

City Council

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**City of Sebastopol**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting of Monday, October 14, 2024  
Special Meeting Start Time: 5:00 pm

MINUTES FOR Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session Meeting of October 14, 2024  
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of November 5, 2024

Please note that minutes of meetings are not meant to be verbatim minutes and are meant to be 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.

Meeting was held in Person. In Person Location: Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472

The public is advised that pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5 all writings submitted to the City and City Council are public records and will be made available for review.

**5:00 pm City Council Special Meeting – Closed Session – Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Rich called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mayor Diana Gardner Rich  
Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman  
Councilmember Neysa Hinton  
Councilmember Sandra Maurer  
Councilmember Jill McLewis

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** City Manager Don Schwartz  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley  
Human Resources Deborah Muchmore  
Legal Counsel Kerrie McNally

**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)). There was none. All Councilmembers were in person.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

There was no public comment.

**City Council Adjourn Into Closed Session on the Following Matter(s):** Mayor Rich adjourned into the closed session at 6:04pm

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM:**

The Council discussed the following:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Human Resources/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk  
Unrepresented Employee: Management/Mid Management

Reference Order Number: 2024-233

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code section 54956.9: One Case

Reference Order Number: 2024-234

3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code section 54957(b))  
Title: City Clerk

Reference Order Number: 2024-235

4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Mayor  
Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk

Reference Order Number: 2024-236

5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code section 54957(b))  
Title: City Manager

Reference Order Number: 2024-237

**Adjournment of Closed Session:** Mayor Rich adjourned the closed session meeting at 9:47 pm.

**Convene Open Session of the Special City Council Meeting:** Mayor Rich reconvened the open session of the meeting at 9:48 pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:**

The Special City Council Meeting Closed Session will be adjourned to the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024.

Mayor Rich adjourned the City Council Meeting Closed Session of October 14, 2024 at 9:49 pm to the next regular City Council Meeting of October 15, 2024 scheduled to be held at 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Gourley  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk