

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting: February 6, 2024
To: Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Clerk
Subject: Action Minutes
Recommendation: That the City Council Consider and Approve the Request for Use of Action Minutes for All City Meetings and approve amendment to the Record Retention Schedule for Retention of City Meeting Videos
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No Not Applicable
Account Code: N/A

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE: This item is to request that City Council Discuss the Recommendation to approve use of Action Minutes versus Detailed Minutes for City Meetings.

SUMMARY: Currently, the City Clerk and the Planning Department provide detailed (almost verbatim) minutes of City Meetings. The production of "verbatim" minutes is labor intensive, and while staff has been evaluating the merits of discontinuing "verbatim" minutes for some time, it is recommended that with increased workload and priorities of the City, as well as the recommended use of raw text from either ZOOM or VITAC Closed Captioning recording as information only that could be utilized as an attachment to the action minutes, that the Council approve the use of Action Minutes for the City of Sebastopol for all City meetings.

BACKGROUND:

Minutes are the official record of a meeting and reflect the type of meeting, when and where a meeting was held, beginning and ending times, officials present and absent, issues that were discussed, what action was taken, and how members voted. There are three different types of minute format: action, summary, and verbatim/semi-verbatim minutes. Action minutes reflect the action taken, including the maker and second of motions and the vote on each motion. The content of presentations and discussions are not included in action minutes. Summary minutes include the information in action minutes plus a summary of points discussed and individuals' comments. The amount of comments included and the concentration of the summary varies from body to body.

Minutes are not transcripts, an exact record of discussions and conversations, nor a to-do list. What they should include is:

- A description of each item of business - In the case of City Council Minutes, this is typically the title from the agenda.
- The disposition of each item – Approved, rejected, postponed, direction given, etc.
- All motions, whether passed or not.

In 2015, the City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) developed "Guidelines for Preparing Minutes for Governmental Agencies" which recommends that agencies transition to action minutes, noting that action minutes are efficient, succinct, cost-effective, and more appropriately aligned with the intent of applicable Government Codes. (A copy is attached for reference).

DISCUSSION:

The City Clerk is responsible for preparing minutes of the City Council meetings and the Planning Department staff is responsible for preparing minutes for the Planning Commission and Design Review Board meeting minutes. (Members of the Public Arts Committee and Climate Action Committee rotate the taking and preparation of the minutes). Council, Commission and Board minutes are transcribed and recorded in “almost verbatim” minute format. In addition, videos of the City Council and other City meetings are hosted on the city website through the program platforms Vimeo Live Stream and You Tube and videos are also retained in accordance with the City’s Records Retention Policy. Hosting of the videos allow for members of the public to have the ability to review past City meetings at their leisure. With the availability of videos of past City meetings, it is time to rethink the mode of recording and reporting City actions to the public.

All City meetings are recorded and as noted above are hosted on the City Website. The recordings provide a temporary record of the City proceedings. Once the minutes are approved, the recordings do not have to be retained, as the approved minutes are the official action of the City; however, the City of Sebastopol records retention policy requires the City to retain the meeting videos for one year from the date of the meeting before destruction. For easier access to past proceedings, the City has retained the videos on the City website longer than one year as a courtesy to the members of the public to access older meetings.

On average, the time to prepare verbatim minutes takes two (2) times the length of the meeting. For every hour of a meeting, it takes two hours to transcribe and edit. City staff has utilized the raw text as well as explored and utilized other programs that can transcribe an audio/video meeting to text such as Otter AI; Happy Scribe; and has also utilized the text to speech feature on Microsoft. However, for audio transcription services, the drawback is that if there is more than one speaker, it creates poor quality output for minutes as well as there are limitations on the length of the videos that can be transcribed from video to text. To record accurate minutes, the City Clerk continues to take notes during the meeting to ensure speaker names are correct and comments are noted accurately, while continuing to participate in the meeting. Using Otter AI or raw text from VITAC has helped with preparation of minutes to some degree, but as shown in the attachments, are not reliable without staff taking notes during the meeting. Therefore, the high time commitment associated with developing the minutes has often resulted in staff falling behind in this task and the approval of minutes, which typically are on the next City Council meeting agenda, can at times be on a City Council meeting a month after that specific meeting, or currently, as noted by the Planning Department, are six months behind for various meetings. Delaying approval of minutes is not fair to the public who would like to know the decisions of the City in a timely manner. Transitioning to action minutes would streamline the minute preparation process, capture the conclusion and/or action for an agenda item, and would allow for use of staff time for other priorities of the City.

Analysis:

Factors to be considered in weighing whether to change the style of minutes utilized by any of the bodies are legal, operational, financial, and political.

Legal: In addition to being more time and cost efficient, action minutes are generally considered a “best practice” because they are more objective and thus less open to interpretation. When summary minutes are prepared, subjective judgment is used to determine which comments are included and excluded. This creates more opportunity for legal challenges than action or verbatim records. There is no legal requirement to have a record beyond that created through action minutes. Establishing action minutes as the City’s standard format will reduce exposure to challenges.

Operational: At times the public, as well as City officials and staff find value in having minutes which provide background beyond what action minutes would contain. As noted above however, it is the action and not the discussion of the City Council, Commission, Board or Committee that is the requirement to be contained in the Official Minutes.

Financial: There is a cost to the notable amount of time expended in preparing, processing, and storing minutes. With the budgetary constraints that is currently being experienced, as well as the projected budget deficits expected in the upcoming fiscal year, this is an opportune time to consider implementation of an official minutes standard that reduces the time spent preparing minutes. The City has utilized on line transcription services such as Otter AI (copy attached); VITAC Closed Captioning Raw Text (attached); Zoom raw text (attached), as well as reached out to the City Clerk List Serve (which is an email group comprised of City Clerks within the State of California) and based upon those that responded, found that different cities utilize different resources, and the costs vary per service. Another issue is that some services limit the lengths of meetings for transcription purposes. Examples of transcription pricing is listed below for various vendors used.

- Otter AI Costs: \$240.00 yearly but will only transcribe four hours (meeting video must be below four hours; therefore longer Council meetings require splitting of videos for uploading for transcription purposes)
- GoTranscript Costs: \$1.43 per minute for 24 hour turn around; therefore a five hour meeting would total 429.00 for one meeting
- Happy Scribe: \$29.00 per month but limit of 600 minutes per month of video for transcription).
- Contract Employee: Currently the Planning Department utilizes a contract employee for transcription of Planning Commission Minutes. The hourly rate is \$40.00 per hour and it takes approximately two hours of transcription for each hour of minutes (therefore for a two hour meeting the City is charged \$180.00 for one meeting) and it has been taking at least three months or beyond for turnaround time for Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- Worldly AI Costs: \$150 per hour of transcription

The City is also looking into agenda management programs for the upcoming fiscal year to determine costs for agenda management that could also include minutes transcriptions. Various cities utilize outside vendors for agenda and minute management (some vendors are listed below and staff is currently researching costs for these services).

- CivicPlus
- Granicus
- Icompass
- ProudCity

Political: It is expected that some Elected or appointed members may be disappointed if their vote but not their individual comments are included in the minutes.

A recent survey of the California City Clerks Association revealed that of the 43 cities that responded to the survey, 33 were preparing Action Minutes, primarily citing the same reasons of time and resource savings. In the end, the consistent purpose behind requests for minutes, whether by the public, outside agencies, and internal auditors, is to confirm the actions taken by the City Council only.

City Council / General Plan Goals:

This item reflects the City Council Goals and Values as listed below:

Goal 5: Provide Open and Responsive Municipal Government Leadership

5.3.3. Encourage and increase public awareness of City Policies, decisions, programs and all public processes and meetings, by investigating effective methods of communication and obtaining feedback from the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comments from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the “Public Comment” portion of the City Council discussion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date. Information about the agenda item is provided on the City website (link to the City Council meeting page); sent via City Website alerts, submitted for posting the Community Center and posted to the Display Board at City Hall).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact with discussion of this item tonight; however, if action minutes are approved, it is estimated that the City would realize savings of staff time. For Calendar Year 2023, the City Council conducted approximately 109 hours of City Council meetings which resulted in 218 hours of preparation of minutes; and Planning conducted 94 hours of Commission, Board and Committee meetings, which resulted in 188 hours of preparation of minutes; reduction in costs for printed paper due to length of minutes (975 pages printed for Calendar Year 2023 Council Meetings only; this does not include the Planning Department meetings); and allowing staff to be utilized for other Council priorities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Approve the Request for Use of Action Minutes for City Meetings and Adopt Resolution attached approving Option Number 1 below. If the Council has questions or would like further discussion on this item, is it recommended this item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed for discussion at the end of the regular agenda items per City Council protocols.

Options for City Council:

1. Approve use of action minutes as the Official Minutes for City meetings; providing the attachment of raw text minutes as information only to the Action Minutes; and approve amendment of the City’s records retention program to retain City meeting videos on the Cit website for three years (versus the current one year) as well as maintain DVD Media for three years, or until such time media type is no longer available or supported, whichever is first.
2. Deny use of action minutes and continue verbatim/almost verbatim meeting minutes as currently being utilized; or
3. Approve use of summary minutes. City staff would not recommend approval for use of summary minutes as the minutes would be the Clerk’s subjective judgment to determine which comments are included and excluded. This creates more opportunity for legal challenges than action or verbatim records.

Attachment(s):

1. Examples of Minutes:
 - a. Action Only; and Action Only Utilizing Agenda Template
 - b. Summary
 - c. Verbatim/Almost Verbatim

2. City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) developed “Guidelines for Preparing Minutes for Governmental Agencies”
3. VITAC Closed Captioning Raw Text from Meeting Example
4. Otter AI Transcription Example
5. Zoom Raw Text Captioning Example
6. Resolution Approving Action Minutes (if approved)

Approvals:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: 1-19-2024

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: January 19, 2024

The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services/Financial Approval: Approval Date: January 19, 2024

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: Yes No N/A

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: N/A

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: January 19, 2024



MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL
MILLBRAE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES

Exhibit 2

January 12, 2010

DRAFT – ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Seto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Agency Chair Paul Seto, Vice Mayor/Agency Vice Chair Daniel F. Quigg, Council/Agency Members Marge Colapietro, Gina Papan, and Nadia V. Holober

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG – Millbrae Boy Scout Troop 355

Troop leader Richard Warfield noted that the Troop had a successful food drive benefiting the Salvation Army during holiday season, and thanked Millbrae residents for their support. He also noted that 2010 is the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

1. **CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATION**

- John Ford, President, Millbrae Chamber of Commerce
Presentation of Donation Check for Tree Lighting

John Ford thanked everyone involved with tree lighting on December 5th and presented a \$1,500 check to the City to help offset the costs of tree lighting. He thanked the community for their support of the Shop and Dine Program during the holiday season.

2. **AGENDA OVERVIEW/STAFF BRIEFING**

City Manager Marcia Raines reviewed the agenda items. She introduced Acting City Clerk Angela Louis.

- Informational Report Regarding Bills, Claims, and Payroll
- Report out from Closed Session - NONE

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting of November 24, 2009
- Special Meeting of December 4, 2009
- Regular Meeting of December 8, 2009

Upon a motion/second by Quigg/Papan, the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. **ORAL REPORT FROM CITY COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHAIRS**

- Senior Advisory Committee - Announcing January 23, 2010 Health and Wellness Fair

Recreation Superintendent Mike Wride introduced Senior Advisory Committee Chair Patricia Realini and Committee Member Mary Somers.

Chair Realini updated the Council on the Committees activities.

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Committee Member Mary Somers announced that the Senior Advisory Committee is hosting the 4th Annual Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Wynn Grich, Hayward resident, reported on toxic sewage sludge and radiation in the water.

Lou Sandrini, Millbrae resident, commented on the City's solid waste contract.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Seto requested that future reports regarding item #7, Fire Shared Services, be made to Council.

Upon a motion/second by Papan/Quigg Consent Calendar items 5-8 were unanimously approved.

5. Investment Report for Period Ending November 30, 2009
6. Resolution No. 10-01 Approving Use of Grant Program Stimulus Funding for LED Street Lights
7. Resolution No. 10-02 Approving Agreement with Citygate Associates for Fire Shared Services/Merger Implementation Analysis
8. Annual Report Regarding Developer Impact Fees for FY 08-09

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

9. Authorization to Seek Bids: Phase II of the Millbrae Fields Renovation Project, Plans and Specifications No. 016

Richard Mao of CSG Consultants, Inc., Project Manager of the Millbrae Fields Renovation Project gave a report on Phase II of the Millbrae Fields Renovation Project.

No public speakers for this item.

Upon a motion/second by Papan/Colapietro, Council unanimously adopted a motion directing staff to seek bids for Phase II of the Millbrae Fields Renovation Project, Plans and Specifications No. 016.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Report Regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Finance Director LaRae Brown reported on the Comprehensive Annual Report.

No public speakers for this item.

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Upon a motion/second by Quigg/Colapietro, the Council unanimously accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for period ending June 30, 2009.

11. Quarterly Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Finance Director LaRae Brown updated Council on the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

No public speakers for this item.

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Quigg, the Council unanimously accepted the first and second quarter budget update report for fiscal year 2009-2010.

12. Amendment to Municipal Code to Eliminate Article III of Chapter 2.05 and Related Provisions Regarding City Treasurer Position

- Waive 1st Reading
- Introduce Ordinance

City Attorney Joan Cassman reported on the need to update the Municipal Code to Eliminate Article III of Chapter 2.05 and Related Provisions Regarding City Treasurer Position.

No public speakers for this item.

Upon a motion/second by Papan/Quigg, the Council unanimously adopted a motion to waive the first reading and introduce an ordinance amending the Millbrae Municipal Code to implement the appointive position of City Treasurer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Holober stated that none of her committees had met. She wished everyone a Happy New Year, welcomed students back to school, and stated that she looked forward to working with everyone.

Councilmember Papan congratulated Marshall Realty for receiving SAMCAR's Community Service Award. She reminded everyone that they could opt out from receiving the yellow pages by going on-line to www.yellowpagesoptout.com. She also requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Millbrae resident Peter Pappageorge.

Councilmember Colapietro noted she attended the following meetings/events:

- Office of Emergency Services monthly ham radio meeting;
- Millbrae Elementary School District Reorganization meeting;
- Senior Advisory Committee meeting;
- San Mateo County Council of Cities meeting, and was recently elected the 2010 Vice President;
- meeting with representatives of St. Dunstan's Knights of Columbus regarding the cancellation of SamTrans bus route 342;
- retirement party for City Clerk Deborah Konkol;
- Youth Advisory Committee to discuss the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth;
- the Central Peninsula Church of Millbrae service on January 10th;
- the League of California Cities campaign kick off meeting in Foster Cit on January 11th.

Vice Mayor Quigg stated that none of his committees had met. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Mayor Seto wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated David Petrovich on his recent appointment as Acting Community Development/Parks Director and Angela Louis as Acting City Clerk. He announced the following upcoming events:

- January 21st - Excellence in Business Awards Dinner hosted by the Chamber of Commerce;
- January 23rd – Millbrae Lions Club Crab Cioppino Dinner;
- January 23rd – 4th Annual Health and Wellness Fair.

RECESS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL

There being no further regular business, the Redevelopment Agency recessed and the City Council adjourned in memory of Millbrae resident Peter Pappageorge at 8:21 p.m.

RECONVENE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiators
 Government Code §54956.8
 Address: 1388 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030
 Negotiators for Agency: Executive Director and City Attorney
 Negotiators for Owner: Representatives of Silverstone Development

ADJOURN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

There being no further business, the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BY: _____
 Angela Louis
 City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
 Paul Seto
 Mayor

**POSTED AGENDA
(WITH ACTION MINUTES)**

REGULAR PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

**CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

I. CALL TO ORDER - 3:00 P.M.

Mayor Nestande convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

All Councilmember and those listed as present participated teleconference.

Present:

Councilmember Jan C. Hamik
Councilman Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Kelly
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber
Mayor Gina Nestande

Also Present:

Lauri Aylaian, City Manager
Robert W. Hargreaves, City Attorney
Andy Firestine, Assistant City Manager
Grace L. Rocha, Acting City Clerk
Lori Carney, Director of Administrative Services
Ryan Stendell, Director of Community Development
Martin Alvarez, Director of Economic Development
Janet M. Moore, Director of Finance/City Treasurer
Tom Garcia, Director of Public Works
M. Gloria Sanchez, Acting Deputy City Clerk

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - A (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS)

None

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Request for Closed Session:

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A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

- 1) Property: A portion of APN 637-340-029
 Agency Negotiator: Andy Firestine/Tom Garcia
 Other Party Negotiator: - Representative of Lyle-Hall LLC
 Property Owner: Lyle-Hall LLC
 Under Negotiation: Price Terms of Payment
- 2) Property: 44-911 Cabrillo Avenue (NWC Alessandro Drive/Cabrillo Avenue) APN 625-082-023, and 625-082-022
 Agency Negotiator: Lauri Aylaian/Martin Alvarez/City of Palm Desert
 Property Owner: City of Palm Desert
 Under Negotiation: Price Terms of Payment

B. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of potential cases: 3

**C. Public Employment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
Title of Position: City Manager**

With City Council concurrence, Mayor Nestande adjourned the meeting to Closed Session of the City Council at 3:02 p.m. She reconvened the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

V. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

A. REPORT ON ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION.

None

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - Councilman Sabby Jonathan

VII. INVOCATION/INSPIRATION - Councilmember Jan C. Harnik

VIII. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

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IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - B

MR. BRAD ANDERSON, Rancho Mirage, CA, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the lack of service from the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control's office. He said it was unacceptable for them to abandoning their post, and closing down their offices for a couple of weeks. He said the cities of Indian Wells and Palm Desert were at risk from mosquitoes, because positive cases were reported just prior to them closing their office.

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL

- A. MINUTES of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 11, 2020.
Rec: Approve as presented.

- B. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY TREASURY - Warrants Dated 5/22/2020 and 5/29/2020(Qty 2).
Rec: Approve as presented.

- C. INFORMATIONAL REPORT on School District Boundary Transfers.
Rec: By Minute Motion, receive and file.

Removed for separate discussion with the following motion being made: By Minute Motion, approve a subcommittee consisting of Councilman Jonathan and Mayor Nestande, along with staff, at the discretion of the City Manager, to find alternatives to modify the district boundary to only have one district (Desert Sands Unified School District) for the entire City. APPROVED. 5-0 (AYES: Hamik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)

- D. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION of Unite Palm Desert Murals (Contract No. C40150).
Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Approve contract with artist John Cuevas in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and 2) authorize City Manager to execute subject contract - funds will be available in the FY 2020-2021 Marketing Budget.

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- E. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION to Streamline the Use of Vendors for the Public Works Department by Granting Exception to Bidding Requirements and Approving the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Vendor List and the Various Vendors and Qualified Service Providers Lists for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Grant an exception to the purchasing requirements of the Palm Desert Municipal Code, as provided for in Section 3.30.160 (K); 2) approve the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Vendor List; Landscape Services Division Vendors and Service Providers List, and Public Works Various Vendors and Qualified Service Providers List; 3) authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute contracts for on-going services, not to exceed \$50,000 for any one vendor on the list, as needed and recommended by staff during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

- F. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION of a Subrecipient Agreement with the Jewish Family Services of the Desert to Operate an Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Rec: By Minute Motion, approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Jewish Family Services of the Desert in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to operate an Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

- G. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL to Submit a Letter of Support to Suspend Vehicle Miles Traveled as a Key Impact Criterion Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Rec: By Minute Motion, approve the submission of a letter of support to suspend Vehicle Miles Traveled as a key impact criterion under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- H. MINUTES of the June 11, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency.

Rec: Approve as presented.

- I. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST SUCCESSOR AGENCY TREASURY - Warrant Dated 05/29/2020.

Rec: Approve as presented.

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PALM DESERT HOUSING AUTHORITY

J. MINUTES of the Housing Authority Meeting of June 11, 2020.

Rec: Approve as presented.

Action: **Item C was removed for separate consideration. Remainder of Consent Calendar approved as presented. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

XI. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

Item - C - see action with item, above.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

Rec: Waive further reading and adopt.

Action: **Adopted. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 52 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 (UNIVERSITY PARK) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Rec: Waive further reading and adopt.

Action: **Adopted. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. REQUEST FOR ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO IDEAPEDDLER TO PROVIDE MARKETING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 (CONTRACT NO. C37182).

Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Extend the subject contract to Ideapeddler to provide marketing services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; 2) authorize the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make clarifications to the contract related to the payment terms; 3) authorize Mayor to execute the extension on behalf of the City.

Action: **Approved. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

- B. REQUEST FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HORIZON PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE FOR THE DESERT WILLOW PERIMETER LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION PHASE 1 (PROJECT NO. 871-21, CONTRACT NO. C39990).

Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Award subject contract to Horizon Professional Landscape, Coachella, California, for the Desert Willow Perimeter Landscape Rehabilitation Phase 1, in the amount of \$198,565; 2) authorize Director of Finance to set aside a contingency in the amount of \$20,000 for unanticipated conditions; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to review and approve written requests for the use of contingency, per Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 3.30.170(A); 4) authorize the Mayor to execute the subject Agreement - funds are available in Account No. 4414195-4809200, Golf Capital.

Action: **Approved the recommendations. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

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C. REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS.

Rec: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 53, authorizing the submittal of an application for, and receipt of, Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program Funds administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in order to seek funding in the amount of \$150,000 or any amount eligible for use in developing objective design standards for residential housing development, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), rezoning of certain residentially zoned properties to allow for greater density, provide environmental clearances for specific residentially zoned properties, and other actions which advance programs identified in the updated Housing Element; 2) By Minute Motion: a) authorize the Mayor or the City Manager to execute any documents that may be necessary to facilitate the application or award; b) If awarded, authorize Director of Finance to appropriate funding necessary to administer the grant.

Action: **Approved the recommendations. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

D. REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Approve the award of outside agency contributions in the amount of \$159,681 to the agencies listed herein with associated restrictions and conditions, including confirmation of event prior to distribution, if applicable; 2) authorize the City Manager to consider alternative requests during the year provided it's consistent with the original request; 3) pending approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City of Palm Desert Financial Plan, authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the actions taken herewith.

Action: **With Councilmember Weber registering her abstention on grant funding Item No. 14 (Historical Society) and a vote of 4-0-1 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, and Nestande; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Weber), the remainder of staff's recommendation was approved. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None).**

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- E. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. C27330B, REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG) AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PHASES OF THE PORTOLA AVENUE/INTERSTATE-10 INTERCHANGE PROJECT.

Rec: By Minute Motion: 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C27330B, the Reimbursement Agreement with CVAG and the County of Riverside for the design, right-of-way, and construction phases of the Portola Avenue/Interstate-10 Project; 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

Action: **Approved the recommendations with direction to staff to immediately work in collaboration with CVAG to start seeking funding sources, whether they exist or not, making the project shovel ready for when funding sources become available. In essence, staying focused on the goal of getting the Portola Avenue/Interstate-10 Interchange Project built. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

- F. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF PALM DESERT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Rec: Waive further reading and adopt: 1) Resolution No. 2020 - 54, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of certain officers as required by the provision of the Laws of the State of California and the Charter of the City of Palm Desert; 2) Resolution No. 2020 - 55, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code.

Action: **Adopted. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

- 3) Resolution No. 2020 - 56, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Option A: Candidates are responsible for costs associated with candidate statements, unless income qualified (indigent status) or ~~Option B: The City is responsible for costs associated with candidate statements.~~

Action: **Adopted Option A. 3-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, and Kelly; NOES: None; ABSENT: Weber and Nestande)**

**POSTED AGENDA (WITH ACTION MINUTES)
REGULAR PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

JUNE 25, 2020

G. REQUEST FOR DIRECTION ON THE RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS.

~~Rec: By Minute Motion, provide direction to staff on the resumption of in-person City Council and Committee and Commission Meetings:~~

Action: By Minute Motion, approved Committee and Commission meetings to continue to meet using video or teleconference until social distancing requirements can be relaxed, and the resumption of in-person City Council meetings, in any event, shall not occur prior to September 1, 2020. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

XV. OLD BUSINESS

None

XVI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ENGINEER'S ANNUAL LEVY REPORT FOR, AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN, CONSOLIDATED PALM DESERT LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

- Rec:**
- 1) Conduct the public hearing and receive public testimony.
 - 2) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 57, approving the final Engineer's Annual Levy Report for Consolidated Palm Desert Landscaping & Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
 - 3) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 58, ordering the levy and collection of annual assessments within Consolidated Palm Desert Landscaping & Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Action: Adopted. 4-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly and Nestande; NOES: None; ABSENT: Weber)

**POSTED AGENDA (WITH ACTION MINUTES)
REGULAR PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

JUNE 25, 2020

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR, AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN, CITY OF PALM DESERT BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

- Rec: 1) Conduct the public hearing and receive public testimony.
- 2) Resolution No. 2020 - 59, approving the Final Engineer's Annual Levy Report for, and ordering the levy and collection of assessments within, City of Palm Desert Benefit Assessment District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, pursuant to the provisions of The Benefit Assessment Act of 1982.

Action: **Adopted. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (JOINT CONSIDERATION WITH THE PALM DESERT HOUSING AUTHORITY).

- Rec: 1) Conduct a Joint Public Hearing and accept public comment on the proposed City and Housing Authority Budgets (including the Capital Improvement Program).
- 2) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 60, adopting the budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, and authorizing the use of General Fund reserves, to the extent needed, to cover any revenue shortfall.
- 3) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 61, establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- 4) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. HA - 96, adopting a Palm Desert Housing Authority Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.
- 5) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 62, the Staffing Allocation and Salaries Resolution, setting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Salary Schedules, Salary Ranges and Allocated Classifications.
- 6) By Minute Motion, approve Out-of-State Travel as listed in attached memorandum.

Action: **Approved the recommendations. 5-0 (AYES: Harnik, Jonathan, Kelly, Weber, and Nestande; NOES: None)**

**POSTED AGENDA (WITH ACTION MINUTES)
REGULAR PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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XVII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS

A. Committee/Commission Reports

1. Councilman Sabby Jonathan reported on the Desert Community Energy (DCE) - reported the City of Palm Springs had its launch and it's complete. The results are that they enrolled 40,618 customers, representing 92% of their residents and businesses. Nearly 95% of those enrolled elected the higher green option (100% carbon-free). The way the numbers worked out, the Desert Saver Option is costing 2.9% less than Southern California Energy (SCE). Those that elected the 100% carbon-free option, the cost is about 2.4% more, but it's still 2.6% below the comparable option offered by SCE. Finally, the DCE Board adopted a budget for next fiscal year and it's anticipating a \$1.2 million surplus, which will go into a reserve until it hits the target level.

B. City Council Requests for Action.

None

XVIII. STAFF REPORTS AND REMARKS

A. City Manager

1. Reminder: The Fourth of July Independence Celebration will be different from what has been provided in the past. It will be a patriotic listening party that will start at 9:00 p.m. on July 4, by tuning to the radio on 98.5 or 92.7. You will be treated to patriotic music throughout the evening. She invited everyone to step out in the yard and crank up the sound so that everyone can hear patriotic music throughout Palm Desert.

B. City Attorney

None

C. City Clerk

None

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

With City Council concurrence, Mayor Nestande adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Conducted In Person and Via Zoom. Video Recording is Archived on the City Website
<https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/government/city-council/watch-city-council-meetings>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reece called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, STARK

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

EARLY DEPARTURE

COUNCILMEMBER: REECE (Left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Jamie Earl, Assistant City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Aaron Fate, Police Chief; Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Melissa Vollaro, Director of Human Services; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Patterson reported from the 5:15 p.m. Closed Session meeting. She reported that final approval rests with the other negotiating party for Closed Session Item No. 1 and stated there was no reportable action for Closed Session Item No. 2.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Commissioners were introduced:

Robert Perry, Architectural Commission

Esau Ramos, Traffic and Transportation Commission

The City Council recognized the Kiwanis Club of Claremont for their sponsorship of the 2023 Monday Night Concert Series.

The City Council recognized Claremont Graduate University for their sponsorship of the Monday Night Concerts and Movies in the Park.

The City Council received a presentation from Katherine Loeser, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager, on upcoming events-taking place at the Claremont Helen Renwick Library.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS/OBSERVANCES

October 9, Columbus Day

Mayor Reece announced that he has a conflict of interest for Public Hearing item No. 6. Therefore, he re-ordered items on the agenda to hear Public Hearing Item No. 7 before Public Hearing Item No. 6.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Item

This item starts at 1:38:08 in the archived video.

1. Appointment of Member to the Planning Commission

Mayor Reece and Councilmember Leano highlighted the staff report.

Mayor Reece invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Councilmember Stark moved to appoint John Davis to the Planning Commission for a term to expire August 31, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Calaycay, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark

NOES: Councilmember – None

Council Assignment Reports

This item starts at 1:40:11 in the archived video.

Councilmember Stark reported that she attended the League of California Cities conference.

Councilmember Medina reported that he also attended the League of California Cities conference.

Councilmember Leano announced Tri-City Mental Health will begin a new public engagement process involving stakeholders and encouraged all to sign up to be a stakeholder.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

This item starts at 1:42:02 in the archived video.

City Manager Pirrie encouraged all to attend the Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual Update meeting on Saturday, September 30, shared that Golden State Water will be removing and replacing a water mainline from Foothill Boulevard to Harvard Avenue with work being performed overnight, reported on the Towne Avenue complete streets improvement project, and Village Venture will take place Saturday, October 28.

Councilmember Medina requested an update on the extension granted to Motel 6.

City Manager Pirrie responded that Motel 6 was granted an additional extension through October 31 to complete the remainder of the work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 1:46:37 in the archived video.

Mayor Reece invited public comment.

Rich Gill spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project as true intentions were never provided.

April Ferguson spoke about the negative conditions taking place at the City parking structure on First Street and urged the City Council to address the issues.

Lorn S. Foster, Claremont resident, spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project as Jamboree will not be able to address the needs of the residents after the housing is built.

Doroan Dula, Claremont resident, spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project.

Paul Wheeler spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project and suggested the project applicant, Jamboree, submit a Conditional Use Permit for the project to be reviewed by the Planning Division.

Buff Brown, Claremont Streets for People, asked that the Mountain Avenue redesign maximize safety and highlighted a letter submitted by the Claremont Streets for People.

Unidentified speaker thanked the City Council for their actions and support they show to each other.

Daniel Bringham explained that the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has released grants to identify and develop projects for affordable housing.

Tesfa Asmara shared that he would like to apply for a micro mobility license to distribute electric scooters and bicycles amongst Claremont College students.

Darryl McCance spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project and asked the City Council to find out which City official pressured Pilgrim Place to sell their land.

Unidentified speaker spoke against the Larkin Place Supportive Housing Project target population.

Linda Mawby raised concern with the lack of discussion of permanent supportive housing and the negative results that housing may have on the community.

There were no other requests to speak.

Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services, responded to Ms. Ferguson that the parking lot elevator is being cleaned five days a week and added that the City is looking to overhaul the two existing elevators.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 2:22:16 in the archived video.

Mayor Reece invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

Ross Pringle, Claremont Streets for People, spoke in support of Consent Calendar Item No. 5; however, suggested a walking and biking infrastructure be included.

There were no other requests to speak.

2. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the City Warrant Register
Adopted Resolution No. 2023-55, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, dated September 14, 2023.
3. City Council Minutes of September 12, 2023 (Regular)
Approved and filed the regular City Council meeting minutes of September 12, 2023.
4. Amendment to Claremont Municipal Code Title 16 That, If Adopted, Will Amend Section 16.090.040 to Allow for Additional Outdoor Restaurant Seating for Sidewalk Dining (Funding Source: General Fund)
Adopted Ordinance No. 2023-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 16 OF THE CLAREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND SECTION 16.090.040 TITLED ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR SEATING TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR RESTAURANT SEATING FOR SIDEWALK DINING.
5. 2022 Sustainability Annual Report (Funding Source: Various)
Received and filed the 2022 Sustainability Annual Report.

Councilmember Stark moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Reece announced that Public Hearing Item No. 7 will be heard next.

7. Appeal of the Architectural Commission's Decision to Uphold Planning Division Staff's Approval of Architectural Staff Review #23-AS06 for the Demolition, Reconstruction, and Expansion of the Existing Attached, Two-Car Garage at the Single-Family Residential Property Located at 692 West Twelfth Street – Appellant – Melissa Paul

This item starts at 2:27:18 in the archived video.

Nik Hlady, Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Reece opened the public hearing.

Melissa Paul, Appellant, highlighted her appeal of the project and asked the City Council to direct the applicant to re-design the project that would help address her concerns.

Dan D'Andrea, project applicant, highlighted the construction project.

Mayor Reece invited public comment.

Alexia Flores, property owner, asked the City Council to not treat her differently from someone else's actions and allow her to move forward with her project.

There were no other requests to speak.

Ms. Paul, Appellant, asked the City Council to impose reasonable noise restrictions on the project to protect her property and the local bird population.

Mayor Reece closed the public hearing.

Mr. Pirrie, Mr. Hlady, and Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development, responded to questions from the City Council regarding a fee waiver of appeal fees, number of construction days to include jackhammering, Claremont Municipal Code construction limitations, and administrative procedure of the Claremont Municipal Code.

Councilmember Leano spoke in support of staff's recommendation and asked that all Claremont Municipal Codes are honored during the proposed construction.

Mr. D'Andrea responded to a question from the City Council regarding decibel ratings of a specific jackhammer.

Councilmember Stark spoke in support of the comments made by Councilmember Leano and asked the project applicant be courteous to the neighbors.

Councilmember Calaycay spoke in support of staff's recommendation as the Planning Division did not err in their decision to approve the project.

Councilmember Medina spoke in support of the comments made by his fellow Councilmembers and asked all to be good neighbors.

Mayor Reece spoke in support of the comments made by his fellow Councilmembers and asked Mr. D'Andrea and Ms. Flores to go above and beyond to be neighborly.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-57, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DENYING THE APPEAL OF AND AFFIRMING THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION'S DECISION TO UPHOLD PLANNING DIVISION'S APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL STAFF REVIEW (FILE #23-AS06) FOR THE DEMOLITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING ATTACHED, TWO-CAR GARAGE AT THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 692 WEST TWELFTH STREET - APPELLANT: MELISSA PAUL, seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Mayor Reece recused himself and left the meeting as he owns real property within the area of the subject property, 1030 West Foothill Boulevard. (Mayor Reece left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.)

The City Council recessed at 8:41 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

6. Tentative Tract Map #83751, Proposed Subdivision of 3.05 Acres of Land Development and Density Bonus for a 56-Unit Townhome Condominium Development Located at 1030 West Foothill Boulevard – Application Olson Urban Housing, LLC

This item starts at 3:33:16 in the archived video.

Nik Hlady, Senior Planner, and City Attorney Patterson, gave a PowerPoint presentation,

Mr. Hlady, Ms. Patterson, and Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development responded to questions from the City Council regarding an equity sharing agreement, live/work units, unit count compensation, and parking spaces.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina opened the public hearing and invited public comment.

Elizabeth Tulac spoke in support of the proposed project for its single-story unit and sustainability efforts; however, asked that the City Council direct the Traffic and Transportation Commission to review traffic impacts before approval.

There were no other requests to speak.

John Reekstin, Olson Urban Housing, and Mr. Hlady responded to questions from the City Council regarding the live/work proposal, traffic impacts, and number of units at Meadow Park.

Councilmember Stark spoke in support of the proposed project as the project applicant was very responsive to neighbors and the community.

Councilmember Calaycay spoke in support of the proposed project as the height is limited to 2 and 3 stories throughout the project.

Councilmember Leano spoke in support of the project as it goes above the legal requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina spoke in support of the comments made by his fellow Councilmembers and thanked the project applicant for listening to the community.

Councilmember Stark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-56, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 83751 FOR A 56-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON A 3.05-ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 1030 WEST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD, seconded by Councilmember Calaycay, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None
ABSENT: Councilmember – Reece

The City Council discussed the following options presented by staff regarding the project's applicability to Claremont's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and State Density Bonus Law to be incorporated into a density bonus housing agreement:

Density Bonus/IHO Options

	Option 1	Option 2 (Ap.'s Pref.)	Option 3 (Staff's Rec.)
Inclusionary Units	3 Very Low	3 Very Low	4 Low
Duration of Affordability	Equity Sharing Agreement	In Perpetuity	In Perpetuity
In-Lieu Fees	None	None	Yes – for a 0.6 unit (\$157,500)
Anticipated Sales Price	\$12,700	\$91,400	\$160,000
Approval Docs	Resolution Only	Reso + Ordinance (not yet drafted)	Reso + Ordinance in Agenda Packet

Councilmember Calaycay prefers option 2 or option 3.

Councilmember Stark prefers option 3 as presented.

Councilmember Leano spoke in support of option 3.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to:

- A. Introduce for first reading, and that reading be by title only AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, PERMITTING A DENSITY BONUS GREATER THAN WHAT IS REQUIRED BY STATE DENSITY BONUS LAW AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A DENSITY BONUS HOUSING AGREEMENT FOR THE 56-UNIT TOWNHOME AND LIVE/WORK DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 1030 WEST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD (TTM #83751, #22-A06) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, AND OLSON URBAN HOUSING, LLC, incorporating Option 3 as presented by staff;**
- B. Directed the Director of Community Development that, consistent with prior City Council direction and past practice and consistent with the spirit of new State laws intended to promote the production of housing (such as Senate Bill 330), the project is subject to the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee that was in effect on the date the applicant submitted its preliminary application for the project; and**
- C. Find that these approvals are within the scope of the Final IS/MND prepared for the project (State Clearing House No. 2023040662), adopted September 13, 2023 by the Architectural Commission, and that under Section 21166 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15162 of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), there is no basis for subsequent or supplemental environmental review;**

Seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None
ABSENT: Councilmember – Reece

7. Appeal of the Architectural Commission's Decision to Uphold Planning Division Staff's Approval of Architectural Staff Review #23-AS06 for the Demolition, Reconstruction, and Expansion of the Existing Attached, Two-Car Garage at the Single-Family Residential Property Located at 692 West Twelfth Street – Appellant – Melissa Paul

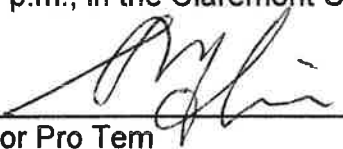
This item was heard previously in the agenda.

ORDINANCES – None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Medina adjourned the meeting of the Claremont City Council at 10:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Claremont Council Chamber.



Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk



City of Sebastopol

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MINUTES FOR Regular City Council Meeting of May 16, 2023
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of June 6, 2023

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.

<https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx>

Meeting was held in Person and Virtual /Remote Participation
Zoom Link used for providing public comment/Live Stream is utilized for viewing only of Meeting

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.

6:00 pm City Council Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Hinton called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
Administrative Services Director Ana Kwong
GHD Toni Bertolero
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom
Police Chief Ron Nelson

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

The following was presented:

- Proclamation – In Memory of Ellen Stillman, LANTERN

Reference Order Number: 2023-122

Mayor Hinton commented Item Number 9 has been removed from the agenda.

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 official has a potential

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There were no stated conflicts of interest.

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.

Nancy commented as follows:

- Unlike the people you listen to when you passed a resolution on animal rights last meeting, I'm from Sebastopol, not Berkeley, not Santa Rosa nearby, not Occidental.
- I would like to propose some follow-up resolutions.
- I would like, and I am dead serious, because there have been over 2500 exploratory cases, studies that animals feel pain, suffering, stress, I would like to ask the esteemed Council to propose a resolution banning all leashes and tethers of any kind attached to a living, sentient and feeling being. They cause pain, stress, and anxiety, and treat nonhuman brothers and sisters like slaves and property. Animals should not be treated like property, which direct action everywhere has explicitly said over and over and over.
- Which leads me to a resolution abolishing all nonhuman animal licensing fees paid to the Sebastopol Police Department.
- We do not pay licensing fees on our children or each other, therefore we should not be paying licensing fees on our dogs, who are also members of our family. Such licensing fees only promote the idea that animals are property.
- Speaking of family. I think we need a resolution declaring Sebastopol officially an anti-abortion town
- If we can go to such lengths for our brothers and sisters who are nonhuman animals, we need to do the same for our human animals, brothers, and sisters.

Evert commented as follows:

- I would like to propose that the city consider forming a task force committee for economic development focusing on revenue for the city.
- We have a lot of talent, members, retired members, that could look at other alternatives, and sustainable revenues for the city.
- There are opportunities not being utilized. We have thousands of people come to Sebastopol for events such as the apple blossom festival, but are we taking the opportunity to reach out to those people to support our local economy while they are here or in the future.
- Are there services or products the city can generate revenue from?
- Many high school sporting events where the gymnasiums are full of people, there is not one sign simply saying Welcome to Sebastopol.
- large organizations such as Safeway have resources that maybe we have not tapped into where they pay employees to volunteer in their community.
- And of the council members should be about down to be part of this committee. Let the committee do the work, and you know, have them come back with some recommendations.
- Regarding the issue of the animal cruelty, you know, it is unfortunate, a misuse and waste of our valuable resources and your time and attention, and is not part of your responsibility.
- Now, having said that, it puts you in an unfair situation, because the city needs a policy to address those types of things. There are numerous worthy causes, and it puts you in a position that if you talk about this worthy cause, talk about puppies being misused being abused somewhere, and if you think that well, this is the appropriate place to talk about it and we don't have the resources you might be labeled as I guess you don't care about puppies.

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- Really, we care about many things. It's just like when we travel on an airplane, they tell us and remind us that in case of emergency, oxygen masks will drop from the ceiling. Take the time to put the oxygen mask on yourself first before attempting to help others. The reason is because many of us naturally would turn to help others first selflessly, and what we need to do is, if we help ourselves, it would be selfish, where in reality if we don't help ourselves first, nobody gets helped.
- I think that we need a policy that addresses those issues that say Sebastopol supports many of these worthy causes, but is not in the place of Sebastopol.
- We need to use our limited resources to help our own communities so that we can turn around and help others.
- I think there are a lot of opportunities that we are missing of sustainable revenue sources, because it's the same thing.
- Our budget is in shortfall, and we are going to need to put a tax on the measure, because otherwise you're going to lose services or there will be a slower response to the city and services, and it is another straw on the back of our community.
- Did we tell the District Attorney how to handle her case against Robert Jacob who served on the council, sodomized children? I mean, he had good intentions most times. The resolution was asinine. It's an embarrassment, and I hope to god you guys watched all the live feed videos, and if you didn't, go back and do so.

Ka'Lané Raposa commented as follows:

- I am a private consultant on homelessness issues and I was once a case manager, and I came here today to ask the City Council to launch an investigation into Horizon Shine Village
- It has become what most people in Sebastopol feared it would become, in that it is a haven for safe drug use, and in my estimation it's become one of the largest single concentrations per capita of stolen goods and there is substance abuse.
- There is no case management. There is no program. There is no structure. There is no certified staff.
- Things like trauma informed care, motivational interviews, they aren't being practiced.
- People are routinely being checked out for things that they have not received the services to help them overcome.
- There are no metrics that are being reported truthfully.
- There is a problem with the executive director has a long criminal history and how he's managing a site that has homeless, the most vulnerable people in our community, and now we have an executive director that has a history of violence, a history of spousal abuse, sexual assault, and even though these charges were dropped, there was enough evidence for the DA to compel him to give a restraining order against the victim which he violated and pled guilty to.
- There are a lot of things that happening at the village and now there are three deaths connected with that village.
- I think continued funding would be irresponsible if you do not explore that. That's all I have to say.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I want to piggyback on the comment about our city looking at revenue.
- In particular, I think we have two instances in the last couple of years in which we've failed in terms of taking a deeper look at our revenue. Let me remind us all. First off, due to lack of oversight, we had over \$1 million stolen from our property tax coffers. So, that whole process and experience, looking at the details of how that happened in the first place suggests that we aren't keeping it close and I on the property tax revenues as we probably should, so perhaps looking into the way that we are accounting for and auditing those property taxes might be useful.
- Secondly, we saw, I can't remember what the approval process was, but in the process of approving one of our regular street markets, it came to light that this market was not adequately having its vendors provide sales tax to our city. That was a direct result of lack of oversight of our paperwork with these vendors and these business owners, that they were filling out.
- I think it's time we take a deeper look at the way that we manage the account, and we receive the revenues that are city is entitled to.
- I would hate to find out that there is even more loss of sales tax revenue as a result of lack of oversight and a lack of auditing processes.

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- So it is my hope that this Council in its process will do its due diligence of being fiscally responsible, hopefully in the future, so it can take a deeper look at the way that we manage our finances.
- We spent a lot of money managing our finances. Over hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars an ounce contract services and managing our finances. Are we actually getting what we are paying for

Amy commented as follows:

- I just moved here. I bought a house with my husband and I live downtown
- One of the reasons that we moved to Sebastopol was because of the quality of life, the community, the healthy food, and access to good, clean water,
- I was very surprised that the water that is coming out of the tap is not drinkable. It has very strong flavor, and when I tried to do research online, I wasn't able to actually find any real, viable information about the water quality, and I feel like for a city that really takes pride in sort of creating healthy lifestyle, ecology and the food systems, I would really like to see a lot more visibility about what's going on with the water system, and if I need to be filtering my water, and that sort of thing.

Myriah commented as follows:

- I just wanted to hop on really quick and extend a thank you to the city, to public works, and to the community for a very successful apple blossom weekend.
- We had over 100 community members' volunteer.
- The festival went really well.
- Everyone was happy, and I just wanted to say a big thanks to everybody, including the city.
- Thank you for coming.

Linda commented as follows:

- Very excellent speakers tonight. But anyway, Evert I'd like to hear a lot more from you.
- This is the reason. This is a humorless City Council. I mean, they lack a sense of humor, so I hope to hear more from you, again, like on every City Council meeting. It's so good to hear your voice, effort. You're a good person. You've always listened to me at the planning commission meetings. You're in my prayers. I hope you're well, and I encourage you to run again. God knows we need better leadership on City Council, so I hope you run for City Council again, please, next year, or following when it comes up again.
- Also, about the investigation, thank you for bringing that subject up
- I've learned a lot about the prison system, and it has made a big change in this neighborhood, and absolutely there needs to be an investigation. I echo everything that you said about the addiction, the theft, enabling, the assaults, and the deaths.
- Actually there were four that I know of that are connected with the RV village here
- What I really wanted to speak about was the microwaving of America
- The current City Council bidding predatory capitalism with wireless water meters, which we all need to opt out and they need to be removed. There are 1015 of them that have already been installed.
- We cannot continue to genetically modify ourselves with radiofrequency transmissions.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- In absence of the public works superintendent, the city clerk might know the details of this better than I do
- We do yearly at least, or twice a year, a chemical analysis of our water, and we provide that to the water customers.
- Where it is posted or can be seen, I am less clear about that.

Mayor Hinton commented I believe I've got something in the mail at least once.

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley commented it is mailed out yearly, but if the member of the public wants to email me I will get in contact with her public works department, and we will have somebody come out there and see if it is something in the water or something like a filter or something like that.

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 Tem.

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 Tem.

Mayor Hinton read the consent calendar.

Mayor Hinton asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item.

Councilmember's Request(s): There were none

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment on consent calendar items only.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I just want to make a reference to the minutes, in particular my comments, staff risk management
- I wish that we actually had some good risk management, but actually my comments were about waste management, so if those could be corrected
- Secondly, regarding weed abatement, if you look at the agenda item and its description, it describes that there is an inspection process, but it is very vague.
- The reason why I suggest this is because if you look at the report which has been redacted, and if you look at that same exhibit for the last five years, you will notice it is exactly the same addresses.
- I'm curious about the inspection process, if it is an annual process, if miraculously exactly the same properties have weeds on their property for five years in a row, and no new properties have any weeds, and none of these properties in the last five years have removed their weeds prior to the annual inspection.
- If we can get some details on what the inspection process is like, that would be very beneficial.
- As to why we have the exact same exhibit a for 5 years in a row, I'm really kind of curious about that as well.

Linda commented as follows:

- On number five, you know that I am computer free, cell phone free, tv free, et cetera, et cetera. I would like to have a little bit of explanation on what the amendment to city personnel rules and regulations and disciplinary procedures is
- A few years ago, there were about eight of us that gathered with the sole goal of getting our previous city planning director fired, and a lot of us, hard evidence was taken to some of the City Council members at that time, and also the city manager, who as I recall, did not want to, was in fear of being sued
- Nonetheless, there was hard evidence that Kenyon Webster authored the traffic survey, and that was brought forth by Jonathan Greenberg, who told me about it at length. Kenyon was always pro-business. Anyway, it was for fear of him retaliating suing the city that he was never punished. However, I did get him to go for early retirement, because I confronted him publicly, for pro-business
- He is in private business doing the same thing he did when he was with us.
- The only thing I recall that came out of our organizing and that meeting was there was some kind of review for the city employees.
- Can you tell me if that exists? Like an annual performance review or something like that

Judith commented as follows:

- I noticed that the fountain at city hall and library is proposed to be being made into a planter, and I don't know how far along you all are in this thinking process and execution of it, but I would like to say that as far as I know, the only fountain that's available for all of the things that drink water in nature is the one in the square, and that has just come on after three years of being shut off

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- We have loads of trees, thankfully, and I celebrate each one that remains standing, but I'd really like to see the fountain being kept a water fountain, and not being made a planter.
- The other item, which is the restroom at the farm, I don't know if you are planning to plumb it in the usual way, in which every time somebody flushes it, a vast amount of water that could be used for plants or for drinking is flushed away
- I know that in this county, it's been, I think, decades that composting toilets have been being considered, being considered some more, and being considered some more. I think Burbank would be very happy to have a composting toilet rather than a usual water plum to toilet on his farm.
- I'd be happy to address either of those further with anyone who would care to take more details.

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- In general the fountain itself is completely not operable right now.
- It would be quite costly to get that back up and running, and ongoing maintenance cost of that is actually much higher than a planter would be.
- Given the fact that we are likely anticipating drought in the future given climate change, it is recommended by both public works superintendent and myself to move forward with this.

Mayor Hinton addressed item 5.

- I wanted to address the comment that was about the approval of personnel rules.
- This was simply a minor change from the word in personnel rules from "arbitrator," to "hearing officer." that pretty much sums up the agenda item, for a member of the public that had that question about the agenda related to item 5.
- I wanted to make comments on our member of the public, talking about a former planning director who I was doing a quick calculation, works for our city for 22 years in that department, and I really appreciate that everybody has an opinion, but this planning director retired with a proclamation from the city honoring his work, and I will just say the rest of that appears to be not substantiated, so, comments, again, everybody is welcome to their opinion, but from the city standpoint, I wanted to address that to the public.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- I know from a number of conversations with the former fire chief Bill Braga that all the properties in question were very definitely inspected on a yearly basis or their address would not be entered into the list.
- The reason you see the same properties over and over again, according to what I've heard, is the number of property owners wait until a certain time of year or until they receive a certain number of notices, but in any event, they seem to abate their weeds about the same time every year.
- They often appear on this earlier list.
- By the time it comes time to have it done or the city would be contracting to do it, those properties are almost always all cleared like they should be.

Councilmember Maurer commented as follows:

- I agree that I am sad about losing the fountain at the library, but I understand that it's broken, and that there is another alternative in place.
- I am glad that the fountain is fixed in the plaza and is working. I think they are beautiful, because having fountains are beautiful, and those kind of symbols I think are important right now.
- Curious about the composting toilet idea at the Luther Burbank farm, and I know that farm is one of the public parks, and I think it's important to have a bathroom.
- I'm just wondering how far along is this application, grant application, in the process, I certainly wanted would not want to suggest to be held up in any way.
- There are a lot of volunteers and I think it is important to have an accessible bathroom.

Toni Bertolero, GHD, commented as follows:

- We are in the design phase, and it is standard plumbing fixtures.
- We are looking at low-flow on the toilets and sinks.

- However, I can certainly take a look at the suggestion of composting, and maybe even a graywater system and see if there is still an opportunity to look at those in the design.

MOTION:

Councilmember Zollman moved and Councilmember McLewis seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with the correction to the minutes.

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

VOTE:

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

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of May 2, 2023 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of May 2, 2023
 Minute Order Number: 2023-123

2. Approval of Resolution of Intention adopts a Resolution preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report and a Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2023-24. (Responsible Department: Administrative Services Director)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution of Intention adopts a Resolution preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report and a Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2023-24
 Minute Order Number: 2023-124
 Resolution Number: 6529-2023

3. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the Burbank Experimental Farm Restroom Facility and Accessibility Improvements Project and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15303(e) (Responsible Department: Engineering/GHD)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution Approving the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the Burbank Experimental Farm Restroom Facility and Accessibility Improvements Project and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15303(e)
 Minute Order Number: 2023-125
 Resolution Number: 6530-20239

4. Bid Award for the Bodega Avenue Phase 1 Project #0513-74.09 and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15301(c), 15304(f) and 15304(h) (Responsible Department: Engineering/City Engineer)

City Council Action: Approved 4. Bid Award for the Bodega Avenue Phase 1 Project #0513-74.09 and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15301(c), 15304(f) and 15304(h)
 Minute Order Number: 2023-126

5. Approval of Amendment to City Personnel Rules and Regulations (Disciplinary Procedures) (Responsible Department: Administrative Services/City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved Amendment to City Personnel Rules and Regulations (Disciplinary Procedures)
 Minute Order Number: 2023-127
 Resolution Number: 6531-2023

6. Approval of Re-Use of Fountain at City Hall/Library from Fountain Use to Planter Use with a Gravenstein Apple Tree planted in the City Hall/Library Planter and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15304(b) (Responsible Department: Planning/Public Works)

City Council Action: Approved Re-Use of Fountain at City Hall/Library from Fountain Use to Planter Use with a Gravenstein Apple Tree planted in the City Hall/Library Planter and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15304(b)
 Minute Order Number: 2023-128

7. Approval of Resolution Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance and Setting Date/time for Public Hearing (Responsible Department: Interim Fire Chief)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance and Setting Date/time for Public Hearing

Minute Order Number: 2023-129
Resolution Number: 6532-2023

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS:

8. Informational Presentation from NHA Financial Advisors for Revenue Enhancement Study. The DRAFT presentation was presented to the Budget Committee at a Publicly Noticed Meeting. (Responsible Department: Administrative Services)

Administrative Services Director Kwong presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the Informational Presentation from NHA Financial Advisors for Revenue Enhancement Study and introduced Mike Myers and Eric Scriven from NHA.

NHA made a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions from Council.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I was just wondering in the report under the actions for future, were those in any particular order, or was that just random, the sales tax
- Are those in any particular order on the actions for the future?

NHA commented as follows:

- There was no intended recommendation on these.
- We feel our job here tonight is to identify that there is a structural deficit.
- Your reserves will be dissipated and eliminated over the next several years, and these are potential items to consider in no particular order of course the sales tax would be the largest potential revenue enhancement of this group.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I have one other question if that's okay.
- You have TOT tax listed.
- Based on your experience working with other cities, how important is that tax for most places?

NHA commented as follows:

- It certainly depends.
- The City of Napa as an example, those are very large hotel TOT generators, tax generators.
- Other communities, not so much.
- Based on what we saw from your city, I believe the number was, what was it, \$80,000?
- It was not the largest number, meaning that your base of hotels that you can get bed tax off of did not seem to be as large and impactful as some other potential taxes.

Councilmember McLewis commented we just lost one, 50% of our hotels, recently.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- Looking at I think it was your slide number seven, and identified as part of the section 115 trust recommendation that the city would need to add \$400,000 per year to that trust after setting it up.
- What calendar years were you looking at for that additional \$400,000 per year, or what fiscal years were you looking at?

NHA commented as follows:

- The chart on seven to pick those extra deposits
- The gray bars in fiscal years 24 and 25.

- That is a combined \$400,000, and that is not the saying that the city has the resources to do that, but it is what would allow the city to level things out at this \$1.4 million level over the next 15 years or so, so the current balance in the reserve plus a little bit extra.
- Obviously if the city is not able to, you'd still be able to lower this peak in payments, just not to the same level.
- Probably a little bit higher than the orange line shown

Vice Mayor Rich commented that was \$400,000 distributed over two fiscal years

NHA commented that is correct

Vice Mayor Rich commented is that fiscal years 2023-2024, and 2024-2025.

NHA stated that is correct.

Vice Mayor Rich commented I had a question about the potential revenue items, going to the TOT, the \$80,000 potential revenue, and I understand this is just one hypothetical, but that \$80,000 is additional TOT that we might take advantage of, is that based on the one hotel that we currently have, or on future predictions about an additional hotel?

NHA commented as follows:

- This is hypothetical.
- We basically took your existing TOT and added an incremental 2%
- It is based on the current hotel that we have.
- It does not build into future hotels.

- Vice Mayor Rich commented that it would not include the anticipated Sebastopol hotel.

NHA commented that is correct.

Vice Mayor Rich commented then the parcel tax amount that is slotted into this hypothetical, the \$790,000 per year, that is based on what amount or parcel?

Councilmember Zollman commented it was in the materials and was about \$295 per parcel.

Vice Mayor Rich commented the maximum sales tax in Sonoma County is how much at this point?

City staff commented it the ceiling in Sonoma County is 10.25 percent.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- My final question has to do with the comment about expanding the tax base.
- I'm assuming that means taking our city boundaries and expanding them to the outside edges of the urban growth boundary.
- Is that what you meant by that?

NHA commented as follows:

- Not exactly.
- What I meant was, say you are building a new hotel.
- Typical economic development activities, increasing retail or hospitality within the existing city limits, not expanding outwards.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- Discussed the 115 Trust

- When you said it is common, have you done an analysis, or have you been part of an analysis of a similarly situated city in the situation that we are in in terms of how much of a savior the 115 trust turned out to be?

NHA commented as follows:

- For those clients that we have that have put their money and dedicated funding towards a 115 with the idea of leveling off this mountain peak, or in more of a general sense, creating additional cushion and flexibility if bad things happen.
- For instance, a recession, or additional CalPERS costs come online, which we've seen recently.
- We've seen that some have actually had to utilize the 115's, but most have been building them up over the recent past while the times have been good.
- So, we know several examples where it has been very, very, very useful, but right now that is not as widespread, but we believe it will be more utilized in the near future.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- Around the TOT tax, I'm a little bit confused.
- Did you say your figures included the currently planned hotel or does it not currently include the planned hotel?

NHA commented as follows:

- Just the existing hotel in place right now.
- That would be additive if you added a new hotel and had a higher tax rate on that.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- I heard that if the current hotel comes into fruition there is going to be a lag time that when we can actually get the TOT money.
- Is that rumor correct or not correct

NHA commented as follows:

- If they are in operation, you should be able to collect TOT right away.
- There should not be any lag time.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- My question has to do with the 115 trust.
- What is the cost of setting up a 115 trust

NHA commented as follows:

- The setup cost is zero.
- It depends on the provider with the annual administrative costs are, as well as what type of portfolio it is invested in.
- I'm sure we would as part of that process if that's the direction the city wants to go, we'd be glad to kind of share various options, talk about the cost of various providers.

Councilmember McLewis commented I'm just wondering, why haven't we done this in the past?

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I was actually going to make a comment on that question as to why we haven't done this in the past
- I have sat on the CalPERS committee in the past. This was not a strong recommendation to the council in the past, and I'm not sure, I'd be curious to hear your opinion as to why coming in is a strong recommendation now.
- I believe because we've had years in these funds in the last few years, but we did have another company analyze this, and it did not look like this, so I'm if your organization can comment to that?
- This is something the council has looked at in the past that I'm just curious about if this makes good sense moving forward, or is this based on previous performance of kind of boom years in recent years?

Director Kwong commented as follows:

- I think in the past, it was not widely supportive.
- I've always supported having a 115 trust to deal with the largest expenses in the budget is the CalPERS liability.
- It was not supported by prior councils.
- It was kind of off the radar for a bit. If there's any opportunity that staff gets to bring it to the forefront because that is the biggest expenses, we have we will; however it wasn't supported so I wasn't going to go there anymore.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- It was the removal of flexibility to be able to use those monies for some other emergency purpose if you needed to.
- Once you put it in the 115 trust, you cannot recover those monies, hence previous councils made the decision to put it into a reserve that in the event of an emergency they could reach those monies.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I did hear the consultants say that other cities have had to dip into these funds.
- Can you review if we were to create this 115 trust and had to dip into it, what would that mean to the city?

Director Kwong commented as follows:

- You can only dip into this fund created as a trust to only pay for pension.
- If you do move forward with creating this trust can only dip into it to pay for pension.
- You cannot dip into this fund to pay for anything else

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- The consultant mentioned that other cities have touched the fund.
- Could I hear from the consultant on that

NHA commented as follows:

- I think the way I would frame it is if they have to dip into it, there was some strategic uses where several of the cities decided that they wanted to utilize it to do some prepayments, what we call additional discretionary payments, to re-amortize this very volatile repayment schedule that CalPERS provides many many public agencies in the state of California.
- Was the use of those born out of necessity, or was it more of a strategic approach?
- I would say in the recent past it was the latter, but going forward, if we are in a recession or if CalPERS continues to underperform and creates these ascending payment schedules, rapidly increasing your year-over-year payments, there will be more need for cities to tap into these funds just to manage the costs like we've discussed this evening

Councilmember Maurer commented as follows:

- This is a question for the city manager. You've been here and around for a long time.
- I was wanting to know, has Sebastopol had to face a situation from this growing structural deficit before, and if so, how did the city get out of it

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Yes, it did.
- When I first took this job, we first got out of it by considering tax measures with the previous administration had not wanted to do.
- That's why you see on this list the tax measures.

