AND OUR OFFICERS HAVE HAD TO STAND BY ON SCENE FOR UP TO AN HOUR BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO ARRIVE. FORTUNATELY THOSE HAD GOOD

OUTCOMES. AN HOUR FOR A PERSON IN CRISIS IS AND ETERNITY AND THINGS CAN GO SOUTH REALLY FAST.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT WILL GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE WILL BE BACK FOR DISCUSSION.

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REGARDING THE WEST COUNTY MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? YES I CAN.

I THINK IT IS INTERESTING THAT JUST A MONTH AGO THIS COUNCIL WAS ASKED TO LOOK AT THE JOB DESCRIPTION AS WELL AS THE HIRING MATERIALS FOR A NEW POLICE CHIEF. AT THAT TIME I WAS STRONGLY ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSION OF SKILLS RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE POLICING METHODS IN COMMUNITY POLICING METHODS. EXACTLY LIKE THE ONES THAT WE ARE SEEING BART FORWARD TO YOU TONIGHT. IT IS MY HOPE THE COUNCIL MEMBER THAT ARGUED AGAINST THOSE BEING INCLUDED IN SAYING THEY NEEDED TO BE EDUCATED MORE HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON THE BENEFITS OF ALTERNATIVE POLICING SUCH AS THE METHODS THAT ARE BEING DESCRIBED IN TONIGHT'S AGENDA ITEM. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET EDUCATED YOURSELF ON THOSE POLICING METHODS PLEASE USE THIS AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN. HERE IS THE REASON WHY. UNLIKE WHAT THE POLICE CHIEF HAS SAID TONIGHT ALTERNATIVE POLICING METHODS SUCH AS BEING DESCRIBED ACTIVELY TO REDUCE THE COST OF POLICING IN THE CITY. CITY OF PORTLAND AS REDUCE THE BUDGET FOR THEIR POLICING BY 15% AS A DROUGHT DIRECT RESULT. SO YES THE CHIEF IS CORRECT THIS DOES FREE UP TIME FOR OUR OFFICERS TO ASSUME OTHER METHODS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 50% OF OUR POLICING BEING INTERACTIONS WITH THE HOMELESS. THAT IS A LOT OF FREE TIME AND IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS COUNCIL MADE DECISIONS ABOUT HIRING FOLKS SPECIFICALLY TARGETED THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE SOME FREE REVENUE UP AS A RESULT OF THESE ALTERNATIVE POLICING IS. IT WOULD BE MY HOPE IN THE FUTURE WE WILL NEED TO CONSIDER THOSE TYPES OF METHODS IN OUR HIRING PRACTICES RATHER THAN DISMISSING JUST TO SEE THEM COME ABOARD A MONTH LATER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. WE ARE A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON PROPOSAL THAT THE CHIEF HAS PUT FORWARD. WE THANKED THE CHIEF FOR HIS VERY DETAILED REPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS PIPIT AND 1/3 TO 1/2 OF HIS OFFICERS FIELD TIME IS SPENT ON ALMOST RELATED ISSUES. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND MENTAL ILLNESS ARE CERTAINLY A PART OF THAT. AS THE POLICE BUDGET IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE CITY BUDGET AND THE CITY LOOKS TO SECURE SHORTFALLS MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WOULD BE COST-EFFECTIVE. WE APPRECIATE CHIEF NELSON'S VIEW AND VISION ON THIS. WE NOTE THIS WAS AN EXPLORATION GOING BACK THAT THE FORMER CHIEF WHO HAD LOOKED TO FORM A PROGRAM WHICH IS USED IN OTHER CITIES AND IN A MODEL THAT IS BEING USED IN OTHER CITIES BE GIVEN INFORMATION CIRCULATED TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AS TO WHAT IS BEING DONE AND OTHER CITIES LOCALLY. PARTICULARLY WHERE THE CITY MANAGER

CAME FROM AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND WHAT SANTA ROSA IS DOING WITH THEIR PROGRAM. I EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT PART OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT WHICH SEEMS TO TAKE A LESS RESTRAINED APPROACH THEN ARE STRONG BUT COMPASSIONATE POLICE DEPARTMENT. WITH THESE LAW-ENFORCEMENT CULTURES PARTNERING WITH PROFESSIONALS HAVE A MODERATING EFFECT ON THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. EVEN AFTER THE SUPREME COURT DECISION RESTRICTING THE ON HOUSED FROM CAMPING WHEREVER OR WHENEVER THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR SWEETS IN CHIEF NELSON'S POLICY WAS NOT TO HAVE SWEEPS BUT TO DE-ESCALATE TENSION WITH ONE IN CONTACT WITH THE ON HOUSED. THE DEPARTMENT IS TRANSITIONING WITH THE CHIEFS RETIREMENT. I DO NOT WANT TO BURDEN THE INCOMING COUNSEL, BUT THIS MAY BE A WAY FOR THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ITS LEGACY GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

I AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION IT WILL BE INTERESTING HOW ANYBODY CAN DEAL WITH OUR CURRENT FINE POLICE CHIEF WHEN IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE RETIRING IN A FEW WEEKS ON THE 26th. UNLESS THAT HAS CHANGED. AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT ON THE HORIZON. THE COUNCIL TYPICALLY GOT A VERY LATE START AND HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION THAT I WAS ONLY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT. CAME TO MY ATTENTION IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ON THIS PARTICULAR HEALTHCARE -- JUST A VERY CLOSE TO APPLE VALLEY COURT THAT IS TAKEN OVER BY HOMELESS PEOPLE AND WONDERFUL POLICE HAVE BEEN THERE AND ANSWERED 81 CALLS AND 3 MONTHS. THAT INCLUDES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE AND STUFF, SO IT IS JUST -- THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. IT IS UNDERSTAFFED. IT IS GOING TO GET DOWN TO WHAT? 10 OFFICERS? BASICALLY I SEE A GREAT NEED FOR THIS BUT I ALSO TELL YOU FROM PAST EXPERIENCE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE A BUNCH OF THUGS AND GOONS AND I DO NOT HAVE ANY HOPE THAT PARTNERING WITH THEM WOULD HAVE ANY KIND --

THAT IS TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

THANK YOU. IT IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY IS STARTED IN EUGENE, OREGON. IT HAS HAD VERY MIXED RESULTS. THAT IS THE REALITY. IT IS FAR MORE EXPENSIVE THAN YOU THINK. WE ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE SAN FRANCISCO IS DOING HUGE SWEEPS BECAUSE OF THE ELECTION ARE ADMITTEDLY. IT IS LIKELY WE WILL HAVE A BIG INFUX OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THERE WITH A WARM AND FUZZY REPUTATION TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME HERE AND TO CAMP. SO IN THEORY I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS. IN PRACTICE THE COUNTY SHOULD PROBABLY CLOSE THIS SITE DUE TO MOLD. THE SOCIAL SERVICES PART. COMPONENTS OF THE COUNTY ARE IN PRETTY DIRE STRAITS IN VERY UNDERSTAFFED, SO I THINK MY CONCERN FOR OUR LOCAL POLICE FORCES. IF ONLY THE COUNTY IS SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER WILL PROBABLY BE A GREAT INCREASE IN THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE IN THE COUNTY BUT NOT PERFORMING THAT PUTS OUR PLACE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE, SO I GUESS MY FUNDAMENTAL POINT WITH A MINUTE LEFT IS ANY MONEY THEM COUNTY CAN PUT INTO IS

TO TAKE THE WEIGHT OFF THE LOCAL POLICE AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND BUDGETS WOULD BE A REALLY GOOD THING AND DEFINITELY IS WORTH EXPLORING. WHAT WOULD DEFINITELY DON'T NEED IS TO ENCOURAGE A LOT MORE COSTS TRYING TO LOOK AFTER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN DRUG ADDICTIONS BECAUSE WE THINK OUR TINY BUDGET CAN ACTUALLY BE HELPED TO USE TO HELP US PEOPLE. WE ALREADY HAVE LIKE 112 AT THE MOMENT AND WHAT WE WOULD CALL OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY. THAT COULD EASILY GET TO 250 VERY QUICKLY IF THAT IS PUT OUT. THERE ARE A BUNCH OF THINGS HAPPENING CONCURRENTLY, AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHAT WE WISH FOR. THAT IS MY CONCERN:I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO EXPLORE, BUT YOU HAVE TO BE VERY WEARY OF WHERE THIS ACTUALLY GOES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE PUBLIC, AND. NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS OPTION. THE OPTIONS ARE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND DIRECT THE POLICE CHIEF TO CONTINUE MONITORING AND EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FORMATION OF THE WEST COUNTY HOMELESS AND MENTAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE SECOND OPTION IS NOT APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND REQUEST THE POLICE CHIEF TO CONTINUE EXPLORING ON HIS OWN BE THE THIRD IS TO NOT APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND DIRECT THE POLICE CHIEF TO NOT MOVE FORWARD. I THINK I PUT THOSE IN THE WRONG ORDER, BUT THEY ARE THE THREE OPTIONS. DISCUSSION AT THE COUNSEL TABLE ANYONE?

SURE. I WILL GO. I THINK THIS IS MAYBE THE RIGHT IDEA AT THE WRONG TIME. WE ARE ABOUT TO HAVE A NEW POLICE CHIEF. I DID WANT TO ALSO ADDRESS -- SO I HAVE TO GO ON A SIDE NOTE. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SAID THEY MADE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS BUT I WANT TO ADDRESS THAT WE RECEIVED THAT PUBLIC COMMENT ON 9/27 AND IT WAS FORWARDED TO ALL OF US BY OUR CLERK LAST FRIDAY AT 5:42. WE HAVE ALREADY PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY BECAUSE THE COMIC COMES IN ON A FRIDAY DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE THOSE COMMENTS. I AM SORRY, BUT I THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD TIME TO ADDRESS THAT. SO WITH THAT SAID I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA AT THE WRONG TIME. I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT WE DO FUND HOMELESS ADVOCATE THAT WE FUNDED THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. I DO NOT KNOW HAS TAKEN OVER THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT WORKS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THAT POSITION, SO WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS GOING ON. I JUST HATE TO TURN OUR FOCUS AND ADD ONE MORE THING AND ONE MORE LIAISON OPPORTUNITY WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS A WAYS OUT. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE LIAISON. I AM OPEN TO THE REST OF COUNSEL ABOUT THE OTHER PART OF THE MOTION.

OTHER COMMENTS?

I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS THAT I SUPPORT PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BUT I BELIEVE PROVIDING THE FULL SERVICES AND NOT JUST TOUCHING BASE AND LETTING PEOPLE GO OFF ON THEIR OWN. I AGREE. I THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING AT THE WRONG TIME FOR WE HAVE A NEW POLICE CHIEF COMING ON. POTENTIALLY DOWN THE ROAD HERE VERY

SOON. I ALSO AM CONCERNED ABOUT A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS WITH THIS AS FAR AS THE FINANCING. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THIS IS A FULL COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. THEY RECEIVED A LION SHARE OF THE FUNDS WE CAN LOOK AT DATA. I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TO GO TRY TO BEG OR WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CONVINCING PEOPLE THAT WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE POINT IN TIME AND SEE IF THE POPULATION IS GROWING HERE. TO ME THAT IS FACT ENOUGH. AT THIS TIME I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I WON'T BE SUPPORTING HAVING A LIAISON. I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA AT THE WRONG TIME, SO THAT IS WHERE I STAND WITH IT. THANK YOU. OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS?

I THINK I AM KIND OF CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES AND DOESN'T DO. WE HAVE THE MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM. I UNDERSTAND THEY MIGHT BE TOO BIG. OR THEY HAVE TOO BIG OF A TERRITORY. THEY ARE NOT MAY BE AS AVAILABLE AS WE WOULD NEED THEM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM TALKING TO THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER THAT THIS IS NOT REALLY ABOUT THE HOMELESS. THIS ISN'T A PROGRAM EXACTLY ABOUT THE HOMELESS. COULD MAYBE TALK MORE ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD FROM OUR CONVERSATION.

I THINK THAT IS TO THE CHIEF PERHAPS OR CITY MANAGER.

THE DATA THAT WE HAVE HEARD MOST RECENTLY FROM CITIES THAT HAVE A SAY PROGRAM IS THAT ABOUT 15% OF THE CALLS OF THAT TEAM ARE TO HELP FOLKS EXPERIENCE IN HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS A RELATIVELY MODEST PORTION OF THEIR TOTAL CALL VOLUME. SO THE WAY I THINK ABOUT IT IS IT IS A NICE THING TO HAVE IN YOUR TOOLBOX TO BE ABLE TO CALL ON THIS PROGRAM TO HELP WHEN YOU ARE WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS, BUT IT IS NOT ANYTHING RESEMBLING OR CLOSE TO A FULL-FLEDGED HOMELESS RESPONSE PROGRAM. IT IS NOT EVEN REALLY A FULL-FLEDGED OUTREACH ASPECT OF THAT PROGRAM. I LOVE THE PROGRAM. I AM A HUGE FAN. IT DOES NOT SAVE CITIES MONEY. IT COST THEM MONEY TO FUND IT BUT IT'S REALLY GOOD FOR OFFICERS AND THE FOLKS THAT THEY SERVE AND THE COMMUNITY BUT IT IS NOT A SOLUTION THAT IS A HELPFUL TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX, BUT IT IS NOT A PERMANENT OUTREACH PROGRAM OR A SHELTER OR PREVENTION. THOSE ARE THE RESPONSES TO HOMELESSNESS BUT THIS IS A NICE TOOL TO HAVE. IT DOES HELP, BUT IT IS NOT PRIMARILY.

THANK YOU.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHIME IN AND WE WILL GO BACK.

YES. THE REASON WHY I BROUGHT IT UP AGAIN WITH THE CHIEF IS THE FACT THAT YES THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE HAVE THE AMOUNT OF ON HOUSE THAT WE DUE TO THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BECAUSE WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY AND LEGALLY IS NOT MUCH WE ARE GOING TO DO IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE FOR MY PERSPECTIVE. WE WILL HAVE TO THINK STRATEGICALLY OF WHAT THEY CAN DO AND WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS ONE COUNCILMEMBER AND IF THIS WERE TO BE APPROVED IT WOULD BE ME, AND I AM HAPPY TO DO IT. I HAVE DONE A LOT OF THE LEGWORK. I WORKED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WOULDN'T BE AN ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD ON THEM. IT WOULD BE IN THEIR NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS THAT THEY WOULD JUST IN THEIR NORMAL BRIEFINGS IF THEY HEARD ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT MONEY THAT COULD COME FROM ANY SOURCE

WE WOULD ALL TOUCHBASE AND AGAIN IT WOULD BE EXPLORING POTENTIAL FUNDING BECAUSE IF WE DON'T ASK FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING WHERE WOULD WE BE? MONTHS FROM NOW. YEARS FROM NOW. WE WILL JUST CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR ON HOUSED NUMBERS THE WAY THEY ARE OR POTENTIALLY INCREASE. THAT IS TROUBLING TO ME GIVEN WHERE WE ARE BUDGETARY. CONTINUING TO FUND OUR POLICE FORCE AT THE RATE THAT WE ARE. THE FACT THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANY BUDGETARY POINT OF VIEW. TO ALL THE PEOPLE OUT THERE THINKING THE FACT THAT THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A HELP FOR PUBLIC SAFETY I THINK YOU ARE MAYBE MISSING THE POINT THAT THIS ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE AN INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AVAILABLE FOR SERIOUS CRIMES WHEN SERIOUS CRIMES OCCUR THAT IS THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IF YOU HAVE THEM RESPONDING TO THE THINGS THAT WE SEE IN OUR PLAZA EVERY DAY THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE RESPONDING TO. THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SERIOUS CRIMES. I AM KIND OF PERPLEXED THAT MY FELLOW ELECTIVES ARE NOT WANTING TO DO ANYTHING. THAT THEY JUST SORT OF WANT TO NOT DEAL WITH THIS NOW, AND JUST PUSH IT OFF INTO THE FUTURE OR SOMETHING MAGICAL TO HAPPEN. I AM JUST PERPLEXED.

THANK YOU. I THINK I HAD A FEW COMMENTS, BUT YOU HAD SOMETHING HE WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE?

CAN YOU CLARIFY IT FOR ME? I AM HEARING IT IS 50% FOR THE ON HOUSED IN THE DO WE HAVE ANY STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF RESPONSES THAT YOU ARE MAKING TO THE HOUSED RESIDENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

FOR OUR HOUSE RESIDENTS? I DO NOT HAVE IT. I KNOW WE HAD 64 CALLS LAST YEAR TO RESIDENCES REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

WITH THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM HOW WOULD YOU SEE IT? HOW WOULD YOU SEE US UTILIZING IT TO ITS BEST ABILITIES? WE HAVE TO WEIGH THE COST AND WHAT IT WOULD ACHIEVE, SO HOW DO YOU SEE THAT WORKING HERE?

I SEE THEM SUPPLANTING THE OFFICERS SO MUCH TIME WALKING FOOT PATROLS AND DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. THAT IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF THIS TEAM IS THEY TAKE OUR PLACE IN DOING SOME OF THOSE ACTIVITIES. I ALSO SEE THAT TEAM WITH 64 CALLS OF PEOPLE IN CRISIS THAT OUR OFFICERS LIKELY WOULD NOT HAVE RESPONDED TO BECAUSE NONE OF THOSE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INDICATING THEY WERE SO VIOLENT THEY WERE GOING TO CAUSE HARM EITHER TO THE RESPONDING TEAM WHEN THEY SHOWED UP OR TWO FAMILY MEMBERS.

SO THEY RESPONDED WE HER DIFFERENT PRESENTATIONS. AFTER THAT HAPPENS I JUST NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL OF THIS BEFORE I VOTE FOR IT. THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING. SO THEY RESPOND. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT? I HEAR ALL THE TIME ABOUT HOW WE CAN CITE PEOPLE AND DRIVE THEM TO SANTA ROSA AND THEN THEY ARE BACK HERE IN TWO HOURS BECAUSE SOMETIMES AND ET CETERA, SO I WANT TO KNOW IF WE ARE INVESTING THIS KIND OF MONEY ON SOMETHING WHAT IS THE END RESULT? I JUST READ IN THE PAPER THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS CLOSED BECAUSE OF MOLD . THE COUNT IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB IN MY OPINION FOR ANY OF THIS. WHAT WOULD REALLY HAPPEN? HOW WOULD THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE IF WE ARE IN THIS CYCLE? AND WE DO NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE CARE. THEY ARE NOT

DOING THAT, SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF WE ARE PUTTING ON ANOTHER BAND-AID AND SPENDING MORE OF THE MONEY? ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE ASKING THEM FOR A TAX HIKE?

A BIG PIECE IS THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES. WHAT THEY TRIED TO DO WITH THE INDIVIDUALS PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS IS ACTUALLY CONNECT THEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. THIS TEAM WILL DRIVE THEM TO THEIR APPOINTMENTS. SO THEY CONTINUE THE CARE. NOT A MATTER OF MAKING CONTACT AND DRIVING AWAY. THERE IS FOLLOW-UP AND FOLLOW-THROUGH. TRYING TO CONNECT THEM INTO HOUSING. CONNECTING THEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. ACTUALLY TAKE THEM TO THEIR APPOINTMENTS. THEY PHYSICALLY DRIVE THEM TO THOSE APPOINTMENTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAD A QUESTION AND THEN A COMMENT. GIVEN WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBERS CLEARLY A LOT OF HESITATION ABOUT ALLOCATING ANY FUNDS TO A PROJECT LIKE THIS DOWN THE LINE. WE ARE DEFINITELY HEARING THAT AND WE HAVE ALL HEARD THAT AND FELT THAT OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME SINCE WE DECLARED A FISCAL CRISIS. GIVEN THAT EXPRESSION OF HESITATION ABOUT ULTIMATELY SPENDING ANY MONEY FOR A PROGRAM LIKE THIS DUTY AS THE POLICE CHIEF STILL FEEL THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS WORTH YOUR STUFF PUTTING TIME INTO?

MY COMMITMENT OF TIME. IT WILL BE MY TIME OR MY SUCCESSORS TIME. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS GOING TO BE THAT IMPACTFUL. THERE WILL BE SOME MEETINGS TO ATTEND AND SOME CONVERSATIONS, BUT SOME OF THESE OCCUR ANYWAY. I WILL HAVE CONVERSATIONS THURSDAY AT THE COUNTY CHIEFS MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE SOME OTHERS ABOUT OTHER ISSUES. THE IMPACT IS SO IMPACTFUL THAT IT IS TAKING ME AWAY FROM OTHER REQUIRED WORK. THE OTHER PIECE TO THIS FOR MY OWN PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE. I BELIEVE THERE IS BENEFIT IN HAVING TEAMS LIKE THIS. TO THE COMMUNITY. TO THIS VULNERABLE POPULATION. TO MY POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY. I THINK IT IS WORTHY OF AT LEAST EXPLORING. NOT MAKING A COMMITMENT TO GO IN THERE. BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITHOUT IT COSTING THE CITY A DIME.

WHICH LEADS ME -- OR GO AHEAD.

MY OBSERVATION AFTER LISTENING TO ALL OF THIS'S I FEEL THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. I AM HEARING A STRONG VOICE FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF AND RESPECT HIM TREMENDOUSLY. AND IS THERE IS HESITATION IN TERMS OF ANY ALLOCATION OF DOLLARS. HE KNOWS HE HAS HIS RIGHTFUL AND IS RECOMMENDING THAT WE ALLOW HIM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A LIAISON TO EXPLORE SOME OPTIONS AND BRING THEM BACK TO US. THAT IS WHERE I AM LEANING STRONGLY. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON IS DOES ANYONE REMEMBER JEREMIAH? IS THAT A NAME THAT RINGS ANY BELLS FOR ANYONE? A YOUNG HIGHSCHOOLER HERE WHO DIED. HE HAD A MENTAL HEALTH BREAKDOWN, AND OUR POLICE RESPONDED, AND THEY WERE NOT TRAINED TO DEAL WITH IT. AND IT RESULTED IN HIS DEATH. IT IS EASY TO REMEMBER THAT BUT HE WAS NOT HOMELESS. HE WAS JUST A YOUNG MAN WITH A WONDERFUL FAMILY. I KNEW THE FAMILY THAT HAD A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND

WELL-INTENTIONED OFFICERS. I KNEW THE OFFICERS. THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT. TO ME THIS OPPORTUNITY THE CHIEF IS TALKING ABOUT AND OUR VICE MAYOR I THINK WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO BE LIAISON APPEARED TO ME IT IS WORTH INVESTIGATING AND RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS NOT JUST -- IN THE SITUATION IS IMPORTANT, BUT THIS ISSUE IS AUDITING THE POST COVID. ESPECIALLY NOW TO BE MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON HOUSED.

A QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF. HOW LIKELY IS IT THEY COULD GET A PROGRAM LIKE THIS AT NO COST? BECAUSE I WOULD FEEL BAD FOR SETTING YOU ON A JOURNEY TO DO ALL OF THIS WORK AND THEN YOU COME BACK AND I AM LIKE I AM NOT GOING TO PAY FOR IT BECAUSE I THINK THAT WOULD BE MY POSITION IS THAT I DO NOT THINK WE ARE IN A POSITION TO PAY FOR A PROGRAM LIKE THIS. I THINK WHAT IT WOULD COST. I CANNOT REMEMBER. WAS IT 1 MILLION? WE CANNOT PAY FOR IT, SO IS IT WORTH YOUR TIME AND THE LIAISONS TIME TO GO DOWN A ROAD IF YOU'RE GOING TO BRING IT BACK AND WE ARE GOING TO SAY NO?

I DO BELIEVE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IT TO POTENTIALLY BE A NO COST ITEM. I CAN TELL YOU THEY USE A SHARED MODEL AND ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE IT IS A NO COST ITEM FOR THEM. IF I THOUGHT THAT POTENTIAL WASN'T LIKELY OR THERE WASN'T A STRONG POTENTIAL FOR THAT I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE I KNOW THE SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN.

OKAY. THANK YOU. I THINK WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSION.

I WANT TO CLARIFY YOU BROUGHT UP THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. I DID NOT HEAR YOU RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR POSITION WAS A LIAISON. I HEARD HE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU COULD DO THIS WITHIN YOUR NORMAL ROLE AND YOU COULD MAYBE HAVE A MEETING. ARE YOU RECOMMENDING THE LIAISON BE APPOINTED TO WORK WITH YOU OR ARE YOU RECOMMENDING YOU CAN DO IT ALONE OR MAKING A RECOMMENDATION?

MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU DIRECT ME TO CONTINUE MY EXPLORATION AND THAT YOU APPOINT A LIAISON AND FOR THE TWO OF US TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION.

OKAY. THAT IS A CLEAR REQUEST. I THINK WE ARE AT THE POINT OF A MOTION. ANYONE WANT TO COME UP WITH A MOTION? MY MOTION IS TO GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON TO WORK WITH OUR POLICE CHIEF TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SAFE MODEL INTERVENTION TEAM. THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION, AND I AM SURE THEY WILL RESTATE IT IN A SMOOTHER FASHION. I AM LOOKING FOR A SECOND.

SECOND.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? CAN YOU TAKE THE ROLL CALL? PLEASE RESTATE THE IN MOTION.

THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES 3-2. HE WILL NO NEED TO APPOINT A LIAISON.

I WOULD MOVE OUR VICE MAYOR BE APPOINTED AND I WOULD ASK FIRST IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ON THAT ROLE? OKAY. MY MOTION WOULD BE VICE MAYOR BE APPOINTED AS THE LIAISON TO WORK WITH OUR POLICE CHIEF. I THINK I NEED A SECOND FOR THAT MOTION.

SECOND.

I AM SORRY. ARE WE FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE -- THANK YOU. COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL VOTE?

THANK YOU.

LET ME MAKE CLEAR. DESPITE THE FACT THEY VOTED AGAINST THE INITIAL MOTION THEY ARE STILL FREE NOW TO VOTE ON THE SELECTION OF THE LIAISON? OKAY. GO-AHEAD. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO POINT OUT ONE OF THE BEAUTIES OF THIS PARTICULAR COUNSEL AS PEOPLE WILL NOTICE THROUGH THE AGENDA ITEMS TONIGHT. WE JUST DO NOT HAVE ANY NATURAL ALIGNMENTS. WE VOTE SEPARATELY ON SPECIFIC ITEMS, AND I THINK THAT IS ONE OF OUR ABSOLUTE STRENGTHS. WE ARE ON THE NEXT ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER NINE. I BELIEVE THAT OUR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IS PRESENTING THIS.

I ALWAYS GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE BECAUSE I WANT JUST TO GIVE -- FOR HER AND HER CONNECTIONS IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED, BUT ALSO FOR THE WONDERFUL CITY CLERK ALL OF THE PIECES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONNECTED, SO I WILL DEFER TO MARY TO PRESENT THIS.

THANK YOU. WE ALL KNOW SHE WEARS MANY HATS. THIS IS THE ROLE AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, SO GO AHEAD.

THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS TO APPROVE THE EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ALSO TO DO BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR \$2500. BASICALLY THESE ARE STUDENTS THAT ARE DUALY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS COLLEGE, AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO FURTHER THEIR CAREER. STAYS WHO WORKS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLINE AS WELL AND I BELIEVE THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO HERE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM. SO WE WILL GET TO HER IN A SECOND. BASICALLY THIS IS TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OUR STUDENTS TO SEE YOU THOSE THAT EXPRESS AN INTEREST TO SEE THIS AS SOMETHING THEY WANT TO GO TO AND ALSO ENHANCES OUR OPPORTUNITY TO POTENTIALLY HIRE OUR YOUTH AND KEEP THEM IN OUR COMMUNITY BY GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ALL ABOUT. THERE ARE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT DO THIS AS WELL, BUT WE THOUGHT THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE EXPERIENCE. THEY MAY LIKE IT OR THEY MAY NOT, BUT THEY NEED TO EARN 52 HOURS. WE ARE A LITTLE BEHIND THE CURVE. THIS TYPICALLY STARTS EARLY SEPTEMBER. THEY WOULD TYPICALLY DO THREE HOURS A WEEK. WE ARE ASKING THAT THEY DO SIX TO BE ABLE TO MAKE UP 52 BY THE END OF DECEMBER. I HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT WE PAY THEM AT THE LIVING WAGE RATE, WHICH IS WILL BE WOULD DO TYPICALLY FOR ANYBODY THAT WE HIRE WITH THE CITY. IT DID GO TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. THEY WERE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROGRAM BUT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS ON THE LIVING WAGE VERSUS THE MINIMUM WAGE. THEY WERE BOTH VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROGRAM. OUR RECOMMENDATION OR BEFORE I GO FURTHER WITH THE STUDENTS WE ARE LOOKING TO BRING ON THAT ONE IS INTERESTED IN JOURNALISM. WITH A LOT OF THE ACTIVITY WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WORKING WITH OUR CITY MANAGER BE CONDUCTED BY DOING SOME OF THE JOURNALS AND PROGRAMS. THE OTHER IS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFERED TO MENTOR THAT STUDENT AS WELL. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL SUPPORT

THIS PROGRAM AND WE AUTHORIZED \$2500 FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE LIVING WAGE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STACY GIVE A PLUG. LET ME SEE IF I CAN UNMUTE STACY. THE COORDINATOR FOR THE COLLEGE TOGETHER, SO SHE HAS THE EXCESS WITH THE STUDENTS AND IS THE ONE THAT IS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM. ARE YOU THERE?

YES I AM. HELLO, EVERYONE.

DID I DO IT PRETTY GOOD?

YOU DID GREAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE TWO STUDENTS THAT I HEAR ON THE ZOOM. BOTH ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY. ALYSSA IS INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE PICK'EM IS INTERESTED IN SPORTS JOURNALISM, SO WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS PARTNERSHIP. IT IS ABOUT SHAPING A STUDENT'S FUTURE AND INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION, SO I DO NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE ABLE TO HOP ON AND SAY ANYTHING.

THANK YOU. SHELBY GET SOME COMMENTS?

I JUST WANT TO ADD ONE MORE THING. I DID WANT TO SAY THERE WAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS FROM THE STUDENTS. I WILL SAY THAT ONE OF THEM WAS REALLY INTERESTED IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. WE ARE HOPING IF THIS PILOT PROGRAM WORKS OUT WE CAN CONTINUE IT AND WE ALREADY HAVE STUDENTS LINED UP SO WE CAN MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. I AM GOING TO ASK ALYSSA. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? AND THEN HANNAH AS WELL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ANY COMMENTS.

HELLO.

THE ON TO GIVE A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE INTERNSHIP?

I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF SAYING I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND THAT I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN MATH AND FINANCE FOR A VERY LONG TIME NOW AND IT WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS AS TO WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS INTERNSHIP?

YEAH. I AM REALLY INTERESTED IN SPORTS JOURNALISM, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET EXPERIENCE WITH JOURNALISM AND PRACTICING AND EVERYTHING. I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY BENEFICIAL FOR ME GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR AND FOR MY FUTURE, SO I AM EXCITED ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU. AS I STATED, THE CITY STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THE COUNCIL APPROVED THIS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH A BUDGET OF \$2500.

OKAY. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS?

DOES THE CITY HAVE TARGETED WHO THEY WILL REPORT TO?

ACCOUNTING WILL REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR. THE JOURNALIST PROBABLY WILL BE STARTING WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AS WELL AS THE CITY MANAGER.

OKAY. QUESTION NUMBER TWO..WE HAVE A POLICY THAT WE HAVE TO PAY LIVING WAGE?

ONLY FOR CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PEOPLE, SO WE COULD PAY MINIMUM WAGE, BUT WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND LIVING WAGE.

WILL THERE BE A TIMELINE OR DUTIES OUTLINED, AND WILL THAT BE BY THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STUDENT OR DOES THE PROGRAM PROVIDE SOME OF THAT?

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE STUDENTS, ONCE IT GETS APPROVED WE WOULD HAVE THEM INTERVIEW WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AND WE WILL WORK OUT A SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THEM TO DO AND THEN WE WILL WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT FITS THEIR HOURS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE PROGRAM APPROVED FIRST.

OKAY THANKS.

I HAD A QUESTION. THIS WOULD COVER LIVING WAGE RATE FOR THESE STUDENTS THROUGH DECEMBER?

THAT IS CORRECT.

HE ALSO MENTIONED A HOPE THAT THE PROGRAM COULD CONTINUE BEYOND DECEMBER AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT DID WOULD YOU FOR SEE EVERQUEST COMING BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR 2500 FOR THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR?

I WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT WOULD BE COMING BACK AT THAT TIME BUT I WOULD LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE UNTIL WE GET TO MAJOR BUDGET REVIEW. MY HOPE IS THAT EVEN THOUGH WE DID THE BUDGET AMENDMENT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND IT WITHIN OUR BUDGET AND NOT HAVE TO USE DATA, SO THAT IS A SAFEGUARD RETINA BECAUSE WE ARE ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS INTO OUR BUDGET. I'M HOPING WE CAN FIND IT TO NOT GET ANY FURTHER INTO THE \$2500. IF THIS IS SUCCESSFUL I WOULD RECOMMEND BRINGING IT BACK FOR TWO MORE STUDENTS.

I THINK I UNDERSTOOD YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU ARE REQUESTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATE \$2500 FOR THE STUDENTS THROUGH DECEMBER, BUT THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WON'T BE NEEDED BECAUSE YOU MIGHT FIND FUNDS ELSEWHERE IN THE BUDGET?

THAT IS CORRECT THAT WE ARE TO EARLY INTO THE BUDGET TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL HAVE ANY SAVINGS TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE, SO HAVING THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT WE WOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE PROGRAM.

THIS IS A STAFF WORK ISSUE. YOU HAVE INTERNS. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE EITHER OF THEM WORKING WITH ME HONESTLY, BUT YOU ARE SUPERVISING INTERNS. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF REASONS FOR ENGAGING THIS PROGRAM, BUT DO YOU FEEL THE STAFF TIME THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE INTERNS AND IN ESSENCE MAKES SENSE IN TERMS OF THE RETURN THAT THE CITY WOULD GET IN TERMS OF THEIR WORK?

I DO NOT SEE IT AS WHAT WE GET IN TERMS OF THEIR WORK. I SEE IT AS MENTORING THE YOUTH. BY US BEING ABLE TO HELP THEM AND GUIDE THEM THAT IS MORE VALUABLE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. I AM SURE WE WILL GET WORKED OUT OF THEM. I DO NOT HAVE A DOUBT OF THAT, BUT I DO NOT SEE THAT AS BUT THE CITY IS GETTING. I SEE IT TO WHAT THEY CAN PROVIDE FOR THE YOUTH.

EXCELLENT. GOOD ANSWER.

MAYBE THIS WAS TALKED ABOUT AND EXPLORED. RATHER THAN HAVING THEM REPORT TO DEPARTMENT HEADS BUT HAVING A SINGLE CONTACT AT THE CITY. I KNOW THAT I HAVE A 17-YEAR-OLD, SO I AM AWARE OF HIGH SCHOOLERS. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THAT WAS EXPLORED AT ALL BECAUSE IN ORDER TO CHECK AND MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE GOING.

YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS. AS IT IS GOING FORWARD HE WILL HAVE METRICS TO MEASURE IT AND STUFF. IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE YOU DISCUSSED HAVING ANYONE LIKE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE THAT ACTUALLY AT THE END WOULD HAVE TOUCHED BASE WITH THEM ALONG THE WAY SO THAT WE COULD BETTER READ HOW THE PROGRAM WENT FOR EVERYONE?

WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS SPECIFICALLY, BUT WE WILL BE IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION. THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN TALK ABOUT AFTER THIS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO HAVE THE METRICS. ESPECIALLY IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES. THEY CAN HAVE SOMEBODY TO GO TO. I AM SURE I WOULD BE THAT PERSON.

OKAY. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GO OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBER FIRST. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. GO-AHEAD.

I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. I THINK THAT AS DECISION-MAKERS IT IS IMPORTANT TO FRAME THIS ABOUT WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS. I THINK MARY DID A GREAT JOB GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS ACTUALLY INSPIRING YOUNG FOLKS INTO CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT WORK. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE VERY MUCH NEED. \$2500 IS A GREAT STARTING POINT TO GETTING THAT WORKED ON. YOU GUYS THROUGH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT DID LITTLE TO NOTHING. THIS IS ACTUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT A CHEAP COST. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FRAME THE RELATIONSHIP. THE LAST THING I WOULD HATE TO SEE IS THAT THROUGH MISCOMMUNICATION OR MISMANAGEMENT ON EITHER OF THE TEAM'S PART THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE THAT THEY WALK OUT OF THERE ENGAGED AND EXCITED ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE THAT THEY HAD. I THINK IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE WHOEVER THESE FOLKS ARE WORKING WITH HAVE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS ABOUT WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP IS AND WHAT THEIR ROLE IS AND HOW THESE FOLKS ARE SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS IN PLACE BECAUSE TOO OFTEN I SEE OPERATIONS WHERE IT IS A LITTLE MORE HANDS-OFF THAN IT NEEDS TO BE. A LITTLE LESS REPORTING THAN IT NEEDS TO BE. AS A RESULT IT'S NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT COULD BE. I REALLY ENCOURAGE THAT YOU TAKE THE TIME TO PROVIDE CLEAR COMMUNICATION WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS AND WHAT THE SCOPE OF THIS IS. AND MAKING SURE THIS IS A REALLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUTH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE TO DISCUSS ON THIS ITEM. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT WE HAVE THE PROTOCOL ITEM THAT I AM HOPING WE CAN GET TO BY 9:00 IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO HAVE A FULL DISCUSSION. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS TO ADDRESS BEFORE THAT . IF WE COULD WRAP THIS ONE UP AND GET TO THE NEXT ONE, WHICH IS HOLDRIDGE. AND THEN WE CAN GET INTO THE PROTOCOL. ANY COMMENTS BEFORE WE CONSIDER A MOTION?

AS WE SIT HERE FOR THE CITY I JUST WANTED TO SAY THIS IS ONE OF THE TOP REFRESHING TOPICS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED. AS A MOM OF A TEENAGER I FEEL LIKE WE FORGET SO MUCH ABOUT THE YOUTH IN OUR CITY. WE TALKED ABOUT SO MANY OTHER THINGS AND HAVE SO MANY MORE ADVOCATES THAT COME WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT WE HAVE. TALKING ABOUT THE YOUTH AND WILL BE CAN GET BACK TO THEM AND SHOW THEM. I FEEL LIKE MY SON GETS AN EDUCATION FROM THE SERVING HERE FOR THE CITY, BUT I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL THING. I HOPE THAT IT IS SUCCESSFUL, WHICH IS WHY I WAS ASKING ABOUT THE METRICS. I SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IS THIS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO VOTE ON SEPARATELY?

I WOULD RECOMMEND WHOEVER MAKES A MOTION IF THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OF THAT TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION AND I WOULD RECOMMEND IT.

I PERSONALLY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE STAY WITH A POLICY THAT WE HAVE. IF WE GET THESE ONE-OFF POLICIES IT DOES NOT SEEM RIGHT TO ME IN MY OPINION.

OKAY. I DID SEE STACY WITH HER HAND UP HERE SHE PULLED IT DOWN, BUT WAS THERE SOMETHING SHE NEEDED TO OFFER? SHE WILL RAISE HER HAND IF SHE NEEDS TO. OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? STACY DOES HAVE HER HAND UP.

I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH WHAT KYLE SAID. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THE LAYERS OF COMMUNICATION AND HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS. I WANT TO TAKE A QUICK MOMENT TO EXPLAIN. WHEN OUR STUDENTS ARE GOING INTO THE INTERNSHIP THE HOPE IS THAT THEY WILL BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE THEY HAVE A MENTOR AS WELL ON-SITE. I WILL BE WORKING WITH A MENTOR AND STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE JUNIOR COLLEGE INTERNSHIP TEACHER. JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW-UP AND EXPLAIN HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS AND HOW WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND TO MAKE THIS A REALLY SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.

I AM LOOKING FOR A MOTION.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED FROM ME?

SECOND.

ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A REQUEST FOR A BRIEF BREAK. LET'S MAKE IT REALLY BRIEF. 15 BEER WE WOULD DO A BATHROOM STOP AND THEN WE WILL BE BACK AGAIN. IF WE CAN STOP RECORDING DURING THE BREAK I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE. WE ARE BACK AT THE COUNSEL MEETING. WE ARE NOT GOING TO ITEM NUMBER 10. THIS IS THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ENDORSING THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES. TRYING TO THE FIRE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

WE ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND LET THE CITY MANAGER INTRODUCE THIS. HE IS ALSO A PART OF THE FIRE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

THIS IS ONE OF THE STEPS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE IN TERMS OF GOING DOWN THE PATH TOWARDS REORGANIZATION. FORMALLY KNOWN

AS CONSOLIDATION. WE RECENTLY EXTENDED OUR CONTRACT FOR THEM TO CONTINUE BEING OUR ADMINISTRATOR AND SERVE AS OUR CHIEFS. SO THAT IS UNDERWAY. THIS RESOLUTION AS I THINK ABOUT IT SAYING WE INTEND TO CONTINUE DOWN THAT PATH AND EVENTUALLY TO CONSOLIDATE AND REORGANIZE. NOT THE FINAL DECISION TO DO SO. THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLY WORK BETWEEN HERE AND THERE. PARTICULARLY THE SHARING OF REVENUES. WE ARE JUST REALLY BEGINNING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THOSE MATTERS NOW. THIS IS A NECESSARY STEP TO KEEP THINGS MOVING IN THE PROCESS. THEY WANT TO SEE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, AND THIS IS A WAY OF DEMONSTRATING OUR SERIOUSNESS.

THANK YOU. LOOK INTO THE MEMBERS. ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD? OKAY. ANY COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS AT THE MOMENT? OKAY. I THINK WE WOULD JUST GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. I SEE THAT WE DO HAVE HOLDRIDGE FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF HERE. ANY NEED FOR THEM TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS? OKAY. SO PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE. AND WE WILL COME BACK FOR DISCUSSION.

THANK YOU. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND FIRE DISTRICT. WHICH IS THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBER FIRST. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO TO ZOOM. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? THANK YOU. GO AHEAD PLEASE.

I WANT THE PUBLIC TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT WATCHING THE ACTIONS OF COUNSEL RIGHT NOW. TOO MANY TIMES I HAVE SEEN THIS METHOD OF GOING FORWARD WITH PARTS OF IT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND INCHING TOWARDS A FINAL DECISION UNTIL WE GET TO A POINT WHERE IT IS TOO LATE TO BACK OUT OF THE FINAL DECISION. TONIGHT IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS. YOU WILL NOTE IN THE AGENDA ITEM THERE IS CLEARLY DOCUMENTATION. IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED FORWARD THAT IS MISSING. THAT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE CITY MANAGER OR FIRE AD HOC. THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IS CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. WHAT I FEAR IS WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THESE INCHES TOWARDS A GOAL LINE KEEPING THE PUBLIC IN THE DARK AND FAILING TO ONCE AGAIN PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTATION IN A TIMELY MANNER BEFORE WE MAKE DECISIONS LEADING TO THE INITIAL DECISION THAT IT APPEARS WE ARE HEADING TOWARDS. I NEED THIS FIRE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ACTUALLY DISCUSS WHY THAT DOCUMENT THAT IS MENTIONED IS NOT BEING PRESENTED TONIGHT. WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THIS DECISION WITHOUT THAT DOCUMENT BEING PRESENT AND WHY THAT SEEMS LIKE AN OKAY PROCESS TO BE DOING CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION LEAVING THE PUBLIC IN THE DARK. BACKTRACKING ON THINGS LIKE HAVING A PUBLIC MEETING THAT IS NOT IN THE CITY COUNCIL STRUCTURE FORMAT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS. FAILING TO PRODUCE REGULAR REPORTS ON THE MEETINGS AND THEN ALSO CHESTED HAS IN THE PUBLIC IS NOT BEING INFORMED OR UP TO DATE WITH THE CURRENT PRACTICES WHEN THE BODY HASN'T BEEN REPORTING OUT REGULARLY. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THAT PROCESS AND IT IS DANGEROUS, AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT THIS COUNSEL DOES NEXT AS A RESULT OF THAT.

THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBER. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. ANOTHER FACTOR THEY USED TO KEEP PEOPLE ON INFORMED. THEY OF THAT OF THE BUSINESSES OR WHOEVER HAS THE MONEY INTEREST WRITE UP THE NARRATIVE AND CONTROL THE NARRATIVE WHEN IT IS PUT OUT, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT. YOU ALSO JUST WATCH. AS WE NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR THEY ARE GOING TO BRING UP AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE PASSED BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AND I AM THINKING IT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA TO OBLIGATE 45 YEARS OF GIVING UP MILLIONS OF OUR DOLLARS OF PARCEL TAX. I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT AND. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY CHANGE IN THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP. MEANING THE MAYOR. AND ALSO THE VICE MAYOR. NOT ACTING IN OUR INTEREST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO THE CHAMBERS.

I AM WONDERING IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT ANYBODY WANTS TO SHARE AT THIS POINT. THE TWO PEOPLE ARE NOT AT THIS MEETING, WHICH IS VERY DISAPPOINTING. THANK YOU.

IF THERE IS ANYBODY ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOT BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE FOR DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM. I DID HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING A REFERENCE IN THE RESOLUTION TO A PROPOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION OF THE CITY. I THINK THAT IS ON PAGE NUMBER FOUR OF SIX. SEEMS TO BE REFERRING -- MY QUESTION IS WHAT IS THIS A REFERENCE TO? IS THIS ANOTHER DOCUMENT? WHERE ARE THE PROPOSED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION THAT WE ARE AGREEING TO? AM I MISSING SOMETHING HERE? I AM LOOKING AT PAGE NUMBER FOUR OF 6 AND THE STAFF REPORT. THE SECOND TO LAST PARAGRAPH. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION OF THE CITY TO THE DISTRICT, SO WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED TERMS AND CONDITIONS WE ARE AGREEING TO AS A CITY COUNCIL YEAR? I AM LOOKING TO STAFF I THINK. WE ARE ALL LOOKING TO STAFF. IF YOU COULD FIND THAT POINT IN THE DOCUMENT AND TAKE A MINUTE TO LOOK AT IT WHILE THEY ARE CONSIDERING THAT QUESTION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

YES. THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL LATER AND IS NOT A PART OF THIS AGENDA ITEM. MY QUESTION TO STAFF IS THIS CUSTOMER THAT WE GET TO THE STAGE AND THAT WE DO THIS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT THE CONTEXT OF THE REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT?

WE ARE NOT DOUBLING UP ON QUESTIONS TO STAFF.

AND I MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FIRST? AND YOU CAN VERIFY. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS IS A PART OF THE STANDARD PROCESS. THE FIRST DOCUMENT. WE HAVE HAD KNOWN THIS WAS PRESENTED TO US BY ATTORNEYS, AND OUR ATTORNEYS HAVE ALSO LOOKED AT IT AND WAIT IN. THAT IS WHY I AM WAITING FOR THEM TO DO THEIR QUICK WORK. TO THE

NUMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT SPOKE ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE DID JUST APPROVE A \$60,000 ASSESSMENT THAT THE TEAM WILL BE PERFORMING ON OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WE ARE PLANNING TO DO A BRIEF REPORT OUT TONIGHT AT COUNCIL REPORTS ABOUT MEETINGS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING TO GET THESE DOCUMENTS DONE AND CONTINUE THE PROCESS MOVING FORWARD. I KNOW WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A LOT OF THIS WORDING WITH ATTORNEYS WITH A FINE TOOTH CALM, SO I WILL LET THEM NOW AWAY IN.

THE PROPOSED TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE LISTED UP ABOVE. THE RESOLUTION IS ON PAGE 3 OF THE LAST WHERE AS IS SAYS THE PARTIES DESIRE THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH THERE AND BE ONE OF THOSE ENCLOSED THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATION OF THE REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT. THAT IS TYPICAL TO NOT HAPPEN UNTIL LATER IN THE PROCESS BECAUSE A PART OF WHAT THAT IS CONTINGENT ON IS THE COMPLETION OF THE SERVICE, AND I BELIEVE THAT IS STILL IN THE WORKS. THE REVIEW WILL BE FINALIZED AT ITS NOVEMBER MEETING. SO THAT IS WHAT KICKS OF THAT PROCESS.

A SOUND LIKE THIS IS A STATEMENT OF GOOD FAITH INTENT TO PURSUE THE REORGANIZATION? OKAY. THANK YOU.

ONE OF THE PUBLIC, AND SAID IT'S ESSENTIALLY A BANK CHECK. IT IS ANYTHING BUT A BLANK CHECK. I CAN SEE WHY PEOPLE WOULD GET THAT IMPRESSION, BUT THE REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT IS REALLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING DOLLARS AND CENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY. THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO BE THAT AGREEMENT. IT IS ANOTHER STEP IN A MULTIPLE STEP PROCESS.

WILL IT COME BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL? OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

I WAS GOING TO COMMENT. WE ARE VERY THOROUGH OR AT LEAST I FEEL THAT WE ARE HERE WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY QUESTIONING EVERYTHING, SO THINGS THAT YOU HAVE ASKED WE HAVE ASKED. I WANT TO GIVE THAT COMMITMENT TO YOU THAT WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO DO THE DUE DILIGENCE WE NEED IN ORDER TO REPRESENT ALL OF OUR CITIZENS HERE.

THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY ADDITIONAL QUESTION IS WHEN CAN WE EXPECT TO GET A FORMAL REPORT FROM THE FIRE AT HEART? A WRITTEN REPORT.

OUR TIMELINE IF I RECALL WAS DESPERATE WHAT WAS OUR TIMELINE? I THINK EVERY TWO MONTHS. NOT SURE OFF OF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN NEAR TWO MONTHS YET.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT IS JUST AN AGENDA SETTING COMMITTEE QUESTION WE SHOULD PROBABLY MAKE SURE WE GET. THE ASK IS TO APPROVE THIS DOCUMENT IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE REORGANIZATION DISCUSSIONS TO MOVE FORWARD? OKAY. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE LOOK FOR A MOTION?

JUST TO ADD NOTE THEY APPROVED IT AS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 11.

I AM JUST NOTICING THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF FIREFIGHTERS AND FIREFIGHTING FAMILIES WHO ARE PROTESTING. WE ALL KNOW FOR A LONG TIME THERE WAS A LOT OF PUSHBACK ABOUT THIS DIRECTION. IT SEEMS TO

ME THAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY CONTEND WITH IT. THE FIREFIGHTERS AND THE FAMILIES, SO I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS.

OKAY. I AM DEFINITELY IN SUPPORT OF APPROVING IT. MAYBE WE JUST NEED IN MOTION. ANYONE WANT TO GO OUT FOR A MOTION?

I AM HAPPY TO MAKE THE MOTION.

I WILL SECOND .

ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU TO THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE PRESENT FOR THE MEETING TONIGHT. THANK YOU TO THE AD HOC BECAUSE THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A LOT THAT IS REFLECTED IN THIS REPORT. THE NEXT ITEM IS NUMBER 11. WHICH IS BROUGHT TO US BY MYSELF. THIS IS THE CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES.

AT THE LAST MEETING ONE OF THE ISSUES WE TALKED ABOUT WAS SUPPORTING PUBLIC EVENTS. I FEEL WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE THIS EVENT COMING UP, AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE DIRECTORS HERE IN THE ROOM. THIS IS A VERY CREATIVE EVENT HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ZERO-BASED PRACTICES. THEY ARE DOING IT WITH REALLY CREATIVE MEANS. SO THEY WILL BE HAVING -- AND I JUST ASK ROBERT TO TELL US ABOUT IT? WOULD THAT BE OKAY?

YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO STATE WHAT THE REPORT IS 1st AND THEN IT WOULD BE UP TO THE MAYOR IF YOU WANTED TO GET A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS A WAIVER FEE OF \$825 AND TO COSPONSOR THE EVENT. THEY CAN USE THE LOGOS ON THEIR FIRES AND STUFF. ROBERT CAME TO THE COMMITTEE AND TOLD US ABOUT THIS PROJECT THAT I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED BECAUSE YOU'RE TAKING A SUBJECT THAT IS VERY SERIOUS AND PUTTING A HUMOROUS TURN ON IT AND BRINGING A LOT OF PEOPLE INTO CREATIVELY MAKE THINGS OUT OF TRASH, AND THIS WOULD BRING IN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TO SEBASTOPOL. WE ARE HOPING THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THIS REQUEST.

YES. A FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION AND NO MORE WOULD BE FINE. YOU HAVE TO BE BRIEF. IS THAT WHEN THE REQUEST IS? DO YOU WANT COMMENTS FROM HIM?

IF THE CITY COSPONSORS DOES THAT MEAN ENTRANCE WILL BE COVERING THE EVENT?

IT WILL HELP TO COVER THE EVENT. THEIR INSURANCE WOULD BE PRIMARY.

OKAY. JUST A FEW COMMENTS. WE ARE LATE IN THE EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR THAT. THIS WOULD BE THE PILOT TO DO A RECURRING, ANNUAL EVENT. THE MAIN GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE COMPONENTS THAT COULD BE USED TO DO WHAT IS KNOWN ELSEWHERE AS A CONNECT SCULPTURE RACE. HUMBOLDT HAS A START IN 1969. THESE RACES GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IT ALSO CREATES COMMUNITY AND CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO DISCOVER ENGINEERING AND TEAMBUILDING AND ONE OF MY GOOD FRIENDS IS ON THE ZOOM. HE LAUNCHED A RACE IN LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS THAT IS DOING MARVELOUS THINGS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD A LITTLE BIT TO HIM IF I MAY. HE CAN SPEAK TO WHAT IT IS LIKE TO START SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND SOME OF THE BENEFITS IT BRINGS THE COMMUNITY RIGHT AWAY.

THE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND HAVE YOU SIT DOWN. IF WE HAVE A FEW MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS HE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE PERSON WHO IS SIGNED ON A VIA ZOOM. THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT AND WAITING BECAUSE I THINK HE IS ON THE EAST COAST, WHICH IS A LONG WAYS AWAY YOUR WE HAVE THE PRESENTATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER. MY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WOULD BE I WENT -- MY INTRODUCTION TO THIS CONCEPT WAS TO GO UP TO IS IT CLOVERDALE WHERE THEY HAVE THE FASHION SHOW?

SONOMA.

THANK YOU. SUCH A GREAT EVENT WHERE YOU TAKE TRASH AND CREATE FASHION OUTFITS. EVERYBODY WALKS DOWN AND IT IS KIND OF AMAZING HOW FABULOUS THEY LOOK. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT IT IS AMAZING TO THE IDEA OF TAKING TRASH AND THE CONCEPT. HE USES ITEMS THAT ARE REALLY TRASH THAT WOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN ORDER TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT IS ENGAGING AND MAKES PEOPLE THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO IN A CREATIVE WAY WITH ITEMS THAT THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE THROW AWAY. I FIND THIS VERY HUMOROUS AND FUN AND ENGAGING. AS WE LOOK AT POSITIVE ASPECTS OF OUR COMMUNITY IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING WE WANT TO EMBRACE. I DID HAVE A QUESTION THOUGH. I SEE AND PROBABLY SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS, BUT IF WE WAIVE THE \$825 FEE IS THIS AN AMOUNT THAT IS ALREADY EXPECTED IN OUR BUDGET? WILL WE BE LOSING MONEY THAT WE OTHERWISE WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN APPROVED BUDGET?

WE DO NOT TYPICALLY PUT IN A LOT OF THESE BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE. THIS WOULD BE A REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE THE APPLICANT ALREADY PAID THIS, BUT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR BUDGET.

ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS TO GO ALONG WITH THE SPONSORSHIP? DO WE HAVE THE POLICE INVOLVED OR ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS?

NO. AS FAR AS I AM AWARE THERE ARE NO OTHER OBLIGATIONS. THE SPONSORSHIP WAS TO BASICALLY HAVE A CITY LOGO WITH THE CITY SPONSORSHIP AND WE HAVE TO HAVE LITTLE ON ALL MATERIALS. IT IS NOT AN OPTION. IT IS ALSO THE WAY THE FEES WOULD BE. I THINK I SAW A QUESTION SOMEWHERE. GO AHEAD. WE WILL GO DOWN THE LINE.

ANY HELP REMIND ME FOR THE SAKE OF BEING CONSISTENT WITH EVERYONE -- CAN YOU REMIND ME IF WE DENIED ANYONE WHO REQUESTED US THE LATE FEES? I KNOW WE HAVE FOR OTHER ITEMS THAT WOULD COST US A LOT OF MONEY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND. IS THERE ANYONE WE DENIED?

I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK AND LOOK. I AM NOT AWARE. I THINK THERE WAS A REQUEST LAST YEAR. I DO NOT THINK WE APPROVED THAT. THAT'S WHAT I TELL THINK WE APPROVED.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE CONSISTENT. THAT WAS MY QUESTION BASICALLY.

I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK AND RESEARCH IT. IT HAS BEEN VERY FEW THAT WE HAVE NOT APPROVED.

MY QUESTION WAS WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THIS WAS A PART THAT THEY COULD GET PORTA-POTTIES, BUT NOW IT IS NOT. CAN SOMEBODY BE SPECIFIC? DID THEY TAKE AWAY SOMETHING FROM US THAT WE USED TO GET? WHY IS IT NOT COVERED WHEN WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE?

BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS IN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, AND IT IS NOT, AND THEY WOULD NOT OFFER TO DO IT.

SO IT NEVER HAS BEEN?

CORRECT.

HAVE THEY WAIVED THE FEES?

THEY HAVE NEVER. THE CITY HAS ALWAYS PAID AS WELL AS OTHER EVENTS.

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THE CONSISTENCY THING. FIRST A QUESTION TWO-STEP BECAUSE I CANNOT REMEMBER ALL OF THE THINGS WE PUT BY WAY OF PRIORITY. IF STAFF COULD REFRESH MY MEMORY. WAS EVENTS SOMETHING THAT WAS PUT INTO THE PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS? I AM JUST WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONSISTENT.

MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT EVENTS WERE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUPPORTING THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.

OKAY GOOD. MOVING FORWARD I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT WAIVERS. BECAUSE THAT WAY IF WE ARE APPROACHED, BUT BY THE WAY. I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO REMEMBER THIS STUFF. IN THE STAFF REPORT IF YOU COULD JUST LIST THAT OUT SO THAT WE KNOW SO WE ARE BEING FAIR AND EQUAL ACROSS THE BOARD THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION? DO YOU WANT TO FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OR JUST HISTORY?

WHATEVER IS REASONABLE. JUST IN CASE WE ARE ASKED.

I DO NOT WANT TO BURDEN STAFF.

SOUND LIKE THE SUGGESTION IS TO PASS 12 MONTHS.

WE ARE TRYING REALLY HARD NOT TO BELABOR THE STUDIO OR INCLUDE STAFF HOURS OR REQUIRE ANYTHING. WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS WE CAN.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE EVENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I AM AN ART DESIGN PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL WILL BE THE COFOUNDER WHICH IS KIND OF A SISTER PROJECT AS TO WHAT BOB IS DOING HERE. WE USE RECYCLED MATERIALS THAT COULD BE BIKE MATERIALS OR OTHER THINGS TO HAVE A RACE THAT RUNS THROUGH OUR CITY. MY POINT IS THAT OVER THE YEARS AS THIS HAS GROWN WE ARE NOW -- WE HAVE PROBABLY CLOSE TO 10,000 PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT THAT ARE SPENDING MONEY AT LOCAL BUSINESSES. ALSO KIND OF SHOPPING AND SEEING WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. THE CITY HAS ALLOTTED HOW THE FESTIVAL OR WHAT WE CALL OUR RACE HAS REALLY HELPED LIFT UP A LOT OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES. IT IS A HUGE BOOST FOR THEM. THEY ALL LOOK FORWARD TO IT EVERY YEAR. IT IS A FUN EVENT. KNOWING BOB I SUSPECT IT WILL BE AN ABSOLUTELY FUN AND HYSTERICAL EVENT THAT PEOPLE WANT TO COME TO AND ENJOY YOUR DOWNTOWN DISTRICT. I THINK THE HELP OF THE CITY IS ALWAYS GREAT BECAUSE EVENTS LIKE THESE. YOU HAVE TO RAISE A LOT OF OF FUNDS FROM PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND GRANTS AND OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT. IT IS A DIFFICULT TASK. GETTING HELP FROM THE CITY IS A GREAT THING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME INTO PUBLIC CHAMBERS. I WILL GO BACK OUT.

WE DO NOT EVEN NEED TO LOOK TO THE EAST COAST TO LOOK AT WORKING MODELS OF THINGS LIKE THIS. THAT IS A HUGE MONEYMAKER. WENT OUT TO EAT TWO OR THREE TIMES. IT IS A HUGE REVENUE GENERATOR FOR A CITY. A REALLY LOW-IMPACT WAY TO DO THESE TYPE OF THINGS. I THINK TO GET AWAY FROM THIS EQUITABLE DECISION-MAKING YOU ARE A BUSINESS AND NEED TO MAKE BUSINESS DECISIONS. HERE IS A DECISION THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE IN ISOLATION OF OTHER DECISIONS AND THIS IS A MONEYMAKING DECISION. YOU SHOULD BE MAKING DECISIONS FOR MONEYMAKING PURPOSES.

IT SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERESTING IDEA. SEEMS THAT CLEARLY IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE POLICE SERVICES AND TRAFFIC AND ALSO PORTA-POTTIES. NOT TO MENTION THE INSURANCE AND IF ANYBODY GETS INJURED OR LIABILITY. OTHERWISE IT SOUNDS INTERESTING. I WISH THAT SOMEBODY WOULD COME UP WITH AN IDEA TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DANGER OF THE MAGNETIC FIELDS AND ALL OF THE CELL PHONES AND EVERYTHING. OTHERWISE IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE MORE TIME. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO GIVE AN UPDATE. I DID A QUICK RECAP OF WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR.

WHAT WAS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ON PIECE DOWN?

\$1460.

SO IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE NOT DENIED WAIVER REQUEST IN THE PAST YEAR.

WE DENIED ONE, AND THAT WAS FOR THE MOBILE SHOWERS AT THE LIBRARY.

OKAY. AND WHEN WAS THAT?

AND 2023.

SO THAT IS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. WE ARE BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE. THE AS IS CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$825 IN CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVENT. ANY DISCUSSION BY COUNCILMEMBERS? I AM LOOKING FOR A MOTION. NOT SEEING ANYONE MOVING.

I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE WAIVER OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES FOR THE TRASH EVENT OF \$825 AND SPONSORED THIS PROJECT. THE CITY SPONSORED THIS PROJECT.

I WILL SECOND THAT MOTION. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM ANYONE? ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR ALL OF HER ASSISTANCE AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I DO NOT THINK I SAID THE DATE. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26. AT THE YOUTH AND EXIT RIGHT OUT HERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I KNOW THERE FUN AND POSITIVE ONE. WE HAD TWO OF THEM TONIGHT. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO ITEM NUMBER 12, WHICH IS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL POLICY. WE ALL KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF GROUPS OF POLICIES THAT WILL COME TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS

PARTICULAR ITEM IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE I BELIEVE FOR CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES. AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PACKET ITEM NUMBER 12 HAS MULTIPLE PORTIONS, BUT THE SUBGROUPS WITHIN THAT WE WILL BE ADDRESSING TONIGHT ARE A SELECTION OF MARY AND VICE MAYOR AND THEN THE THIRD ONE IS SEATING SELECTION AND THEN FINALLY TRAININGS. THE VICE MAYOR AND I HAVE BEEN SERVING AND SO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. I AM LOOKING TO STAFF. WOULD YOU LIKE VICE MAYOR AND I TO LEAD THIS? DO YOU HAVE ANY INPUT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD? THAT IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA BECAUSE HONESTLY AS IS OFTEN THE CASE WE HAVE THIS MOVING FORWARD, BUT THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY DRAFTED THIS STAFFER BOARD IS IN FACT MARY, SO PERHAPS YOU COULD HELP GET US STARTED.

SURE. THANK YOU. THE GOAL OF THESE COUNSEL POLICIES IS TO CREATE ONE CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURE AND POLICY HANDBOOK. INSTEAD OF HAVING MULTIPLE RESOLUTIONS. THIS IS A WAY TO CREATE ONE DOCUMENT SO THAT IT IS TRANSPARENT AND ON THE WEBSITE. THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE ACCESS TO IT. TO CREATE FAIR AND EQUITABLE POLICIES ACROSS ALL. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. ONE OF THE FIRST TASK WAS TO LOOK AT THE SELECTION AND MARY AND THE VICE MAYOR'S ROLE. THE SEATING CRITERIA UPON THE ELECTION OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS. AND THEN THE REQUIRED TRAININGS. THE REQUIRED TRAININGS I WILL BE BRINGING BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING. IT IS REALLY ROUTINE. DEPENDING UPON WHAT ACTIONS COUNSEL TAKES TONIGHT FOR THE OTHER THREE I WILL BRING THAT BACK AS WELL AS A PART OF THAT POLICY . THE ITEM FOR THE COUNCIL TONIGHT IS TO DISCUSS THESE POLICIES FOR THOSE THAT I JUST STATED. I DID PROVIDE A BUNCH OF EXAMPLES. I PROVIDED TABLES AS FAR AS MULTIPLE WAYS OTHER CITIES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE DONE. THOSE WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE STAFF REPORT IN THE TABLES, SO THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF WAYS OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE IT. THEY DO IT BY OUR PROCESS, WHICH IS IN THE NOMINATION. SOME DO IT BY PUTTING OUT THERE NOMINATIONS BY BALLOT AND THEN ANNOUNCING IT IN OPEN SESSION. SOME TO IT BASED UPON THE VICE MAYOR BEING SELECTED INTO THE MAYOR'S ROLE AND IT GOES BY SENIORITY. CITY STAFF DID NOT PUT THESE IN ANY ORDER OF PRIORITY. WE JUST WANTED THE COUNCIL TO KNOW TO SHOW YOU WHAT ALL THOSE POLICIES WERE SO THAT YOU COULD CREATE THE DECISION THAT WORKS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. THERE IS NO RECOMMENDATION FROM CITY STAFF BECAUSE THIS IS FOR YOU TO DETERMINE. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DO THAT. THE GOAL FROM GOING THROUGH THESE POLICIES IS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A CLEAR AND OPEN GOVERNMENT FOR ALL OF OUR POLICIES. TONIGHT I THINK IS BECAUSE OF THE UPCOMING ELECTION IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE CLEAR DEFINITION AS TO THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND THE RULES IN THE SEATING, SO IT IS UP FOR DISCUSSION.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION. I AM LOOKING AT THE ATTACHMENT ONE OUTLINING THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. THE FIRST TOPIC WE WILL NEED TO ADDRESS HERE. ONE OPTION IS MOTION, SECOND, AND FOOD. THAT IS HOW SEBASTOPOL HAS BEEN DOING IT . THE SECOND

ITEM THAT YOU IDENTIFIED IS THE BALLOT PROCESS. THAT WOULD BE A PROCESS BY WHICH ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TAKEN AND THEN THERE IS A SECRET BALLOT VOTE THAT DISCLOSES THE RESULTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT DISTINCTION OF THOSE NUMBER 1 AND 2. I AM CONFUSED ABOUT THE OPTIONS 3 AND 4. THEY LOOK VERY SIMILAR TO ME. MARY, CAN YOU HELP US UNDERSTAND? OUR CITY ATTORNEY HAS BEEN INVOLVED TOO. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER FOUR WHICH IS THE ROTATION OF THE VICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL? BOTH OF THEM MENTION SENIORITY AND BOTH MENTION ANY VOTES OR ANY TYPE OF VOTES BEING A TIGHT IN TERMS OF SENIORITY BEING BROKEN BY NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION, SO WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

3 AND 4 ARE EXAMPLES OF THE NUMBER OF VOTES AS EXAMPLES OF AN OBJECTIVE MEASURE YOU COULD USE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 3 AND 4 IS THAT FOR IS ESTABLISHING THAT HE WILL HAVE A POLICY THAT THE VICE MAYOR WILL ALWAYS GET ELEVATED TO MAYOR THE NEXT YEAR AND SO YOU WILL JUST DECIDE WHATEVER POLICY YOU WANT TO USE FOR SELECTING THE VICE MINUTE THAT IS WERE YOU SELECTING AND YOU AUTOMATICALLY GET ELEVATED THE NEXT TWO. ALTERNATIVELY THE OPPOSITE OF THAT FOR NUMBER FOUR IS THAT YOU WILL INDEPENDENTLY SELECT EACH ARE A MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE VICE MAYOR WOULD BE ELEVATED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THAT HIS TOTAL CORRECT. I WANT TO JUMP IN. THE EXAMPLE OF THE MAYOR. SENIORITY. THAT IS JUST WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS. HE IS CORRECT ON THAT, BUT IF YOU ARE ASKING THE DIFFERENCES. NUMBER THREE IS BASICALLY TALKING ABOUT ONE OPTION. NUMBER FOUR IS STATING THAT WHOEVER IS THE VICE MAYOR WOULD BE ROTATED IN AND IT WOULD FOLLOW.

IS THE OUTCOME GOING TO BE DIFFERENT IN EACH OF THOSE INSTANCES? THAT IS WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT.

IT COULD BECAUSE THE VICE MAYOR COULD MAYBE NOT BE A SENIOR PERSON.

PERFECT. ANY OTHERS? GO AHEAD.

IS THAT HOW WE DO IT NOW THAT EVERY YEAR IT IS JUST ANYONE CAN BE SELECTED? IS THAT HOW IT IS DONE? YES. TYPICALLY HOW WE DO IT IN THE PAST AS WE TAKE ALL NOMINATIONS AND THE FIRST GETS VOTED ON.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE IS NOTHING BEING PROPOSED IN TERMS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE NOT MAKING ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE CHANGES.

CORRECT, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BROUGHT FORWARD THESE THREE FORMATS SO THAT THE COUNCIL COULD DISCUSS WHAT THE COUNCIL WOULD PREFER TO DO. SO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS NOT RECOMMENDING EITHER THAT WE REMAIN AS A CITY WITHOUT CURRENT PRACTICE OR GO TO A DIFFERENT CHANGE. WE ARE JUST SAYING THESE ARE THE THREE BASIC SYSTEMS WE FOUND AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THIS COUNSEL ON WHAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO DO.

ON PAGE 2 YOU ARE MENTIONING THREE BUT THERE IS ACTUALLY FOUR THINGS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I AM LOOKING AT THE SAME PAGE.

YES THERE ARE FOUR. THE THIRD AND FOURTH ONE BEING DISTINGUISHED BY THE FACT THAT THE FOURTH ONE IS WHERE THE VICE MAYOR WOULD AUTOMATICALLY MOVE INTO THE MAYOR POSITION, CORRECT? OTHERWISE THEY SEEM TO BE BASED ON SENIORITY AND WITH THE TIE IN SENIORITY BROKEN BY A NUMBER OF VOTES.

THAT IS JUST A EXAMPLE, NUMBER THREE IS SAYING YOU COULD DEVELOP A POLICY WHEN YOU CHOOSE THROUGH SOME OBJECTIVE MEASURE AND A EXAMPLE OF THAT COULD BE SENIORITY.

THEN NUMBER FOUR IS IDENTIFYING THAT THE VICE MAYOR WILL ALWAYS BE THE MAYOR, THAT IS A OPTION. SO YES THESE ARE VARIOUS OPTIONS. OBVIOUSLY I DID NOT FEEL WE SHOULD BE BIT TWO INDIVIDUALS DECIDING OR RECOMMENDING SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS HOW THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ARE CHOSEN.

WE MADE THE CONSCIOUS DECISION THAT MARY SHOULD TO THE SUMMARY OR THE STAFF REPORT. CLEARLY WE ARE BIASED. THAT IS THE REASON WHY, SHE WAS THE NEUTRAL. SO THAT IS THE REASON WHY.

I WANT TO ADD TO THAT, THAT IS WHY THESE ARE NOT IN ANY ORDER OF PRIORITY. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE JUST REVIEWED THE POLICIES THEY DID NOT PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS OR THEIR INPUT, THEY JUST REVIEWED EVERYTHING CITY STAFF DID, THIS HAS BEEN DONE BY CITY STAFF WITH JUST A REVIEW OF POLICIES.

WHAT WE ARE SEEING HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING ANYWAY WHICH IS EACH YEAR THERE IS NOMINATIONS AND THERE IS A VOTE IN A OPEN PUBLIC MEETING OR THERE IS A OPTION THAT SOME CITIES HAVE TAKEN ON OF HAVING ALL NOMINATIONS COLLECTED. THE CITY CLERK WRITES DOWN ALL OF THE NOMINATIONS AND EACH COUNCIL MEMBER HAS A SHEET WHERE THEY VOTE ON ALL THE NOMINATIONS AND THE RESULTS ARE DISCLOSED, THAT IS THE VALID PROCESS AND THERE IS A OBJECTIVE MEASURE.

MY QUESTION IS ABOUT THE RANKING. IS THAT LEGAL? IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS DONE IN SECRET.

IT IS NOT DONE IN SECRET, YOU WOULD WRITE THE RESULTS DOWN, TURN THEM IN AND THEY WOULD BE DISCLOSED. IT IS NOT A SECRET BALLOT. THAT WOULD NOT GIVE YOU YOUR MAYOR, LET'S SAY YOU GOT THREE NOMINATIONS AND EACH GOT RANKED, THAT WOULD NOT CREATE A VOTE, YOU JUST HAVE IT ON A FARM AND EVERYBODY CAN SEE IT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THE IDEA IS QUESTIONS, GATHER THE INFORMATION YOU CAN. MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO DO THIS ONE STEP AT A TIME. HOW WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS?

I WOULD RECOMMEND WE DO POLICY ONE FIRST AND THEN ONCE WE RESOLVE THAT GO TO POLICY TWO AND THEN POLICY THREE.

SO IN TERMS OF PUBLIC COMMENT?
ON EACH POLICY.

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT?

I AM JUST WONDERING -- I SPOKE WITH THEM WHEN IT WAS PLANNED TO MAKE A CHANGE BUT HAS A PROGRESSED ANYMORE?

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO BACK EACH MONTH WITH A AGENDA ITEM.
CORRECT.

TO CATCH THE REST OF US UP WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

THEY DO NOT KNOW. THEY HAD A STUDY SESSION ON IT AND A DIRECTED STAFF TO BRING BACK OPTIONS.

THEY WERE NOT CLEAR ON WHAT THEY WERE DOING BUT THEY DID NOT THINK THEY WERE STAYING WITH THE PROCESS THEY HAD ACCORDING TO THE COUNCILMEMBER I SPOKE WITH.

ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

THANK YOU MAYOR. THIS IS ON THE COUNCIL POLICY FOR JUST THIS ELECTION, THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR PROTOCOL. WE WILL GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND THE SELECTION OF THE SEATING. THIS IS JUST FOR THE FIRST POLICY AND SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. I WILL COME TO CHAMBERS FIRST, SEEING NONE, NOW I WILL GO TO ZOOM. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF COYOTE? CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD.

I APPRECIATE THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ON TRYING TO TAKE A NEUTRAL STANCE ON THIS AND PASS THE BUCK TO THE CITY BUT I AM SURPRISED TO HEAR THE CITY IS NOT PUTTING FORWARD ANY RECOMMENDATION AT LEAST SUGGESTING MAKE A CHANGE. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS I WATCHED COUNCILMEMBERS BE ACTIVELY EXCLUDED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR BY COUNCILMEMBERS THEY SHARED SEATS WITH. I SAW THE SHORTEST MAYOR 10 YEAR HAPPEN AS A RESULT OF SOME AMAZING THEATRICALS THAT TOOK SO MUCH TIME, HURT A LOT OF FOLKS FEELINGS AND WAS A REALLY SAD MOMENT FOR OUR CITY. TO HEAR TONIGHT THAT THE CITY IS NOT PUTTING FORTH ANY SORT OF RECOMMENDATION TO CONSTITUTE ANY CHANGE IS A LITTLE SURPRISING TO ME AND I WOULD HOPE GIVEN THOSE TWO THINGS HAPPENING IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME A RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGE WOULD BE MADE. TO HEAR THE CITY ATTORNEY USE THE WORD OBJECTIVE AND SUGGESTING ANY OF THESE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY OBJECTIVE IS ALSO SURPRISING TO ME. MAYBE A LITTLE BIT OF LEGALESE HERE BUT THE RECOMMENDATION I WOULD PROVIDE TONIGHT'S RANKED CHOICE. BRING TOYS CONSISTENTLY HALES HAS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC PROCESS YOU CAN BE USING IN TERMS OF MAKING DECISIONS AND IS GOING TO RADICALLY CHANGE THIS INFIGHTING WE HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE CITY FOR YEARS. WHAT I SUSPECT, WE WOULD LIKELY SEE COMING INTO THIS NEXT YEAR AS FOLKS JOCKEY FOR POWER AS A RESULT OF A ELECTION AND I WOULD HATE TO SEE THAT. LET'S MAKE A CHANGE THAT IS BEST FOR THE CITY AND DOES NOT GO THROUGH A BUNCH OF WE THEATRICALS LIKE WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME IN TO CHAMBERS.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY WELL SAID. THE OTHER THING IS WE HAVE POTENTIALLY THREE NEW COUNSELORS EVERY TWO YEARS AND AS SAID EARLIER WE HAVE TWO POTENTIAL NEW COUNSELORS, THEY ARE NOT HERE TONIGHT. I HAVE SPOKEN TO BOTH OF THEM, THEY ARE VERY UNINFORMED ABOUT THE CITY AND UNENGAGED REALLY. SO ECHOING WHAT KYLE SAID, THE ELECTION I WAS INVOLVED IN TWO YEARS AGO, THREE COUNSELORS LEFT IN DISGRACE IN MY OPINION, THEY DID NOT RERUN BECAUSE THEY LEFT THE CITY IN SUCH A STATE. SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, TO RUN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SO ON. TO ME, THAT EXPERIENCE OF

SOMEBODY WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE CITY IS MORE VALUABLE THAN SOMEBODY COMING IN AND HAVING SOME KIND OF VOTING THING BETWEEN THREE PEOPLE THAT ARE NEWLY ELECTED THAT ARE INTERESTED IN BICYCLES, GLOBAL WARMING OR WHATEVER. TO ME CITY KNOWLEDGE COMES AFTER EXPERIENCE AND I AGREE THAT MICHAEL DEFINITELY GOT STABBED IN THE BACK WHEN REALLY HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MAYOR. THAT WAS REALLY TOXIC FOR THE CITY I THINK AND IT SPEAKS TO THIS WEIRD BACKGROUND OF PEOPLE THAT RUN THE CITY BUT NEVER SHOW UP TO COUNCIL MEETINGS. INCLUDING X COUNSELORS. THERE IS A LOT OF WEIRD BACK GROUND NOISE A LOT OF THE TIME WITH THE STAFF SO IT IS HEALTHY TO HAVE SOME KIND OF CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE PICKED BUT TO ME IT SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE CITY. SHOWING UP AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON. I THINK THAT IS SUPER IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU OLIVER FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THE SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. LINDA CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? THANK YOU, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

-- MICHAEL -- OLIVER SAID GOT STABBED IN THE BACK -- GOT PASSED OVER FOR MAYOR -- ANYWAY -- MICHAEL WAS GOOD, HE WAS INDEPENDENT AND THAT IS WHAT WE NEED AND THAT IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE. MICHAEL WAS EASILY ACCESSED BY ME AND EVERYBODY ELSE. HE WOULD PICK UP THE PHONE AND RESPOND. WE DO NOT HAVE THAT NOW LARGELY. THE OTHER INCIDENT MENTIONED, SHE REFUSED TO BE MAYOR BECAUSE SHE DID NOT LIKE THE SELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR WHO WAS RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL UNFORTUNATELY. LIKE OLIVER SAID WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD SELECTION. I DO NOT KNOW WHY PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO BE ON CITY COUNCIL BUT WE DO NEED RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS I DO NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR CHANGING THE WAY THAT IT IS. YOU KNOW PEOPLE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND IT TURNS OUT THEY CAN BE TOXIC AS WELL. A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE MAYOR AND NISA. MAKING THAT POLICY DESPITE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE.