Councilmember McLewis asked specifically what type of tax measures did you do.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented sales tax and UUT tax.

Councilmember McLewis commented we do have one of the highest sales taxes in the county, correct?

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented not the highest.

Councilmember Lewis commented as follows:

- Stated Cotati is higher
- Stated our tax measures did stay in place and yet we still find ourselves now still in a structural deficit.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed the CalPERS slide
- It's just gotten extremely worse in recent years.
- Am I reading this right, so it was negative in 2022, and has just plummeted to the 3.35.
- That is part of our problem with the CalPERS situation, that I don't want to fill in, but when we look at this before I assume we were earning more.
- Is that correct?

NHA commented as follows:

- You are hitting on the main issue with the CalPERS liability, which is it bounces around. It goes up, it goes down, based on CalPERS reinvestment returns.
- You can see their target is 6.8%, and when they are under 6.8%, the unfunded liability goes up. They put a new layer on. When it is above 6.8% AMI like it was in 2021. It was a 21.3%, they reduce the liability, and the payments go down as well.
- So, that is the primary reason that we believe and recommend that it is important to have funds in a dedicated source, like the section 115, where you can control the smoothing so that you can budget with a more predictable CalPERS payment each year, because you can make it more predictable with utilizing funds that you have on account.
- It's going to continue to bounce around, up and down. We hope it goes down again, but we don't know.
- Right now, they are not meeting their 6.8% target in fiscal year 2023.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. NHA Financial Advisors for Revenue Enhancement Study.

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Discussed the 115 Trust
- Asked if it is an investment in stocks and bonds

NHA commented as follows:

- It can be a tailored portfolio based on City Council decisions.
- You can have very low risk or high risk or something in between, blended between stocks and bonds, typically.
- Given the current market situation, that is a calculated risk, would be my opinion, not guaranteed by any means at all.

Steve commented as follows:

- I want to thank the staff and the consultants. The report was a bit in the long time coming.
- The most interesting part was the pension part of the report because the revenue quite honestly that's really not very hard to calculate anticipated revenue from what we already know our existing revenue is.
- I think it is a pretty glaring omission that we were always told when the hotel was coming up that we are looking at \$300,000 per year TOT revenue.
- I could be wrong on that, but I'd really like to see that more prominent in the report. It makes a big difference on these numbers.
- There is very little analysis of the cost, or the next steps, or the list of actions for the future.
- Our process for revenue needs to be ongoing not just during crisis periods.

- I think this should be a standing function of the budget subcommittee that we constantly look at revenue measures. We are most likely going to need them for our small town going forward, and we really need to look at these proposals with an equity lens.
- Sales tax is not very equitable. The lowest income residents here, they will end up paying 3 to 4 times more than the highest income as a percent of their income on whatever sales tax would be passed.
- We need to look at other ideas.
- I'm interested in that cannabis revenue, and we need a comprehensive list of alternatives with pros and cons, that includes expansion of the city borders with urban growth boundaries in line, and I'm sure there are some other ideas out there on revenue that the consultants just have not yet included in their analysis that would be very encouraging to look at.

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- I wasn't prepared to consider any of this, but I am wondering, for this study and for previous studies per year, per study and per year, I'm wondering what kind of a total you have, because I understand the consultants don't work for two digits.
- They work for three digits only and up, so I imagine, this comes into the hundreds of thousands if not more.
- Cost-containment is obviously a critical thing, but in terms of everything that has been discussed, it's constantly in the context of growth, growth, growth, and this becomes government as a profit driven entity.
- I don't know that economic development should be a concern. It should be part of the concern, but the corporation is profit driven, and I think the government, especially one for a small town such as this, should have a mission that is above and beyond profit, and that would be an equitable situation for the citizens, not just the business community.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I have watched as the previous City Councils have continued to do business as usual, with their budget, which has put us in the position we are in today.
- Little to no change to the actual budget from year-to-year has put us in a place where we have used up the vast majority of our reserves unfortunately,
- I don't see or have the faith that we can trust our future City Council budget subcommittees do not tap into pensions if needed.
- Going the trust route secures the pensions of our city employees, that they have rightfully earned from the mismanagement of City Council budget subcommittees moving into the future.
- I highly encourage you to consider the trust, as a way of protecting these funds from City Council budget committees of the future.

Michelle commented as follows:

- Thank you, Kyle, for saying that.
- I think it is very important that we keep the employees of the city confident that they will reap the benefits that they have earned.
- But the second comment I want to make, I went on the Sebastopol City Walk this week and one of the retired Councilmembers shared with me that the hotel that has not been built or had any movement was given a three to six year waiver before a TOT would be imposed.
- For the City Council members who were on City Council prior to the current City Council members, are you sure that we did not give a waiver for the Sebastopol hotel to get an extension?

Yarrow commented as follows:

- Thank you so much for this presentation
- NHA is clearly raised and educated here in the bay area, and it says on your bio that you are a generalist, allow me to take a couple of shots at you and just sit on the box and take them.
- I hope that NHA does not stand for no hitting agenda.
- When you propose a cannabis tax, it is clear that is not an area that you are confluent in, cannabis taxes have crippled the cannabis industry. So, I am really committed to making sure that Sebastopol wraps his arms around

and increasing cannabis taxes is an idea birthed in a vacuum and you would not be able to show me a white paper or study were increased cannabis taxes supports the cannabis industry in California.

- I am worried that we are considering taxes without spending reduction conversations, I am really opposed to the parcel tax increase, it would be the most impacted as seniors on a fixed income.
- Something more narrow like non-owner-occupied for parcels, more narrowly focused on parcels that can afford it, that could be one thing.
- The sales tax increase, people are just going to go to Costco or not shop at the whole foods or the Safeway downtown, I don't see how increasing the cost of living in this highly desirable area is the right vehicle.
- Yes, to the TOT. Given the amount of money that they are going to spend in leisure and recreation, I think there's a lot of room to increase that tax and to the point that was already made, nobody has budgeted in or focused increased occupancy is more lodging comes on like it just seems like that 2% is pretty modest.

Craig commented as follows:

- Thank you for your attention to this matter, this is so critical for our city, my hometown, I used to be on the council.
- I have a local business here, a couple of them. One of them is a cannabis business and I just want to start by emphasizing how difficult this is to make budget cuts across the board and departments and how to balance the budget and basically fill in for CalPERS measures.
- I have run taxes in the past successfully, so I get that we have to do these things over time, and we have to raise money
- What are we doing to attract more businesses
- With the empty business places, the units, how can we add more businesses, whatever we can do to put together a citizens committee with the California Council would be great.
- Taxing the cannabis businesses, it would certainly drive businesses out of business and out of town. It is hanging on by one nail on a cliff at the moment. It is so difficult in cannabis businesses. Is often taxed at gross receipts levels.
- There are already a lot of taxes, besides the sales tax for the retail in the supply train that the city receives, there is also a state tax on that. It is taxed, taxed, taxed. Cannabis consumption lounges would be one way to increase sales taxes, start moving forward on some cannabis consumption lounges.
- Allow existing dispensaries to create some on-site consumption and increase sales that way. Gross receipts are really unfair, if you look at this, please consider that.
- The other way to make money, equity programs. There is a state equity grant, if you apply force now, the city can get more than the can. The study city has to start by passing a resolution in support.

Oliver commented as follows:

- Thanks to NHA. I have been watching a lot of the budget, discussions, they did a much longer presentation, pretty much, that same deck with a lot more nuances.
- I think, about six weeks ago, online streaming if anybody is interested in that graph the budget is very strangely organized
- I guess that the city manager organizes that over the years.
- It's a very peculiar process, very convoluted, but as we were saying last fall, this is a real doomsday budget.
- Back to basics, single most important thing, as NHA have been saying, public safety. The fire, infrastructure, all of these basic services, which is why the council is sitting there now. We keep getting sucked into these embarrassing, well-meaning, but embarrassing sideshows, like the lady that spoke earlier about animal rights or whatever.
- Over the years, I think there have been some serious missteps by the council.
- In the way that they have organized the way the city has been run and what has been a real boom times is the property prices
- The reality is, we have to really get back to the real world and focus on just running the city well. It's as simple as that.
- We were saying all of this last fall, nothing has changed and I'm actually glad that the people are more on the progressive side on the spectrum, having to unpick this and sort it all out.

Andrew commented as follows:

- I am the director of licensing and compliance for one of your two Sebastopol dispensary, we have been here since 2007 and we are proud to call Sebastopol home.
- I want to start by thanking the council and NHA for the presentation, it's clear that the city has some challenging budget decisions ahead.
- I am calling in tonight not to weigh in on all of the various revenue enhancement measures, but to specifically talk about cannabis and the cannabis tax that has been mentioned here.
- This is not the time for a cannabis tax to be added, as you have heard from other speakers tonight, the cannabis industry is an incredibly comparative precarious position.
- Cannabis taxes that would further impact the sustainability of our licensed local opportunities operators is not the solution Sebastopol needs.
- Sebastopol has long enjoyed the benefits of having a robust cannabis industry and the taxes and fees that come with it. Now is not the time to jeopardize his industry within it with a tax.

Linda commented as follows:

- I want to thank the lady, the person that spoke about continued growth
- Unfettered growth is the definition of cancer, which we have a lot of and had it has been growing a lot.
- As I said before, 5% of the population in Sonoma County is newly diagnosed with cancer every year. I
- Anybody with any sense should recognize and under them and epidemic.
- It all speaks to the success of predatory capitalism
- We are nothing more than consumer units and Don Perkins, who is the author of confessions of an economic hit in. In his book, which I highly recommend, suggestions about specifically what I want to address, with the economy here.
- I would like to know how much the study costs, I would also suggest that that \$2.2 million that has been flushed away for the wireless water meter, which is badger meters has been sued multiple times for their failed wireless water meters. That is a good place to stop the bleeding
- They are not cheap. From China, so anyway, again, I always suggest City Council take another look at these stupid pieces of junk and also opt out and everybody opt out on these to send a message.

Mayor Hinton responded to public comment as follows:

- Discussed the cost of the contract which was \$27,600
- I had always heard a projection of a future of Sebastopol hotel, to refresh my memory, I checked online, was going to be 66 rooms. Estimates, roughly, were a TOT of about \$450,000 a year, I was not on the council or recall a council waiving that from day one.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- There is no waiver TOT, what we have done for the hotel, previous council authorized a deferral.
- Some of their impact fees and other costs, some other situations, cases they have paid those fees.
- It is an involved agreement to defer some of them, they will be paid ultimately, some of them were paid at the time of permanent issuance. There is no waiver of the TOT.

Mayor Hinton asked about grants.

City staff commented I'm not aware of this grant, but I have a meeting with them too I will check with them tomorrow.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Vice Mayor Rich commented how much TOT are we projecting each year from the new hotel?

Director Kwong commented as follows:

- I do not have the exact figures

- As I mentioned earlier, I have heard it tossed around at \$400,000, if you just take a percentage of rooms, that is common for hotels, the number of rooms they have an average room price and do it based on 12%, you basically come up between four and 450,000

Vice Mayor Rich commented do we expect to receive that TOT once it opens or is there a delay?

Mayor Hinton commented this was answered and we do not have any kind of referral agreement. We have an agreement which defers some of their fees until occupancy but not TOT

Vice Mayor Rich commented I would like to know, for purposes of the public, when we look at an increase in UUT of the percentage that you were talking about, what does that mean in terms of an individual resident? What does that trickle down to in terms of a homeowner?

Director Kwong commented I believe that when we went to council about the UUT taking off the sunset, there was some data in there regarding how much it would talk cost the resident. I can go back and get that information.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- This is a preference for what direction I would like to provide your staff.
- Based upon being an alternate to ABAG, which is the Association of Bay Area Government, which includes nine different cities and the trouble they are in, related to their pension payment, is very alarming to me.
- Along with the fact that Santa Rosa just recently passed a 115 trust I would like to provide direction to staff to start the process of setting up a 115 trust to address rising pension costs

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- We are talking about the TOT tax and the future. I hope our staff will understand the importance of us having this, and while I understand, for some people, it might be controversial, it is also a huge source of income for us.
- I think that we should not be doing things to take that away, that's all I have to say

Councilmember Maurer commented if there is an increase in the TOT tax, does that have to be put in front of the voters? Same question with the UUT or the sales tax?

Director Kwong commented yes.

Councilmember Maurer commented do those have to come before the voters?

Director Kwong commented yes.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I am in support of the 115 trust
- I agree with the concerns raised by Councilmember Zollman.
- In terms of the tax measures that have been discussed, can someone here please remind us of the cost associated with pursuing any sort of measure, bringing it to the voters, cost of filing and cost of a consultant to draft the measure and then, a strategist to the extent staff recommends that?
- What is the total cost per measure? Estimated, obviously.

Director Kwong commented as follows:

- I can speak to the writing of the ballot, if the city goes for three measures, the writing of the ballots is going to be \$30,000, so it's going to be approximately \$10,000 each.
- The city is looking, when you have this many ballot measures in the election, it is also recommended that the city consult with a strategist and the strategist will cost approximately \$30,000. So combined, it is about \$60,000, that is just on the consultant for the measure, as far as election, I'm not sure.

City staff commented as follows:

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- Depending on when this goes to the election, of course, any election other than November 2024 is going to be higher because it is dependent on how many cities, counties and schools have ballot measures.
- If we do one in March, it is estimated that can range anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000, depending on the number of cities. We have estimated \$20,000 for each measure.
- The drafting is \$30,000 for the measure

Mayor Hinton commented are we thinking that this would not happen if we were to move forward on this in November 2023.

City staff commented that is awful quick to do if you are trying to have the strategies involved and getting the public involved, it's very tight.

Mayor Hinton commented the last time the city ran a tax measure, have we used a strategist?

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented we did not use a strategist, per se, which as I read it, is to analyze the public's perception about the tax measures and, potentially, do a poll with it. We have not done that; we have utilized assistance to draft the tax measures last several times.

Mayor Hinton commented but we have never used a strategist to write/draft a tax measure to date?

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented no we have not.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Before I moved to a recommendation from this report, which is on our informational and presentation agenda items, even though, I guess it said possible action, I am not prepared to move on that tonight, I will just say that publicly.
- I want to digest this a little bit more and see our full budget.
- I think that would be the appropriate time to consider what we are thinking about for full measures.

City staff commented we are not approving doing it, I think what you might want to do is direct staff to get information to bring back to the City Council on what a 115 is, what it would cost, that would be your direction of staff tonight we are not approving doing a 115, but I would direct staff to bring information back to the City Council.

Councilmember Zollman recommended City staff be directed to get information to bring back to the City Council on a 115 trust.

Reference Order Number: 2023-130

9. Progress Report from the Ad Hoc Fire Committee (Responsible Department: Interim Fire Chief)

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN PULLED FROM THE AGENDA AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Reference Order Number: 2023-131

Mayor Hinton called for a break at 7:58 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:10 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING(s): NONE
REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION)

10. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Authorizing a Joint Application with St Vincent de Paul for a Project Homekey Grant Application for 845 Gravenstein Highway North and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15332, Class 32 (Responsible Department: Planning)

Planning Director Svanstrom presented the agenda item recommending the City Council approve a Resolution Authorizing a Joint Application with St Vincent de Paul for a Project Homekey Grant Application for 845 Gravenstein Highway North and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15332, Class 32. Discussed changes to Resolution as follows:

New Language:

WHEREAS, St Vincent de Paul will be responsible for the construction and operation of the Project, including all costs associated with City staff assistance, the physical development and on-going operations; and a total amount not to exceed \$22 million,

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- I am happy to make a few words, but mostly, I am here to answer any questions that you have, or any questions the public might have about this project.
- Just in short, this will be our second project that we will be applying for funds from HCD.
- We did this successfully with the City of Santa Rosa and received \$13.29 million to develop 50 units of housing and we're about 70% completion on that project with an estimated completion date of July 30th.
- Permanent supportive services are offered, I know that this is a question some of your public will have. It is a requirement of the grant that there be one case manager dedicated for a maximum of 20 people who live in the property. We anticipate 1.5 case managers.
- Resident-manager laws also apply. Any complex with 14 or more units is required to have a resident manager, so, you know, experience dictates that this is -- these types of projects are really good ways to address the growing homelessness crisis in Sonoma County. And, certainly, if you have a good operator, that becomes exponentially more, I think, true. St Vincent de Paul, I believe we are a good operator and I would point to the example of Los Guillicos Village that we did in partnership with the County of Sonoma. To underline my point, when we began that project with the County of Sonoma, they were actually the lead group pushing that through. We were with them every step of the way and we had about 400 angry neighbors in the senior center in Oakmont, rightfully upset because it was done through a temporary use permit process. Under an emergency order, we stepped in and we have been operating that village for three years and the OVA, which is their board of directors, were leaning towards trying to challenge our initiative with attorneys. We just recently resubmitted to the county of Sonoma to operate that village for the next three years and we received a letter of support from OVA to continue as the operators. Speaking for St. Vincent de Paul, we are really excited, I think this is a great project for the property and for the site. It is kind of our model to go in and find blighted buildings and physical spaces in a community. Typically, like the Gold Coin motel, for example, that have a history of a lot of bad things. And we turn them around to something that can be a positive outcome, both for the individuals, who sometimes get objected to due to the behaviors that occur in places like that, and turn it into something that can help them get back on track and enhance their lives. I will stop there and I'm happy to take any questions.

Mayor Hinton asked Chief Nelson to discuss comments related to this site.

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I'm not going to legitimate the comments that were made by getting into the weeds of each specific comment, especially those directed at the residence at Horizon Shine, what I can say, Horizon Shine, when it opened, you have to step back a little bit. And understand this is a difficult situation to manage, from the start. We are dealing with individuals who don't have the life skills that most of us have to manage their lives and to move society often times, that is a root cause of homelessness. Add to that, I'm going to go into the issue, a little more on my next report, some of them are suffering from some mental illnesses, some of them suffer from substance abuse issues, lifelong or long-term. So to place them in a facility like this is a little bit like herding cats at the start. It wasn't that smoothest transition, there were some growing pains, but from the outset, Horizon Shine management has worked collaboratively with us. They have kept open lines of communication, they have brought issues to our attention. We have smoothed some things out over time and we have a good, solid, working, collaborative relationship with them and I truly believe they are doing the best they can under some really difficult circumstances. Some new management was brought in within the last six or eight months. Right away, they opened the door, wanted to have open conversations with us. We had meetings with them, they are doing the best they can with a difficult situation. The speaker alluded to some drug use on the property and things like that,

I hate to tell you, but there is drug use in private homes all throughout the city and it is not the police's job to police what people do in their private lives. Yes, I think they're tried to discourage those types of behaviors, but -- it is not a prison, it is not a jail, it is not a locked facility. They are doing the best they can and I really think, overall, they are doing a fine job and it has been a good solution to a pretty significant problem we had previously.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions from Council.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- How many home key sites are in other cities?
- I am asking because we already have a home key site right here in Elderberry Commons.
- I am very familiar with it, businesses in the parking lot.
- Just wondering if you know how many other cities have more than one home key.

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- I know Santa Rosa has two, I don't know of other cities that have more than one.
- One of the things I would say is, Project Homekey started out during COVID as the hotel thing.
- Now it has transitioned to a state affordable housing fund in this particular route.
- It can be used for a hotel purchase, but it is also just being used as a way to fund affordable housing.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I did some research because I wanted to educate myself on this, what is defined as low income and affordable, so can you tell me where this permanent supportive housing ranks on this
- I printed it off from the county, regarding acutely low income, extremely low income, of course, extremely low income will be the category.

Mr. Tibbetts commented as follows:

- It is extremely low income.
- That's correct, it is the extremely low income, the most bottom of the shadow that exists in a affordable housing levels that I am aware of.

Councilmember McLewis commented where do we rank Park Village in that?

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- Park Village is actually not deed restricted affordable housing.
- It was purchased by the City several years ago, 2013, with an existing mobile home park on it.
- There are eight to 10 units, which are affordable housing, I believe those are either low or very low.
- The remainder of the units are actually privately-owned mobile homes, just like at Fircrest mobile home park, where they played pay rent for their space and own their unit - that is not a deed restrictive component.

Councilmember McLewis commented can you tell me about our RHNA numbers and how many of our low and extremely low income units has been met?

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- We did meet all of our low and very low housing units in the last cycle, I think we had a few extra on the very low, off the top of my head, this may not be completely accurate.
- But I know we had a few extra on the very low and I think we didn't have quite as many of the low.
- What RHNA does, if you have more very low, they can count for the low.
- Similarly, we had more moderate than we needed, we didn't have as much market rate, but all of the lower incomes can be used to meet the RHNA target at a higher income.
- So we did meet our RHNA.
- We have just started our next cycle, so we technically have not counted any units yet -- we did issue the building permit for Woodmark for 48 units, those will be low and very low.

- Those are the housing permits that we have permitted so far this year.
- Again, that is only January 2023 to now, May. We are in that new eight-year cycle that we just started.
- Our total RHNA is broken into all of those various categories.
- We won't be subject to the SB 35 law as of June or July, when HCD makes that determination.
- Hopefully, with Woodmark and should this project move forward, we probably won't be at all during this eight-year cycle. That is the goal anyway.

Councilmember McLewis commented what is the Burbank Senior Housing rated as?

Director Svanstrom commented I believe it is mixed, there are some deed restricted units there, I don't know what the income level is for that. I can get that information for you.

Councilmember McLewis comment as follows:

- I read in your report that this site development concept was approved in 2016 as mixed use, when at whatever council was in place during that time.
- When we are looking at what we are doing now, how are the demographics different
- I see the units are different.
- Are we serving a different population than what they originally were thinking

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- The original proposal was a market-rate development.
- The commercial was just commercial, the 11 units would have triggered our inclusionary housing.
- We have a different formula now, but I believe it would have been one or two units that would have been deed restricted, likely, and moderate.

Councilmember McLewis commented are we looking at something that is completely different?

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- The general design building envelope is the same, the type of housing it is very different, absolutely.
- This would have permanent supportive housing on the north side of town
- We also have permanent supportive housing [Elderberry Commons] on the east side of town, which is where you are coming in to town on 12, in addition to park village.
- We have the affordable housing that would mark as constructing now on the west side.

Councilmember McLewis commented is it safe to say we really have more of a deficit of the market rate housing then this low, low income housing right now, is that correct?

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- I'm not sure because we also have a 80-unit market rate development behind the O'Reilly building on the north side of town that was just submitted as a project.
- I believe the address is 1011 Gravenstein north. 80 units of market rate housing by City Ventures, they have done some projects in Santa Rosa, with inclusionary, which will be 68 market rate and 12 moderate income.
- They also designing them with the potential to have up to 16 ADUs use as part of that - someone can have a three bedroom or a two bedroom with the ADU instead. There is some flexibility, but that is a pretty significant development for the city.
- That will be a big lift on that above market rate income level.

Councilmember McLewis commented just comparing our percentage per capita with this type of housing compared to other cities, how do we compare? What is the percentage we have compared to other cities?

Director Svanstrom commented I don't have that number on the top of my head, I'm happy to get that for you, though.

Councilmember McLewis comment I'm just looking at some numbers and we have a much higher percentage already of low income -- low, low, the type of housing where the supportive housing, in general, based on my research, it looks like that we have a much higher percentage than most cities in the county.

Director Svanstrom commented I'm happy to find some of that information for you.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I understand that it is changing, with the home key project to the supportive housing
- How does this work as far as I understand that they are going to have someone on-site, but a concern I have is just the cost to the city as far as police response, fire.
- Having been close to this type of housing that is over where I am at everyday - they are the same type of housing, some just curious, how does that work, as far as, with St. Vincent DePaul.
- I was a little concerned because a look at the articles about Gold Coin and the number of complaints about St Vincent de Paul and how they have managed that site. It's pretty damning.
- As a Councilmember and living here, I just have some questions about that and how St Vincent de Paul, what have you done to rectify that
- Anyone who can look on the Press Democrat, you can see that a lot of people had many, many complaints about the site that you are managing last year, even.

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- I'm happy to address that, Councilmember McLewis
- When we bought the gold coin motel, we saw a Santa Rosa code report that they were about 6500 calls for service over a ten-year period. It was pretty staggering.
- When we bought the property, they were roughly 14 people in it at the time who did not necessarily qualify for tenant status, but they had determined that this is going to be their home. Coming and going from time to time.
- When we learned that the sellers in escrow started illegally or wrongfully evicting people to not encumber the sale, I took that information to my board of directors and we made a collective decision that we wanted to let these people stay. When we did that, we let everybody know that that would be done without any funding for permit supportive housing. We are going to let them stay there, as our budget allowed, we were not Homekey funded at this point. This was purchased out of our pocket as an organization.
- Fast-forward three years and Covid-19, we finally got funded by Homekey, at least, we got an award notice. It was at that time that, roughly, the Press Democrat article had come out, but we had not been funded by Homekey, the project construction and relocation had not even occurred at that point.
- I don't want to give you the impression that we took funds from the state and then didn't provide services, funds had not been received and we were making a strategic or collective decision as an organization to, instead of letting those displacements occur, when we bought the property, we wanted to let people continue to live there.
- In addition to that, a lot of these folks didn't have a means to pay, the property was yellow tagged by the city and, again, it wasn't yellow tagged when we owned it, it was yellow tagged prior to that point. We ended up spending about \$400,000 out of pocket to rehabilitate their units and bring them up to somewhat reasonable standards. Once that was done, we didn't charge rent for a year, and then after that point, we started to charge rent, but a lot of people could not pay for various reasons, so since then, we have done about three rounds of rent forgiveness. Universally, across the board, for all of our tenants. Not a single person has been evicted and I think we lost about \$190,000 in potential rent income from these decisions.
- I hope that paints a picture about who we are as an organization. I would challenge you to find any other affordable housing entity that has gone to those lengths to retain people in place, I would venture to guess that most folks or most organizations probably would have let those displacements occur. When you do, it is definitely the easier path forward, we had no legal obligation to relocate these folks or continue to let them stay, we just did it, given, quite frankly, our spiritual connection to our worship and mission of charity.
- How did we rectify it? To be honest with you, we continue to do the same things we have always done. One thing about that article that I thought was pretty disingenuous was that we provide managerial records from our property manager to the press democrat reporters, showing that they were just about weekly, if not 324 touches

per month, one of the three tenants that made the complaints to the press demoralized we made over six attempts through formal legal noticing to abate some of the trash inside of it.

- The COVID19 rules would have prevented us from going in and presenting exposures. We were stuck, at the time, providing the notices, I am happy to let you know that the people who complained are now currently in extended stays and when the commons project is complete, roughly July 30th, they will be moved back into the new facility and hopefully, have a lot better place to live than they have for the last seven to 10 years, long before St Vincent de Paul even owned that property.

Vice Mayor Rich commented with these units once built, be helpful for our RHNA numbers.

Director Svanstrom commented yes, they were certainly count towards our RHNA numbers. Overall, from the developments we have in the pipeline, we have a spread across from very low up through market rate, so I think in terms of that, we are looking pretty good. This certainly will help with meeting those requirements.

Vice Mayor Rich commented I think I heard this, but I want to confirm. There will be a manager or is it a case manager on site? Is that your plan?

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- It's both. In the proposed project, there will be a resident manager living on site 24/7, an employee of St Vincent de Paul.
- These people are not case managers, they serve more as security for the property.
- There is a requirement from HCD that for every 20 people, not units, 20 people who live in the project, there is at least one case manager there to address their behavioral health needs. Those have to be funded for the next five years in order to receive the grant.

Vice Mayor Rich commented you have heard the additions that have been requested to be added to the resolution? Are you comfortable with that, the commitment to cover the cities cost for staff needed to be administer and facilitate under our agreement?

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- Absolutely.
- My board of directors met, we passed our own resolution, we are required to pass a resolution as an organization.
- We did that and we earmarked up to \$100,000 to provide support to city staff. To do some of this project management work.
- I know that Kari probably has a lot more pressing things to do, if that is helpful to the city and makes you more comfortable, to enter into this partnership and give you the help and expertise you need to submit the milestones to HCD we are more happy to do that.

Vice Mayor Rich commented what is your prediction on when you might be prepared to break ground on this project?

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- When you look at the funding timeline, I want to say, award notifications, they are hoping to get those out in November of 2023.
- Our lease to SAVS expires December 31st of 2023, so we would try to mobilize shortly thereafter.
- HCD - part of the reason for this new program is to help get units into the state of California to address homelessness quickly. They apply pretty strict standards to act in a timely way, but since this is a new construction project, I am hoping we can make the case that there is really not a need to start sooner than March of 2024. Just because, as we have learned with the gold coin project over the past eight months, you can't fight the weather when you are building something new. It probably makes more sense for us to look at march and then, part and parcel to that.
- Making sure we maintain really strong communication with SAVS, so that they are aware of any upcoming changes, but I did email the leadership at SAVS earlier today to give them a heads up, if they didn't already know

about this meeting. But I told them that they can be right up there until the very last day before the tractor's role in. Whatever helps them provide the services they need to provide, we are going to do that.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- We are now sitting here in May of 2023, you are talking about a lease ending in December of 2023
- I have heard concerns from members of the public about what is going to happen with the villagers at Horizon Shine
- Have you been in conversation with SAVS about that situation, given your mission that you just described?
- As the ED of St Vincent de Paul, what can you offer us in terms of reassurance regarding those individuals that are currently at Horizon Shine.