YOU HAVE 25 SECONDS.

5.6 MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT WHICH THEY'S BILL WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE. THE WIRELESS METERS THAT ARE FAILING WHICH THEY WILL NOT ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT. EVERETT PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. EVERETT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

THERE WE GO.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES. SPEAKING ABOUT THIS POINT, I THINK SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE SET UP, I THINK WE NEED TO TRUST THE COUNCIL, THE MAKEUP OF THE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED TO DECIDE HOW TO BEST PROCEED IN CERTAIN YEARS. SOMEBODY MIGHT BE BETTER QUALIFIED WERE A BETTER LEADER TO LEAD RATHER THAN KEEP IT AS A RANDOM SITUATION WHERE SOMEBODY MAY NOT BE READY FOR IT. THEY MAY ELECTIVELY TAKE ON THAT ROLE JUST BECAUSE IT IS THEIR RETURN VERSUS THE RIGHT PERSON

OR RIGHT REPRESENTATION. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE CLARITY ON THE PROCESS SO WE DO NOT END UP WITH TIES. I JUST WANTED TO SUPPORT A METHOD THAT IS DECIDED BY THE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS OPPOSED TO SOMETHING AUTOMATIC. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU, JUST SOME GENERAL COMMENTS AS I THINK ABOUT THIS TOPIC. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FACTORS HERE. THERE IS DISCRETION, SO WHO DOES THE CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO VALUE THE DISCRETION OF EACH CITY COUNCIL TO SELECT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW. THERE IS A NOMINATION PROCESS AND THE COUNCIL ON THE DAY OF UNDER THE BROWN ACT, NOBODY GETS TO TALK TO EACH OTHER UNTIL WE ARE HERE. OUR NORMAL HISTORICAL PROCESS HAS BEEN BASICALLY COUNCILMEMBERS GET NOMINATED AND THEY GET VOTED IN AND IT IS A DISCRETIONARY PROCESS THE FIVE MEMBERS IN THE MOMENT GET TO PARTICIPATE IN. THAT IS DISCRETIONARY TO THE EXTENT WE WANT TO GO WITH PREDICTABILITY. THEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING SET UP FOR A VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO MAYOR WHERE THE ROTATION IS SET BASED ON SENIORITY WITH TIES BROKEN BY WHOEVER GOT THE MOST VOTES OR SOME OTHER FACTOR IN THE LAST ELECTION. THAT GIVES YOU PREDICTABILITY BUT IT LOSES THE DISCRETIONARY PIECE. WE ALSO HEAR COMMENTS AND THE VICE MAYOR AND I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE VALUING OF EXPERIENCE. THE EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT LEADER. A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. IF YOU HAVE A NOMINATION SYSTEM AS WE DO CURRENTLY, YOU HAVE INHERENT IN THAT PROCESS, SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS IN TERMS OF LEADERSHIP. SO THERE'S A LOT OF VARIABLES GOING ON HERE AND I KNOW IT IS A DIFFICULT DECISION, I AM THE ONLY ONE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A PERSONAL STAKE IN IT BUT I ALSO HAVE GREAT FAITH IN ALL OF YOU AND YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON DOING THE BEST FOR THE COUNCIL. YOU ALL WANT TO DO THE BEST FOR THE COUNCIL, I ABSOLUTELY FEEL THAT. I AM NOT SURE HOW TO NAVIGATE THIS BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE COUNCILMEMBER HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER. PLEASE.

I JUST WANT TO WEIGH IN I GUESS. BOTH THINGS MENTIONED BY THE PUBLIC I WAS ON THE COUNCIL FOR. IT IS HARD TO SECOND-GUESS DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE. A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS I HAVE BELONGED TO OVER THE YEARS HAVE A ARRAY OF DIFFERENT THINGS. YOU HAVE A NOMINATION PROCESS, PEOPLE MOVE TO BE THE LEADER OF THAT ORGANIZATION AND SOMETIMES IT DEPENDS ON A LOT OF FACTORS. I TRUST THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE TIME HAVING BEEN A PART OF THIS BODY DURING BOTH OF THEM, THERE ARE REASONS BEHIND BOTH OF THEM THAT MAY SEEM UNFAIR AND MEAN WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT AS A OUTSIDER, BUT WE SIT UP HERE AS INSIDERS AND WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION AND WE DO OUR RESEARCH AND MAKE THE DECISION AT THE TIME. THE WAY I READ THIS, IF THE EQUAL ROTATION GOES INTO EFFECT, I MAY GET ELECTED FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS AND NEVER BE MAYOR IN THOSE FOUR YEARS EVEN THOUGH I WOULD BE THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND I FEEL LIKE I HAVE THE TEMPERAMENT AND ENACTED MANY THINGS THAT SHOW MY RESUME AS BEING A COLLABORATIVE COUNCILMEMBER AND YET IN A EQUAL AND

UNFAIR ROTATION, THROUGH THE YEARS I WOULD NOT BE MAYOR. SO THIS IS A SYSTEM I CANNOT SUPPORT. I DO NOT THINK IT IS DEMOCRATIC. IT IS NOT GENERALLY HOW POLITICAL THINGS WORK AND WE SHOULD ALL BE ABLE TO SHOWCASE OUR EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT AND AT THE END OF THE DAY WE ARE PUT HERE BY THE VOTERS. ONCE WE ARE SITTING HERE WE WORK TOGETHER AND TRY TO COME UP WITH THE BEST THINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTING A EQUAL ROTATION BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO ME TO BE FRANK. I THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE UNFAIR TO THE CITIZENS IN THIS TOWN AND WHAT PEOPLE REALLY WANT. THAT IS JUST MY FIRST THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUE. WHEN WE THOUGHT TO PUT TOGETHER A PROTOCOL SO IT WAS CLEAR, MY THOUGHTS ON THAT WERE TO MAKE IT CLEAR, NOT NECESSARILY CHANGE THE WAY WE WERE DOING EVERYTHING. I COULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF A BALLOT SITUATION THAT BECAME PUBLIC IF IT MADE EVERYBODY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE. THAT WOULD STILL BECOME PUBLIC AND TRANSPARENT AND WE WOULD STILL BE DISCUSSING IT AS A GROUP TO MOVE THE PERSON FORWARD. WE JUST HEARD FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR TONIGHT, IF WE CHANGE OUR PROTOCOLS WHEN WE CHANGE IT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION?

I WILL GET COMMENTS FROM OTHERS SO WE ARE HEARING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE EXISTING SYSTEM. I GUESS MY QUESTION TO THE REST OF YOU, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT? GO AHEAD COUNCILMEMBER. WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT AS THE SYSTEM IN PLACE. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FAILINGS. WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS IF ANY WITH A NOMINATION SYSTEM? COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS? YOU MAY THINK THE NOMINATION SYSTEM IS GREAT BUT WHAT ARE THE FAILINGS?

I HAVE WITNESSED THEM ALL SINCE I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THESE MEETINGS FOR NEARLY A DECADE. IT IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE I SEE THE VALUE IN HAVING DISCRETION. TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS POINT I GET IT, INTERNALLY WE SOMETIMES HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EVERYONE'S ABILITIES BUT AT THE SAME TIME I STRUGGLE WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST AND THE AWKWARDNESS. THE ONE THEY ARE SPEAKING OF, WE LANDED ON CNN. WE WATCHED OUR COUNCIL MEETING ON CNN AND THEY WERE POKING FUN AT US BECAUSE OF THE PROCESS. THE SHORTEST TERMED MAYOR EVER ON TV AND IT WAS EMBARRASSING. I GO BACK AND FORTH BECAUSE I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING BUT I ALSO LIKE A OBJECTIVE PROCESS WITH MANY THINGS SO I AM TORN HERE. WHAT I DO NOT LIKE ABOUT THE PROCESS IS THAT IT IS VERY AWKWARD. EVERYBODY IS JUST THROWING OUT NAMES. IT IS JUST AWKWARD TO ME. I'M VERY TORN WITH THIS BECAUSE I ALSO BELIEVE IN DISCRETION AND RECOGNIZING EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THAT IS HOW WE DO MANY THINGS. WE TRY NOT TO PUT PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES THAT ARE INCAPABLE OF IT. WE HAVE NATIONAL STUFF GOING ON. AT ANY RATE I STRUGGLE WITH IT BECAUSE IT IS VERY AWKWARD AND AT TIMES IT IS EMBARRASSING IN MY OPINION. SO EILEEN MORE TOWARD A OBJECTIVE PROCESS. I AM NOT SAYING I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS YET I WANT TO KNOW WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS BECAUSE SOMETIMES THAT SPARKS MORE THOUGHT AND CHANGES MY MIND RIGHT NOW THAT IS WHERE I AM AT.
OKAY VICE MAYOR.

THANK YOU FOR BEING COURAGEOUS AND SAYING THAT, SOMETIMES IT IS HARD BUT THANK YOU MAYOR FOR PUTTING OUT THE FAILINGS. IT IS INCREDIBLY STRESSFUL JUST WATCHING A FEW OF THEM, WHAT A PROCESS. SO I DEFINITELY DO LEAN TOWARDS HAVING STRUCTURE. IT ALSO PRODUCES STRESS AND UNCERTAINTY FOR THE PUBLIC BECAUSE AS WHAT WAS MENTIONED THE PUBLIC PUT US HERE. I THINK THEY ARE ANTICIPATING A ROTATION BECAUSE SOMEBODY VOTED FOR YOU SO THEY WOULD ASSUME AT SOME POINT YOU TWO WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO JUST BE ROTATED THROUGH ALL OF THE PROCESS. SO I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO BE ROTATED THROUGH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND I WAS IMPRESSED BY WHAT FAIRFAX SAID, THE GOAL IS FOR EVERYBODY TO GET A CHANCE TO BE ROTATED THROUGH THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND I THINK THAT IS A GOOD THING AND IT DOES HONOR THE WILL OF THE VOTERS THAT PUT US HERE.

VICE MAYOR CAN YOU TELL US WHERE IN THIS DOCUMENT THE FAIRFAX POLICY IS?

MARY INDICATED IT ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2-2 WHERE FIVE FAX SAID THE ROTATION STATED AS A GOAL BUT NOT REQUIRED. AS I SIT HERE NOW I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THE ROTATION BECAUSE IT IS A OBJECTIVE STANDARD AND IT DOES LEND MERIT TO THE PUBLIC AS FAR AS WHO IS COMING IN AND WHEN THEY WOULD LOGICALLY BE IN WHAT ROLE AND THEY CAN ANTICIPATE WHAT YEAR THEY WOULD BE DOING WHAT ON CITY COUNCIL.

I WILL POINT OUT THE FAIRFAX POLICIES ON PAGE 4-8 AND IT DOES INCLUDE THAT STATEMENT. THE PROCESS IS DISCRETIONARY BUT THE VOICE MAYOR I THINK MOVES INTO THE MAYOR POSITION BUT YES THEY DO HAVE THAT STATEMENT OF INTENT. SO WE ARE HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS, A STRONG VOICE IN FAVOR OF A OBJECTIVE OR PREDICTABLE PROCESS AND I THINK I AM HEARING THE SAME FROM THE VICE MAYOR. YES COUNCILMEMBER.

YES I WOULD BE COMFORTABLE HAVING THE VICE MAYOR BECOME THE MAYOR AND THEN THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR CAN THEN NOMINATE THE VICE MAYOR AND THAT PERSON IS VOTED ON. IF THAT PERSON DOES NOT GET THE VOTES, THEN ANOTHER PERSON WOULD BE NOMINATED AND VOTED ON. NOT THAT THE MAYOR WOULD NOMINATE THE SECOND PERSON PUT ANOTHER PERSON COULD NOMINATE BUT THE MAYOR WOULD HAVE THE FIRST CHOICE. I THINK BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN ANXIETY I FEEL AROUND THE PROCESS, THE FIRST ONE THAT SAYS IT GETS THE VOTE AND THE SAME FOR VICE MAYOR. IF YOU JUST GIVE THAT RIGHT TO THE MAYOR TO MAKE THE CHOICE, I THINK THAT DID HAPPEN WHEN SARAH BECAME THE MAYOR. SHE NOMINATED SOMEONE FOR VICE MAYOR THAT WAS VOTED ON AND FAILED. I THINK THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A BAD THING. IT PROVIDES SOME CERTAINTY IN TERMS OF A PROCESS. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

I THINK YOUR PROPOSAL IS CLEAR. THE IDEA HERE IS THE VICE MAYOR BECOMES MAYOR AND THE MAYOR NOMINATES THE NEW VICE MAYOR AND LOOKS FOR A SECOND AND SUPPORT.

AND VOTE AND IF THAT FAILS AND WHY I LIKE THAT IS IT PROVIDES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CERTAINTY TO THE PROCESS SO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FEEL LIKE WHO WILL SAY WHAT TO WIN AND GET IT OUT OF THE GATE AS

FAST AS YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE MAYOR WILL MAKE THE NOMINATION.

SO I UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL LOSES THE ROTATION CONCEPT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

MEANING, I SEE SOME QUESTIONS HERE.

HE COULD NOT NOMINATE SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN A MAYOR OR VICE MAYOR, THERE HAS TO BE RULES ON WHO THEY CAN NOMINATE.

SO COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS.

I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED IT, IN MY OPINION IF WE GO TO A OBJECTIVE PROCESS AND I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE AND WE WERE ALL ELECTED BY EVERYBODY HERE. WHATEVER THOSE NUMBERS ARE, THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PROCESS. WHOEVER IS ELECTED, IS THAT WHAT THE PROCESS IS SUGGESTING? WHOEVER IS ELECTED IT WILL JUST GO BY THOSE NUMBERS AND THAT ORDER? THAT SEEMS THE MOST OBJECTIVE AND THAT TAKES ALL OF THAT OUT OF THERE. THAT IS MY OPINION AND I SHOULD HAVE STATED THAT EARLIER.

THE IDEA HERE FROM COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS IS WHEN YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT THE PROCESS, WOULD THE VICE MAYOR MOVING TO THE MAYOR POSITION?

I THINK, IN MY OPINION, AS A VICE MAYOR, YOU ARE INTRODUCED TO A LOT OF PROCESSES THAT YOU IMPLEMENT THE NEXT YEAR. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN A VICE MAYOR AND YOU ARE SUDDENLY A MAYOR, IT IS MUCH MORE CHALLENGING FROM THAT PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE AND THE CITY'S PERSPECTIVE, THERE IS VALUE IN EXPERIENCE BEFORE YOU MOVE INTO THAT ROLE IN MY OPINION. LIKE WITH ANYTHING.

THAT ADDRESSES THE EXPERIENCED TOPIC.

IT IS JUST REFLECTIVE OF HOW WE WERE ELECTED IN MY OPINION. I LEAN TOWARD MORE DATA. I WOULD SAY WHAT IS THE DATA? IT IS VERY OBJECTIVE. NONE OF US ARE MAKING THAT UP, THEY ARE NUMBERS GIVEN TO US AND HOW THAT ROLLS.

SO VICE MAYOR BECAUSE WE ARE OBVIOUSLY BRAINSTORMING, THE VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO MAYOR AND ARE YOU FEELING COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS, IN TERMS OF A PREDICTABLE ROTATION BASED ON SENIORITY AND NUMBER OF VOTES THAT PERSON RECEIVED?

THAT FEEL SUBJECTIVE AND PREDICTABLE TO ME. I UNDERSTAND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A ONE-OFF OR THAT SITUATION I SUPPOSE BUT AT THE SAME TIME, BEING MORE OBJECTIVE AND REFLECTING THE REPRESENTATION. WE WERE ALL ELECTED BY SOMEBODY IN MY OPINION. I JUST LIKE THAT PROCESS AND THEN PEOPLE HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR STUFF. OR MAYBE NOT.

LET'S CONTINUE SOME DISCUSSION. GO AHEAD COUNCILMEMBER.

FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO ADDRESS BEING ON CNN. IN MY OPINION, THAT WAS A SINGLE COUNCILMEMBER WHO DID NOT BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY THAT RESIGNED WITHIN FIVE MINUTES BECAUSE SHE DID NOT LIKE THAT THE REST OF THE COUNCIL WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMEONE. HER HAND CHOSEN PICK. IF WE ARE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION I WOULD BE MORE OBJECTIVE AND MAYBE THAT IS VOTING. IF YOU LOOK AT THE 2020 VOTE COUNT YOU CAN SEE WHO CAME IN FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD. YOU CAN FIND IT ON THE ELECTION RESULTS AND I WILL GO AHEAD AND SAY BASED ON LOOKING AT IT A MINUTE TO GO, IF I GOT THE COUNTS RIGHT,

STEPHEN FIRST, COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS SECOND AND STACY THIRD. THEN IT IS NOT HAND CHOSEN OR PICKING YOUR FRIEND. IT IS MORE OBJECTIVE WHICH SEEMS MORE FAIR IF WE ARE GOING FOR A FAIRNESS SITUATION. THEN I WOULD BRING UP AGAIN BECAUSE I AM RUNNING FOR OFFICE, I WOULD LOOK AT A FAIR SITUATION PLACED BY THE VOTERS, EVERY TERM IS A STEAM STATUS RANK VOTE. IF I WAS THE NUMBER ONE VOTE-GETTER I SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE ROTATION NEXT.

AFTER THE FIRST THREE?

YES.

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT. IF WE WENT WITH THIS DIRECTION I KNOW I WOULD NOT BE MAYOR BECAUSE I AM THE THIRD VOTE-GETTER.