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- So to date, to answer the first part of your question, our agreement with SAVS was that they would have two years on the property with the opportunity to renew if there was not a development opportunity
- You will recall back to those conversations that were had at the town hall meetings.
- This was the vision that we wanted to pursue, I don't want to speak entirely for the city, but certainly, for St Vincent de Paul. I hope that we made it pretty clear that this was our intention.
- As much as we like villages, we operate villages, we operate very ad hoc communities because we always believe they are better, both for the individual who is homeless and for the greater community that it is better than having people freely wander, lost and on the street.
- We do believe housing is the best standard that we should all be prepared to pursue as a society.
- They are aware that this is our intention from the get-go, but we also told them, we are happy to help you guys with the relocation. To whatever extent I am able, whether does financial resources, time and my staff's capacity, we will do that.
- Underline that statement, we recently actually have been working with SAVS to make an offer on a separate property in another municipality that would not only serve the folks in that particular municipality, their homelessness issues, but it could serve as a relocation grounds for this project. Unfortunately, the property did not appraise. It appraised \$400,000 less than what the seller was asking for and he was not willing to give ground on that. Our loan would not allow us to go higher than the appraisal amount. Unfortunately, that one is not in the cards, but we are continuing to actively look for another property.
- The second option, I have not discussed this with SAVS yet, but I intend to. That is to begin a process at the village of attrition, the village is doing what it is supposed to do, getting people placed into housing, getting people reconnect with family, getting them into appropriate housing and shelter.
- As long as that is happening, I think at a certain point, the village should stop accepting new residents so the subsequent relocation efforts will be easier.
- Another thing that can be done, this is also similar to attrition, but St Vincent de Paul, many years ago, one of our first partnerships, was with a group called homeless action, some of them went over and joined SAVS.
- We work with them at corporate center parkway in Santa Rosa. There were roughly 42-60 RVs around that business park and we were asked to step in with our resources to help prevent a lot of the widespread impoundments of those RVs by the Santa Rosa police department.
- That is our moral code, we recognize that these RVs do create significant impacts to neighbors and we don't like to see that, but at the end of the day, a lot of these RVs are people's last line of defense, it is a door they can get behind and lock in the middle of the night, it is transportation to reconnect them with family. That is what we saw it as and we spent about \$15,000 repairing a lot of these RVs. We triaged them, basically, saying here is our vision, we can fix, and insure and register right away to prevent their impoundment and loss of that shelters of the person who lives there. We went right on down the list and in the end, I want to say, 27 RVs get repaired, insured, and back on the road and prevented those impoundments and one of the great things we learned from this, we did not just prevent the impoundment. Through the works of one of our case managers, a guy named Mike, he was actually able to have a conversation with these people and say, hey, do you have family or friends somewhere in this country that you can go to who may have a place where you can park this RV and you can get reconnected with somebody who can help you get back on your feet? I want to say, we helped almost 10 people

make that connection back to family at the end of the day, RV parks and villages are terrific, but there is no better support service than your family or friends who are willing to take you in.

- I've got great case managers, but you see better results when you have family step in and take care of their own. That is another thing that could be pursued to help prevent any widespread evictions.
- I know the Councilmember McLewis, you brought up the gold coin and as a negative thing, it did turn out to be negative because we didn't like finding that three out of 10 of our units that lived there did have some mold, despite our efforts to try to get in and address it, but one of the things that we did learn.
- Because it was a learning experience for me as an executive director, was that we could be a big, affordable housing organization that goes in, buys property, relocates people to other areas, which means displacement, it doesn't mean anything other than that. Or we could take the risk, knowing full well that there was risk involved with letting people stay there with limited services. We recognized it at their home and weren't going to be an organization that turned a blind eye on them.
- We are not going to do that at Horizon Shine village either. Like I said, I will do everything in my financial and personal power with St Vincent de Paul to make sure that those folks get reconnected with a better outcome.

Vice Mayor Rich commented I appreciate that and I will confirm that, yes, consistently, from the beginning, it was very clear that the ultimate goal was for 845 Gravenstein to be in affordable housing development. Thank you for all of that and the information, I appreciate it.

Councilmember Maurer commented am curious about the future tenants of the new units there. And can preference be given to existing Sebastopol residence, is that even possible?

Jack Tibbetts commented as follows:

- That is not possible, unfortunately, fair housing laws prevent any form of housing discrimination.
- I have looked into this, when I was on the Santa Rosa City Council and that's the same question I had at the time, somebody sitting on my side of the table.
- That was the advice I was given, it violates fair housing laws, unfortunately, but you did jog my memory.
- The last thing I wanted to say, too, our goal and our whole intent is actually going to be to try to get these folks in the village into this final development within the constraints of the fair housing laws.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. Resolution Authorizing a Joint Application with St Vincent de Paul for a Project Homekey Grant Application for 845 Gravenstein Highway North

Kyle commented as follows:

- It's really interesting journey how we have gotten here today.
- I think back to the early stages of our city making decisions about blocking the RV parking on Morris Street.
- Using that in conjunction with rapidly trying to find a location to house these individuals as to not be violating the law in terms of evacuating these people. To working that through without a really good public comment process. To extending out a temporary change in use, from commercial to residential, to now making a comparison between a previous mixed-use, which had would have contained commercial and market rate housing to the proposal for tonight.
- It is an interesting timeline of how we have gotten here
- I am all in support of housing, Sebastopol has been horrendous at being able to do any kind of a housing growth for decades. If you look at the population of the city over the last 20 years, it is abysmally small growth over this time period.
- Congrats on more housing, but let's think a little bit more about the things like revenue. Like the loss of revenue from the lack of commercial use.
- Let's talk about the precedent this sets for changing the use of a commercial lot to residential.
- There is a bunch of commercial lots that are in our urban core that would love to see changed into high-density, non-vehicle centric, low income housing for our citizens that could be, instead of things like car washes, in our urban core.

- I see this as a great opportunity to begin a new conversation about the changing of commercial lots into residential
- I think that is a great opportunity that we can explore in the future.
- I also want to recognize the loss of revenue that comes along with changing use from commercial to residential. Maybe, we can address that

Oliver commented as follows:

- We got places like Glen Ellen where we could have hundreds of pellet shelters with very good facilities.
- It's not clear what problem we are trying to solve here, earlier this evening, we were discussing fiscal sustainability and the fact of the matter is, losing our hotel, there is no sign that there is going to be another hotel
- Hotel developers are very worried about developing in a city which has a pretty high homeless
- Just a lot of homeless people milling about, that's a polite way to put it.
- We are, kind of, not going anywhere. Greatly over delivering in terms of providing facilities for homeless and mentally unstable people in the city already.
- As I said, I am not clear what problem we are trying to solve by building even more.
- As Kyle said, there is going to be no income from this, there is going to be no business coming from this.
- We heard some pretty serious allegations from a former case manager, which were blown off and pretty much ignored, including by the police chief.
- I don't think were being very realistic about this, frankly

Kate commented as follows:

- i just wanted to add some information in terms of how much homeless housing we actually have in Sebastopol.
- We actually have more than any other per capita than any other city in Sonoma County.
- We have one homeless bed per every 51 residents.
- Santa rosa has one homeless bed for every 298 residence. Healdsburg has one homeless bed for every 500 residence and there are some cities that have no homeless beds, such as Windsor, which has a population of 26,000 people and does not seem to be in a budget crisis. Cotati has a population of 7500 and is very similar to Sebastopol, they also don't have a budget crisis, they also have zero homeless beds. Cloverdale has no homeless beds. So we would be exceptional in having two home key projects within our town of 7500 people when there are cities like Windsor that has 26,000 people that have zero home key projects.
- I wanted to clarify that and then, in terms of the RHNA numbers, with Woodmark apartments, we will meet our RHNA numbers. We have no need to add any additional and as Kari pointed out, if the project on Gravenstein highway, those will also bring in inclusionary elements as well.
- So we have no need at all for more homeless housing and, in fact, we would be, I think, one of the only places besides the city of Santa rosa that would have two home key projects.
- That is, like, a very large home key allotment for a town of 7500 people.
- That is also facing, like, basically, going over a financial cliff

Zack commented as follows:

- This is as tragic as it is shocking.
- One person, one whistleblower coming forward. I do encourage the council to take it seriously. Try to get to the bottom of what is really going on inside of the encampment. Not only for the sake of the souls living there. Obviously for everybody in the surrounding area.
- The situation in any case, sounds more intense and dire than any of us understood prior to the gentleman speaking tonight.
- A couple of things I would add to that. Opening a new site, new housing, it is the right step forward. I think we can all agree on that. As far as one solo case manager or just a apartment manager on site, it strikes me as not enough. In terms of the complete package to care for people.
- Just like what we are saying about the village currently. These are people that need more attention and care. Whatever it is they need to get back on their feet. It seems we need a much more complete package for something like this to go forward and not just become a kind of free for all consumption site where who knows what is going on inside the walls.

- The residence inside and outside deserve better than that.

Linda commented as follows:

- I appreciate Zach's insightful comments and I appreciate the chief weighing in.
- The thing is, I live three properties from the RV village
- I live in one of the many affordable low income housing units.
- I have lived here for 20 years happily.
- Besides this one, there is another one that houses 200 people, low income seniors. And then there is Palm Avenue housing down by the hospital. The City Council is doing nothing about that.
- The previous council did recognize the cancer cluster and took radiation levels but nothing was done because the FCC lawyer said the radiation was within limits.
- I believe we are providing housing for low income.
- These people are interesting at the RV village. A golf pro, a plumber, a electrician. many of them are indulging in addictive behavior, not only alcohol and drugs and fentanyl.
- Also regular visits to the casino where at least one person told me they lost 180,000.
- I encourage the investigation.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I will lead off with this. A lot of times I sit back as the mayor and let everybody go first. On this one I feel very passionate about.
- I have been excited about this project since I knew St Vincent de Paul was buying it.
- I was on the council, I do not see this as homeless housing, I see it as low income housing.
- As we discussed it is also using the footprint planned for development. Back in the day it used to be housing on the top floor and commercial on the bottom floor.
- We have an extreme amount of commercial vacant in the city and it feels to me like this is the right kind of lot to convert that footprint to the 22-24 units of housing.
- We also learned that Homekey is not what it once was, which was homeless housing during covid but now it is an arm of building these kinds of housing to residents that live in our city or our county.
- Many people cannot afford housing. I just had a meeting with my daughter about how much it would cost to buy a home. It is exorbitant for young people.
- I will be supporting this proclamation. I will learn what my colleagues think about it. I just think it is smart for us. It just makes a lot of sense to me. It is really for low income housing.

Councilmember Zollman commented based on what I have heard in my understanding of the arena numbers, going ahead with what is being proposed makes sense also it does not cost the city any money. With that, I will second that motion.

Councilmember Maurer commented as follows:

- Thank you to staff for their willingness to partner with St. Vincent de Paul.
- They look like a excellent partner.
- The Burbank Heights and Orchards, last month they opened their waiting list. In three days they closed it after hundreds of applicants.
- We have a need for more low income housing.
- The Burbank Heights and Orchards is a sliding scale housing and they are very affordable.
- That sounds like this will be the same. I will also support this project.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- When I did my research and I looked at what is considered low income, they mentioned the income level for this is for somebody that makes less than \$12,000 per year. While I am supportive of low income housing I am glad to see commercial is being taking out of the site. We have a lot of commercial space already.
- The lack of mixed income housing and anybody making less than 12,000 a year, it means there is a lot of support required, because of that I do not support this.
- I think we should be providing mixed housing. What is considered low income is \$66,000. Those are our teachers, they are just getting by and I would love it if we were providing housing for people doing that.
- To bookend our city with permanent supportive housing with 31 beds going in and we sat on that call with the county. We already have park village.
- I would support this if there was more mixed housing and supporting more people contributing to the community but bringing people in from outside the community that will require numerous services and be more of a burden on fire and safety, I cannot support this kind of housing.
- I am disappointed. I would like to see something more mixed and addressing more income levels than just those at the low level. Unfortunately I cannot support this tonight.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I am in support of more housing
- I feel your pain and I am experiencing it myself.
- However I agree, we are blessed to be facing this opportunity with St. Vincent de Paul, a reputable, committed and mission driven organization to do what they intended to do when they first came in and purchased the property and demonstrated through statements they shared with us tonight, their commitment to this population.
- It is not going to cost us the city money.
- Plus a case manager on site, that strikes me as a incredible move in the right direction. With a wonderful partner.
- I have to thank Kari for negotiating and working through the details to protect the city's interests.
- I am fully in support of this and I think Jack for being here tonight and making this passion a reality to benefit the community.

MOTION:

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Zollman seconded the motion to approve Resolution Authorizing a Joint Application with St Vincent de Paul for a Project Homekey Grant Application for 845 Gravenstein Highway North and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA Section 15332, Class 32 as amended:

New Language:

WHEREAS, St Vincent de Paul will be responsible for the construction and operation of the Project, including all costs associated with City staff assistance, the physical development and on-going operations; and

total amount not to exceed \$22 million,

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved

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Resolution Number: 6533-2023

Chief Nelson provided information on the recent deaths in the City.

- I would like to address a couple of the public comments regarding the tragic deaths we experienced in the community and try to dispel some misinformation out there. We have had three deaths in the community over the past couple of months. Those have been thoroughly and completely investigated by the police department. Two of those tragically were on housed individuals. That have some association with some individuals at Horizon Shine. Both our determination and the coroner's determination post more them absolutely conclusively determined that these were suicides. There was nothing nefarious or criminal about them. It was just a unfortunate Circumstance that resulted in tragedy from the difficulty in these individuals lives and that was the option they exercised. The other death is currently under investigation, postmortem by the coroner's office to try to make determinations regarding toxic substances and things like that. Our investigation turned up absolutely nothing directly linked to that individual's death that would lead us to believe that there was a crime committed that would cause her death. More will follow and I will update the community more once I get more results from the coroner's office, at this point it was not a homicide.
- There was nothing nefarious that led to the individuals that.

11. Discussion/Update of Mental Health Response Program (Responsible Department: Police Department)

Police Chief Nelson presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Discuss and Receive the Update of Mental Health Response Program and provide direction to staff on next steps.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions from Council.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- When calls come through the dispatch, what I read in here is that MST is not immediately contacted.
- I am still not sure why they are not immediately contacted if a dispatcher has done the evaluation and there is potential violence at the scene.
- Can you provide clarity?

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I can't, perhaps I misrepresented what happens but not deliberately.
- There are certain calls were absolutely the person is reporting it, it is a family member, they tell us they are schizophrenic and off their medications, they are tearing up the house, at that point if MST is on duty they will dispatch the officers and also make the call to MST and get them rolling.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- A while ago we had breakfast and we were talking about how we can bring it down to our own city and use her own city resources and we talked about reaching out to various licensed clinicians that would be at your disposable should you need them.
- We talked about possibly reaching out to the chapters, have you had any more luck pursuing and trying to build a more small and less expensive model here?

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I have not, I have not had time to do that. What was the organization?
- My workload is starting to decrease a little bit and I have help coming in in a few weeks and I will pursue those options.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- It does seem like you have a good feeling about SAVS and there ability based on how they have been interacting with people services.

- You think they are all right and they would help?

Chief Nelson commented absolutely. I know the city has been pleased with how they operated their program. As is the park. They did not hesitate to sign on.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I recently went to a presentation where the program was described in detail. What I heard from that and I want to confirm this with you. I came away with the impression that one of the challenges is that we do not have a neighboring jurisdiction with which we can partner. They had the park. We are out here. So that makes it easy in terms of a mental health team.
- For us it seems like there is no one we can naturally partner with, am I accurate?

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I think that is a accurate assessment.
- Our closest approximate entity with a program is Santa rosa. I have had conversations with the chief, they do not have the capacity to entertain that at this juncture. Plus there model is the most expensive, we would be looking at a significant investment.
- Frankly some of the smaller municipalities, the county is getting pressure from some of the bigger municipalities. There is a entire area in the county that needs these resources that do not have the availability. Some form of expansion on the MST model needs to occur. You have miles and miles to go out to the coast and there is no ability to provide these resources.

Vice Mayor Rich commented I am getting the impression the training our officers get to provide them with the skills to address the issues, and how does it compare to training officers and other jurisdictions are getting?

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- Quite a few jurisdictions have implemented this.
- We have a few officers that are veterans that received their training previously.
- It seems regions in the state that seem to have more difficulties with a higher population of mentally ill people. They recognize the value of the programs and provided them to police. It was eye-opening for me when I went through it. As police officers we go to some of these things skeptical. This is going to be touchy-feely and I do not need that stuff. It was remarkable. They are heavily involved, there is role-playing exercises. There are people who have had good and bad experiences with law enforcement and have frank conversations with officers. Really remarkable and clinicians and psychiatrists that go in depth and provide information about some of the manifestations people experience when they are in the throes of some of the various mental illnesses.

Vice Mayor Rich commented I think what I am hearing is that you feel our officers are well equipped to deal with the issues they encounter from a mental health perspective or in terms of the un-housed.

Chief Nelson commented they are as well-equipped as they can possibly can be based on the training available.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. Update of Mental Health Response Program

Kyle commented as follows:

- I want to thank you chief for putting together the presentation. It is a long time coming.
- I watched this council in the summer of 2020 spent countless hours engaging with the public and coming up with recommendations.
- That included the funding of a exploration of a cahoots model and as months went on it was no longer the political flavor of the month and it dropped off the radar.
- The most recent chief prior to the current chief dodged the issue and suggested that we wait and see what the rest of the county was doing, it seemed like once we did, there was not any actual commitment on that chiefs want
- I want to remind the council there was approval for funding a cahoots investment.

- When we talk about the reduction in calls as the chief mentioned as being around 10%. That is a significant reduction.
- It is possible we can explore the reallocation of some funding.
- 10% of the current budget is around \$600 thousand that could be reallocated towards a program such as this with that type of reduction.
- I think we have a path forward and I hope the council takes it seriously.

Linda commented as follows:

- I want to thank the chief for the presentation. You should know I am one of the biggest supporters of our police force in town. Only because I have the experience from the county department that ended with me handcuffed and beaten up due to a wrong address.
- Anyway, you are the best police force I know of. The only thing that would make it better especially on mental health, is we are having an explosion of tics this year.
- It would be simple chief if you would arm the police, Dennis used to do it. There were cards he would provide for free, we need to have signs throughout the Laguna and the trails around here. A lot of the mental health issues are misdiagnosed because they are tickborne diseases.
- It costs them because they are unable to work and also the county. These people end up homeless and living in the brush exposed to it. That is my suggestion.
- I hope you will educate your department and hand out tick id cards.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I wanted to address, as the longest sitting council member, I did serve on the budget committee when we put budget away to partner with a small city for somebody in a position that the chief was talking about.
- That was reallocated into the homeless coordinator when we found out that they would partner with Rohnert Park which made sense.
- I bring that up to address a member of the public.
- This council has heard a lot of ideas. Unfortunately we have a smaller budget than many cities and that was a bit of a disappointment for me.
- I was invested in the partnership we were trying to pursue at the time but it did make more sense for them with park right next door.
- We do and we have funded the homeless coordinator.
- I just wanted to mention that in this discussion.
- Some people in the council may not have that history. That was before Chief Nelson as well.

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I did not get in depth on the homeless outreach person, she does a phenomenal job.
- The allocation of those funds have reaped countless dividends in dealing with situations such as these and also with the un-housed.
- They are able to build rapport. Work cohesively with us. That was a wise move under the circumstances.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- The context for my questions are coming from the fact that I was a mental health patient advocacy worker in San Francisco for almost 2 years and a former public defender whose clients was predominately from the mental health community.
- Not every patient will respond well. Not everyone undergoing a traumatic situation is going to respond well to anybody in a uniform.
- Given the fact that I think our police have already admitted they have not been receiving general comments from the public including those from the queer community, and those with mental health and developmental disabilities, we do not really know the overall sense of our community is when trying to reach out or not reach out to the police.
- Given that experience and my own information, part of this agenda was to provide direction.

- I would provide direction to contact the service, to see if there is a possibility of providing coverage here and if not, then just ask them for their advice. What advice do they have? Are we too far away for them to extend their services to this city?
- I would also like to see what we can do locally with our own licensed clinicians. Maybe they are worried about malpractice. They are a nonprofit here
- I want to make inquiries about what offers they can provide.
- I do not feel comfortable given my experience having police be the only place for them to reach out to if they are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I think what we are hearing is a request that the chief reach out to people service about possible support and the health action coalition to see what resources they may have available.
- My question to staff and the police chief is whether that is workable and do they feel that it can be integrated, that request can be integrated into whatever workload you already have.
- What would be your response to that? Any input?

Chief Nelson commented I can work it in, I cannot commit to saying it will happen in the next 30 days but I will come back, I think a 90 day window is reasonable for me to at least make phone calls and identify resources.

Mayor Hinton commented we are in a budget crisis that we are aware of and as we said earlier, we have gone down this road doesn't our homeless outreach coordinator have training.

Chief Nelson commented I am not sure that she has any specific mental health training.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I can appreciate what the Councilmember is saying. I hate to add to your list. It feels like we are a small community and I do not know with the budget would come from even if we found great things.
- So I would feel more comfortable if you wanted to do that informally and report back but I do not feel like I need to add it at the task list this point.
- I also work in a industry where we are talking about 51-50 holds and that sort of thing. I am with you. I appreciate you talking with us, I do not feel it is necessary for you to come back and report to council in a formal way.
- There has been a full inquiry into the topic by the police chief. I have been to presentations and I have been informed on the topic myself. However it strikes me that a request that our police chief reach out to leadership the health action coalition or people's services, even a verbal report within 90 days, again I would bump it to the police chief, is that a lot?
- Is it too much given everything you have going on.

Chief Nelson commented as follows:

- I do not think it is unreasonable for me to make a few phone calls, to dive in and prepare.
- Would the Council be comfortable to a verbal report back as opposed to a written document

Councilmember McLewis discussed budgeting and adding to tasks of the Police Chief on this item.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Nothing written that will take a lot of time with a verbal report out to the City Council. We would support that.
- It looks like we have three requests for a short verbal report so if you would follow up with that, that would be great.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- Aware of the costs and budget
- Requested police chief reach out to the leadership at PPS
- Report back in 90 days with a verbal report

The Council received the Update of Mental Health Response Program and provide direction to staff on next steps as follows:

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Mayor Hinton departed the meeting for Item Number 12.

12. Consideration of Approval of Contract for City Manager and City Attorney Services (Responsible Department: City Administration/HR Consultant)

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley and Deborah Muchmore, MuchmorethanConsulting (MTC) presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Approval of Contract for City Manager and City Attorney Services.

Vice Mayor Rich opened for questions from Council.

Councilmember Maurer commented has anything changed since we last saw this.

City staff stated there were no changes.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I want to make sure the council takes time to discuss the budgetary implications of what we are hearing.
- If in the process of retaining a city manager, the current city manager goes into the city attorney role, maintaining his same salary while we are still paying for a additional city manager that is not Larry McLaughlin.
- I would like that spelled out and contrasted with the current budget allocation for salary of city attorney as it is stated within the current budget for the fiscal year.
- So that it is clear to the public exactly how much of a increase this will be if our council is not able to quickly determine who will be the next city manager and our next city attorney.

Linda commented as follows:

- I want to thank Kyle for requesting the clarification.
- In addition, I would like to know how much the finder fees are.
- What is anticipated to be paid for the next people to fill these positions.

Oliver commented as follows:

- I wonder if the City Manger would contemplate reducing the amount giving the fiscal crisis we are in.
- It is not a large city budget overall.
- I wonder if you would discount his service for his remaining time.

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Over the course of some months, I had a email exchange with Mister McLaughlin that was never settled at all and it ended with my repeated outreach and no responses.
- I have no way of knowing if that is behavior that extends to others but I found it disconcerting, frustrating and inappropriate.

- So I will just enter that into the record and I would ask Mister McLaughlin to respond when I reach out next.

Kate commented as follows:

- Given our budget crisis in Sebastopol, I wrote a letter regarding the idea of disbanding the city and merging with the county. 25% of the budget goes to city administration.
- Since we are in the process of reconceptualizing our fire department and also hiring a city manager, it might be worthwhile now to look at if services in Sebastopol would be more at optimum levels if we were part of the county.
- A case in point, the resources we were just discussing, mental health resources.
- Do we need to extend the contract and what is the cost-benefit to have a city manager when the city is so poorly run that we cannot fund the vital services.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- As a first step I will answer some questions.
- This is not the venue to be negotiating a discounted salary with our hard-working city manager and city attorney.
- Secondly, having been a member of the budget committee, I am here to tell you the rate that has been clouded for the extension of the contract is substantially below the market rate right now. We are getting quite the deal, so for those that are concerned this is a poor budget decision, I am here to tell you it is not.
- As to the implications of the budget with McLaughlin staying on and I think there was a suggestion that he might stay on when we hire a new city manager, the terms of this agreement indicates that McLaughlin agreed to stay until no later than December 31 and the contract will end at the earlier of the two dates, either upon the hiring of a new city manager or December 31.
- Please correct me if I am wrong but it is my understanding there will not be an overlap.

Deborah Muchmore commented as follows:

- It is two distinct positions within the same agreement.
- City manager ends on December 31 or at the successful hire of a new city manager.
- The attorney would continue, the caller was responding to the salary not changing while the city manager continued, and I can certify that the salary for city attorney is a have to a quarter of what we would have to pay for a city attorney.
- So it is a value to the city to have this agreement in place.
- I appreciate the work the city and McLaughlin did in creating it.
- I negotiated city attorney agreements with other cities.
- There may have been another question about the cost of executive search firms.
- We will bring that back. The council will see an item regarding the executive search firms, I do not have a date.
- Due to scheduling we are postponing it to probably the first week in June. We are waiting for confirmation from those firms.

MOTION:

Councilmember Maurer moved and Vice Mayor Rich seconded the motion to approve Resolution Approving Contract for City Manager and City Attorney Services stating:

The Employment Agreement calls for Larry McLaughlin to serve as the City Manager until December 31, 2023, or until the City successfully recruits and hires a City Manager to replace Employee, whichever is first.

Upon the employment of a new City Manager and Employee's resignation as City Manager, Mr. McLaughlin shall remain the City Attorney. He shall remain the City Attorney until the City recruits for and retains a new City Attorney or law firm(s) to serve in the capacity of City Attorney.

Salary: As compensation for the services to be rendered by Employee, the City shall provide:

- I. During any period in which Employee serves as City Manager and City Attorney, Employee shall receive an annual base salary of \$187,042.00. No additional compensation shall be owed to Employee for services as City Attorney.
- II. During any period in which Employee serves exclusively as City Attorney, Employee shall receive an annual base salary of \$187,042.00.
- III. Employee’s salary shall be increased to adjust for cost of living at the same rate provided to other management employees

Employee shall also receive a longevity stipend the equivalent of 2% of his annual salary, a \$350 per month contribution to a deferred compensation plan, a \$150 per month electronic allowance, and health and welfare benefits comparable to other management employees of the City.

Employee shall accrue ten hours of vacation and five hours of sick leave per payroll period and two personal days per year.

Administrative: In order to compensate overtime exempt management employee for the added hours worked, employee shall be granted a total of 120 hours Administrative Leave with pay during each fiscal year. 60 Hours to be credited on July 1st of each year and 60 hours to be credited to January 1st of each year. Unused hours to be cashed out no later than May 30th of each fiscal year to bring balance to zero on June 30th of each fiscal year. In the event of resignation, termination, or retirement, an employee will be paid for unused hours of their accrued administrative leave balance.

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

VOTE:

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

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Minute Order Number: 2023-134

Resolution Number: 6534-2023

Mayor Hinton returned to the meeting for item number 13.

13. Consideration of Amendment to City Council Protocols:

- a. Amendment to Proclamations/Presentations
- b. Adjournment of City Council Meeting Time
(Requestor: Councilmember McLewis/Responsible Department: City Administration)

Councilmember McLewis and Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Consider Amendments to the City Council Protocols.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions from Council.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I want to make sure I understand. Are you asking us to choose one of the three options
- Read the title of the proclamation as a ceremonial item only and there are two alternatives

Councilmember McLewis commented I am not trying to come and dictate that we have to do it this way but if we can have that discussion on being more efficient.

Vice Mayor Rich commented my question would be to you mayor, you have been on the council for the longest. I would appreciate your perspective on this idea.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I am torn. I look at what the other cities are doing, most are reading the full proclamations.
- It is tradition. I am a traditional person.
- I had asked, we had a record number of proclamations at some meetings, if there are proclamations that we turn down. Is it up to the mayor's discretion?
- A lot of them are time sensitive which is why we get 1 tonight and 11 on the other agenda which might have been a record.
- I understand it takes time, but I understand it is important to the person receiving it.
- I do not know if people have ever turned down proclamations or we have done all that the city has received or if the mayor determines it. As a mayor I never turned one down. That is my question.

City staff commented in the times I have been here we have turned down one.

Councilmember McLewis commented many times, in my experience since I have been a Councilmember, 50% of the ones we read, we do not have anybody to accept them.

City staff commented there are times that we do year after year where the people do not ask for it. An example would be Pride month where we were not asked to do it, but we do it based on our values of the city.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- In the past when we discussed public comment, one of the things we talked about is that we have a very engaged community that comes here which is why we have long meetings.
- Am I remembering that correctly?
- I understand other people read the proclamations, but they also do not have the lengths of meetings we have.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- I will say that I think there are councils that meet more often with longer meetings than us.
- Also, I think this council likes to talk a lot as well to be fair.
- I have thought about limiting questions 2-3 minutes as Council should research the agenda item before hand

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Proclamations at the beginning are from my vantage point, whether traditional or not, they are on the fluff side of things.
- If there is going to be any discussion about public comment time being shortened to allow for the substantial time given to proclamations, I would say that is wrongheaded.
- You are meant to be public servants and it is your job to give the greatest allotment you can to hear the public you are meant to serve.
- So, to proclaim things on a regular basis is often an empty formality, sometimes meaningful but to shorten that time would be more appropriate than even thinking about shortening public comment time.
- One other thing from somebody that is not used too coming to council meetings, it is an odd formality to have people that know each other to address one another as vice mayor and council member, I suppose you have reasons for doing that but maybe you would be better served just by calling each other by name. I
- think that would add to the authenticity of the interactions between yourselves and your public.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I understand the premise of the agenda item. It is about not wanting to go late into the evening.
- I think the council would best be served by looking at themselves and looking at opportunities they can take to reduce meeting times.
- We have already seen as a result of the mayor's unilateral decision to restrict public comment without any public debate until after the fact as an experiment, outside of the bylaws of the council, so we have restricted amounts and all of that was under the guise that somehow public comment draws the meetings out
- Regularly I see Councilmembers coming unprepared, not reading the agenda items, not inform themselves on things that are relevant, and openly stating that.
- So, we end up with radical departures from rules of order, and drawn on discussions trying to educate Councilmembers on things that they could have educated themselves with prior to the meeting.
- If you are looking for ways to reduce the amount of time in the meetings, look to yourselves and look at what you can be doing as Councilmembers to actively push the meetings through instead of the political grandstanding we see on a regular basis.

Oliver commented as follows:

- I do not think I heard this discussed yet, people in Burbank cannot stay this late.
- If the first hour is endless proclamations and handing out certificates and speeches, there are 17 people on the zoom right now and a few more on live stream, people are just not engaged.
- Anything we can do to get people paying attention to the budget crisis and everything else going on would be beneficial.
- Proclamations are tradition and I feel it is important to keep it but streamline it. So you guys do not have to sit there until god knows what time at night.

Linda commented as follows:

- I wanted to say I am delighted with the public comments tonight.
- We need public engagement, we need oversight of what the City Council is doing, the misdeeds and the mistakes.
- Speaking about the proclamations, case in point, I would like to know who that certificate about Lyme disease awareness month was sent off to
- Anyway I was denied the opportunity to speak on this thing that costs millions of dollars.
- Blown off by the Mayor who doesn't have a clue about diseases in our community and we need to have signs up throughout the Laguna and it is easy to do but it is causing us millions of dollars in suffering.

- I hope you will take another look at that.
- You know I already talked to public works years ago.
- We got together and put some signs up but they are not there anymore.
- This is a huge issue, especially this year.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I want to comment before we start deliberating, I know we talk about some of this lightheartedly.
- I take the budget seriously and we are asking departments to reduce their budget everywhere.
- I agree we can look inward and see where we can be more concise but at the same time, the fact remains we have been doing the proclamations for a long time.
- We have a good sense for the amount we are paying the number of people to be on the zoom and if we are asking departments to reduce budgets, we should do everything we can to trim that because every little bit counts.
- I have watched budget meetings and how they are trying to reduce and we should consider that tonight.
- I am traditional as well but at the same time we should look at not doing something just because we always have.
- We need to trim wherever we can and maybe we go back to it in the future when we can afford it.

Councilmember Zollman commented as follows:

- I appreciate being conscious about time and expenditures, I would love to figure out ways to move these meetings along, I do not feel like this is an appropriate way to do it, on the back of proclamations especially when we are considering bleak budget concerns.
- The proclamations to me serve as inspiration and highlight values I hope we are still striving for in the city.
- A lot of the proclamations that gave rise to this was the last council meeting when it was describing marginalized groups, we do not have enough diversity in leadership roles.
- I think the proclamations are inspirational, it inspires me as a great way to start meetings.
- Also acknowledging individuals work that has been done in the city. A lot of it is volunteer aside from the salary people so I will be voting no on the proposed offerings to reduce times on
- the back of proclamations.
- I am in favor of the second part, getting us out of here no later than 11:30 pm.

Councilmember Maurer commented as follows:

- I am also in favor of ending the meeting no later than 11:30 pm.
- I agree, the proclamations, there were nine of them and it took 50 minutes to go through them, however I valued the reading of the proclamation because it can be educational to the community and myself. Especially when there is someone there to receive the proclamation.
- When nobody is there, it feels like an empty gesture.
- My suggestion would be a modified item, that would be, when somebody is submitting a request for a proclamation, at that time they have the choice to say just to read the title, read parts or ask for the entire proclamation.
- Say I have a proclamation coming up and I have the choice to ask you to just read the title, read parts or the entire proclamation.
- That person would have to agree to provide somebody to accept it. Failing that I would not support this request.
- When somebody submits a proclamation to be considered, there would be a checklist they would sign off on, the checklist is, read the title, read parts of the proclamation or read the entire proclamation. That would be there request. Some people might be okay with just having the title read. But if they want the entire proclamation read, agree to have somebody here to receive it.

Vice Mayor Rich commented as follows:

- I am torn also, I agree that if the person is present, that seems like an opportunity to read the full proclamation. They made the effort and they are present and that to me is a point worth recognizing.
- If they are not here, just reading the title does not seem like enough.

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- I do see there is a jurisdiction, the mayor reads the first whereas, that usually does not give you anything usually.
- What about just limiting it to no more than three

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- We have not addressed the part that talks about service awards.
- For service awards, years of service recognition, they need to be fully read, they are employees that have done years of service. They should not be shortened.
- I have seen the managers go on and on. We have a manager here that can be short and sweet about his staff
- I am not interested in discussing years of service I think that is a different category from proclamations.
- What I would say about this, I am guilty with just going along. The proclamations come through and we just placed them, and I have not asked the questions of what was requested and what we have just done for years.
- There are other things we have done for years that nobody shows up for and we can drop it off and replace it with something more topical or requested with somebody that wants to receive one.
- I am also for finishing the meeting at 11:30 pm. I might be at this position where maybe we do not pass a firm ordinance on it and leave it with the agenda to review and work with this.
- As we saw tonight, there is one and the other day there was nine. Sometimes there is more than others but on average we are looking at 3 max per meeting. Without passing a rule. Or a policy.

Councilmember McLewis commented as follows:

- I hear what you are all saying. As a director of the organization and budgeting I am sitting through these meetings and I cannot see how we are reconciling this while asking departments to make cuts.
- We just want to go to tradition because that is what we have always done but at the same time it does not sit well with me to say we want to do this for tradition but everybody else needs to cut.

Mayor Hinton commented maybe the City Council can give the agenda review committee some discretion to working to shorten the proclamations.

MOTION:

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve the following amendment to the City Council Protocols to adjourn the meeting no later than 11:30 pm if the meeting is unanimous extended beyond the 10:30 pm ending time.

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved the following amendment to the City Council Protocols to adjourn the meeting no later than 11:30 pm if the meeting is unanimous extended beyond the 10:30 pm ending time.

Minute Order Number: 2023-135

Due to Council protocols, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Three 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:

14. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports: (This will be either verbal or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting).

15. 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 or written reports provided at the meeting)
16. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers)
17. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See City Web Site for Up-to-Date Meeting Dates/Times)

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2023 Meeting will be adjourned to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm (In Person and Remote/Zoom Virtual Meeting Format)

Mayor Hinton adjourned the City Council Meeting of May 16, 2023 at 10:45 pm to the Regular City Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm (In Person and Remote/Zoom Virtual Meeting Format).

Respectfully Submitted,


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

CITY CLERKS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
GUIDELINES FOR
PREPARING MINUTES FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

PURPOSE

The City Clerks Association of California issues these guidelines as a tool for government agencies to transition to minutes styles that are efficient, succinct, cost-effective for staff to prepare, and more appropriately aligned with the intent of the Government Code.

FINDINGS

- Legislative bodies must act, and must be *seen* to act, within the laws of the State of California and local charters, if applicable. Being *seen* to act within the law is important, because the legislative body's decisions may be subject to external scrutiny by the public, auditors, or judicial inquiry. Minutes *testify* that the correct procedures for decision-making were followed.
- Legislative body minutes shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the intent of the Government Code. Relevant Government Codes are as follows:
 - Government Code 40801. The city clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceeding of the legislative body and the board of equalization in books bearing appropriate titles and devoted exclusively to such purposes, respectively. The books shall have a comprehensive general index.
 - Government Code 36814. The council shall cause the clerk to keep a correct record of its proceedings. At the request of a member, the city clerk shall enter the ayes and noes in the journal.
 - Government Code 54953(c)(2). The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.
 - Government Code 53232.3(d). Members of a legislative body shall provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.
- All components of minutes shall be for the primary purpose of memorializing decisions made by the *legislative body*. Any minute component that does not serve this primary purpose should be minimized or eliminated; this includes comments made by *individual* body members and members of the *public*.

GUIDELINES

- Minutes should provide a record of a) when and where a meeting took place, and who was present (including member absences, late arrivals, departures, adjournment time); b) type of meeting (Regular/Special/Adjourned Regular); c) what was considered; d) what was decided; and e) agreed upon follow-up action. Pursuant to Government Code 54953(c)(2), minutes shall report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.
- Appropriate styles are *action* minutes or *brief summary* minutes. Verbatim style minutes should not be used, because verbatim or lengthy summary minutes do not serve the intent of the Government Code, which is to record the proceedings of the *legislative body*.
- *Action* minutes merely record final decisions made.

- *Brief summary* minutes, at a minimum, record the final decisions made; and, at a maximum, may record what advice the body was given to enable it to make its decisions, the body’s thought process in making the decision, and the final decisions made. Emphasis is given on the body’s thought process, not individual members’ thought processes. The minutes should summarize only the main points which arose in discussion if and only if they are relevant to the decision.
- Comments made by members such as “for the record” or “for the minutes” have no bearing on the content of minutes and are given no greater and no lesser consideration than other comments made at the public meeting. Members seeking to memorialize comments should incorporate such verbiage into the language of the motion. As an alternative, members may submit written statements to be retained with the agenda item.
- Since the main purpose of minutes is to record the legislative body’s decision, summary minutes should be brief. By concentrating on the legislative body’s decision, brief summary minutes will provide only a select recording of what was discussed at the meeting. Brief summary minutes should not attempt to reproduce, however summarily, what every speaker said. It should only record the essence of the discussion and include the main threads that lead to the body’s conclusion.
- To the fullest extent possible, brief summary minutes should be impersonal and should not attribute views to individual persons. Only the positions and decisions taken by the whole legislative body are relevant, not those of individual members. The passive voice is favored i.e. “It was suggested that...,” “It was generally felt that...,” “It was questioned whether...,” “During discussion, it was clarified...”
- There are reasons for not attributing comments to specific speakers. First, it makes for brevity--a point can be recorded more concisely in impersonal form. Second, a point raised by one speaker will often be further developed by others—in impersonal brief summary minutes, only the fully-developed point is recorded in its final form. Third, points by several speakers can be consolidated into a single paragraph. Fourth, the impersonal style averts future corrections to minutes.
- While the primary purpose of minutes is to memorialize decisions made by the legislative body as a whole, under limited circumstances it is necessary and/or appropriate to attribute comments to individual members including:
 - Individual member’s reports pursuant to Government Code 53232.3(d) (enacted by AB 1234, 2005). The minute record shall include the type of meeting attended at the expense of the local agency and the subject matter.
 - Individual member’s reports on intergovernmental agencies. Brief summary minutes should include the type of meeting at a minimum, and, at the maximum, include the subject matter.
 - Individuals speaking under public comment. Brief summary minutes shall, at a minimum, list the public member’s name (if provided); and, at a maximum, include the overall topic and stance/position. Such as Mr. Jones spoke in opposition to the Project X. Being mindful that the minutes are recordings of the legislative body’s proceedings, it is not appropriate to include detail of individual comments. There is an exception for public testimony provided during public hearings, for which the minutes shall include the speaker’s name (if provided) and a summary position of the speaker (i.e., supported or opposed).
- For purposes of meeting Government Code 36814 and/or 54953(c)(2), the city clerk should enter the ayes and noes in the minutes. For informal consensus (i.e. providing staff direction), it is appropriate to note the dissention of one or more members by, at a minimum, stating the dissenting member’s name and dissention, such as “Mr. Jones dissented,” and at a maximum to also include a brief reason, such as “Mr. Jones dissented citing budget concerns.”
- While the primary purpose of legislative body meetings is for the legislative body to take legislative action and make decisions to advance agency business, it is acknowledged that agency meetings also

serve as platforms for ceremonial presentations and reports on social and community events. At a minimum, brief summary minutes should identify that presentations were made and event reports were given; and, at a maximum, report only the subject matter of the presentation or event.

- For community workshops and town hall meetings subject to the Brown Act, brief summary minutes, at a maximum, record the overall topic, provided that no legislative actions were taken. It is advisable to note in the minutes that no legislative action was taken.
- The guidelines contained herein are applicable to committees and commissions subject to the Brown Act. It is acknowledged that many boards and commissions take few legislative actions, and the tendency is to include more detail in the minutes on event reports and planning. At a maximum, brief summary minutes may include key points of the final reports or determinations, and all comments shall be attributable to the entire body and not attributable to individual members.
- Brief summary minutes shall serve to clarify decisions taken and who is expected to execute the decisions. It is not necessary to write down all action points or all tasks identified. Minutes shall not serve as a substitute for task lists, and the focus shall remain on the final decisions made by the *legislative body*.
- The language of brief summary minutes should be relatively restrained and neutral, however impassioned the discussion. Brief summary minutes will record the substance of the point in an intemperate way.
- To the fullest extent possible, minutes should be self-contained to be intelligible without reference to other documents.
- As a general rule, individual member comments are not identified in the brief summary minutes of discussions, and minutes should concentrate on the collective body's thought process and the collective decisions made by the majority, not individuals.
- Brief summary minutes should concentrate on central issues germane to the final decision. The record of the discussion should be presented in a logical sequence, rather than reproduced in the actual order they were made in discussion.
- The legislative body may wish to choose more, substantive (summary) minutes if there's no archival audio/video backup recording available of its proceedings. If audio/video recording is available for future reference, minute notations can be more limited (action).

City Council Meeting - December 19, 2023

OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST DECADE, HE HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE CITY STABLE FISCALLY AND OPERATIONALLY THROUGH VARIOUS CHALLENGING PERIODS. -- AS WELL AS THE CLASSIFIER IN 2020. LARRY TOOK THE LEAD TO USHER THE CITY THROUGH THE MULTIYEAR COVID-19 EMERGENCY. IN THESE MANY YEARS, BOTH CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY, FILLING TWO ESSENTIAL ROLES FOR OUR TOWN. THE ABILITY OF THE CITY TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITIVE FORWARD -- MANY CHALLENGING EVENTS WE HAVE FACED HAS BEEN DUE IN LARGE PART WITH THE STEADY HAND OF THIS MAN WHO HAS ALWAYS, WITHOUT FAIL, KEPT THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF SEVASTOPOL IN HIS MIND AND HEART. WHERE LARRY AS WELL VERSED ON ISSUES FACING THE CITY AND LOCAL CHALLENGES AND ALWAYS WORKS TOWARDS THE IN MOVING THE CITY FORWARD. LARRY HAS BUILT CONNECTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE FACILITATED TRUST AND WITH THE SUCCESS AS CITY MANAGER. A CITY MANAGER THROUGH HIS EFFORTS, THE CITY HAS A LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT IS HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND COMMITTED TO WORKING TO ACHIEVE THE CITY'S GOALS. WHERE AS, CITY MANAGER, LARRY AS ELABORATE OR AND FRIENDSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS, HE HAS CREATED AND CULTIVATED WITHIN THE CITY AS WELL AS BEYOND OUR CITY LIMITS BOUNDARIES, HAS WORKED TO ACHIEVE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY PROBLEMS FACED BY THE CITY AND CONTINUES TO WORK TO MAKE LONG-TERM DECISIONS THAT WILL ENDURE FOR GENERATIONS. WHEREAS, ALTHOUGH LARRY WILL BE STEPPING DOWN AS CITY MANAGER HE. HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, CONGRATULATE LARRY McLAUGHLIN FOR HIS YEARS AS CITY MANAGER FROM 2012 TO 2023. I SET MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE CITY, THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

YOU HAVE WORDS TO SHARE, MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT YOU UP AT THE PODIUM. SHOULD WE MAKE AND GO TO THE PODIUM, FOLKS? I THINK SO. GO TO THE PODIUM. EVERYONE ELSE HAS TO, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO.

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET -- THANK THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR VERY MUCH FOR THE RECOMMENDATION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK OUR DEDICATED GROUP OF EMPLOYEES STARTING WITH OUR KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED GROUP OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AS THE PROCLAMATION OUTLINED, HAVE BEEN THROUGH AS A GROUP AND THROUGH FIRE, EVACUATION, CITYWIDE EVACUATION, A COMPLETE TURNOFF OF POWER FOR ABOUT A WEEK. A CITY THAT EVERYONE HAD EVACUATED, FLAGGED, AND THEN THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS HAD TO REINVENT THEMSELVES TIME AND AGAIN AS ALL OF THESE EMERGENCIES HIT AND THINGS THAT WE HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE HAD TO BE FIGURED OUT, DEALT WITH, AND TEAMS CHANGED, ESPECIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC, THIS IS A GROUP THAT IMMEDIATELY CHANGED STREAM AND WAS WORKING FROM HOME. I WANTED TO MENTION THE DEDICATED GROUP OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES, FIRE, AND POLICE, WHO STAYED ON THE JOB DURING THE PANDEMIC WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE WAS WORRIED AND FEARFUL THEY HAD TO BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, MAINTAINING OUR VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND THE GROUP OF DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT HAD TO CREATE HOME OFFICES AND RUN THE CITY ON VERY LITTLE NOTICE FROM THEIR HOMES, THAT WAS AWESOME, AS WELL. I THINK WE DID A GOOD JOB ON THAT, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT EFFORT AND THE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY BRING. I WANT TO MENTION THAT THERE WERE SOME OTHER PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY THAT I WOULD FEEL REMISS IF I DID NOT MENTION. THAT WOULD BE OUR FIRST FINANCE DIRECTOR WHEN I WAS CITY MANAGER, I TOOK THE FINANCE DIRECTOR 30 DAYS NOTICE. THE CITY MANAGER THAT LEFT AT THE TIME WAS A FINANCE DIRECTOR, SO WE HAD TO CREATE A FINANCE DEPARTMENT ON 30 DAYS NOTICE. I WANT TO MENTION

GRATEFUL TO KAREN, VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON WORKING IN OUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT WHO STEPPED UP AND WORKED WITH ME AND BECAME OUR FIRST FINANCE DIRECTOR THAT WE HAD DURING MY TIME AS CITY MANAGER. WE CHANGED THE BUDGET CONSIDERABLY, WE CHANGED THE WAY THE BUDGET WAS DONE. I THINK IT MADE IT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE. OUR WORK WAS CARRIED ON BY OUR DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, WHO HAS CARRIED OUR BUDGET INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM SO TO SPEAK AND WON A NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR THE BUDGETS WE HAVE DONE BUT I ALSO WANT TO APPRECIATE SUE KELLY, SUE KELLY WAS A LONGTIME EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY THAT I WORKED WITH LITERALLY FROM THE FIRST MOMENT SHE GOT HERE. SHE BECAME OUR PUBLICS WORKS ANALYST AND OUR ENGINEERING MANAGER. WE CREATED A POSITION THE FIRST TIME I WAS CITY MANAGER IN 1999. WE CREATED THAT POSITION FOR HER AS ENGINEERING MANAGER OR DIRECTOR, I FORGET EXACTLY WHAT THE TITLE WAS. THAT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE WHEN I BECAME CITY MANAGER IN 2012, IT WAS JUST THEN BEGINNING TO OPEN AND I THANK YOU, SUE, FOR YOUR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE, BACKGROUND AND INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, YOU WERE QUITE HELPFUL GETTING IT OPENED AT THAT TIME. I APPRECIATE SUE KELLY. THERE ARE OTHERS I CAN MENTION, I DO NOT WANT TO BE TOO LONG-WINDED. I GO ON INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF MY LIFE. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CITY COUNCILS THAT I HAVE WORKED WITH, YOU HAVE ALL BEEN DEDICATED TO SERVING THE PUBLIC. I SERVED ON COMMITTEES WITH STAFF MEMBERS, THEN THE REAL WORK DONE DIRECTLY BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS I WORK WITH. LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, PUBLICLY, IF I CAN KEEP IT UP, THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE THAT I WORKED WITH FOR 20 SOME ODD YEARS, IF SHE WAS NOT HERE, THERE IS NO WAY THAT I COULD EVER HAVE SURVIVED 11 YEARS AS CITY MANAGER. SO, SHE IS THE ENGINE THAT DRIVES THE CITY, SHE IS THE HUB WITH ALL OF THE CITY WORK AND ROTATES AND BLOWS. SHE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE, SHE IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE BEST CITY CLERK IN THE CITY -- I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MARY FOR ALL OF HER HELP OVER THE YEARS. EXCUSING THE. I'M CHOKING UP ON THAT ONE. IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE, MARY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU SELLING THE FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY MORE TIME FOR EVERYBODY, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION. I APPRECIATE THAT AND I APPRECIATE WORKING WITH THIS COUNCIL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LARRY McLAUGHLIN. YOU ARE NOT DONE WITH US YET. YOU WILL STILL BE AROUND THE CITY ATTORNEY. THERE YOU GO. OKAY, NOW WE ARE ON TO STATEMENTS OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. DO WE HAVE ANY FROM ANY COUNCILMEMBERS? NO? TERRIFIC. GOING ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. COULD YOU PLEASE MANAGE THAT FOR US?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS A TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA . IT IS A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR 20 MINUTES. PUBLIC COMMENT IS TWO MINUTES EACH. WE WILL GO FIRST IN CHAMBERS AND THEN GO OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA, I AM SEEING NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY AND UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR PLEASE WAIT TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY.

LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR US? IT IS A LITTLE FUZZY, I GOT A NEW SPEAKERPHONE . CAN YOU HEAR ME ALL RIGHT? I CAN HEAR YOU JUST FINE IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

OKAY, SO ANYWAY, RECENTLY -- FOUND OUT ABOUT A WEEK AGO THAT THERE IS IS A NEW PROJECT PLANNED -- BEHIND O'REILLY BUILDING 6.1 ACRES THERE IS A PROPOSAL AND A PLAN ALL ELECTRIC SOLAR POWER 224 TOWNHOUSE CONDOS CONTAINING THEIR OWN ELEVATOR. THE HISTORIC APPLE ORCHARD CURRENTLY IS. I GOT MY HANDS ON THE TRAFFIC REPORT ON HUNDRED PAGE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, IT IS ASTOUNDING BUT IT IS EYE-OPENING ABOUT HOW ALL OF THESE PROJECTS GET APPROVED BECAUSE NOBODY READS THIS STUFF. NOBODY READS IT, YOU KNOW? IT IS FULL OF WORDS AND NUMBERS. THE POINT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GETS THE MOST ATTENTION, THE TRAFFIC PART OF IT, THEIR OWN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF

684 CARS DAILY, VEHICLES ON DAILY TRIPS FROM THAT ONE PROJECT WHICH WILL CONTAIN BETWEEN THREE AND 400 PEOPLE ON THIS CONTAMINATED SITE --

LINDA, YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR THAT IS NOT RECOGNIZED. I AM SUGGESTING EVERYBODY GET THEIR HANDS ON THE TRAFFIC IMPACT REPORTS FOR ALL OF THESE, THERE ARE NINE OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE WORKS TOO. THIS IS JUST NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC.

LINDA, THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS IF THERE IS SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. SEEING NONE THAT I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE ON THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR WAV TO GET MY ATTENTION. I SEE NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED. I SEE NO FURTHER HANDS OFF THE HOOK. NO ONE IS TRYING TO GET MY ATTENTION. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR . I ALSO WANTED TO INDICATE FOR THE PUBLIC, AS I LOOK AT OUR MEETING MANAGEMENT, MY GOAL IS TO TRY TO GET US DONE WITH THIS MEETING BY 10:00 P.M. AT THE VERY LATEST, 10:30. I'M SHOOTING FOR 10:00 P.M. I NOTICED THAT HISTORICALLY WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THERE ARE OFTEN QUESTIONS THAT ARE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC AND THEN WE GET INVOLVED IN ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. I WANT TO ALERT EVERYONE THAT FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING, WHAT WE WILL DO IS CALLING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND BEING PATIENT AND RESPECTFUL OF ALL COMMENTS THAT ARE MADE BY THE PUBLIC, GIVING TWO MINUTES TO EACH PERSON BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE PUBLIC, WE WILL NOT BE ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS UNLESS THERE IS A PARTICULAR POINT OF MISINFORMATION THAT STAFF INDICATES WERE COUNCILMEMBERS INDICATE NEED TO BE CORRECTED. I WILL INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IF AT THE END OF THIS MEETING THEY HAVE REMAINING QUESTIONS TO GO AHEAD AND EMAIL THEM TO CITY COUNCIL. THAT WAY THE QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED. I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT DISMISSING QUESTIONS, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS MAKING SURE WE GET THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING AND ALSO ENCOURAGING YOU TO SEND THOSE QUESTIONS TO US SO THAT THEY CAN BE ANSWERED, NOT JUST FOR EFFICIENCY OF THIS MEETING, BUT HONESTLY, IF QUESTIONS ARE SUBMITTED AND STAFF HAS THE TIME TO ANSWER THEM CORRECT THE AND THROUGH THE NECESSARY RESEARCH, YOU ARE LIKELY TO GET BETTER ANSWERS. THAT IS AN ALERT AS TO HOW THE MEETING IS GOING TO BE MANAGED HERE TODAY. THE CONSENT CALENDAR, I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND READ THE VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM. I WILL READ THEN OUT AND ASK IF ANYONE WANTS TO PULL ANY OF THESE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO THE EXTENT WE HAVE THAT HAPPEN, THEN WE WILL MOVE THEM TO THE END OF THE AGENDA TODAY. FIRST, APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023. TWO, RECEIPT OF LOCAL APPOINTMENT LIST OR CITY COMMISSION, BOARD, COMMITTEES, AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2023 AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54972. THREE, RECEIPT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY, FOUR, APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES. FIVE, EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY, THIS IS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630, REQUIRES THAT THE COUNCIL REVIEW IS THE NEED FOR CONTINUING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY AT LEAST EVERY 60 DAYS UNTIL SUCH LOCAL EMERGENCY IS TERMINATED. THOSE ARE THE FIVE ITEMS, ANYONE ON THE COUNCIL WHO WOULD LIKE TO PULL ONE OF THOSE?

YES?

JUST A CLARIFICATION THAT I SENT A CORRECTION TO OUR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ON THE MINUTES, PAGE 13, PARAGRAPH THREE IS A COMMENT THAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NEYSA HINTON. ON PAGE 14, PARAGRAPH THREE, I SEND THOSE COMMENTS TO LET YOU KNOW.

YOU HAVE A CORRECTION QUESTION MARK

I DO HAVE THAT. THANK YOU.

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ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS OR WANT TO PULL? NOTHING. OKAY, I GUESS I AM LOOKING FOR A MOTION. DO WE NEED TO GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONLY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, AGAIN, IT IS TWO MINUTES VIDEO GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN OUT TO ZOOM. LOOKING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM CHAMBERS, I AM SEEING NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. THE FIRST SPEAKER I HAVE IS LINDA. LINDA, CAN YOU AND YOU YOURSELF, PLEASE? LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

CAN MAKE IT ONTO THE NEXT PERSON?

KYLE, I WILL HAVE YOU UNMUTE AND WE WILL GO BACK TO LINDA. CAN YOU AND YOU YOURSELF, PLEASE?

CAN USING THE TIMER QUESTION MARK

YES, I CAN'T GET GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

THIS IS REALLY IN REGARD TO THE COUNCIL MINUTES, AS WELL AS THINKING ABOUT THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND DOCUMENTED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, I AM KIND OF CURIOUS ABOUT THINGS LIKE AUTOMATED TRANSCRIPTS, JUST ONE BENEFIT OF HAVING MEETINGS BE HELD REMOTELY AND RECORDED IN THIS MANNER, IT IS THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AUTOMATED TRANSCRIPT AND AND BE ABLE TO PRODUCE THOSE AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD WERE ALSO PART OF THE PROCESS OF WHICH WE ARE COLLECTING MINUTES. I HOPE THIS COUNCIL REFLECTS AS A LOOK AT MINUTES AND REFLECTS ON THE MINUTES IN THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED OVER THE YEARS, MORE RECENTLY, AND THE BENEFIT THAT HAVING REMOTE MEETINGS CAN PROVIDE TO GENERATING AND CAPTURING THOSE MINUTES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KYLE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO LINDA.

LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU NOW. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BE OKAY. OKAY, ON THE APPOINTMENT TO THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, I REALIZE MAYORS DON'T ROUTINELY ANSWER QUESTIONS AND I DON'T EXPECT AN ANSWER ANYWAY, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN WHO IS OF THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF THE VECTOR CONTROL. THE PREVIOUS ONE DID A POOR JOB, YOU KNOW, WE ARE DEALING WITH AN EPIDEMIC OF TICK-BORNE DISEASES AND WE NEED TO HAVE MORE BILLBOARDS PUT UP IN ALL KINDS OF THINGS. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND TREATMENT, IT IS COSTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY NOT ACKNOWLEDGING AND TREATING LYME DISEASE, ESPECIALLY AMONGST THE HOMELESS. ALSO, ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT ON THE HOMELESS THING, THE RV VILLAGE IS JUST A FAILURE DESPITE ALL OF THE WONDERFUL GENEROSITY AND GOODWILL AND EVERYTHING --

LINDA, THIS IS -- PLEASE KEEP ON TOPIC. THIS IS THE EXTENSION OF THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY.

I AM TALKING ABOUT HOMELESS.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR COMMENT. THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT. I WAS JUST SAYING THAT IT IS A COLOSSAL DISASTER AND THE LIAISON WHO IS NOW OUR MAYOR IS A TERRIBLE FAILURE AT THIS WHOLE, WHOLE THING. THE CITY HAS ENABLED MORE DRUG USE AND GAMBLING AND THEFT. IT HAS NOT WORKED DESPITE ALL OF THE GENEROSITY.

YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS.

THAT IS ABOUT IT. I AM JUST POINTING OUT THAT EVERYTHING THE MAYOR SEEMS TO TOUCH DOESN'T TURN OUT WELL. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS AND SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO RESUME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE. I SEE NO ONE TRYING TO GET MY ATTENTION, PUBLIC COMMENT DISC

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK I AM LOOKING FOR A MOTION.
I WILL MOVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE TO BE APPROVED.

SECONDED.

CAN I AMEND THAT AS CORRECTED WITH THE MINUTES?

YES. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

THAT IS OKAY.

SO MOVED BY -- ITEMS ONE THROUGH FIVE WITH THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN?

YES.

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WE ARE NOW INTO INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS. OUR VERY FIRST ONE IS AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGET AT A GLANCE SLASH BUDGET TO DATE. THIS IS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT BEING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. WHO WILL BE LEADING THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN.