THE THREE OF YOU WOULD ROTATE THROUGH BEFORE ME BUT THEN THE NEXT ELECTION RESULTS WOULD SET THE NEXT PERSON.

YES BUT IN ORDER TO BE MAYOR I WOULD HAVE TO RUN AGAIN?

NO, --

NO, I WOULD NOT BE IF WE WENT WITH THIS IDEA.

I THINK --

LET ME SAY WHAT HOW I THINK IT WORKS, IN THAT SITUATION, THE ZALMAN WOULD BE MAYOR IN 2025 AND Mc LEWIS WOULD MOVE INTO VICE MAYOR. Mc LEWIS WOULD BE MAYOR IN 2026 AND MAUER WOULD MOVE INTO VICE MAYOR AND MAUER --

MY TERM IS OVER IN 2026.

THERE IS NO WAY TO GET THE THREE OF YOU THROUGH THE ROTATION UNLESS SOMEBODY RUNS FOR REELECTION.

I WAS GOING TO SAY, THERE IS NO PERFECT WAY THEN. YOU HAVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS AND THERE IS FIVE OF YOU. SOMETIMES BASED ON WHO RUNS AND WHO DOES NOT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CYCLE PEOPLE THROUGH BUT INEVITABLY BECAUSE THERE IS FIVE PEOPLE AND FOUR-YEAR TERMS, YOU OFTEN ARE NOT ABLE TO CYCLE EVERYONE THROUGH.

YES THAT IS THE COMMENT FROM COUNCILMEMBER MERRICK, IDENTIFYING ONE OF THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS SITUATION. YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO AT SOME POINT DURING THEIR FOR YOUR TERM WILL BECOME VICE MAYOR BUT NEVER PROCEED TO MAYOR WHICH RAISES A QUESTION, WHAT HAPPENS THEN IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCE? LET'S SAY COUNCILMEMBER MAUER DOES NOT RUN AGAIN, NOW THE ROTATION WE HAVE HAD, WE HAVE HAD COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS WITH HER VICE MAYOR WHICH IS COUNCILMEMBER MERRICK, WHO DOES NOT RUN FOR REELECTION SO WHO BECOMES MAYOR?

IN THIS SCENARIO YOU ARE BASING THE ROTATION OFF OF RESULTS FROM TWO YEARS PREVIOUSLY SO WHO EVER GOT THE HIGHEST VOTES AT THE 2024 ELECTION WOULD BE MAYOR.

IN THE CASE OF COUNCILMEMBER HINTON MAKES SENSE BECAUSE SHE HAS THE EXPERIENCE BUT LET'S SAY IT IS TO COMPLETELY NEW PEOPLE. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE GOING INTO MAYOR A COMPLETELY NEW PERSON CORRECT?

YES, IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE, YOU WOULD MAKE THAT PERSON VICE MAYOR KNOWING THEY WOULD BE MAYOR NEXT YEAR AND YOU CAN HAVE THAT SET UP AS THE POLICY. IF THAT IS THE ISSUE OR CONCERN.

CAN THERE BE A CAVEAT WHERE IN THE INSTANCE WHERE THE VICE MAYOR IS NOT RUNNING AGAIN AND NOT MOVING INTO THAT ROLE, HAVE A CLAUSE THAT -- CURRENTLY ON THE COUNCIL IS THE ONE THAT WOULD MOVE INTO THE ROLE? IS THAT CLEAR? IT IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMETHING.

WE CAN MAKE THE POLICY WHATEVER THE COUNCIL WANTS. IT IS JUST DETERMINING WHAT ISSUES YOU CARE ABOUT AND IF YOU WANT THEM ADDRESSED IN THE POLICY OR NOT?

EXPERIENCE AS WELL, IF YOU WANT THAT CAVEAT AS WELL, WE ARE NOT PUTTING TOO PEOPLE RIGHT INTO THE --

-- ELECTIONS, IT CAN BE THE MOST SENIOR PERSON WHO HAS NOT SERVED AS MAYOR IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS OR SOMETHING. YOU CAN COME UP WITH RESTRICTIONS BUT HAS TO HAVE SERVED TWO YEARS ON THE COUNCIL OR READY.

THIS IS GOING INTO THE PARTICULARS, THE SHORT ANSWER HERE IS YES WE COULD PROVIDE A SUGGESTED WAY FOR THE COUNCIL TO PREVENT THE CIRCUMSTANCE WERE A COMPLETELY NEW COUNCILMEMBER STEPS INTO A MAYOR ROLE WHAT OTHER CONCERNS ARE THERE? THE ONES I CAN THINK OF, YOU CAN ALLOW A INDIVIDUAL AUTOMATICALLY IN THE ROTATION TO DECLINE, RIGHT? THEN YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE DO THEY GO? PROBABLY THE END OF THE ROTATION. WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE -- THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION WHERE THE REST OF THE COUNCIL PEOPLE DO NOT FEEL THEY CAN COLLABORATE WITH THAT SITUATION. DOES ANYBODY HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THAT OR NO?

I HAVE A CONCERN, THE COUNCILMEMBER JUST POINTED OUT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY SHE WOULD NOT BE MAYOR AND WE ARE LOOKING AT SETTING A POLICY THAT, WHEN I COUNT THE CITIES, EIGHT PEOPLE DO IT THE WAY WE HAVE ALREADY'S I WILL SAY I DO NOT LIKE LOCKING OURSELVES INTO IT. IT IS COMFORTABLE AND MAYBE A BALLOT THING WOULD MAKE IT MORE COMFORTABLE. I WOULD RATHER LEAVE THE DISCRETION TO THE COUNCIL. I REALLY WOULD.

I WILL TURN TO TO COUNCILMEMBER BECAUSE -- NO MATTER WHAT YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS WERE OR WHAT YOU BROUGHT TO THE TABLE OF BECOMING MAYOR. DOES THAT CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE? WHAT IS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THIS POLICY BEING DISCUSSED HERE?

HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MAYOR IS JUST DISAPPOINTING. THERE WOULD NOT BE A CHANCE BECAUSE I WOULD SET IT UP IN SUCH A WAY WHERE I AM -- SO ONE OF US WILL NOT BE THE MAYOR, THAT IS JUST A FACT. THERE IS THREE OF US COUNCILMEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN THE MAYOR AND ONE OF US WILL NOT BE.

I HAVE TO POINT OUT THAT THIS POLICY, IF IT HAD BEEN IN PLACE WHEN YOU THREE WERE ELECTED THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WOULD BE HAPPENING. I WAS VICE MAYOR AND IN THE FIRST YEAR I WOULD BE MAYOR AND IN FACT STEPHEN WAS VICE MAYOR WITH ME SO WE ARE SEEING THIS POLICY BEING DISCUSSED, THIS OBJECTIVE POLICY PLAYED OUT ALREADY. NO MATTER WHAT THERE IS GOING TO BE ONE PERSON THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO BE MAYOR AND THAT WILL HAPPEN

DEPENDING ON HOW THE ELECTIONS GO AND EVERYTHING ELSE THERE COULD BE MORE PEOPLE THAT DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE. THAT IS LESS PREDICTABLE. THAT IS A ASSUMPTION BEING MADE, ALL THREE OF US

WOULD SOMEHOW BE VOTED INTO SOME ROLE BUT THERE IS NOTHING GUARANTEED NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU CHANGE A POLICY. I AM JUST SAYING.

THE PIECE I WOULD SAY IN TERMS OF THE ROTATION IS THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAN BE MINIMAL. THE NUMBER OF VOTES THAT CAN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ONE COUNCILMEMBER HAVING THE THIRD GROUP OF VOTES COULD BE SO SMALL COMPARED TO THE 2nd. SO JUST, THUMBS UP. WHO IS STICKING WITH THE NOMINATION POLICY IN PLACE AND WHO THINKS IT IS A GOOD IDEA? I KNOW THE COUNCILMEMBER DOES, ANYBODY ELSE? I HAVE TO STAY OUT OF THE DISCUSSION -- CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED. NUMBER ONE, THE LACK OF PREDICTABILITY IN THE PROCESS WAS UNSETTLING FOR ME AS A COUNCILMEMBER. NUMBER TWO, NAVIGATING THE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MOMENT WAS REALLY UNSETTLING. BUT IT WAS UNSETTLING TO BE IN A PROCESS WHERE YOU HAD THE POTENTIAL OF FEELING REJECTED OR ACCEPTED OR VOTED FOR OR NOT. SO I TEND TO THINK SOME SORT OF OBJECTIVE STANDARD IS A GOOD IDEA. WHAT IT IS I DO NOT KNOW. -- OKAY WE GOT THAT. DOES EVERYONE AGREE THAT IF A COUNCILMEMBER DECLINED, THAT SHOULD BE RESPECTED? WHAT IN TERMS OF STANDARDS IS EVERYONE FEELING THAT SENIORITY SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY DETERMINANT. MEANING WHOEVER HAS BEEN ON THE COUNCIL. GO AHEAD CITY ATTORNEY.

YOU LIMIT LEE DECIDE WHAT YOUR OBJECTIVE STANDARD IS IF THAT IS THE DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO. THE THING I WOULD QUESTION IS YOU ARE OFTEN GOING TO GET PEOPLE TIED SO YOU ARE JUST SKIPPING TO THE TIEBREAKER. THE NUMBER OF VOTES WOULD BE FROM THE MOST RECENT ELECTION? ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS YOU WOULD PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL? I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING.

THE VICE MAYOR MOVES TO MAYOR, IF THEY DO NOT GET THE VOTES THEN IT GOES TO A DIFFERENT SELECTION AND SOMEBODY ELSE GETS NOMINATED.

I CANNOT SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE I DO NOT THINK THE MAYOR HOLDS THAT KIND OF POWER OVER THE ENTIRE BODY. THEY WERE ALREADY BROWN ACTING AND IT WAS SET IN THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS DID NOT LIKE IT AND THEY WERE BROWN ACTED AND YOU SAW THAT. THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR HAVE OPPOSING VIEWS, NOT ALWAYS VOTING TOGETHER. PERSONALLY IF I AM GOING TO MAKE A PICK FOR VICE MAYOR, THAT WOULD BE THE CRITERIA. THE OTHER GO WITH WE ALL GET TO MAKE A PICK OR WE GO WITH A OBJECTIVE DATABASE DECISION IN MY OPINION. OTHERWISE I CANNOT SUPPORT IT.

GO AHEAD COUNCILMEMBER. LAST YEAR THE SAME, DIANA WAS NOMINATED AND THEN YOU CHOSE THE VICE MAYOR AND WE VOTED. THAT IS THE WAY IT HAS BEEN GOING. JUST NAMING IT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU GET NOMINATED AS MAYOR YOU GET TO GIVE A SPEECH AND PART OF THE SPEECH IS NOMINATING. THE FIRST PERSON NOMINATED IS VOTED ON AND THAT IS HOW IT HAS WORKED FOR TWO YEARS.

I HAVE TO COMMENT, THE HAS BEEN A RESPECTFUL PROCESS BUT THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE PROCESS IN THE PAST. THE PROCESS IN THE PAST WAS THE ONE I EXPERIENCED AND IT WAS FINE BY ME BUT I WAS NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR AND I LOOKED AROUND AND SECONDED MY OWN NOMINATION AND NOBODY SUPPORTED ME AND IT IS NOT A GOOD FEELING. IF WE WANT A

PROCESS THAT IS MORE RESPECTFUL OF PEOPLE'S FEELINGS AND MORE PREDICTABLE --

IT GOT REALLY ROUGH AT TIMES IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE PAST YEARS. I DID NOMINATE DIANA BECAUSE ALSO IT WAS HER ROTATION, SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN ON THE COUNCIL AND PASSED OVER AND SHE WAS THE NATURAL PICK I FELT BUT SOMEBODY COULD HAVE NOMINATED SOMEBODY ELSE ON THE FLOOR, THAT IS THE WAY THE PROCESS WORKS.

IT SEEMS TO ME IN THAT MOMENT, THERE IS THE FEELING THAT THE FIRST PERSON NOMINATED WILL GET VOTED ON SO THERE IS A LOT OF ANXIETY IN THAT. SO TO HAVE THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THAT SUGGESTION AND THE VOTE IS WHATEVER IT IS EVEN IF IT MEANS THE COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT THE NOMINATION BUT IT MAKES IT CLEAR IT IS NOT A RACE TO VOTE.

THAT LENDS SO MUCH POWER TO THAT ROLE, I CANNOT VOTE FOR THAT NOT WATCHING WHAT I HAVE FOR 10 YEARS.

I WILL TRY TO WRAP IT UP HERE. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE GOING TOWARD NOT CONTINUING OUR CURRENT STANDARD BUT INSTEAD HAVING A POLICY WHERE THE VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO THE MAYOR POSITION AND THERE IS A ROTATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST ON COUNCILMEMBERS IN THE MOST RECENT ELECTION WITH A UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE A PROPOSAL FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY TO NAVIGATE THE PROBLEM OF A NEW COUNCILMEMBER BEING IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED AS MAYOR. CITY ATTORNEY?

YOU MENTIONED THE RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT ELECTION, DO YOU WANT IT TWO YEARS PRIOR?

TWO YEARS PRIOR.

THEN SOME SORT OF CLAUSE IN THERE, SHOULD WE NOT HAVE ANYONE FROM THE VICE MAYOR ROLLED TO GO INTO THE MAYOR THERE SHOULD BE A CLAUSE IN THERE, THE MOST EXPERIENCED OR WHATEVER IS RECOMMENDED.

OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, WHAT I THINK IS PROBABLY THE MOST LIKELY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS YOU WOULD SAY THE PERSON IN THIRD PLACE FOR LACK OF BETTER PHRASING WILL GET SKIPPED OVER IN THAT YEAR INSTEAD OF SERVING AS VICE MAYOR THAT YEAR, YOU KNOW THAT THAT TOP VOTE GETTER -- BASICALLY IN THIS SITUATION IN 2020, NOT THIS YEAR BUT NEXT YEAR INSTEAD OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVING AS VICE MAYOR, THE TOP VOTE GETTER IN THE 2024 ELECTION WILL SERVE AS VICE MAYOR.

I WILL PUSH BACK AGAINST THAT. MY PROPOSAL WOULD BE THAT YOU STICK WITH THE ROTATION BUT LET'S SAY THIS AS A EXAMPLE. LET'S SAY WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WEEK WENT THROUGH ALL OF THEM AND IT IS COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS AND COUNCILMEMBER MAUER AS MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND THE ELECTION COMES UP AND THERE ARE TWO NEWBIES OR ONE NEWBIE AND A EXPERIENCED PERSON THAT IS EASY, IF IT WAS NISA AND SOMEONE ELSE THEN NISA COULD STEP UP AS MAYOR NEXT TIME BUT IF THERE IS TO NEWBIES WHAT WILL YOU DO? WHAT I AM SAYING IS I DO NOT THINK WITH THIS EXAMPLE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MAUER, I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE DISAPPOINTING FOR A COUNCILMEMBER TO NOT BE ABLE TO BE VICE MAYOR DURING THE ROTATION, DO YOU NOT THINK THAT?

YES.

AT THE VERY LEAST YOU WANT TO BE VICE MAYOR, I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD SET UP A POLICY THAT ANY COUNCILMEMBER DOES NOT EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE VICE MAYOR.

THIS WILL SET UP A PROBLEM IN TWO YEARS. NEXT YEAR YOU WILL HAVE THE VICE MAYOR AS MAYOR AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT YOU HAVE COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS AS THE MAYOR AND THEN WHO SERVES THE YEAR AFTER THAT? ARE YOU GOING TO 2024 RESULTS?

YES.

THEN YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THE 2024 RESULTS ARE THERE, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE SERVED TWO YEARS ON THE COUNCIL BECAUSE WE WILL BE IN THE START OF 2027, THEY START THEIR TERM IN DECEMBER 2024 AND IT IS NOW DECEMBER 2026 SO THEY ALREADY SERVED TWO YEARS. SO THE QUESTION IS -- IT WILL NOT COME UP, THEY WILL NOT BE NEWBIES BUT THEY WILL NOT HAVE SERVED AS VICE MAYOR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING.

ARE YOU FOLLOWING THIS? SO YOU HAVE PEOPLE ON THE COUNCIL WHO HAVE BEEN ON IT FOR TWO YEARS SO YOU THINK THEY ARE READY TO ROTATE IN BUT THEY NEVER GOT TO BE VICE MAYOR.

WRITES, IN WHICH CASE I WOULD SAY --

WE COULD FEASIBLY HAVE OTHER PEOPLE, IF YOU WERE REELECTED YOU WOULD BE ON THERE.

LET'S LOOK AT BOTH SCENARIOS, IF I AM ON THERE I AM THE SENIOR PERSON AND I COULD BE DEPENDING ON VOTES BUT IF I WAS NOT ON THERE YOU WOULD HAVE TWO ROOKIES AND NOBODY SERVED AS VICE MAYOR.

WE CANNOT PREDICT THE FUTURE FOR EVERYTHING, THAT IS THE CHALLENGE I HAVE.

IF YOU HAVE --

IF THE COUNCILMEMBER -- REELECTED, THEN WE HAVE A PERSON.

THERE IS NO WAY TO LOOK AT EVERY SCENARIO.

I WOULD SAY, TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS A MORE SENIOR PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ON THE COUNCIL AND HAS EXPERIENCE WHO COULD STEP INTO THE MAYOR ROLLED EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT THE VICE MAYOR THE PRECEDING YEAR, THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD OPTION, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU DO IF THERE WAS TO COMPLETE NEWBIES. ACTUALLY LET'S SAY THERE ARE, THERE WILL BE PEOPLE ON THE COUNCIL WHO HAVE BEEN MAYOR AND THEY ALREADY SERVED.

CAN I SUGGEST THEY MAY BE HAVING THIS SAME DISCUSSION AGAIN THEN RATHER THAN US EVICTING THE FUTURE?

JUST A QUESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY WE DO THIS WHERE WE HAVE THE MOST VOTE GETTER AND THEN THE NEXT AND THAT WOULD MAKE ME VICE MAYOR IN 2025 -- NO, 2026 I WOULD BE VICE MAYOR. I THOUGHT MY TERM WAS UP IN 2026.

IT WOULD BE 2026. THE END OF 2026 SO YOU WOULD SERVE ALMOST A FULL YEAR.

IF I DO NOT RUN AGAIN IT DOES NOT MATTER, IF I RUN AGAIN DOES THAT MEAN I BECOME MAYOR THE NEXT YEAR ACED ON THIS SCENARIO?

YES IT IS NOT A VOTE GETTING THING AT THAT POINT. THE VICE MAYOR BECOMES MAYOR. SO JUST KEEP RUNNING FOR COUNSEL, THAT IS THE SOLUTION. YES, YOU ARE RIGHT, WE CAN ONLY PREDICT -- SO WHAT I AM HEARING HERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE VICE MAYOR BECOMES MAYOR

AND A ROTATION BE ESTABLISHED THAT SETS THE ROTATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VOTES THE COUNCILMEMBERS RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION TWO YEARS BEFORE AND YOU NEVER HAVE A MAYOR WHO HAS NEVER BEEN VICE MAYOR. MAYBE THAT SHOULD JUST GO INTO THE POLICY. WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?

WE WILL HAVE TO WORK THAT OUT. WHAT I AM HEARING IS NEVER HAVE BEEN VICE MAYOR IT IS OKAY IF THEY WERE VICE MAYOR A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS OF IT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT? NO? WE ARE GOOD? OKAY.

WAS THERE A CLARIFICATION? ON WHAT I HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT AS FAR AS WHOEVER IS EXPERIENCED?

I WANT TO MAKE SURE, I AM SORRY.