YES. THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR. AFTER I MAKE MY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND THE HIGHLIGHTS IF COUNCILMEMBER MAURER WANTS TO SPEAK. THEN WE WILL GO OVER TO THE DIRECTOR. AT THE TOP, AND WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO ESTABLISH IS THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST FIVE MONTH PERIOD AND BECAUSE OF THE FISCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY THAT WE SIGNED ON, WE DECIDED THAT WE WERE GOING TO TREAT THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND SO WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING EVERY MONTH AFTER THE AGENDA REVIEW. THAT USUALLY GETS DONE AT ABOUT 10:30 EVERY WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST OF THE MONTH AT 10:30. SO, PLEASE COME IN PERSON, PLEASE DIAL IN, AT ANY TIME, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE RECEIVING VIA THE IS NOW UNDERGOING MONTHLY REPORTS, PLEASE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MOVING ON, WE HAVE GOTTEN SOME UPDATES. THIS IS ON PAGE TWO. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THE FACT THAT IT TO THE DIRECTOR, WE ARE TRENDING AS WE HAD EXPECTED WITH OUR ADOPTED BUDGET I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT COME FIRST AND FOREMOST. I WANT TO THANK MARY FOR THE INVITING THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE FOR THE BUDGET MEETING. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THEM THAT CAME IN AND STARTED TO EXPLAIN AND GIVE US ALL A HEADS UP OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE FORTHCOMING BY WAY OF BUDGET REQUESTS TO MODIFY. I THINK THAT YOU CAN READ THE BOTTOM OF PAGE TWO, THE MIDDLE OF PAGE TWO, SOME REQUESTS ARE IN PUBLIC WORKS. SOME REQUESTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CENTER AND SOME IN REFERENCE TO OUR PROJECT THROUGH THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN COURTS. THESE ARE NOT BEFORE US NOW. IT IS JUST TO GIVE YOU THE HEADS UP, IF YOU CHECK YOUR AGENDA PACKET AND YOU LOOK AND SAY WHY ARE WE DISCUSSING THESE THINGS, HOPEFULLY IT WILL COME BACK TO YOU THAT THERE IS A REASON FOR THAT. EACH OF THE BUDGET REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION NEED TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL AND THAT IS SOMETHING NEW. THE REVENUE SOURCES WE HAVE AT THE MIDDLE OF PAGE THREE.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER AND I WENT THROUGH THEM. WE TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVEN IF WE HAD PRELIMINARILY AND THIS IS IN CONTEXT TO THE VACANCY TAX THAT OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR HAD INDICATED THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE ME BE MORE THAN \$100,000, THERE WERE FIVE SPOTS TO CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THAT. OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. WE WILL BRING IT BACK BEFORE COUNCIL AND WE WILL SEE IF IT ALL PENCILS OUT OR MAYBE IT WON'T. THOSE ARE JUST THE HIGHLIGHTS AND UNLESS YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY THEN WE WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE DIRECTOR.

THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR. GOOD EVENING. I WILL JUST GO OVER THE OUT PRINT PRESENTATION VERY BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND THEN WE CAN GO TO COUNCIL WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. SO, THE ITEM IS TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL WITH THE CITY AT FIVE MONTHS. IN THIS SLIDE, THE GENERAL FUND IS WELL PUBLICIZED WITH THE ADOPTED BUDGET OF 1.6 MILLION IN DEFICIT. THROUGH NOVEMBER, THE ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR REVENUE SHOWN ARE LESS THAN ONE OVER \$2 MILLION. THIS \$2 MILLION REPRESENTS THREE MONTHS. WE DON'T HAVE PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS HERE YET. I HAVE ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT PROPERTY

TAX WILL COME THIS WEEK. THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE FIRST DECEMBER PROPERTY TAX WILL ARRIVE VERY SOON. IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HOW THE REVENUE IS TRENDING COMPARED TO BUDGET. SO FAR, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE. AS FAR AS FOR EXPENDITURE, WE ARE AT AN AVAILABLE BUDGET OF 68.8%. SO, 3.9 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS. THIS NEXT SLIDE IS GOING INTO EACH. IT IS REPRESENTING EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS HERE AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL THROUGH NOVEMBER 30th, 2023. THIS IS A REVISED SLIDE DUE TO SOME FORMULA ERRORS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. PLEASE DO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE NOT LINEAR. SOME ARE THROUGH NOVEMBER, SOME ARE PROBABLY -- THEY PAID UP FRONT ALREADY AND SOME OF THEM MIGHT ONLY BE THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. SO, COMPARING TO THE BUDGET, WE ARE TRENDING VERY FAVORABLE. IF EVERYTHING WAS LINEAR AND YOU TAKE 100% AND DIVIDED BY 12 MONTHS, FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS, WE WOULD BE AT 58% AVAILABLE. BUT WE HAVE 68.8% HERE. IT IS TRENDING VERY FAVORABLE RIGHT NOW. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THE COUNCIL MIGHT HAVE LATER ON BUT, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT THROUGH NOVEMBER. ENTERPRISE FUND IS TRENDING AS EXPECTED. THERE WILL BE SOME BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN WAS MENTIONING EARLIER. WE WILL COME BACK TO COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE FOR BUDGET AMENDED BECAUSE OF SOME UNANTICIPATED EMERGENCY ITEMS OR OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS THAT ARE TRENDING AT TARGET, AS WELL. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THESE POTENTIAL LISTS OF REVENUE, ENHANCEMENT, IF YOU WILL, AND COLLECTIVELY WERE HOPING THAT WE COULD COME UP WITH A WAY TO INCREASE REVENUE STREAM FOR THE CITY SO THAT WE CAN LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE BUDGET DEFICIT. THAT IS A VERY BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AS FAR AS WHERE WE ARE AT WITH FIVE MONTHS. I AM AVAILABLE ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT IF COUNCIL HAS ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR US.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH BUT I THINK WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE ON THE CITY COUNCIL HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, SO I'M GOING TO START AT COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. LET'S DO TWO QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILMEMBER. THEN WE WILL SWITCH TO COUNCILMEMBER HINTON AND COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. I WILL GO LAST. IF WE CAN KEEP IT TO TWO QUESTIONS EACH FOR THIS ONE ROUND, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. IF THERE IS A SPECIFIC SLIDE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO REFERENCE, FEEL FREE TO DO THAT. LET'S START WITH COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT , WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY TRENDING FAVORABLY? I HAVE NEVER HEARD THAT TERM IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET. CAN YOU DEFINE THAT?

SO, LIKE I SAID, INSTEAD OF BEING AT 58%, IF EVERYTHING IS ALL EQUAL, IT WOULD BE AT 58.8% THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. INSTEAD, THERE IS AVAILABLE OF 68.8%. WE ARE TRYING TO CONTROL EXPENSES WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT, THAT IS WHAT I MEAN BY FAVORABLE.

OKAY, WE HAVE NOT SPENT AS MUCH AS WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO SPEND. RIGHT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION? OKAY. SO, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? OKAY, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

A COUPLE OF NUMBERS I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT, WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT OUR TOT AND YOU ARE SAYING IN THIS STAFF REPORT THAT WE ARE TRENDING AT 41,600 PER MONTH. THAT SEEMS PRETTY GOOD BUT I WAS CURIOUS OF WHAT THE BREAKDOWN IS BETWEEN OUR SINGLE HOTEL AND OUR AIRBNB PROPERTIES IN TOWN.

41,600 A MONTH, HOW MUCH COMES FROM AIRBNB PROPERTY IS, HOW MUCH -- WE ONLY HAVE ONE HOTEL IN TOWN, HOW MUCH COMES FROM THE HOTEL? IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO GET IT WHEN YOU DO HAVE IT BECAUSE THAT IS A LOT MORE THAN I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE I'M CURIOUS WHAT THE BREAKDOWN IS.

AND THEN, I HAD ANOTHER QUESTION, OH, IT IS ABOUT THE PROJECT, I GOT ON OPEN SPACE WHEN I FIRST GOT ELECTED, SO, THE REPORT IS SAYING THAT WE ARE IN POSSIBILITY OF LOSING OUR FUNDING. I KNOW THAT

THEY HAVE A LIMIT, TYPICALLY, OF FIVE YEARS FOR ANY MATCHING PROJECTS. ARE WE GOING TO LOSE OUR FUNDING? IS THIS COMING TO MIDYEAR BUDGET REQUEST OR IS THIS A REQUEST NOW THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE UP WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM? IT SEEMS A SHAME THAT THIS PROJECT HAS JUST GONE ON AND ON AND ON AND WE COULD LOSE OUR MATCH FUNDING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROJECT. I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I WOULD HAVE TO REFER THAT TO ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS, SOMEBODY BETTY.

ANYBODY ELSE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT?

FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR, THAT ITEM IS NOT UP FOR DISCUSSION TONIGHT, THAT IS JUST INFORMATION THAT THAT ITEM WILL RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE NECK CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR BUDGET REVIEW.

SO WE CANNOT ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IT?

WE ARE NOT IN DISCUSSION OF THAT ITEM.

OKAY.

I WILL TABLE THAT AND I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO AN AGENDA NEAR US FOR AGENDA SETTING REVIEW.

YES.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND IN HERE, HOW ARE WE DOING WITH THE BUDGETING WITH THE RETENTION MONEY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT? WE HAD ONLY GIVEN 40,000. I WAS CURIOUS WHERE WE WERE OUT BUT THAT BIT HOW MUCH WE SPENT WITH THAT.

WE PAID HALF OF THE 40,000 SO FAR.

OKAY. THAT IS GOOD TO KNOW. THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

NOT AT THE MOMENT BUT I KNOW THAT WE RECEIVED EMAILS ABOUT ERRORS AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU FIX THEM.

I DO APOLOGIZE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I REPORTED FOR THE COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL, I AM A LITTLE BIT RUSTY.

YOU HAVE CORRECTED THOSE NUMBERS?

I HAVE CORRECTED THOSE NUMBERS.

IT IS NOT THE CONTENT OF THE NUMBER, IT IS A FORMULA THAT DID NOT CARRY ALL THE WAY DOWN. AND THEN THERE IS A COLUMN THAT DID NOT TAKE THE RIGHT COLUMN

WE DO NOW HAVE THE CORRECTION?

YOU AND THE WEBSITE DO HAVE THE CORRECT VERSION OF THE CORRECTED ERROR. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST, THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE QUESTION. IN REGARDS TO YOUR COMMENT ABOUT EXPENSES, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WOULD'VE EXPECTED TO HAVE SPENT APPROXIMATELY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU EXPECTED TO HAVE 58%, YOU EXPECT DID US TO HAVE SPENT 42%.

OKAY, THANK YOU. INSTEAD, IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SPENT MORE LIKE 35% OR SO. SO FAR. BUT YOU DID INDICATE THAT MANY OF THE EXPENSES, THEY AREN'T IN A QUARTERLY PATTERN THAT SOME OF THE EXPENSES THAT WE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PAY, ARE THEY AT THE END OF THE YEAR, IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY THAT? DO THEY COME LATER IN THE YEAR?

SOME COULD BE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR. SOME COULD BE TOWARDS THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE YEAR. BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE THIRD QUARTER, YOU WILL KNOW MORE AS FAR AS HOW IT IS TRENDING WITH BUDGET.

MY NEXT QUESTION WAS DIRECTED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, IT LOOKS LIKE, CAN WE EXPECT TO GET QUARTERLY REPORTS MOVING FORWARD, IS THAT THE PLAN?

THE PLAN IS TO GET SOMETHING OUT EVERY MONTH BECAUSE WE ARE NOW MEETING EVERY MONTH. REGARDLESS OF IF IT IS THE SAME INFORMATION OR NOT, WE ARE GOING TO KEEP REPORTING OUT EVERY MONTH. I'M HOPING, AGAIN, THAT THE PUBLIC IS PAYING JUST AS MUCH ATTENTION AS WE ARE. IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE, SEND IT, PROBABLY SEND IT THROUGH MARY AND SHE WILL MAKE **Agenda Item Number: 4** FOR SEND IT DIRECTLY TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. BUT WE JUST **City Council Meeting Packet of** CURRENT AS POSSIBLE WHEN SOMETHING GROWS THROUGH. PROPER **Page 77 of 315** NAMES SHOULD

HOPEFULLY COME THROUGH. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS OUT AS SOON AS WE GET IT, SEND IT OUT TO EVERYONE SO EVERYONE IS IN THE LOOP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

OKAY, I HAVE SOME COMMENTS BUT I WILL WAIT UNTIL THEN. CAN WE GO BACK TO COUNCILMEMBER MAURER? VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, GO AHEAD.

I GUESS THIS IS A QUESTION FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, SINCE WE DID DEEP CUTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE TRENDING FAVORABLY. DO WE EXPECT OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO COME BACK FOR MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW TO MAKE REQUESTS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE CUT THAT HAS SHORTED THEM TRYING TO HELP THE CITY OUT. NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY. IS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE THINKING OF THAT WAR?

WE ARE NOT DOING BUDGET COMMITTEE, THIS IS DECIDED A WHILE BACK. WE ARE NOT DOING MIDYEAR ADJUSTMENTS. WHAT WE DECIDED ON BEFORE IS BECAUSE WE ARE IN A FISCAL SITUATION THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY DO THAT UPON REQUEST AND THEN BRING IT FULL TO THE COUNCIL. AT ANY TIME IF THEY HAVE AN EMERGENT NEED, SOMETHING COMES UP, THEN THEY KNOW TO CONTACT MARY OR OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER TO ALERT US AND THEN BASED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO FACTOR THAT IN AND GIVE REPORTS OUT. DOES THAT HELP?

IT DOES HELP, BUT I AM WONDERING ABOUT THINGS LIKE COMMUNITY GRANTS, JOE BROUGHT UP THE FIRE. THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE BUDGET CONSERVATIVELY AND WE MIGHT WANT TO REVISIT THEM. I AM WONDERING IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT IS A FULL COUNCIL.

IF THAT IS THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL, THEN AT OUR NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL BE TOMORROW, WE CAN DEVISE A MEMO SENDING IT OUT TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS TO SAY SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU SAID, THAT WAY THEY CAN REPORT OUT AND YOU GUYS CAN HEAR THOSE REQUESTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, DOES THAT SEEM RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL, I'M JUST ASKING WHAT PROCEDURE IS.

WE ARE GETTING INTO DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET OUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. YOU DO HAVE AN ANSWER?

I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND. WE ARE MEETING, JUST TO CLARIFY, WE ARE MEETING JANUARY 3rd. FIRST WEDNESDAY.

WE HAVE THESE BUDGET COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSIONS. I THINK JUST BECAUSE THE EXPENSES ARE TRENDING FAVORABLY, WE ARE STILL AT A GREAT DEFICIT. I DON'T THINK IT MEANS THAT WE CAN START PAYING FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS, WE NEED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET FIRST. THERE ARE EMERGENCY THINGS THAT ARE COMING UP LIKE THE POLL HAD EMERGENCY REPAIRS , THE TRAIL, LIKE YOU MENTIONED, IT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED. THERE WERE SOME THINGS WITH PUBLIC WORKS LIKE NUMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THIS YEAR THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. THINGS LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THINGS BUT WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY GOING OUT AND SPENDING A BUNCH MORE MONEY.

THAT IS THE WAY I SEE IT.

IS THE MEETING MANAGER HERE, I'M GOING TO BRING US BACK TO QUESTIONS. WE CANNOT FURTHER DISCUSSION LATER ON, WE NEED TO GET TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

I HAD A QUESTION DIRECTED AT STAFF. DOING THIS TYPE OF THING ON A MONTHLY BASIS, DOES THAT ALLOW YOU PROPER TIME TO REPAIR IF THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE THAT YOU PUT OFF BUT THOUGHT WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT MIDYEAR. IF WE CHANGE THIS PROCESS, HOW DOES THAT IMPACT ANYTHING?

I DON'T KNOW.

LET'S TURN TO OUR CITY MANAGER.

AS THE VICE MAYOR INDICATED AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING IT BY MEANS OF SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS ON UPCOMING AGENDAS. SO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD SAW A COUPLE IN THE REPORT TONIGHT, ANTICIPATING THAT A COUPLE OF THESE ITEMS WILL COME BACK AS REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS. IF COUNCIL GOES FORWARD INTO NEXT YEAR, YOU MIGHT TAKE A LOOK ON HOW THIS IS DONE. WE CAN HAVE AN ABBREVIATED MIDYEAR BUDGET PROCESS TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS IN A SHORT MANNER. IT KIND OF BECAME A MUCH LARGER HEARING PROCESS. I THINK THAT

IS THE REASON WE GOT AWAY FROM IT. YOU WILL SEE THIS COME BACK AS REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS. Agenda Item Number: 4

OKAY, THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT? NO. OKAY, GOOD.

TO ADDRESS , THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TLT, 85% OF THAT IS -- \$35,000 OF THAT FROM ONE HOTEL.

USEFUL INFORMATION.

CAN YOU MANAGE THAT?

THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET PRESENTATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, AGAIN, I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST FOR TWO MINUTES AND THEN I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET PRESENTATION. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

THERE YOU GO. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THE BUDGET PRESENTATION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY, UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR WAV TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY.

LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

HEAR ME?

GO AHEAD WITH PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

SPEAKING OF THE BUDGET, --

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SENDING THE INFORMATION. SO, ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU CORRECT ME IF I AM MISTAKEN ABOUT THE BALANCE OF THE \$5 MILLION LOAN -- NOT AWARE THAT THEY TOOK OUT A COUPLE YEARS AGO. THE INFORMATION I HAVE IN MY HANDS ANNUAL PAYMENT HERE ON INTO 2036. ALMOST HALF \$1 MILLION. 374,000 EVERY YEAR ON INTO 2036 WITH A BALANCE OF 4,000,300 -- YOU DID NOT KNOW THAT THIS WAS INCLUDED IN \$2.2 BILLION THAT WAS TOTALLY WASTED FOR WIRELESS WATER METERS.

30 SECONDS.

1.25 MILLION OF THAT WENT RIGHT OFF THE TOP -- PLEASE CONFIRM OR DENY MY FIGURES. THIS GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH THE CITY KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH THIS LEADERSHIP PRESENTLY INCLUDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

BACK INTO CHAMBERS. KYLE?

THE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE TAKING THIS OPTION AND COMING FORWARD AND BEING REGULARLY AGENDAS AND BEING ABLE TO PRODUCE A REPORT LIKE THIS WITH UPDATED NUMBERS, WHAT WE SAW TONIGHT IS THAT THERE IS REVENUE THAT IS HIGHER THAN WHAT IS PROJECTED AND WE ARE SEEING EXPENSES THAT ARE LOWER THAN PROJECTED. REMEMBER, PLEASE, THAT IT WAS THESE REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS THAT WERE THE SOLE BASIS OF EVIDENCE THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR A FISCAL EMERGENCY. SO LONG WITH THAT, BACKTRACKING, THINKING ABOUT THE 10% CUTS THAT HAPPENED ACROSS MANY DEPARTMENTS, WE HEARD ABOUT THE LOSS OF COMMUNITY GRANTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF LOSSES OF COMMON GOOD AT HELPING AS A RESULT OF BUDGET PROCESSING WHEN WE CHOOSE TO BE AGGRESSIVE WITH THE PREDICTION THAT WE ARE MAKING IN THE CITY. WE ARE SEEING A RESULT OF THAT. SO MUCH TIME IN THIS COUNCIL WAS SPENT DEBATING OVER THINGS LIKE PROPERTY TAX OR SALES TAX AS A RESULT OF PREDICTIONS THAT WERE NOT ACCURATE TO WHAT WE SEE TODAY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT I SAW WAS SO BRIEFLY MENTIONED TONIGHT WAS THE ENTERPRISE FUND. I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR BACK IT WAS, AN AMAZING PRESENTATION WITH RAISING THE RATES ON OUR WATER AND SEWAGE RATE BY 75%, PLUS SO MANY OTHER MAGICAL, MAGICAL PREDICTIONS IN THAT SPACE. TONIGHT, ALL WE SAW WAS WHAT THE REVENUES WERE AND WE DID NOT TOUCH THE BASES ON WHAT THOSE EXPENDITURES WERE. THERE WAS AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION ABOUT THESE ALLOCATIONS OF EXPENDITURES.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

BUT I WOULD REALLY HOPE TO SEE IS SOME EXPLANATION OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS THAT Agenda Item Number: 4 PUBLIC WORKS AND TO FINANCE THAT ARE COMING City Council Meeting Parks of THERE SHOULD BE SOME CLEAR JUSTIFICATION OF THAT MONEY THAT Page 79 of 315 BEEN SPENT

IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS OR DIRECTLY TIED TO THOSE ENTERPRISING FUNDS. THANK YOU. Agenda Item Number: 4

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM . PLEASE RAISE YOUR PHONE MUTUALLY OR WAV TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY. MAX, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR PHONE?

YES, THANK YOU. JUST TWO QUICK COMMENTS ON THE REVENUE-GENERATING SIDE, I KNOW A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE SPENT A LOT OF TIME LOOKING AT HOW TO RAISE REVENUE FROM THE CITY, TWO SMALL WAYS, I HEARD SOME STATISTIC IN A PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WE SELL OUR WATER TO THOSE OF FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES THAT PICK UP WATER DOWN BY WHERE YOUR MEETING IS. I THINK OBVIOUSLY THOSE OF US THAT LIVE IN THE CITY THAT PAY OUR WATER INTO AIR HAVE GOT INCREASED BILLS.

I WOULD HAPPY TO SEE THAT RAISED . ALSO, SPEEDING TICKETS, I AM SURE IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE, THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE SPEEDING AROUND TOWN, IF SOME OF OUR POLICE RESOURCE, THE BIGGEST EXPENDITURE IN OUR BUDGET, COULD ALSO LEAN TOWARDS RAISING MONEY, I DON'T PERSONALLY KNOW IF SPEEDING TICKETS GET THE CITY ANY INCOME, BUT IF THEY DO, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE MORE OF THAT. THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY COMMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS BUT IF THERE IS ANYONE I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET PRESENTATION BUT I'M SEEING NONE. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR PLEASE WAV TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY. I SEE NO HANDS VIRTUALLY AND NO ONE TRYING TO GET MY ATTENTION VIRTUALLY. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BACK AT COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THE TWO OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE.

KNOW. PLEASE SEND IN COMMENTS. THERE ARE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE NUMBERS AND HOW STEADY THEY ARE, BUT IF YOU HAVE IT, JUST TYPE A FEW SENTENCES, SEND IT TO MARY OR DIRECTLY TO THE TWO OF US. PROBABLY THROUGH MARY BECAUSE EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH MARY. SHE WILL MAKE SURE NOTHING IS LOST. THIS IS A GROUP EFFORT. IF YOU HAVE OTHER THOUGHTS, PLEASE TYPE THEM AND SEND THEM. THANK YOU.

THE EMAIL , THE BEST ONE AND THAT GOES AUTOMATICALLY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THIS CITY COUNCIL THAT MARY ALSO MONITORS.

YES, I DO BELIEVE WE WILL BE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS IN OUR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. I JUST WANTED THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT.

SO, NOW WE ARE HERE WITH DISCUSSION, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO START WITH?

I LEAVE IT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHAT THE BEST PROCESS IS , WHETHER WE HAVE A LITTLE ROOM TO BRING BACK SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE NIXED EARLIER IN THE YEAR, I CAN ALSO APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN BRINGING BACK SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS. BECAUSE WE HAVE A BIG WORK CALENDAR, TO GROUP SOME THINGS TOGETHER. LIKE WE DID BEFORE, PREVIOUS, THE MIDYEAR BUDGET DISCUSSION MIGHT BE A GOOD USE OF OUR TIME FOR TRYING TO RUN EFFICIENT MEETINGS INSTEAD OF ALWAYS HAVING A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. THAT WOULD BE MY FEEDBACK.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AT THIS POINT?

JUST THAT I APPRECIATE THE PUBLIC IN THEIR DILIGENCE IN CHECKING ALL OF THESE NUMBERS. IN IS A GROUP EFFORT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE GO FORWARD, I KNOW THAT YOU WORK HARD IN FINANCE, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DIAL IT IN AND IT IS EASIER IF WE ARE DILIGENT WITH THE FORMULAS. THAT IS ALL.

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE FIRST OF ALL, AS I THINK IT WAS POINTED OUT, ALTHOUGH ARGUABLY, EVEN IF WE ACCEPTED IT, IT LOOKS MORE FAVORABLE NOW THAN WE WOULD'VE ANTICIPATED, THAT Agenda Item Number: 4 City Council Meeting Packet of ANYWHERE NEAR TO ADDRESSING OUR PROJECTED \$ Page 80 of 115 MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE IS TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE LOOKING A BETTER IN

TERMS OF THE NUMBERS, WE NEED TO USE THAT TO REDUCE OUR PROJECTED DEFICIT. WE DON'T SEE A SWING THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT WE HAVE \$1.67 MILLION COMING IN AND EXPECT, SO THAT IS MY FIRST COMMENT. PERSONALLY, I AM NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY REASSESSMENT OF LARGE EXPENDITURES THAT WOULD BRING US CLOSER TO 1.677 MILLION. I AM PLEASED THAT WE MAY HAVE GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT FURTHER ALONG, MY GENERAL COMMENT, WHICH IS CAUSING ME SOME CONCERN AND THIS IS DIRECTED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD NOW ACCEPTING THIS AS BEING MORE FAVORABLE. I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT THIS IS MORE FAVORABLE. I KNOW THAT THE REVENUE LOOKS LIKE IT IS BETTER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED FIVE MONTHS IN, I ALSO HEAR THAT THE EXPENSES ARE LOWER THAN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED IF YOU LOOK AT IT AS A QUARTER OF THE YEAR. I AM ALSO HEARING THAT THERE ARE MANY EXPENDITURES THAT AREN'T GOING TO COME IN UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR. SO I SAY THIS IN ORDER TO THEN ASK, IS THERE A WAY, WHEN WE GET REPORTS BACK FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, TO GIVE US SOME REFERENCE POINT THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO ASSESS IF FOR THIS POINT IN THE YEAR WE ARE WHERE WE EXPECT TO BE GIVEN THE WAY THAT MONEY FLOWS IN AND MONEY FLOWS OUT OR ARE WE BETTER OR WORSE. FOR INSTANCE, I WOULD THINK YOU COULD LOOK AT PRIOR YEARS AND SEE A PATTERN. HOW MUCH DO WE EXPECT TO BE HAVING AT THIS POINT. I LEAVE THAT WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS A THOUGHT. OTHERWISE, IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE IN A MORE FAVORABLE POSITION AND THAT TROUBLES ME UNLESS IT IS ACCURATE. SO THAT IS MY GENERAL COMMENT. ANY OTHER?

JUST SOME REASSURANCE THAT IN THE STAFF REPORT IT DOES SAY THE BUDGET IS TRENDING AS INTENDED PROJECTED WITH OVERALL EXPENDITURES TRACKING. SO, I THINK THAT IS THE MAIN MESSAGE.

THAT IS THE BASICALLY THAT WAS IN THE STAFFING REPORT.

WHEN TERMS LIKE MORE FAVORABLE START GETTING TOSSED AROUND.

WE ALL STARTED THINKING MAYBE WE CAN BRING BACK SOME OF THESE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS. IS THIS AN ACTION ITEM? DOES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE NEED ANY ACTION FROM US?

THIS IS JUST RECEIPT OF THE PRESENTATION. YOU DO NOT NEED A MOMENT -- MOTION.

ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM STAFF BEFORE WE MOVE ON. ANYTHING ELSE FROM BUDGET COMMITTEE. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. YEAH, THANK YOU TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE REGULAR REPORTS, THAT IS VERY HELPFUL. I THINK YOU ARE HEARING THAT FROM EVERYONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS NOW 7:00, WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND MOVE IT ALONG HERE. WE ARE GOING TO REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR A DISCUSSION OR ACTION. OUR VERY FIRST ITEM IS POLICE DEPARTMENT AUDIT UPDATE REPORT OUT OF STATUS OF ACTIONS. THIS COMES FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF, RON NELSON.

THANK YOU, NOT A MAYOR. SO, AS MOST KNOW, JERRY WAS HIRED BY THE CITY IN 2020 WITH AN AUDIT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE HIRING OF DON MOORE AND THE HIRING OF MYSELF IF YOU YEARS LATER. PROVIDED HIM UNFETTERED ACCESS TO THE STAFF AND RECORDS HE WANTED TO REVIEW. ON JUNE 17, 2021, HE PROVIDED HIS REPORT AND THE FORMER POLICE TO PROVIDED SEVERAL PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LAST OF WHICH OCCURRED ON JANUARY 4th, 2022. IDENTIFIED 140 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HE FELT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT 131 HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. IN THE PRIOR REPORTS, THE PRIOR CHIEF HAD DEVELOPED AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET WHICH PROVIDED SOME LIMITED ABILITY TO GO IN DEPTH ON SOME OF THE RESPONSES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS. I HEARD THAT FEEDBACK SO I REVAMPED THE REPORT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION WITH SOME CITATIONS REGARDING POLICY, CURRENT STATE OF LAWS AND WHATNOT. HOPEFULLY ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THE GOAL OF MORE TRANSPARENCY AND MORE INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE PUBLIC AND FOR OUR COUNCIL. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT 131 OF THE 140 RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. IN MY OPINION, I THINK THAT NUMBER NEEDS A LITTLE BIT OF AN ASTERISK TO IT. IN THE SPIRIT OF THINGS, YES YOU CAN SAY 131 OF THEM HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BUT UPON DOING A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THEM THAT ABOUT 120 OF THEM HAD BEEN FULLY ACCOMPLISHED, HOWEVER, THERE WERE

ADDITIONAL STEPS THAT COULD OCCUR WITH SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SUCH AS POLICY REVISION, SOME LANGUAGE INCLUSION IN SOME OF OUR POLICIES TO FULLY MEET THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PROVIDED. SO, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH A TARGET DATE OF JUNE 1st, 2024. THERE ARE 12 THAT I HAVE INCLUDED ON AN ACTION LIST AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT, APPROXIMATELY HUNDRED AND 32 OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. THE REASON FOR THAT DATE IS THE BULK OF THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED HAVE TO DO WITH POLICY LANGUAGE, INCORPORATING CERTAIN LANGUAGE INTO OUR POLICIES. WE ARE UNDERGOING A COMPLETE REVIEW OF OUR ENTIRE POLICY MANUAL WITH 150 POLICIES, WHICH IS QUITE EXHAUSTED AND QUITE LABOR-INTENSIVE. IT IS GOING TO BE A PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS. THE GOAL IS TO HAVE IT DONE BY JUNE 1st. EIGHT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, WHICH I WILL BREAK DOWN AND EXPLAIN IN DETAIL, REGARDING EACH OF THOSE EIGHT INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS. SOME OF THOSE ARE DUE TO BUDGET AND LOGISTICAL ISSUES, OTHERS HAVE TO DO WITH LIABILITY, PRACTICALITY AND BREAK, PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS. IN THE LAST REPORT, THERE WERE NUMEROUS ITEMS THAT WERE LISTED AS ONGOING, I THINK YOU WILL FIND IN THIS CURRENT REPORT, I DID NOT USE THAT TERM. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IN THIS REPORT EITHER THE RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, WILL BE A MEMBER IMPLEMENTED OR WILL NOT BE. NOW, IT IS TRUE, ONGOING IS A TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS FOR THE MAJORITY OF THINGS THAT GOVERN US. THE PRACTICES WE ENGAGE IN, THE DEPARTMENTAL PHILOSOPHIES, DIRECTIVES AND POLICIES. THERE IS A CONSTANT ONGOING REVIEW AND CHANGE THAT RESULT FROM OUR DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS, CASE LAW IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING AS OUR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS GOVERNING POLICE ACT PRACTICES. IT IS -- IN THE MOST RECENT REVIEW, SOMETHING IS TAKEN PLACE. DURING THE COURSE OF WHAT WE DO, WE CONDUCT ALL TYPES OF REVIEW, IF IT IS NEEDED TO UPDATE A POLICY DUE TO A CASE LAW CHANGE OR IDENTIFYING A NEW RELEVANT TRAINING THAT PRESENTS NEW IDEAS TO OUR STAFF AND WHEN WE BECOME AWARE OF THOSE, WE LOOK AT THOSE AND SEE IF WE CAN IMPLEMENT THOSE TRAININGS INTO OUR REPERTOIRE. THE USE OF FORCE TO SEE IF WE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE OUTCOME WITHOUT RESORTING TO FORCE. IF THAT REQUIRES A MODIFICATION OF OUR TRAININGS, TACTICS, PRACTICES, POLICY, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THOSE THINGS THAT MIGHT NEED TO TAKE PLACE. OPERATIONALLY, DAILY, WE LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING, HOW WE ARE DOING IT, HOW CAN WE IMPROVE, AND CONTINUING WITH OUR PHILOSOPHY OF BEING A PROGRESSIVE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT IMPLEMENTS THE BEST PRACTICES WITH INNOVATIONS THAT ALIGN WITH WHAT OUR COMMUNITY DESIRES AND EXPECTS FROM US. MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OUR CURRENT POLICY, WHICH IS ALSO UNDERGOING A REVISION, WHICH I MENTIONED. MANY OF THOSE POLICIES WERE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THINGS IDENTIFIED. WE STARTED THAT WORK FROM DAY ONE WHEN WE STARTED WORKING TOGETHER. WE IMMEDIATELY, AND DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WAS STRUCTURAL LACKING. ACCOUNTABILITY LACKING, THERE WERE PROCEDURES THAT WERE LACKING IN OUR POLICY MANUAL HAD SAT IN DRAFT FORM SINCE 2016. WE IMMEDIATELY UNDERTOOK THOSE THINGS TO START MOVING THIS DEPARTMENT FORWARD AND BRING IT CONCURRENT WITH MODERN BEST PRACTICES. A LOT OF THE THINGS WERE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO THE FINAL REPORT. ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WERE HAD WITH HIM WHO SHOWED HIS INSIGHTS AND THOUGHTS WITH US BUT OFTEN WITH US BEING IN TOTAL AGREEMENT AND TELLING THEM THAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN IMPLEMENTING AND WE WERE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH HIM REGARDING THOSE SUGGESTIONS. THERE FOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DIRECTLY TIE IN A CHANGE IN POLICY DIRECTLY TO A RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS MADE BY THE FINAL REPORT WHEN IT CAME OUT. IN SOME CASES, THAT ABSOLUTELY IS FACTUAL. ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE ACTION ITEMS SECTION OF THE REPORT AND PRESENTING TO YOU, MY REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY INFLUENCED ME TO AGREE WITH WHAT WAS BEING RECOMMENDED IN MY DECISION TO

GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RESULT IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I CONCUR WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. Agenda Item Number: 4

THOSE ARE AT THE END OF THE REPORT, CORRECT?

THAT IS CORRECT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

I WILL START WITH RECOMMENDATION, NUMBER 46.13, WHICH IS LISTED ON PAGE 21 OF MY REPORT. RECOMMENDS THAT WE -- TASER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY LETHAL FORCE OPTIONS. IT IS TRUE, TASERS CANNOT -- CAN BE LETHAL IF THEY ARE USED IMPROPERLY, SOAKING BATONS, SO CONFESS, SO CAN A FLASHLIGHT, BOOTS, OR ANY OTHER PLANT OBJECT. LESS LETHAL DOES NOT MEAN NON-LETHAL.

I'M GOING TO STOP YOU FOR A MINUTE.

SURE. THE PUBLIC CAN SEE WE ARE ON PAGE 2147. IT IS 46.17. I THINK YOU CAN KEEP SPEAKING WHEN I LOOK AT THE TEXT OF THIS, THERE IS NOT MUCH MORE THAN WHAT YOU SAID.

I MISSPOKE, IT IS ON PAGE 20 OF THE REPORT.

SO, AS I WAS IN, LESS LETHAL DOESN'T MEAN NOT NONLETHAL. THE TOOL IS DESIGNATED AS A LESS LETHAL TOOL THAT CAN BE FATAL IF USED IMPROPERLY AND WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING.

I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT FOR A MINUTE HERE SO WE UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE GOING. YOU ARE GOING TO BE COVERING THE ITEMS THAT YOU EXPECT TO CONCLUDE BY JUNE 1st OF 2024?

I AM ADDRESSING SPECIFICALLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL NOT BE.

WILL NOT BE. YOU ARE GOING TO GO OVER THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED AT ALL . WE DO HAVE THE REPORT IN FRONT OF US. IF YOU CAN JUST TRY TO SUMMARIZE FOR US BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION TO COVER, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS, WE CAN ASK.

TEASERS ARE NOT LETHAL DEVICES, THEY ARE NOT DEEMED BY THE COURTS AS BEING LETHAL DEVICES. TO DEEM THEM AS SUCH IS GOING TO HANDCUFF A LITTLE BIT MORE SO TO SPEAK. UNDER 835 LETTER A OF THE PENAL CODE, TO USE DEADLY FORCE AGAINST SOMEBODY, THERE HAS TO BE AN IMMINENT THREAT OF GREAT BODILY HARM OR FATALITY. WHETHER IT IS ON A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OR THE POLICE. IMMINENT HAS A SPECIFIC DEFINITION. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE DO NOT TAKE ACTION, THEN THAT ACTION IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. THAT FATALITY IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. IT IS GOING TO INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO UTILIZE WHAT IS BEEN PROVEN TO BE A VERY, VERY, VERY SAFE AND EFFECTIVE TOOL. YES, THERE HAVE BEEN FATALITIES, BUT THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN 5 MILLION FIELD USES OF THE TASER AND 99.75% OF THOSE FIELD USES HAVE NOT EVEN RESULTED IN A SERIOUS INJURY. SO, IT IS A VERY SAFE, VERY STEADY TOOL.

THE FIRST 20 WOULD NOT IMPLEMENT IS NOT CONSIDERING -- HE WOULDN'T CONSIDER CHANGING OR TREATING A TASER AS LETHAL.

YOU HAVE EIGHT OF THESE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO IMPLEMENT. I'M GOING TO CHANGE THE FORMAT A LITTLE BIT HERE. YOU STATED THAT. I EXPECT THESE EIGHT ARE THE ONES THAT MIGHT GET SOME SUSPENSEFUL DISCUSSION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ON THAT PARTICULAR ITEM, GO AHEAD?

THANK YOU. SO, THAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF TEASERS OR HAVE YOU ACTUALLY REACHED OUT TO OTHER SIMILAR POLICE AGENCIES WERE IT IS A SIMILAR DEMOGRAPHIC?

THIS IS BASED UPON STUDIES. I CAN TRADE -- A 2018 ARTICLE, BASED ON THEIR STUDY CONDUCTED ENERGY USE WAS THE POST MODALITY LEAST LIKELY TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT INJURY OVERALL OTHER USES OF FORCE TOOLS.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE TASER ITEM? OKAY, GO AHEAD, NEXT ITEM.

46.19 ON PAGE 21 , RECOMMENDING THAT ANY THREAT OF FORCE SHOULD BE DEEMED USE OF FORCE. WE ARE REQUIRED TO ISSUE WARNINGS WHENEVER PRACTICABLE IF WE THINK THAT FORCE MAY BE APPLIED. IT IS JUST THAT, IT IS A STATEMENT TO A SUBJECT, WE NEED YOU TO COMPLY WITH US, PLEASE DO WHAT WE ARE ASKING TO DO. WE DO NOT WANT TO HURT YOU OR YOU MAY BE TASED. YOU MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN. WE TRY TO BE SPECIFIC WHEN WE MAY HAVE TO SHOOT YOU, YOU NEED TO DROP THE KNIFE. TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO BE Agenda Item Number: 4
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DEEMED USE OF FORCE IS GOING TO POTENTIALLY EXPOSE US TO MORE CIVIL LIABILITY FROM EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE LAWSUITS AND THERE IS NOT A LEGAL STANDARD ANYWHERE OR A CASE LAW OR COURT CASES, THE LAW OF THE LAND THAT HAS DEEMED A WARNING OR PART OF WHAT POLICE ARE TAUGHT TO DO NATIONWIDE IS TO HAVE A PRESENCE AND TO ALSO USE YOUR VERBAL SKILLS BEFORE YOU HAVE TO RESULT TO ANY PHYSICAL TYPE OF FORCE. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DO THAT.

ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT? NOT TREATING A WARNING AS FORCE.

THAT WOULD APPLY, YOUR STATEMENT OR OPINION WOULD APPLY IN ALL OBSERVATIONS WITH SOMEONE GOING TO MENTAL HEALTH DECOMPENSATION.

WE ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE ESCALATION TACTICS BY WHATEVER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE TO US. THAT IS UP TO AND INCLUDING CALLING AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, IF WE NEED TO AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SO. SO, SOMEONE IS DECOMPENSATING, WE ARE EXPECTING TO UTILIZE CRISIS NEGOTIATION TAXES, CERTIFIED CRISIS NEGOTIATORS IF NEED BE AND WE HAVE THE TIME AND ABILITY TO DO IT TO REACH OUT TO CLINICAL PSYCHIATRISTS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE SCENE.

WHATEVER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE TO US AT THE TIME, IF PRACTICAL TO DO SO, WE ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO DO SO.

OKAY, THANK YOU. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

WHAT WAS THE NUMBER ON THAT ONE?

4619.

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT. YOUR THIRD ITEM. FOR 6.26 ON PAGE 24. RECOMMENDS THAT WE PARTNER WITH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO DECREASE POTENTIAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS.

I DON'T DISAGREE WITH UNNECESSARILY, I THINK THERE HAVE TO BE SOME PERIMETER SURROUNDING IT, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, THERE WOULD BE A COST TO DOING THAT BADLY ARE LIKELY NOT ABLE TO HIRE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PERSON WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT COST. THE OTHER THING IS, WE OTHER -- RUN A VERY STRUCTURED, MODERN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I ALWAYS GO TO WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE TRYING TO SOLVE? WE HAVE HAD NO COMPLAINTS REGARDING EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE, NO LAWSUITS, NO SETTLEMENTS WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE NAMES IN THE LAST DECADE THAT I'M AWARE OF AND WE HAVE VERY FEW, RELATIVELY FEW USES OF FORCE PER YEAR. WE HAD 12 AND 2022, LESS THAN ONE A MONTH. IT IS ANYTHING FROM HAVING TO FORCE A PERSON'S HANDS BEHIND THEIR BACK BECAUSE WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO PUT THEIR HANDS BEHIND THEIR BACK UP TO AND INCLUDING ANY DEADLY FORCE INCIDENTS WHICH WE HAVEN'T HAD IN THE IN OVER 10 YEARS. WE HAVE HAD ONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO IT AT THIS POINT I DON'T BELIEVE.

THERE ARE COST ISSUES AND BELIEFS IF IT IS NECESSARY. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THIS ITEM, WHICH IS TO NOT PURSUE THE PARTNER. GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR.

I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION FOR SURE. IT SOUNDS LIKE IN YOUR RESPONSE TO OTHER ITEMS THAT IN THE MEANTIME, YOU ARE GOING TO BE OPENING YOURSELF UP ON A QUARTER BASIS AND YOU ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE MEETING WERE INVITING PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT MARGINALIZED GROUPS. SO IF THEY HAVE THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THEM AND THAT IS SORT OF THE ANSWER UNTIL WE CAN FIND ONE.

IT IS CORRECT. A SERIES OF UNITY MEETINGS REACHING OUT TO THOSE SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION. IN ADDITION, I HAVE AN INTEREST IN FORMING, I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF A NICE ACRONYM FOR IT YET, BUT SIMILAR TO WHAT AN ADVISORY BOARD WOULD BE WHERE I NEED REGULARLY, QUARTERLY WITH A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME AND THE GOAL IS TO COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT. I HAVE NO PROBLEM REVIEWING RECENT USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS THAT WE HAVE HAD OR ANY OTHER ISSUES OR CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE TO SOLICIT INPUT THAT I CAN POSSIBLY IMPLEMENT INTO OPERATION.

OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PARTNER PLEASE? OKAY. ITEM NUMBER FOUR.

THAT IS ON PAGE 30. SUGGESTING THAT WE IMPLEMENT A BANNING OF THE USE OF KINETIC WEAPONS PROJECTILES INTO A CROWD FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURPOSES. HIGHLY REGULATED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 48 IN PENAL CODE SECTION 13 652A HAVE SIGNIFICANT

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AS A TACTICAL COMMANDER, I WAS A CHEMICAL AGENTS INSTRUCTOR PREVIOUSLY, AS WELL, I AM CURRENTLY A KINETIC PROJECT DIRE -- PROJECTILE INSTRUCTOR THAT IS CERTIFIED. WHEN THE WHEELS COME OFF, SO TO SPEAK, SO THE LIKELIHOOD OF THAT HAPPENING HERE IN SEBASTOPOL IS SLIM, THAT IS WHY WE ENJOY WORKING AND LIVING HERE. TO RESTORE ORDER IS A DIFFICULT, DIFFICULT TASK. WE ARE REQUIRED BY LAW THAT THERE IS NO INDISCRIMINATE WITH PROJECTILES ON MASSES OF CROWDS. WE ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE WARNING. WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EXIT POINTS FOR PEOPLE, GIVE WARNINGS AND MULTIPLE LANGUAGE, WE CANNOT INDISCRIMINATELY FIRE AS POLICE AGENCIES ONCE DEAD, SO, IT IS HIGHLY REGULATED, BUT THE OTHER ASPECT OF THAT IS, ONCE WE HAVE GOTTEN PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE FOR THE RIGHT REASONS TO EXERCISE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, THERE HAVE BEEN PROTESTS WHERE THEY BROUGHT IN ANARCHIST AND BROUGHT IN OUTSIDERS SPECIFICALLY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS TO THROW A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL, TO START DESTROYING PROPERTY, BASICALLY CREATE CHAOS AND DISORDER. RESTORING ORDER UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE ARE VERY LIMITED TOOLS TO WHICH YOU CAN DO THAT THAT ARE EFFECTIVE. KINETIC ENERGY WEAPONS DIRECTED AT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ENGAGING IN POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GOING TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT HARM OR DAMAGE TO INDIVIDUALS OR PROPERTY IS ONE OF THOSE TOOLS. IN ADDITION IF THAT WERE TO EVER HAPPEN HERE, I WOULD ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO CALL ON MUTUAL AID. WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH A MASS SITUATION SUCH AS THAT. IF I WERE TO PUT A BLANKET PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF THESE TACTICS IN THESE TYPE OF WEAPON TREES, WE ARE ON OUR OWN. NO ONE IS GOING TO COME TO HELP US. I WILL TELL YOU THAT RIGHT NOW.

OKAY. YOU DON'T LIKE PROHIBITING THE KINETIC WEAPONS PROJECTILES FOR THE REASONS THAT YOU OUTLINED. ANY QUESTIONS?
GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR.

I UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE EXPLANATION WILL BE THE SAME EXPLANATION WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BEANBAGS. SO, MY QUESTION AGAIN IS ABOUT WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH SOMEBODY WHO CLEARLY IS DEALING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH, DECOMPENSATION. AGAIN, WHAT WOULD BE THE STEPS? I KNOW DE-ESCALATION IN SOMETHING AND SOMETHING. CAN YOU FILL IN THE REST?

VERY SIMILAR, YOU ARE CORRECT. WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND DE-ESCALATE THIS, TRYING TO TALK TO THE PERSON, TRYING TO USE EVERY TOOL WE HAVE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO USING ANY SORT OF PHYSICAL FORCE BUT A KINETIC ENERGY WEAPON IS. IF THAT WERE TO OCCUR, WE WOULD LIKELY HAVE THOSE LEFT -- LESS LETHAL TYPE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO US ON SCENE AT THE READY. SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE ARE COMPENSATING, THEY ARE HOLDING WEAPONS, THAT IS OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS PRIOR TO BEING ABLE TO TAKE THEM INTO CUSTODY AND GET THEM THE RESOURCES AND HELP THAT THEY NEED, WE NEED TO DO YOU HARM THEM. IF A POLICE OFFICER, THEY ARE NOT GETTING PAID TO APPROACH A PERSON AND GET STABBED, CLUBS, ET CETERA. WE ARE THE PERSON TO GET TO A POINT WHERE THEY CHARGE AT US AND WE HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY OR CHOICE BUT TO USE THOSE SPECIFIC TOOLS THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US BUT IT WOULD BE AS A LAST RESORT.

THANK YOU, DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

OKAY. WE HAVE FOUR MORE, RIGHT? AND WHAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THEM VERY QUICKLY.

MOVE THROUGH ALL FOUR OF THEM AND WE WILL SAVE OUR QUESTIONS FOR THOSE FOUR.

51.6 ON PAGE 38, RECOMMEND THAT WE USE A DIGITAL AND A/V TO RECORD INTERVIEWS. WE DO THAT NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT HE IS REFERRING MORE TO IS ACTUALLY HAVING A FIXED INCOME IN PLACE IN A DESIGNATED INTERVIEW ROOM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. USING A BODY CAMERA TO RECORD VIDEO AND AUDIO, IT IS SOMEWHAT CLUNKY, IT MAKES SOME PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO PLACE IT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THEM SITTING ON A TABLE, SITTING WITH THEM. SO, WE DO USE DIGITAL AND AUDIO RECORDING NOW AND WE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4 THOSE RECORDINGS FOR LOT WERE PUBLIC RECORDS AS RE CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET OF INVESTIGATION, IT IS RETAINED IN PERPETUITY UNTIL THE LOSSES WE HAVE TO PURGE

THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. MOVING FORWARD ON THE ROAD, WE DO NEED SOME UPGRADING. Agenda Item Number: 4

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GREAT. WE WILL HAVE YOU LIST THE REMAINING ITEMS AND THEN WE WILL SEE IF THERE ARE CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS, BUT THIS IS NO DIGITAL AND AUDIO RECORDING UPGRADED, I THINK. SO, GO AHEAD, NEXT BEER

51 POINT NOT ON PAGE 38, SUGGESTING THAT WE INCLUDE PRIOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION COMPLAINT DISCIPLINARY MATTERS THAT OFFICERS HAVE HAD IN THE PAST AS PART OF THE BODY IN THE INVESTIGATION. GENERALLY, THAT IS NOT BEST PRACTICE, THAT IS NOT WHAT IS CONDUCTED. THOSE THINGS ARE FACTORED IN AND GENERALLY NOTED. ONCE AN INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED THERE IS THE FACTS, THERE IS WHAT OCCURRED, THERE IS A DECISION MADE ON IF EACH ALLEGATION WAS SUSTAINED, UNBOUNDED MORE THE PERSON WAS EXONERATED. IF THERE ARE SUSTAINED ALLEGATIONS, THE CAPTAIN WRITES A SUMMARY RECORD RECOMMENDING DISCIPLINE, BUT IT IS NOT PART OF THE BODY OF THE ACTUAL INVESTIGATION, WE LET THAT STAND ON ITS OWN AND WE FACTOR ALL OF THAT IN THE END AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE MAKES THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION. WE ARE KIND OF DOING THAT, BUT IT IS NOT PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT? THAT SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT BE PROBLEMATIC.

YES. SO, WHAT YOU JUST STATED IS THAT INDUSTRY-STANDARD.

IT IS. THE TWO POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT I WORKED AT, THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, THAT IS TYPICALLY HOW IT IS DONE, IT IS TYPICALLY HOW THEY TEACH IT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION SCHOOL.

THAT IS BASED UPON YOUR EXPERIENCE WHERE?

MY EXPENSE AT THE SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OKAY.

NEXT ITEM. 52.6 AND 52.7. THEY ARE VERY, VERY SIMILAR. LANGUAGE IN THE POLICY THAT LANGUAGE TO ACTIVATE YOUR BODY WORN CAMERA RESULTS IN DISCIPLINE AND FAILURE TO ACTIVATE IS A SERIOUS VIOLATION AND CAN RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT DISCIPLINE. HE WOULD LIKE THAT IN OUR POLICY.

FRANKLY THAT IS TRUE OF EVERY POLICY WE HAVE, THAT IS WHY WE HAVE POLICIES. WE WOULD ALMOST HAVE TO PUT THAT DISCLAIMER INTO ALMOST EVERY POLICY. WE ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MAKING OFFICERS USE BODY WORN CAMERAS, THEY UNDERSTAND THAT. CONTROLLING POLICE BEHAVIOR BY A THREAT IS WHAT I DRAW AN ANALOGY TO PARENTING. YOU CAN ONLY TELL YOUR KIDS ONLY TIMES WE DON'T DO THIS OR YOU ARE GOING TO SUFFER THIS CONSEQUENCE, IT STARTS FALLING ON DEAF EARS. OUR STAFF UNDERSTANDS THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING POLICY, THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN BE SUBJECT TO AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION FOR ANY POLICY VIOLATION AND ANY POLICY VIOLATION IS A SERIOUS VIOLATION. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY HAVE BECOME TO RELY UPON THEIR BODY WORN CAMERAS. THEY KNOW THAT IT IS AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR THEM. IT TEMPER THEIR BEHAVIOR. WE HAVE SEEN THAT THROUGHOUT TIME. IT ALSO PROVIDES ACCOUNTABILITY OF FOR THE PUBLIC AS WELL. WE HAD FALSE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS WHEN WE IMMEDIATELY LET THE PERSON KNOW. BY THE WAY, WE HAVE YOU ON VIDEO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT AND THEY HAVE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN THE COMPLAINT GOOD OFFICERS UTILIZE IT DAILY AS A TOOL TO HELP THEM WRITE THEIR REPORTS AND BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE WHEN THEY ARE WRITING THESE REPORTS.

OKAY. SO ON 52.6 AND 52.7, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR POSITION IS THAT VIOLATION OF ANY POLICY IS JUST APPLIES TO THE DISCIPLINE AND YOU DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO CALL OUT. WE DON'T NEED TO THREATEN OUR POLICE OFFICERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THE ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SET THAT WE HAVEN'T DRAWN QUESTIONS ON ARE THE DIGITAL AND AUDIO RECORDING IN THE BODY WORN CAMERAS. ANY QUESTIONS ON EITHER OF THOSE? ANYONE ON THE COUNCIL? NO? OKAY. WE WILL BE WITH YOU. WE HAVE EIGHT ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE LISTED HERE THAT YOU DON'T FEEL IT Agenda Item Number: 4
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WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE. THEN YOU ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR REPORT THAT YOU ARE SAYING YOU PLAN ON COMPLETING BY JUNE OF 2024 DATE.

THAT IS CORRECT AND THEN THE REMAINING ITEMS , YOUR EXPECTATION IS TO WORK ON THEM AS A POLICY ITEMS MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR TARGET DATE.

THE REMAINING ITEMS , ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS, THE 130 ITEMS, THOSE HAVE ALL BEEN IMPLEMENTED. WE HAVE TAKEN ACTION ON THEM EITHER BY POLICY OR BY PROCEDURE. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THEY ARE PART OF OUR DAILY PRACTICES NOW.

ALL WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TONIGHT ARE THESE EIGHT ITEMS THAT YOU DON'T FEEL ARE APPROPRIATE AND THEN THE ITEMS THAT YOU EXPECT TO COMPLETE BY JUNE OF 2024 QUESTION MARK

THAT IS CORRECT.

THE ITEMS THAT YOU EXPECT TO COMPLETE BY JUNE OF 2024 , IT LOOKS LIKE ARE LISTED BEGINNING ON PAGE 44?

OKAY. I SEE THAT YOU HAVE CALLED THEM OUT BY REFERENCE TO THE NUMBERS. THAT GOES THROUGH PAGE 46 PIT HOW MANY ITEMS IS THAT, CHIEF? IS THAT 14?

LET ME GO BACK TO MY NOTES.

12. WHEN I AM TESTING OUR TIMING HERE. OUR OPTIONS ARE TO TAKE A BREAK AT THIS POINT OR TO JUST RUN THROUGH THE ACTION ITEMS QUICKLY.

I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS NOT RELATED TO THE ONES SPECIFIC BUT TO THIS REPORT IN QUESTION.

WE DO HAVE SOME GENERAL QUESTIONS MIGHT WANT TO ASK. IT OTHER THAN COVERING THOSE PIECES, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEEDED TO COMPLETE TONIGHT?

THERE IS NOT.

THAT IS IT.

I THINK, I THINK THERE IS PROBABLY SOME PENDING QUESTIONS, GENERAL QUESTIONS WE COULD GET ANSWERED HERE, WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL HERE? DO WE NEED TO TAKE A BREAK NOW, SHALL WE RUN THROUGH WITH THESE ITEMS IN CLOSE OF THE REPORT? THUMBS UP FOR RUNNING TO THE ITEMS AND FINISHING UP THE REPORT. ANYONE? THEN LET'S DO IT. ALL RIGHT, I THINK IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF YOU CAN REMEMBER YOUR QUESTIONS TO HAVE THEM GO THROUGH THE ITEMS THAT HE THINGS ARE ACTIONABLE. THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GATHER INPUT AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH STRATEGIES. IT GOING TO BE DOING THAT BEGINNING THIS SPRING. INFORMATION WITH COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS WITH THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGATIONS AND THE OUTCOMES OF THE INVESTIGATIONS PROVIDING MORE OPENNESS WITH STRINGS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS IN THE SAME TRANSPARENCY SHOULD EXIST. -- THIS COULD INCLUDE ILLUMINATING APPEAL STEPS IN THE PROCESS WITH THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE CHIEFS DECISION -- BIAS OR BAD FAITH. I AGREE WITH THAT, THAT IS GOING TO BE A LABOR ISSUE AND WE WILL BE REOPENING TO WORK TOWARDS ANOTHER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SPO A AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PUSH FOR.

OKAY, GREAT. 47.2, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR OF A POLICY THAT THE VIOLATION OF THE FREE POLICING POLICY IS A SERIOUS MATTER JUSTIFYING SIGNIFICANT DISCIPLINE. I ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT WE CAN INCLUDE SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE THAT WILL FLEX THE SERIOUSNESS OF ANY VIOLATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT INCIDENCES AND INCLUDE THAT WITH OUR POLICY.

OKAY.

CONDUCT REGULAR DEMARK DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACH WITH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WHO MEMBERS MAY WORK AND RESIDE IN OR TRAVEL TO SEBASTOPOL. I'M GOING TO REACH OUT TO THE HISPANIC CHAMBER IN HISPANIC UNITY WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND SCHEDULE A BARBECUE LOCALLY, ONE OF THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES, THAT HOUSES A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR HISPANIC POPULATION AND TRY TO DO SOMETHING BY SUMMERTIME.

51.3, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE INVESTIGATOR SHOULD A City Council Meeting Packet of Page 87 of 116 SERIOUS OUTSIDE OUT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH AN INVESTIGATION

ALLEGATION SUCH AS EXCESSIVE FORCE, RACIAL BIAS, ET CETERA. I'M GOING TO INCORPORATE SIMILAR VERBIAGE WHEN WE UPDATE OUR POLICY WITH THIS POLICY MANUAL. I AGREE. I THINK IT IS WISE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE SET OF EYES TAKE A LOOK AT THINGS AND SEE IF WE ARE MISSING SOMETHING.

THAT IS SIX OF THE 12. I WANT TO CHECK IN WITH CITY COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THOSE ITEMS AT THIS POINT? NO? OKAY. KEEP GOING.

51.6 IS THE DIGITAL SOUND RECORDING TO DIGITAL VIDEO, WE TALKED ABOUT THAT ALREADY. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT WHEN WE CAN.

51.13, DEPARTMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE A NON-RETALIATION POLICY ON THE FORMAL COMPLAINT FORMS AND OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS THAT CAN PRESCRIBE THE COMPLAINT PROCESS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUGGEST WE HAVE LANGUAGE THAT STATES SPD FOR BIDS ANY RETALIATORY ACT OF AGENCIES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT FILE COMPLAINTS. I AGREE. WE WILL PUT A SENTENCE IN OUR COMPLAINT FORM, REVISE IT, LET THEM KNOW, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE SUBJECTED TO ANY BAD BEHAVIOR BY OUR EMPLOYEES. WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE IT.

52.1, ALL PURPOSE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS PROVIDING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC WITHOUT LIMITING THAT PURPOSE TO COLLECTING EVIDENCE FOR CRIMINAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. I WILL INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN OUR POLICY UPDATE TO A STATE THAT.

GOT IT.

ONCE ACTIVATED, REQUIRE OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR BODY WORN CAMERAS IN AN ACTIVE STATE UNTIL THE PARTICIPATION IN THE INCIDENT HAS CEASED, INCLUDING ANY TRANSPORT BY THE OFFICER TO A DETENTION OR MEDICAL FACILITY IN. WE CURRENTLY DON'T REQUIRE OUR PERSONAL TO DO THAT, GENERALLY THEY DO KEEP THEIR BODY WORN CAMERAS ON, BUT THIS MAKES SENSE TO ME, SO WE ARE GOING TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN OUR POLICY TO REQUIRE THEM TO KEEP THEIR CAMERAS ON UNTIL THAT TRANSPORT IS CONCLUDED.

GOT IT. IT WOULD REQUIRE OFFICERS TO NOTIFY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY ARE BEING RECORDED BY THE BODY WORN CAMERA WHERE POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE INTERACTION, THAT IS RECOMMENDATION 52.4. I AGREE. WE WILL PUT SOMETHING IN THAT SAYS OFFICERS SHOULD NOT ADVISE --

ALL RIGHT ONE MORE TO GO.

52.9, CLEARLY STATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND THE RELEASE OF BODY WORN CAMERA FIGURES FOR HIGH-PROFILE EVIDENCE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL NOT SUBSTANTIALLY INTERFERE WITH AN OPEN INVESTIGATION. I AGREE. SO, WE ARE COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY AND WE WILL INCORPORATE A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT INTO OUR BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY.

OKAY. I THINK WE HAVE GOT THE 12 THAT YOU ARE GOING TO COMPLETE BY JUNE OF 2024 AND WE HAVE GOT EIGHT THAT YOU HAVE DESCRIBED THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PURSUE FOR VARIOUS REASONS YOU HAVE OUTLINED. I THINK AT THIS POINT, WE GO TO QUESTIONS AT THE COUNCIL. SEE IF WE CAN WRAP UP ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. I'M GOING TO START DOWN AS I DID BEFORE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. ANYTHING, ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? FROM WHAT I'M GOING TO SKIP YOU. YOU HAVE HAD A LOT OF TALKING TIME. WE WILL BE BACK TO YOU, DON'T WORRY. WE'RE GOING TO GO DOWN TO COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. GO AHEAD.