PART OF THE DIRECTION IS, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE NEXT PERSON IN LINE WOULD BE SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE BEING VICE MAYOR THEN INSTEAD THE NEXT PERSON IN THE ROTATION WHO IS MORE SENIOR. YOU WILL FIGURE IT OUT BUT WE WOULD WANT NISA FOR INSTANCE IF IT IS NISA AND A NEWBIE. WE WANT THE MORE EXPERIENCED PERSON TO STEP IN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? SO COUNCILMEMBER MIRA HAS A PROPOSAL, SHE WANTS TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE IN TWO PARTS. WHAT ARE THE TWO PARTS?

WHETHER OR NOT THE VICE MAYOR MOVES TO MAYOR AUTOMATICALLY AND THE OBJECTIVE STANDARD OF THE VOTE COUNTING. WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THAT.

I AM FINE WITH THAT. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT? SHE WANTS A VOTE FIRST WHETHER WE WILL IMPLEMENT A POLICY WITH THE VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO THE MAYOR POSITION AUTOMATICALLY, SHE WANTS THAT VOTE FIRST. SO I WILL MOVE THAT WE ADOPT A POLICY THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE VICE MAYOR AUTOMATICALLY MOVES INTO THE MAYOR POSITION. LOOKING FOR A SECOND.

I WILL SECOND THAT.

ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

SO MOVED BY MAYOR RICH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAUER THAT THE POLICY OF THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR WOULD BE THAT THE VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO THE ROLE OF MAYOR. IT IS UPON MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL YOU STILL HAVE TO TAKE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THAT. CORRECT?

CITY ATTORNEY? BECAUSE THERE IS A POLICY.

OKAY.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS CLEAR.

DOES IT HAVE TO BE STATED IN THE POLICY?

WE WILL PUT THAT IN THE POLICY.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DO NOT GET THE MAJORITY VOTE?

THE CITY COUNCIL CAN CHANGE ITS POLICY AT ANY TIME.

ALL RIGHT, ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

AYE.

AYE.

AYE.

AYE.

AYE.

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. ONE MORE QUESTION.

I DO NOT KNOW IF IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE POLICY BUT IF WE HAD A PROBLEM DURING THE YEAR OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR, IT IS STILL A MAJORITY VOTE IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO MAKE A CHANGE, THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PART OF THE POLICY. WE CAN DO THAT ANYTIME.

CORRECT YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE POLICY.

THE SECOND PART OF THIS VOTE -- I WILL NEED HELP ARTICULATING THIS. CITY ATTORNEY?

YOU WOULD CHOOSE THE VICE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR BASED ON THE HIGHEST VOTE GETTER BASED ON THE ELECTION TWO YEARS PREVIOUSLY. IF THAT WOULD RESULT IN SOMEONE BECOMING MAYOR WHO NEVER SERVED AS VICE MAYOR, YOU WOULD MOVE LOWER ON THE ROTATION UNTIL YOU GOT TO SOMEONE WHO SERVED AS VICE MAYOR OR MAYOR PREVIOUSLY.

I THINK THE MODIFICATION I WOULD MAKE IS THAT VICE MAYOR BECOMES MAYOR SO THIS IS ABOUT SELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR. SO DOES ANYBODY WANT TO SAY SO MOVED?

EXCEPT IT IS NOT IN THE SITUATION WE DESCRIBED IN 2026. DEPENDING ON IF SOMEBODY RUNS FOR REELECTION OR NOT.

WE CAN HAVE VICE MAYOR MOVES INTO MAYOR AND STILL HAVE WHAT YOU STATED AND BE CONSISTENT. SO MOVED. ANYBODY WANT TO SECOND IT?

SECOND.

ANY DISCUSSION? ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

I HOPE I GOT THIS CORRECT. SO MOVED BY MAYOR RICH AND SECONDED BY THE VICE MAYOR THAT FOR VICE MAYOR THE ROTATION IS BASED ON TOTAL VOTE COUNTS RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION HELD TWO YEARS PRIOR AND STAFF RETURNED WITH LANGUAGE THAT IF THIS RESULTS IN A COUNCILMEMBER WHO HAS NOT SERVED AS A MAYOR OR VICE MAYOR AND I HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE LANGUAGE, TO MOVE TO A LOWER ROTATION OF A COUNCILMEMBER WHO HAS SERVED AS COUNSEL VICE MAYOR OR MAYOR.

I JUST NEED SOME CLARITY, THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT TWO YEARS VOTE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE GO FORWARD WITH THOSE, STEPHEN WOULD BE MAYOR IN 2025 AND JILL WOULD BE VICE MAYOR. JOE WOULD BE MAYOR IN TWINKLY SEX AND I WOULD BE VICE MAYOR BUT OUR ELECTION WAS IN 2022'S WHICH IS A FOUR YEARS PRIOR. WOULD YOU BE GOING BACK TO 2024 WHICH IS THIS YEAR AND THE MOST VOTE-GETTER THAT YEAR? THAT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO ME. YOU ARE SAYING THE ELECTION TWO YEARS AGO IN OUR ELECTION AT THAT POINT WOULD BE FOR OR THREE YEARS AGO.

CAN IT BE SOMETHING LIKE THE OLDEST TERM, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

I THINK WE NEED TO LEAVE IT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY TO WORDSMITH BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY UNDERSTANDS THE INTENT.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INTENT IS. IN THIS SITUATION IF COUNCILMEMBER MAUER WERE TO RUN FOR REELECTION, SHE WOULD BE ELEVATED TO MAYOR IN 2027 OR DECEMBER 2026.

SHE WOULD BE ROTATING INTO THE VICE MAYOR ROLE IN 2026.

OUR VOTE TOOK PLACE IN 2022.

SO THE INTENT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT COUNCILMEMBER MAUER HAS THAT ABILITY.

WE WILL FIGURE OUT THE EXACT LANGUAGE TO USE RATHER THAN REFERRING BACK TWO YEARS.

HOW CAN WE ARTICULATE SOMETHING WE CAN MAKE A MOTION ON? MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN WITH LANGUAGE BASED UPON THE CONVERSATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT AND WE WILL BRING THAT LANGUAGE BACK FOR CLARIFICATION.

IS EVERYBODY COMFORTABLE WITH THAT? YES, I THINK THAT WILL BE HELPFUL. THE OTHER PIECES, I JUST WANT COMES UP, IF SOMEBODY DECLINES WE NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT PERSON. DO THEY GO TO THE END OF THAT ROTATION AND THAT WOULD BE MY PROPOSAL.

THIS YEAR LET'S SAY NICK LEWIS SAYS THIS YEAR I DO NOT WANT TO BE VICE MAYOR. I AM NOT READY TO DEAL WITH THAT. WHAT HAPPENS TO HER? I THINK SHE WOULD GO AFTER SANDRA MAUER. THAT IS THE QUESTION.

IT IS UP TO THE COUNCIL, THIS ALSO CREATES A PROBLEM WHERE THERE IS NO VICE MAYOR TO GET WHO WOULD REPLACE --

I THINK YOU JUST HAVE TO EXPECT TO BE VICE MAYOR AND MAYOR. WELL IT IS PREDICTABLE.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO YOU THE CLIENT TO BE VICE MAYOR.

ANYBODY THAT WILL DECLINE MAYOR THEY HAVE TO DECLINE VICE MAYOR. THEN, DO WE WANT TO HAVE ANY ASPECT HERE THAT WOULD ALLOW -- WHAT IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES IN UNISON, THE MAJORITY DOES NOT WANT TO SUPPORT THE ROTATION OR THE RESULTS OF THE ROTATION? THAT WOULD BE INDICATED IN THE BOAT?

THE COUNCIL CAN ALWAYS CHANGE THE POLICY.

THEY BRING FORTH A POLICY IN OCTOBER.

DOES STAFF NEED ANY FURTHER DIRECTION FROM COUNSEL? OKAY I AM LOOKING AT COUNSEL IS WHAT WE HAVE IS A RESULT WHERE WE ARE PHYSICALLY STEPPING ASIDE FROM THE PROTOCOL THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE AND WE ARE GOING TO A OBJECTIVE STANDARD. EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT? WE ARE GOOD WITH THAT? WE DID NOT TAKE A VOTE. SO LET'S AT LEAST -- CAN WE DO A VOTE? CAN WE DO A STRAW VOTE? YES OR NO?

I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD TAKE A VOTE.

IF THIS DISCUSSION GETS OPENED AGAIN WE WILL SPEND MORE HOURS -- IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, FOR THE VICE MAYOR THE ROTATION IS BASED ON THE TOTAL COUNTS RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION TWO YEARS PRIOR. THAT WAS THE MOTION AND THE SECOND RECEIVED.

WITH THE INTENT THAT WE MAY END UP NOT REFERRING TO TWO YEARS PRIOR TO EVERYBODY IS CYCLED THROUGH. THAT IS WHAT I HEARD.

HOW I WOULD AMEND THE MOTION IS YOU ARE MOVING FOR THE VICE MAYOR THE ROTATION IS BASED ON THE TOTAL VOTE COUNTS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO BRING BACK LANGUAGE AS TO HOW THE VOTE COUNTS WILL COME IN AND ALSO UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE CONSISTENCE OF THE COUNCIL IS FOR THE POLICY MOVING FORWARD AND LANGUAGE IF THE COUNCILMEMBER DECLINES.

I AM GOING TO AMEND MY MOTION ACCORDINGLY. THE SECOND WAS VICE MAYOR ZALMAN.

ACCEPTED.

IS THAT SUFFICIENT FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE? OKAY SO PLEASE A ROLL CALL VOTE.

THANK YOU, SO THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY MAYOR RICH AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ZALMAN FOR THE ROTATION OF VICE MAYOR IS BASED UPON TOTAL VOTE COUNTS, CITY STAFF WILL RETURN WITH LANGUAGE AS TO HOW MANY YEARS WE GO BACK AS WELL AS A DECLINATION FROM A COUNCILMEMBER WHO DOES NOT WANT TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR.

CAN I JUST CLARIFY, SORRY, I HAVE TO CLARIFY. I AM THINKING ABOUT MY ELECTION. IT SETS NOT ON SENIORITY BUT VOTE COUNT OF THE 2024 ELECTION EVEN THOUGH I HAVE BEEN MAYOR, IF I GET MORE VOTES I AM IN THE ROTATION FIRST? I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY.

CORRECT.

I DO NOT KNOW, I MAY NOT BUT I NEED TO UNDERSTAND IT.

OKAY I THINK WE ARE TAKING ROLL CALL VOTE.

NO.

NO.

YES.

YES.

YES.

MOTION PASSES 3-2 WITH COUNCILMEMBER HINTON AND MAUER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

I AM REALLY IMPRESSED BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS ABILITY TO BE MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL ABOUT OPINIONS ON A TOPIC THAT IS REALLY HARD BECAUSE IT IS A VERY PERSONAL AND SPECIFICALLY PERSONAL AS TO COUNCILMEMBER MAUER AND COUNCILMEMBER HINTON SO THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING AND COMING UP WITH A PROPOSAL HERE. SO NOW WE ARE ON TO THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. I NOTE IT IS 10 AFTER, I HOPE WE CAN GET TO THE POLICIES BUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST. THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR, THE PROPOSAL HERE IS THAT THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR REMAIN AS IS, IS THAT CORRECT? I SHOULD TURN TO MAYOR GURLEY.

SURE, YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. WE HAVE LOOKED AT OTHER CITIES AND THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ARE PRETTY SIMILAR. SO WE DID RECOMMEND KEEPING IT BUT WE ALSO RECOMMEND ADDING THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS IN YELLOW. THAT IS IN THE TABLE AND I WILL READ IT SO IT IS CLEAR. TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S PRIMARY MEDIA SPOKESPERSON IN COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF. APPROPRIATE STAFF SHOULD ALWAYS BE ALERTED TO MEDIA CONTACT. NOTHING UNDER THE MAYOR'S DUTY WILL LIMIT ANY STANDING COUNCILMEMBER'S ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PREPARATION IN ACCORDANCE OF THE AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR PROTOCOLS AS WE DISCUSSED TONIGHT. THAT WAS THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE BUT WE ARE RECOMMENDING KEEPING OUR CURRENT ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR WITH THAT ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE.

SO THE FULL POLICY WE ARE SUPPORTING IS ON ATTACHMENT TO THE TABLE CORRECT? PAGE 1-7? I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS WE ARE THERE. MARY HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE YELLOW SECTIONS AS PORTIONS THAT ARE NEW TO THE POLICY BUT THE REST OF THE POLICY STAYS AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST.

THAT IS CORRECT.

WE ARE BACK TO OUR PROCESS HERE OF QUESTIONS BY COUNCILMEMBERS AND THEN WE GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS ON THIS PARTICULAR POLICY? NO? THEN WE WILL GO OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THEN WE WILL COME BACK FOR DISCUSSION. TO MAKE THIS IS ON POLICY TO WHICH IS THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST, SEEING NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW AT THE COUNSEL TABLE FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. THEY HAVE OUTLINED THE CHANGES WHICH WOULD LEAVE EVERYTHING AS IS BUT THERE ARE FIVE BULLET POINT ITEMS SHE HAS IDENTIFIED. ANY DISCUSSION OR COMMENTS?

I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, RIGHT NOW THE MAYOR HAS THE FINAL SAY IN THE AGENDA SETTING SUBCOMMITTEE. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE THAT COVERED IN THIS ART, I WONDER IF THAT IS COMING BACK LATER?

YES.

I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A UNWRITTEN RULE THAT THE MAYOR HAS BEEN THE SPOKESPERSON BUT I ALSO WANT TO CLARIFY, MANY PEOPLE FROM THE COUNSEL TALKED TO THE PRESS AND IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE MAYOR. THEN THE MAYOR REPRESENTS ALL OF OUR OPINIONS NOT THEIR OWN PERSONAL OPINIONS WHEN TALKING TO THE PRESS. I WANT TO BRING THOSE ISSUES UP BECAUSE WE ARE NOW PUTTING THIS IN WRITING, IT HAS BEEN A INFORMAL RULE AND WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING ANY OF THAT. I DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE MAYOR ADDITIONAL POWERS OR SPECIAL POWERS AS A CEREMONIAL LEADER THAT THE REST OF US DO NOT HAVE AS EQUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, NOW THAT WE ARE PUTTING THIS IN WRITING IT MAKES ME A LITTLE NERVOUS TO BE HONEST.

GO AHEAD.

TO ADDRESS YOUR FIRST QUESTION, THE MAYOR DOES NOT HAVE THE OVERALL AUTHORITY FOR THE AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE, THAT IS THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR TOGETHER THAT SETS THAT.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM?

TYPICALLY WE WOULD RING IT FORWARD --

TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA.

THAT AGENDA REVIEW IS THE TIMING. SO IF THE AGENDA REVIEW DOES NOT AGREE WE ALWAYS BRING THE ITEM FORWARD BUT THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHERE THE COMMITTEE HAS SAID WE WILL NOT BRING A ITEM FORWARD AND THE MAYOR HAS REACHED OUT AS A SPOKESPERSON TO THE COUNCILMEMBER STATING THAT THE AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL NOT PUT IT OUT THERE BUT THE MAYOR DOES NOT HAVE SOLE DISCRETION AND THAT IS A POLICY COMING BACK WITH THE AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE BUT I WANT TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT.

OKAY, THEN MY CONCERNS HEAR ABOUT PRIMARY MEDIA SPOKESPERSON. IT DOES SAY IN COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF WHICH MEANS THEY ARE SPEAKING TO BULLET POINTS THAT HAVE GENERALLY BEEN PREDETERMINED.

YES, TYPICALLY.

IT DOES REQUIRE THAT THE MAYOR COORDINATE WITH STAFF SO I GUESS THERE IS A BUILT IN SAFETY THING. THE MAYOR DOES NOT GET TO JUST -- YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT. YOU MAKE ANOTHER POINT COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. I AM WONDERING IF WE NEED TO EXPRESS HERE, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE MAYOR IS NOT SPEAKING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF, THEY ARE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL. I AM WONDERING IF IT IS WORTH ARTICULATING THAT.

I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST WE COULD ADD EXPRESSING THE VIEWS OF THE COUNSEL AND OR CITY AND FOR THE NEXT BULLET POINT WHERE WE SAY NOTHING LIMITS THE INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE CAN ALSO SAY OR MEDIA WHEN EXPRESSING THEIR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS.

PERFECT I WOULD LIKE THOSE ADDED.

OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUER, DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

THAT IS FINE. JUST LOOKING AT THIS ATTACHMENT TO AGENDA ITEM 12, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR IS ALL OF THIS PLUS WHAT IS IN YELLOW OR JUST WHAT IS IN THE YELLOW AND WHAT IS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE.

ALL OF THAT PLUS YELLOW.

YELLOW HAS BEEN ADDED?

IF THE COUNSEL AGREES IT WILL BE ADDED.

OKAY WE HAVE A REQUEST, I THINK YOU TRACKED THAT LOOKING AT THE CITY ATTORNEY, THE REQUEST THAT THERE BE A ADDITION THAT DOES NOT PREVENT INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS FROM SPEAKING WITH PUBLIC OR EXPRESSING THEIR INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS TO THE MEDIA. ALSO THAT THE MAYOR SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.

I JUST WANTED TO KNOW, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, IF THE MAYOR IS GOING TO SPEAK WITH THE PRESS THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING IN THERE, IT SAYS APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF SHOULD ALWAYS BE ALERTED TO MEDIA CONTACT BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE COUNSEL IS ALERTED TO THAT AS WELL TO ENSURE THE COMMUNICATION LOOP IS COMPLETED AND IF WE HAVE IT IN HERE AND IT IS STATED CLEARLY THAT IT IS THE EXPECTATION, I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.

SO THE IDEA IS IF THE MAYOR HAS CONTACT WITH MEDIA, THE MAYOR INFORMS CITY STAFF AND IT IS THE MAYOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE COUNSEL IS ALSO ALERTED.

IN A TIMELY FASHION.

I WILL SAY AS MAYOR I WAS CALLED ON INKS GIVING WEEKEND BY A DEMOCRATIC REPORTER ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

IN A TIMELY FASHION, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CIRCLE IS COMPLETE.

ANYBODY WITH ANY OBJECTION? THE MEDIA PERSON IS SAYING YES. A CONCERN.

HOLD ON JUST A MINUTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT IN A MOMENT. CITY ATTORNEY, DID YOU HAVE A CONCERN? ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POLICY?

WE HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

WE DO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MEDIA HERE, PROCEDURALLY CAN WE ALLOW THAT PERSON TO PROVIDE COMMENT OR INPUT?

YOU CAN REOPEN PUBLIC COMMENT.

IS EVERYBODY OKAY WITH THAT? LAURA, IF YOU COULD PLEASE GO TO THE PODIUM WE ARE REOPENING PUBLIC COMMENT IN ORDER TO GET YOUR COMMENT.

I AM LAURA RUSH WITH THE SEBASTOPOL TIMES, MY CONCERN IS WHEN REPORTERS CALL YOU THEY WANT THE ANSWER QUICKLY SO YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO LIMIT OR CREATE A POLICY THAT LIMITS HOW FAST YOU CAN RESPOND.

THE INTENT WAS IF THEY COMMUNICATE WITH MEDIA THAT THEY LET US KNOW AFTER THEY HAVE DONE THAT. SO THAT WE ARE NOTIFIED IN A TIMELY FASHION SO WE DO NOT FIRST SEE IT IN THE PAPER. SO IF THEY SPOKE TO YOU THEN WE EXPECT THEM TO SEND US A EMAIL AND SAY WE SPOKE TO LAURA AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, NOT NECESSARILY IF IT IS PERSONAL.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MAYOR IF CONTACTED BY MEDIA NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THEY COORDINATE WITH STAFF WHICH IN MY WORLD IS TEXTING MARY OR DON AND -- BEFORE THEY SPEAK WITH MEDIA AND THEN IS OBLIGATED TO REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY HAVE SPOKEN TO THE MEDIA AFTERWARDS.

THAT WAS MY ONLY CONCERN.

DO WE NEED TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AVAILABLE TO OTHERS?

YES I DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. KYLE, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES I CAN. SO I THINK YOU ARE TREADING DANGEROUS WATERS HERE. RESTRICTING THE SPEECH OF ANY COUNCILMEMBER REGARDLESS OF THEIR ROLE OR PUTTING A UNDO BURDEN UPON STAFF TO PRODUCE COMMUNICATION TO OTHERS COULD INADVERTENTLY REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA. ANYBODY SHOULD BE WILLING AND OPEN TO SPEAK WITH THE MEDIA EVEN IF THEY ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR CITY IN A ELECTED OR OFFICIAL CAPACITY AND THERE SHOULD BE NO REQUIREMENTS OF ANY SORT OF OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION HAPPENING WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS. I THINK TRYING TO MICROMANAGE COMMUNICATION OF A ELECTED OFFICIAL OR SOMEBODY IN A HIGHER OFFICIAL CAPACITY IN THE CITY COUNCIL IS DANGEROUS WATERS, YOU SHOULD NOT DO IT AND IT SPEAKS TO MY CONTINUED MESSAGING THAT THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY IS NOT OPEN TO TRANSPARENCY AND SPEAKING OPENLY WITH THE PUBLIC. DO NOT RESTRICT ACCESS TO THE MEDIA AND TRY TO FORMULATE SOME SORT OF GROUP MESSAGING ON THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU KYLE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO TO MARY. UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER.

I CAN. I AM DISAGREEING WITH THEIR PREVIOUS TWO SPEAKERS. AS A MEMBER OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR MANY YEARS, YEARS

AGO WE HAD A COMMISSIONER ON TO, HOW DO I SAY THIS, DID NOT REALLY KNOW HOW TO SPEAK FOR THE COMMISSION. I WOULD SAY YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE A POLICY WHERE IF THE MEDIA CALLS YOU, YOU HAVE IT IN WRITING AND WE LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY. ANYWAY THAT IS MY FEELING ON IT. YOU WILL DEFINITELY HAVE ONE NEW MEMBER AND YOU MAY HAVE TO AND AS OLIVER HAS SAID, THEY ARE NOT HERE, THEY ARE NOT ON ZOOM, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY MAY SAY TO THE MEDIA AND I HAD THAT EXPERIENCE, THE COMMISSION HAD THAT EXPERIENCE AND IT IS IN OUR BYLAWS NOW, NOBODY CAN SPEAK TO THE MEDIA EXCEPT IN WRITING. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU MARY FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LOOKING AT THE LANGUAGE DISCUSSED HERE, I SEE A CLEAR STATEMENT THAT COUNCILMEMBERS ARE FREE TO INTERACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS TO MEDIA SO I DO NOT SEE RESTRICTION ON THEIR FREE SPEECH IN THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED, I ALSO SEE THE MAYOR BEING DIRECTED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNSEL AND COORDINATE WITH CITY STAFF AS APPROPRIATE. SO I DO NOT SEE A LIMITATION IN RESPONSE TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED. I DO NOT SEE A LIMITATION THAT IS POLICY THAT WOULD IN ANY WAY PREVENT COUNCILMEMBERS FROM SPEAKING TO THE PUBLIC AND MY COMMENT OR MY RESPONSE TO THE OTHER COMMENT IS I DO NOT SEE A SYSTEM IN OUR CITY WHERE YOU COULD REQUIRE ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MEDIA. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ISSUES BUT -- SO ANY NEED TO CHANGE WHAT IS HERE, ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES? ALEX DID RECOMMEND A COUPLE OF CHANGES.

YES EXACTLY, WITH THOSE CHANGES I AM HOPING MARY WILL READ BACK TO US SO WE CAN APPROVE THIS LANGUAGE WITH THIS POLICY WITH THOSE CHANGES. DO YOU HAVE A NOTATION THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT? HOPEFULLY WHAT YOU CAN DO IS HAVE US APPROVE THE POLICY AS DESCRIBED WITH THE CHANGES INDICATED WITH YELLOW MODIFIED WITH WHAT WE SUGGESTED?

CORRECT, SO YES IF THE COUNCIL CHOOSES, I WILL READ THE AMENDMENTS AND GET A MOTION AND A SECOND. ACCEPTING THE CURRENT POLICY AS WRITTEN WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS, AS AMENDED FROM THE YELLOW PROVIDED IN THE COUNCIL REPORT ORIGINALLY, THE MAYOR IS RECOGNIZED AS THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COUNCIL WHEN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND COUNCIL TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S PRIMARY INDIA SPOKESPERSON IN COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF, APPROPRIATE STAFF SHOULD BE ALERTED TO MEDIA CONTACT AND THE MAYOR IS TO ALERT THE REMAINING COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE MEDIA CONTACT IN A TIMELY MANNER. NOTHING UNDER THE MAYOR'S DUTIES WILL LIMIT ANY COUNCILMEMBERS ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF MEDIA BY EXPRESSING THEIR INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS. PARTICIPATION OF AGENDA MEETINGS WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENDA REVIEW POLICY AND SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY AMONG MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

LOOKING FOR A MOTION.

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

I WILL SECOND.

ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

THANK YOU, SO MOVED BY DEVICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER HINTON TO APPROVE THE POLICY OF THE ROLE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AS I STATED.

AYE

YES

YES

YES

YES

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CAN I ADD ONE COMMENT? HAVING DONE THIS PIO THING, THIS IS THE MOST TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE PRACTICE OF ANY POLICY OR CITY ORGANIZATION I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TWO EXPRESSLY NOTE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BODY BESIDES THE MAYOR CAN SPEAK TO THE PRESS, I DO NOT KNOW OF A ORGANIZATION WERE STAFF IS NOT EXPECTED TO CONSULT WITH THE MAYOR ON THE ISSUE AND I DO NOT KNOW OF A PLACE WHERE THE STAFF IS NOT EXPECTED TO INFORM THE REST OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PRESS, THIS IS WELL ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORM IN TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY.

GLAD TO HEAR IT. WE ARE NOW AT THE FINAL POLICY WE ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER TONIGHT.

TWO MORE? TRAINING.

KNOW THE TRAINING I WILL BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING, IT WILL BE ROUTINE IT IS STATE-MANDATED SO IT WILL BE INCORPORATED.

WE ARE LOOKING AT ATTACHMENT THREE. THERE IS ONE DOCUMENT THAT HAS THE SEATING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS POLICY OUTLINED IN ANOTHER DOCUMENT WITH A TABLE OF VARIOUS POLICIES. CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH THIS?

THIS IS FOR THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS. IF THE CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. EVERY TWO YEARS WE HAVE COUNCIL MEMBER ROTATION, I AM SORRY, EVERY YEAR, MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ROTATION AND EVERY TWO YEARS WE GET NEW COUNCILMEMBERS OR RETURNING COUNCILMEMBERS AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE THE ISSUE COMES UP ABOUT SEATING SELECTIONS SO SINCE WE ARE DOING THE POLICY WE THINK IT SHOULD BE CLEAR IN THE POLICY WITH THE SEATING ROTATIONS ARE. THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF WAYS TO DO SEATING ROTATIONS, YOU CAN HAVE THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR IN THE MIDDLE AND YOU CAN GO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ALPHABETICAL FACING THE DIET. YOU CAN DO IT BY SENIORITY OR HAVE THE MAYOR MAKE THE DISCRETION OF WHO SITS WHERE. SOME CITIES HAVE A CITY CLERK AND I AM NOT ADVOCATING FOR THAT. THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR DOES NOT HAVE TO SIT IN THE MIDDLE, THEY CAN SIT ON THE LEFT AND GO OVER OR THE RIGHT SO THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF POLICIES. IT IS UP TO THE COUNCIL IF YOU WOULD WANT TO DO A POLICY, LEAVE IT UP TO THE MAYOR, ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LEAVE IT UP TO SENIORITY, DO STRAWS, WE JUST WANT A POLICY IN PLACE SO IF IT DOES COME UP AGAIN IT IS NOT AWKWARD.

NOW THAT WE HAVE A PREDICTABLE PROCESS AND I HAVE SAT ON THIS COUNSEL WHERE CERTAIN PEOPLE PREFER CERTAIN SEATS I WAS FRANK LEE TOLD WHERE TO SIT WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED AND I DID NOT MUCH LIKE THAT BUT ANYWAY I THINK WE CAN HAVE A PROCESS WHERE WE CAN JUST PUT A REQUEST IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS EARLY OR SOMETHING BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE LIKE THE DOOR AND SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO BE UNDER THE LIGHT, CAN WE NOT JUST PUT A REQUEST INTO THE MAYOR? IT SEEMS FINE. SO THE IDEA -- SINCE WE NOW KNOW WHO WILL BE THE MAYOR -- AND YOU KNOW WHO WILL BE THE VICE GENERALLY. THE VICE DETERMINES WHICH SIDE OF THE MAYOR THEY WANT TO SIT ON AND YOU HAVE THREE LEFT.

SO THE POLICY WOULD BE THAT COUNCILMEMBERS SUBMIT REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR TO BE AT A CERTAIN POINT TWO WEEKS OR SO BEFORE THE CEREMONY, THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE MAYOR WOULD THEN EXERCISE HIS OR HER DISCRETION IN MAKING SEATING ASSIGNMENT?

I AM SORRY, CAN I JUMP IN REAL QUICK? I THINK THAT WORKS GREAT UNLESS YOU HAVE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS THAT COME ON THE DECEMBER SO YOU CANNOT SUBMIT THOSE NAMES WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

THAT LEAVES THEM OUT OF THE PROCESS.

I WANTED TO ASK AS I READ THROUGH THIS, IT IS ALSO DIRECTING AS FAR AS MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR, NOT JUST WHERE YOU WANT TO SIT BUT WHERE THOSE TWO POSITIONS SIT, PERSONALLY IT DOES NOT MATTER TO ME BUT FOR SOME IT MATTERS SO I DO NOT KNOW, I AM JUST CURIOUS.

I THINK WITH THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR IN THE MIDDLE.

RIGHT EITHER THERE OR THERE.

CITY ATTORNEY?

I WAS GOING TO SAY, THIS COULD BE SOMETHING YOU SAID AT THE MEETING AFTER THE TURNOVER TO GIVE THEM TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS. WHEN YOU ELECT THE MAYOR, THEY COME ON, FOR ONE MEETING YOU GET ASSIGNED WHERE TO SIT AND THEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR PREFERENCES.

GOOD POINT.

ALSO IF WE HAVE A PREDICTABLE PROCESS, BASICALLY I LEAVE AND THEN MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SIT HERE. THOSE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE MOVING. IT IS 10:30 PM. THAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE THE MEETING, IT WOULD BE NICE TO FINISH THE TOPIC BUT IT IS LATE, IS EVERYBODY OKAY FINISHING THE TOPIC? OKAY, THANK YOU FOR ALERTING US TO THAT. YES THAT IS A INTERESTING IDEA. LET'S SAY THIS TIME IT IS STEPHEN AND JILL, YOU GUYS JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO SIT IN ADVANCE FOR THAT ONE MEETING AND AFTERWARDS YOU COULD HAVE REQUESTS SUBMITTED FROM THE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS.

IF WE COME TO A COUNCIL MEETING WE WENT TO THE ELECTION, CAN WE JUST NOT STAY IN OUR SEATS AND NOT PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS?

THE PROBLEM IS I LEAVE, IT IS AWKWARD, LET'S SAY IT IS ONE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS, IT IS NEW FOR THEM, THEY ARE HERE, I LEAVE, WHO IS SHIFTING AROUND?

THEY WOULD JUST GO TO THE EMPTY SEAT FOR THAT DAY. THEN IT GIVES PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT AND WORK IT OUT OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS RIGHT?

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE? HOW ARE YOU SEEING THIS PROPOSAL? YOU HAVE SEEN THIS GO OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

WHAT I AM HEARING IS AT THE FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER YOU WILL LEAVE, THEN MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR WILL BE IN THE CENTER ROTATION AND THE VICE MAYOR CAN SELECT WHICH SIDE THEY WANT TO BE ON, SO YOU CAN CHOOSE RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE, AND WHATEVER THE VACANT SEAT OR SEAT, WE WOULD ASK THEM TO SIT THERE FOR THIS MEETING AND THEN RIGHT AFTER THE MEETING WE WOULD REQUEST ALL COUNCILMEMBERS TO SUBMIT SITTING REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR WILL MAKE THE SEATING SELECTION, NOTIFY THE COUNCILMEMBERS SO THAT AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WE WILL HAVE THE SEATING ASSIGNMENTS.

YES, I THINK BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS PREDICTABLE POLICY, THE VICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER CAN COORDINATE IN ADVANCE TO FIGURE OUT WHO WILL SIT WHERE SO IT IS SMOOTH.

I WANT TO BE CLEAR, IS IT THE MAYOR'S SELECTION WERE THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR?

ATTIC IT IS THE MAYOR'S SELECTION.

I THINK THE MAYOR SITS IN THE MIDDLE.

DO WE ALL AGREED THAT THEM MAYOR SITS IN THE MIDDLE?

YES.

WHICH SIDE IS THE VICE MAYOR GOING TO SIT ON?

IT WOULD BE UP TO THE VICE MAYOR, THAT IS MY RECOMMENDATION.

THEY WILL WORK IT OUT. I PROPOSE THE MAYOR SITS IN THE MIDDLE AND THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR COORDINATE ABOUT WHICH SIDE THE VICE MAYOR WILL SIT ON AND FOR THE REST OF THE PEOPLE YOU REQUEST AND SUBMIT TO THE MAYOR AND DISCRETION IS LEFT TO THE MAYOR TO ASSIGN SEATS IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER. PROBABLY NOT. PUT THAT IN THERE.

CAN I THROW SOMETHING OUT THERE? TO ME IT DOES NOT MATTER WHERE ANYBODY SITS, IT DOES NOT MATTER IF THE MAYOR SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VICE MAYOR SITS NEXT TO THEM, MAYBE I DO NOT UNDERSTAND SOMETHING BUT YOU HAVE A LITTLE PLACARD, AS LONG AS YOU CAN SEE EVERYBODY IT SEEMS LIKE IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE THE MAYOR WORK IT OUT WITH PEOPLE AND LET US TO THE MAYOR WHERE WE WANT TO SIT AND WORK IT OUT RATHER THAN YOU HAVE TO SIT IN THE MIDDLE AND YOU KNOW, LET'S JUST BE.

COMMENTS? SHOULD THE MAYOR HAVE FULL DISCRETION TO SIT WHEREVER THE HECK THE MAYOR WANTS TO SIT WHERE SHOULD THE MAYOR BE REQUIRED TO SIT IN THE MIDDLE?

I THINK THE MAYOR SHOULD SIT IN THE MIDDLE.

I GET IT. SOMETIMES IT IS HARD.

MAYOR IN THE MIDDLE? OKAY. WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO FORMALIZE THIS BEFORE WE CLOSED THE MEETING? DO YOU NEED A MOTION OF SOME KIND? CAN YOU ARTICULATE ONE FOR US?

I WILL ARTICULATE WHAT I THINK THE MOTION WOULD BE AND THEN WE CAN GET A FIRST AND SECOND. THE POLICY WOULD BE FOR THE MAYOR TO SIT IN THE CENTER OF THE YES, THE VICE MAYOR TO COORDINATE WITH THE MAYOR AS TO WHICH SIDE TO SIT ON, REMAINING COUNCILMEMBERS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR FOR CITY SEATING SELECTIONS AND SEATING TO BE ASSIGNED AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING. WE NEED PUBLIC COMMENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT, ENQUEUE. THANK YOU FOR THE REMINDER. WE WILL NOW GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK FOR A FINAL VOTE. IS EVERYBODY COMFORTABLE WAITING? PLEASE.

ZACH, CAN WE BRING THE TIMER UP?

I WILL BE QUICK, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT IT. I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER MAUER'S SUGGESTING IT DOES NOT MATTER WHERE FOLKS SIT, I THINK THE REASON WHY SOME FOLKS GET HE OPINION ABOUT THIS, I AM NOT JUST SAYING THIS COUNCIL BUT PAST COUNCILS, WILL CONVENE INSIDE CHATTER AND I THINK THE SIDE CHATTER IS DISRESPECTFUL AS WELL AS DISRUPTIVE TO ACTUAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS AND AT TIMES MAY ACTUALLY BE IN VIOLATION OF BROWN ACT. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU DECIDE TO BE SETTING, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES AND DO NOT USE FOR SOME SORT OF POLITICAL PURPOSE OR GAIN OF STRATEGY WHERE THEY ARE SITTING TO BE IN ACTING INSIDE CHATTER THAT IS DISRUPTIVE TO THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU KYLE FOR THE COMMENT, NEXT I WILL GO TO LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I AGREE, I DO NOT THINK IT IS THAT BIG OF A DEAL WHERE PEOPLE SIT EXCEPT IT DOES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF EXPOSURE TO WIRELESS RADIATION. I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THAT BUILDING AND THAT ROOM TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND THAT IS WHY I DO NOT GO THERE ANYMORE. I CANNOT TOLERATE THE LEVEL OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS. IT IS VERY UNHEALTHY. SOME OF YOU MAY BE AWARE OF THAT BECAUSE CINDY WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ASKING YOU TO REDUCE THE LIGHTING THERE WHICH IS ANOTHER FORM OF EMF. ANYWAY, MY FINDINGS WITH MY METERS, IF YOU ARE FACING TOWARD THE PODIUM BUT BEHIND IT THERE IS A CLOSET, IT CONTAINS A LOT OF ELECTRONICS -- PEOPLE CLOSEST TO THE RIGHT. THERE IS A HIGHER LEVEL OF RADIATION THERE. THANKFULLY, YEARS AGO THE COUNCIL CAME TO THEIR SENSES AND GOT RID OF THE WIRELESS MICROPHONES. WHICH IS THE WAY EVERYTHING SHOULD BE BECAUSE WIRED COMMUNICATION, CELL PHONES AND SMART READERS ARE SO MUCH SAFER. ANYWAY IN THIS INSTANCE IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE, EXPOSURE TO THE WIRELESS RADIATION COMING FROM THE CLOSET IF I AM FACING COUNCILMEMBERS OVER ON THE RIGHT. SANDY HAS METERS AND STUFF.

THAT IS TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NINE AND NINE IN CHAMBER, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BACK AT THE COUNSEL TABLE, I THINK YOU WERE ATTEMPTING TO DESCRIBE A MOTION, PLEASE REMIND US WHERE WE WERE.

WHAT I HAD HEARD PRIOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT IS THAT THE MAYOR WAS TO SIT IN THE CENTER OF THE DAIS, THE VICE MAYOR WAS TO COORDINATE WITH THE MAYOR AS TO SEATING SELECTION AS TO WHICH SIDE TO SIT ON, REMAINING COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND SEATING TO BE ASSIGNED AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

SO MOVED BY THE VICE MAYOR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON TO APPROVE THE SEATING SELECTION AS I JUST STATED.

YES.

YES.

YES. TOM

YES.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

WE ARE NOW CLOSING THE MEETING BECAUSE WE ARE WELL BEYOND 10:30 PM. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR STAYING. ARE WE OBLIGATED TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT?

MEETING STOPS.

ENQUEUE VERY MUCH, WE GOT TO ALL OF THE ITEMS AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT. UNTIL NEXT TIME.'S.

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