OKAY, I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

ARE THERE DAILY LOGS FOR WHAT POLICE OFFICERS ARE DOING?

WE HAVE AN ELECTRONIC LOG [CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING] WHO IS THAT OFFICER? OFFICER THOMAS HAS BEEN DOING IT OF LATE.

IT SAYS IT HAS BEEN DOING THIS WEEKLY SO IF THEY GO OUT ON A FULL PATROL IT SHOULD BE LOCKED. THE CITIZENS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT WE'VE SPOKEN ABOUT WAS THIS REPORT. HAS THIS HAPPENED?

IT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET.

WHY?

BANDWIDTH, TIME RESTRAINTS, AND THE CAPTAIN RECENTLY MET WITH OUR VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS TALKING ABOUT MOVING FORWARD SO PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.

YOU MENTIONED THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN AUGUST. I HAD HOPED.

AND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH COMMUNITY POLICING IN OUR CITY?
IN WHAT REGARDS?

WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT WE'VE MET WITH BUSINESSES IN TOWN IN VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS, WE DISCUSSED HAVING POLICE OFFICERS WALKING AROUND DOWNTOWN BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THEFT AND SHOPLIFTING. SO I'M WONDERING HOW IS THAT GOING AND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THAT?

IT CAN ALWAYS BE BETTER. WE ARE STILL REQUIRING THEM TO GO OUT DAILY AND ADDRESS ISSUES IN THE PLAZA, WALK THE TRAIL, GET DOWNTOWN. AS FAR AS I KNOW THAT IS STILL CONTINUING. I JUST HAD TO HAVE A STERN CONVERSATION WITH A FEW OFFICERS AND SUPERVISORS LESS THAN A WEEK AGO REGARDING SOME ISSUES WITH THE HOMELESS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE CITY SO IT IS ONGOING.

I HAVE A LOT OF COMMENTS BUT I WILL HOLD THOSE UNTIL THE END.

ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, VICE MAYOR, PLEASE.

THE-- I'M SORRY, I'M THE REST OF IT. WHAT IS IT CALLED?

THERE ARE CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING. AND HAS THE DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT COME BEFORE COUNCIL AND BEEN APPROVED?

IT'S BEEN A PROGRAM WE'VE HAD FOR MANY YEARS AND AT ONE POINT WE HAD A CADRE OF VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE HAVE DRIFTED AWAY. A LOT OF TIMES IT'S SENIORS THAT WANT TO GET INVOLVED SO WE ARE GOING TO MOLD A CITIZENS POLICE EXPERIENCE WHERE WE HAVE THEM ATTEND AN EVENING CLASS FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX SESSIONS TO GIVE THEM AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WHAT WE DO AND WHAT WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO DO AND SEE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AND BEING.

FOLLOWING UP ON COMMUNITY POLICING HAS THAT BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU ARE ASKING. COMMUNITY POLICING IS A POLICING PHILOSOPHY WHERE OFFICERS GET OUT OF THEIR CARS, THEY WALK AROUND, WE ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY POLICING EVERY DAY WHETHER IT'S AT SCHOOLS, INTERACTING WITH OUR UNHOUSED, WHETHER IT'S INTERACTING WITH BUSINESSPEOPLE DOWNTOWN, GOING TO EVENTS, THAT IS ALL COMMUNITY POLICING AND STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT IS PART OF OUR PHILOSOPHY AS A POLICE DEPARTMENT.

IF THERE ARE ISSUES AND CONCERNS WITH COMMUNITY POLICING THOSE WOULD GO THROUGH THE NORMAL PROTOCOLS THAT YOU JUST WENT THROUGH. WE WOULD LOOK AT UP ON SITE AND WE WOULD FIND IT THERE.

I HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHERS.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THE MOMENT? LET'S COVER YOUR COUPLE OF REMAINING QUESTIONS AND THEN WE NEED TO GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

YOU MENTIONED THAT ONE REPORT WAS ISSUED AND IN FACT HAS ISSUED TWO REPORTS, WHERE YOU ARE AROUND TO EXPLAIN WHY THE FIRST ONE WAS NOT AND HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED?

I WAS NOT PART OF THAT PROCESS DURING THE PRESENTATION AND THE RELEASE OF IT. I'M NOT SURE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO PUT IT ON A SECTION OF THE CITY WEBSITE, HOWEVER I WILL STATE THAT THIS PARTICULAR REPORT WILL BE POSTED ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM POSTING THE ORIGINAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITE AS WELL.

I AM PUTTING FORTH A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THAT AND YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH THAT REQUEST BUT I AM DEFINITELY REQUESTING THAT, CHIEF, YOU INDICATED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE LAST DATE OF REVIEW OF ANY OF THESE ONGOING THINGS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WORK ON. IT SOUNDED LIKE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO STATE THE LAST ACTION TAKEN LIKE IF THERE IS A CHANGE OF LAW OR A GOOD POLICY? IS THERE SOME WAY TO SAY THERE WAS ACTION TAKEN? I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS GOING TO BE REVIEWING THAT LIST. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE LIST BUT NO ONE IS GOING TO SYSTEMICALLY GO THROUGH THAT. IS THAT POSSIBLE?

POLICY REVISIONS, THERE IS GENERALLY A DATE ATTACHED TO EACH POLICY. WHEN POLICIES MAY HAVE RECEIVED AND DATE. I DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT OCCURS IN THE FUTURE TO REGULARLY POST THAT INFORMATION.

I GUESS I'M LOST WHEN YOU WOULD REFER TO THE PRIOR CAP TO HAVING AN EXCEL SHEET THAT SAID THIS IS ONGOING, THIS IS ONGOING, THIS IS ONGOING. FOR THOSE THAT WILL TECHNICALLY BE ONGOING UNTIL A CHANGE OF LAW HAPPENS, IS THERE ANY WAY TO ANNOTATE THAT IT IS THE LAST ACTION, REVIEWING LAW? OR ARE WE JUST AND TRUSTING THE FACT THAT YOU WILL DO THAT AUTOMATICALLY?

IT SEEMS LIKE THIS WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL STAFFING OBLIGATION TO KEEP DOING THAT.

IT IS A TIME THING PROBABLY MORE THAN ANYTHING. ANY TIME A LAW GETS PASSED WE ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT IT. GENERALLY OUR PROVIDERS, WE SUBSCRIBE TO A SERVICE FOR POLICE POLICIES AND THEY SEND OUT AND UP DATE AND THEN THE CALIFORNIA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION WILL SEND OUT A BULLETIN STATING EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 THESE CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED, REVIEW YOUR POLICIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY IT'S ONGOING, IT IS CONSTANTLY IN FLUX.

BUT YOU ARE NOT USING ONGOING? YOU ARE STATING THE FACT THAT WHEN SOMETHING IS ANTICIPATED TO BE DONE IT'S GOING TO BE DONE UNLESS THERE IS AN EXPLANATION?

YES AND AS FAR AS ONGOING REVIEW, WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THESE AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM WE ACTUALLY-- ABSOLUTELY HAVE SUPPLEMENTED THEM SO THERE'S NO MORE ONGOING REVIEW. THESE ARE NOW POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE ABIDING TO SO A LOT OF THE THINGS MAYBE THAT WERE LISTED AS ONGOING ARE NOT NECESSARILY ONGOING ANY MORE. I GUESS MY SPIEL THAT I MADE WAS TO ELUCIDATE THE FACT THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT THINGS AND MAKING CHANGES. WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO SO, OR THAT WE FEEL IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR SAYING THE FACT THAT POLICIES HAVE ALL BEEN REVIEWED. SO YOU'RE CONFIDENT THAT IF A RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SAYS IT IS BASED ON POLICY AND YOU ARE FEELING CONFIDENT THAT IT REALLY IS BASED ON THAT POLICY AND SOMEONE COULD SEARCH THEIR WIT AND THEY WILL FIND IT, IS THAT CORRECT?

YES.

I HAVE TWO MORE BUT ONE IS FROM A CITIZEN. WE ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE REGULAR NATIONAL DATABASES THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE.

WE ARE.

AND YOU'RE CONFIDENT THAT WHATEVER IS REQUESTED IS PROVIDED IN A TIMELY FASHION?

THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUIRES TO PROVIDE THIS DATA.

TO LET THE REST OF COUNCIL KNOW I DID TRY TO SUBMIT THESE AHEAD OF TIME.

YOU ARE GOOD.

BUT ALSO THE LAST ONE, THE EMAIL, DID YOU GET A RESPONSE?

I HAVE NOT HAD THE CHANCE TO REACH BACK OUT TO HIM. I CAN REACH OUT TO HIM AGAIN.

YOU CAN RESPOND ALL TO HIM, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S SOMETHING.

I WANT TO FIND SPECIFICALLY WHAT HE IS INTERESTED IN BUT I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH TECH PEOPLE. THE INFORMATION THAT IS REPORTED TO THE PRESS AS FAR AS WEEKLY POLICE LOGS IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW BUT THERE'S NO REASON IT SHOULDN'T BE AND THERE'S ANOTHER FEATURE IN OUR SYSTEM, A SOFTWARE UPGRADE WHICH WE LEARNED ABOUT IN OCTOBER AND AT SOME POINT I WOULD IMAGINE THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WE WILL POST THAT ON THE WEBSITE.

SO THERE WAS A REQUEST, AN INDIVIDUAL REQUESTED TO HAVE ACCESS TO POLICE LOGS AND SENT AN EMAIL WITH A QUESTION ABOUT WHY HE COULD NOT, AND IT SOUNDS LIKE CHIEF NELSON YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO WHETHER THERE IS A WAY TO RESPOND TO HIS REQUEST?

ABSOLUTELY.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE SENT THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. SO

AND IF YOU COULD SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH FULL COUNCIL I WOULD BE HELPFUL. Agenda Item Number: 4

ABSOLUTELY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

WHEN YOU SAID THE INFORMATION WOULD BE ON YOUR WEBSITE IS THAT ON THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL WEBSITE?

IT'S THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAGE ON THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL WEBSITE.

AND YOU SAID BY JUNE 2024 CAN WE EXPECT TO HAVE ANY FOLLOW-UP REPORTS FROM YOU BEFORE CITY COUNCIL?

ONCE THIS IS DONE I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA TO REPORT BACK.

TO THE EXTENT THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE JUNE 2024 THAT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW EARLY.

ABSOLUTELY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET'S DO PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M GOING TO LOOK TO STAFF. ANY INFORMATION STAFF WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ON ANY AUDIT ISSUES? GO AHEAD.

MY MICROPHONE SEEMS LIKE IT'S WORKING.

IT IS.

IT'S CONFUSING ME.

THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORTS, MY RECOLLECTION ON THAT IS THAT ONE REPORT WAS DEEMED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE IT HAD MORE INFORMATION OF A PERSONNEL NATURE SET FORTH IN THE REPORT AND WE WOULD HAVE TO NOW SCRUTINIZE IT TO SEE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO RELEASE IT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL MATTERS AND IT WAS-- THAT DEEMED THAT CONFIDENTIAL.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO PUBLIC COMMENT AND TRY TO FINISH UP THIS ITEM BEFORE WE TAKE A BREAK. MARY GOURLEY WOULD YOU MIND MANAGING THAT?

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE AUDIT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN OUT INTO ZOOM. KYLE?

THIS IS, IN THREE YEARS THIS HAS REQUEST-- REGRESSED TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND I FEEL IT HAS LOST A LOT OF HISTORY IN THE PROCESS WHICH IS WHAT I WAS REALLY FEARFUL OF THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THIS COUNCIL BEGAN TO-- THE CONVERSATION THAT WAS HAPPENING. REMEMBER, THIS IS A NATIONAL DEBATE ABOUT POLICING HAPPENING IN THE SUMMER OF 2020 AND IT WAS A NATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT POLICE PRACTICES THAT CAME TO A POINT WHERE THE CITY MADE SOME CLEAR DECISIONS. THOSE DECISIONS GOT DELAYED AND DELAYED AND DELAYED TO A POINT WHERE THERE'S NO OVERSIGHT ABOUT THE THINGS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WERE APPROVED. SO NUMBER ONE, A CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL, THAT HAS GONE NOWHERE. THERE WAS A CALL FOR FISCAL AUDIT THAT WAS ALSO IN THE APPROVED AGENDA ITEM, BUT HAS NOT COME TO FRUITION. AND THIS COUNCIL DID, WITH THE REPORT, WAS FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHAT OUR CITY HAS DECIDED ON AS BEING POLICE PRACTICES THAT WE WERE AGREEING TO WITH CONSULT WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. SO HERE WE ARE THREE YEARS LATER REELING BACK ON A LOT OF THOSE AND IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT WHEN WE SAW THE PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT WE SAW THINGS THAT WERE IN PROGRESS OR ONGOING AND NOW WE ARE HEARING THOSE ARE NO LONGER ONGOING AND NO LONGER IN PROGRESS BECAUSE THEY DON'T AGREE WITH CURRENT POLICE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY.

20 SECONDS.

THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS COUNCIL AGREED UPON. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY SORT OF MOVEMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF A MODEL WHICH WAS FUNDED BACK IN 2020 AND GOING EVEN FURTHER AWAY WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PUBLIC ONLINE COMPLAINT MECHANISM THAT WAS APPROVED, PAID FOR, AND THEN CUT BACK. WE ARE MUCH FURTHER AWAY THAN WHAT WE AGREED UPON AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. THANK YOU.

CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? CAN YOU HEAR US?

GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

CHIEF, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE ENTIRE SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUR SERVICE WHICH, AS I KEEP TRYING TO POINT OUT, IS A GREAT EMPLOYMENT AND WE'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE LEGENDARY JEFF WEAVER TO SET THIS HIGH Agenda Item Number: 4
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STANDARD FOR PERFORMANCE FOR SERVICE AND IS JUST THE OPPOSITE OF THE STUFF THAT HAPPENED IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ALL OF THE REST. BUT UNFORTUNATELY I AM APOLOGIZING FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL THAT ARE UNAWARE OF YOUR OUTSTANDING BEHAVIORS AS POLICE OFFICERS. THAT SAID, I AM ALSO SPEAKING, THINKING YOU FOR THE TREATMENT OF MY NEW NEIGHBORS, THE CRIMINALS WHO, THEY HAVE ALL-- WE'VE ALL HAD OUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER OFFICERS AND MINE SPECIFICALLY WAS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHERE AT THE WRONG ADDRESS, BEAT UP, JAILED, AND VERBALLY ABUSED. SO ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. BETWEEN POLICE BEHAVIOR. THAT SAID, I WANT TO ALSO THANK JACQUES. I LOVE THIS NEW CAMPAIGN THING, THE LETTER THAT WENT OUT ASKING FOR DONATION SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT IS EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO HAPPEN SO WE ARE GOING TO FIND OUT.

20 SECONDS.

HOW MUCH PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT YOU GOT FINANCIALLY SO I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL. AND ALSO APOLOGIZING, THE WHOLE THING ABOUT THE AUDIT IS A COMPLETE AND TOTAL WASTE OF TIME AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU LINDA. WE WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

GOOD EVENING. AS LINDA JUST SAID IT, THANK YOU TO THE POLICE. MY TAKE ON THIS IS, THE REPORT CAME BACK WITH A KIND OF HYSTERIA ABOUT POLICING WHICH WAS AS OF MILES AWAY. AS THE POLICE CHIEF SAYS NOTHING MUCH EVER HAPPENS HERE. AN AWFUL LOT OF OVERKILL AND PROBABLY A FORMULA THERE SOMEWHERE THAT, MORE LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY PUT ON THE POLICE, THE LESS THEY CAN DO. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A TV IN THE BREAK ROOM AT THE POLICE STATION BUT I WOULDN'T BLAME THE POLICE FOR SITTING AND WATCHING TV ALL DAY. BECAUSE, IF YOU ARE RISK-AVERSE, IT SEEMS TO BE THAT THE LESS YOU DO APART FROM BARBECUES WITH IMMIGRANTS AND GLAD HANDING PEOPLE AT MEETINGS AND STUFF, MEANWHILE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CITY SINCE I'VE LIVED HERE, EXCUSE ME, THERE'S A HUGE UP TAKE IN HOMELESS PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHO ARE DRUGGED OUT OF THEIR MINDS, RETAIL THEFT, ON AND ON. VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE POLICE TO DEAL WITH WITH ALL OF THIS BUREAUCRACY. SO THE LAST HALF-HOUR OF THIS MEETING I THINK IS BEING PRETTY WELL IRRELEVANT IN TERMS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS CITY. THANK YOU. ACTUALLY ONE OTHER THING SINCE I'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. NUMBER 15 I THINK WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THIS ALREADY, A ROBUST AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. I KNOW THE CITY HAD THE FIRST POLICE ON ELECTRIC BICYCLES IN THE COUNTRY. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE POLICE DOWNTOWN. THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE JUST LAYING AROUND SHOOTING UP AND STEALING STUFF, AND SO ON. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD PERSONALLY REALLY LIKE TO SEE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO TO ZOOM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. THESE UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR WAVE TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY. I SEE NO HANDS RAISED, I WILL GO BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BACK UP HERE WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE HAVE ONE FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION AND WE CAN CLOSE THIS ITEM. ANY COMMENTS? WE WILL START WITH COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. ANYTHING?

JUST, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF TIME WAS PUT INTO THAT AND I DID READ IT, SO THANK YOU.

WELCOME.

VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATION TO NOT MOVE FORWARD ON 52.6 AND 52.7. I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR TRANSPARENCY TO HAVE THE BODY CAMERAS ON AND WHILE IT WAS ADDRESSED EARLIER IN OTHER PLACES AS A PRACTICE, IT WAS ADMITTED TONIGHT THAT IT'S BEEN TURNED ON A LOT OF TIMES IN TRANSPORT AND I DO BELIEVE, I DON'T BELIEVE IN POLICIES,

WHITE NOISE, I THINK SETTING POLICY IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR STAFF SO I THINK I FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT THAT SHOULD BE IN OUR POLICIES. OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN'T FOLLOW PEOPLE AROUND AND MAKE THEM TURN IT ON BUT I THINK THAT IS AN EXPECTATION THAT I HAD AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL. I DID WANT TO ADDRESS THAT ONE. I GUESS THAT'S IT FOR NOW.

COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT I, TOO, SHOULD THE SAME CONCERNS AS COUNCILMEMBER HINTON REGARDING THAT. BUT I ALSO HAVE SOMETHING ELSE THAT I WANTED TO COMMENT ON AND SHARE SOME FEEDBACK THAT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE THE REPORT THAT YOU'VE DONE AND I KNOW YOU PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO IT. YOU KNOW THAT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I ALSO BELIEVE THE POLICE IMPACT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CITY AND KEEPING ORGANIZATION IS IMPORTANT. I WORKED ON THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM IN TRAUMA CENTERS FOR NEARLY 2 DECADES SO I'VE SEEN THE OTHER SIDE OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT YOU ALSO SEE IN THE FILM. THAT BEING SAID WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE COMMUNITY POLICING, I BROUGHT IT UP FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE, BECAUSE WE HAVE AN ONGOING ISSUE WITH, AND FOR THE PUBLIC WHO DOESN'T KNOW, BEING A BUSINESS OWNER I COMMUNICATE REGULARLY WITH ALL THE BUSINESS OWNERS HERE SO EVERY TIME THERE IS A SHOPLIFTING, SOME KIND OF SHOPLIFTING OR THEFT OR ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT GO ON, THERE ARE BUSINESSES HIT WORSE THAN OTHERS AND IT'S HARD AS SMALL BUSINESSES ESPECIALLY WITH INFLATION, THE BUSINESS OWNERS ARE DEALING WITH A LOT. SO AS FAR AS, I THINK WE NEED TO SEE MORE WALKING AROUND DOWNTOWN AND I'VE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH VARIOUS BUSINESS OWNERS AND THAT IS THE GENERAL CONSENSUS. THEY DON'T FEEL THEY SEE OFFICERS AT ALL. ONE PERSON SAW SOMEONE ONCE LAST WEEK THEY CAN'T RECALL SINCE SOME ARE REALLY SEEING PEOPLE. SOME EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THEY SEE A DECLINE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THEY HAVE A LOT OF NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES GOING ON, PEOPLE DOING DRUGS BEHIND THEIR BUSINESSES, THEY FIND THEM IN THE MORNING LAYING AROUND AND SAY WHERE ARE THE POLICE? SOME HAVE EVEN PROPOSED, SHOULD BE GET THE CHAMBER FOR SOMEONE TO HIRE SECURITY OFFICERS? I REALLY BELIEVE POLICE OFFICER SHOULD BE AND WHEN WE DID THE BUDGETING IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE THE EXTRA POLICE OFFICER. I ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY FOUGHT FOR THAT AND IN OUR DISCUSSIONS I BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE MORE COMMUNITY POLICING IF WE HAVE THE EXTRA OFFICER AND I'M CONCERNED WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT ONE. I KNOW THAT IT'S ANECDOTAL AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED IF THERE ARE LOGS. WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND SEE THINGS AT A DIFFERENT TIME. IF THERE'S A LOG SHOWING THAT WE ARE THERE, WE HAVE TO MAKE IT MORE APPARENT TO EVERYONE. IF BUSINESS OWNERS ARE NOT SEEING IT, CLEARLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LYING AROUND DOWNTOWN AREN'T SEEING IT EITHER. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH DEALING WITH THE TRANSIENT POPULATION. I KNOW I'VE HAD A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS WHERE I COULD KNOCK IT INTO CITY HALL BECAUSE THERE WERE MEN WHO WERE ALTERED SLEEPING UP AGAINST THE DOORS AND I FELT UNCOMFORTABLE AS A WOMAN TRYING TO ENTER CITY HALL. I WAS TOLD THAT HAPPENED BUT IT HAPPENED LAST WEEK AGAIN AND I UNDERSTAND PEOPLE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE, BUT THESE ARE PERSONAL INCIDENTS THAT I'VE EXPERIENCED MYSELF AND I KNOW THAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE, AS WELL. WE'VE GOT VIDEO OF THE FIGHT THAT HAPPENED AT SAFEWAY A WEEK AGO, GIRLS BANGING THEIR HEADS AGAINST THE PAVEMENT, WE RECEIVED EMAILS ABOUT A STUDENT BEING MUGGED AND BEAT UP AND ROBBED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND THEN WE'VE HEARD THAT HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE AND NONE OF US ARE EVEN AWARE OF THAT. I JUST SEE A DEGRADATION IN MY OPINION OF WHAT'S GOING ON. SO I REALLY THINK THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FEEL THAT OWNERSHIP AND TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT AS WE WATCH THIS GOING ON DOWNTOWN, AND I AM HERE EVERY DAY DOWNTOWN TALKING WITH PEOPLE, IT'S CONCERNING. VERY CONCERNING TO ME AND HONESTLY IT'S SAD AND I DON'T LIKE TO SEE THAT. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE OFFICERS COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I'M NOT SURE THEY FEEL THE SAME. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR BUSINESS OWNERS, WE NEED TO SEE MORE POLICE OFFICERS

SEE PEOPLE WALKING AROUND AND I'M NOT SAYING HARASSING PEOPLE BUT WHEN I BROUGHT UP COMMUNITY PLACING, IT'S THE PHILOSOPHY AND IT'S WHAT USED TO HAPPEN IN SEBASTOPOL ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS POLICE OFFICERS. THEY WOULD BE DOWNTOWN SAYING HELLO TO PEOPLE, THE BUSINESS OWNERS KNEW WHO THEY WERE. I THINK THAT IS SUPER IMPORTANT AND I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN TO REPRESENT MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT I'VE SPOKEN TO TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE TRYING AND THAT I'M COMMUNICATING THAT TO YOU. I'M HOPING THAT SOMEHOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT THIS AND GET A REPORT BACK OR FIGURE OUT. ARE THEY DOWNTOWN AND WE DON'T SEE IT? JUST TO CLOSE THE LOOP, HOW DO WE BEST UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND IF THERE ARE CHALLENGES YOU ARE FACING, IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO HERE TO HELP. HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF THIS?

ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS, IT'S A MATTER OF THEM HAVING TIME. WE HAVE TWO POLICE OFFICERS ON AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND THEY ARE BUSY. I CAN TELL YOU THEY ARE BUSY AND IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF RUNNING TO A CALL. IT TAKES TIME TO DO REPORTS, TO BOOK EVIDENCE, TIME IN BETWEEN. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE PROACTIVE POLICING. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO DO WITH ALL THE HOMELESS ISSUES, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, EXPECTED TO GO ON FOOT PATROLS AND THEY ARE DOING THAT BUT I'M GOING TO RUN THE DATA OVER THE LAST 90 DAYS AND LET'S FIND OUT IF THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING AND WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING AS FAR AS FOOT PATROLS BECAUSE THAT IS LOGGED. FRANKLY THEY BETTER HOPE THEY ARE DOING IT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU, IT'S DIFFICULT. IT'S VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. WE ARE DEMANDING A LOT FROM THEM AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, LIKE I SAID, CAN WE ALWAYS DO BETTER? YEAH, WE CAN DO BETTER. IT'S A MATTER OF REEMPHASIZING. BUT I WILL LOOK AT THE DATA AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE DOING IT AND IF NOT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATION.

THANK YOU, CHIEF. I THINK IT'S MESSAGING AND AN AWARENESS THAT COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS IS TRYING TO EMPHASIZE AND IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE TAKING IT IN AND YOU DID IN FACT REFERENCED EARLIER THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BIT OF THE TALKING TO ON THIS VERY ISSUE. I THINK WE HAVE A COMMENT FROM COUNCILMEMBER HINTON OR A QUESTION, AND THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE BEFORE WE CLOSE THIS ITEM THAT WE BRING IT BACK TO WHETHER THERE IS CONSENSUS TO REASSESS THE BODY WORN CAMERA SUGGESTION FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF THAT WAS 52.6 AND 52.7 THAT COUNCILMEMBER HINTON RAISED. YOU HAD SOMETHING TO ADD?

WE WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT BUT I DID WANT TO JUST MENTION THE THINGS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BROUGHT UP ABOUT WHEN WE RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL AUDIT. AND OF COURSE MY MEMORY IS USUALLY PRETTY GOOD BUT MAY NOT BE PERFECT. BUT I WILL SAY I WAS NEVER IN SUPPORT OF A CAHOOTS MODEL. WE DID, AS A COUNCIL, I BELIEVE PRESENTING MYSELF BUT OTHERS FELT IT WAS AN EXPENSIVE MODEL. WE KNEW OTHER BIGGER CITIES LIKE SANTA ROSA ARE LOOKING AT IT BUT WE DID HAVE OUR HOMELESS PERSON THAT STILL HELPS US TODAY AND THAT WE FELT WAS GOING TOWARDS A CAHOOTS NOT EXACTLY. IT WAS NOT AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION AND IN MY MIND I REMEMBER THAT AND I WAS NOT IN SUPPORT OF IT FOR THAT REASON. I ALSO WANT TO REPRESENT THAT THE TWEET REPORT HAD A LOT OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY COUNSEL AND THAT WE COUNTED ON OUR POLICE CHIEF TO HELP IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. OR AS YOU'VE DONE TONIGHT, AND I DO APPRECIATE SOMEONE SAYING, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S RIGHT FOR US. WE NEVER HEARD THAT BECAUSE AS HE MENTIONED IT WAS ONGOING. SO IT WAS LIKE OKAY LET'S IMPLEMENT MAYBE THE EASY STUFF FIRST, THE STUFF WE COULD DO, AND FIGURE THAT OUT DOWN THE ROAD. I'M GLAD WE DON'T HAVE AN UNENDING, ONGOING, WE'VE HEARD FROM YOU TONIGHT ON THAT. AND SOMEBODY BROUGHT UP HOW WILL THE PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS? I HEARD YOU SAY THESE THINGS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 24. OF COURSE TIME MOVES FAST AND MAYBE THAT CAN BE TIME STAMPED OF WE DID ALL THOSE THINGS, STAMPED JUNE 2024 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. LESLIE, I WAS THE ONE THAT CALLED FOR THE FISCAL OVERSIGHT REPORT, AS I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS SPENDING THEIR MONEY AT THAT POINT. I DON'T THINK THE MONEY IN THE WORLD SO THE REST OF COUNCIL FELT THAT WAS THE WAY TO GO AND LEFT IT TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT POLICE SPENDING AND CITY

MANAGEMENT. ANYWAY JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THOSE BECAUSE THEY WERE BROUGHT UP AGAIN TONIGHT BUT THOSE ARE MY RECOLLECTIONS FROM THAT. THANK YOU.

I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR ME TO LIST REALLY QUICKLY THE 8 ITEMS THAT OUR POLICE CHIEF IS RECOMMENDING NOT BE PURSUED BECAUSE THAT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL IN CONSENSUS ON LETTING GO OF IT. SO I'M GOING TO LIST THEM QUICKLY AND I THINK WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO-- WELL LET'S DO THIS. I WILL LIST THEM QUICKLY AND THEN COME BACK ONE AT A TIME AND I WANT A THUMBS UP. I JUST WANT TO KNOW THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS DOWN WHETHER PEOPLE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. DOES THAT SOUND ACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF A PROCESS? THE FIRST ITEM IS 46.13. WILL NOT BE TREATED AS LETHAL FORCE. IS EVERYONE OKAY WITH THAT? I'M GOING TO GO WITH MAJORITY HERE. WE'VE GOT MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR THAT. THE NEXT ITEM IS 36.19. A WARNING IS NOT A USE OF FORCE IS THE POLICE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS DOWN? UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF THAT. THE NEXT IS 86.26. NOT PURSUING A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PARTNER PRIMARILY FOR FISCAL REASONS BUT ALSO OTHER REASONS. THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS DOWN? I'M SEEING FOUR SO THAT HAS MAJORITY SUPPORT. 48.5 IS NO KINETIC WEAPON PROJECTILES ARE ACCEPTABLE. THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS DOWN? FOUR IN SUPPORT OF THAT AND THEN THE NEXT ITEM IS NO UP GRADES TO THE DIGITAL AND AUDIO RECORDING ALTHOUGH THAT WILL BE KEPT ON THE BACK BURNER WHEN MONEY BECOMES FREE. THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS DOWN? I'M SORRY, THAT WAS 51.6. I THINK 51.6?

CORRECT. DID YOU UNDERSTAND? I THINK THE ITEM WAS THAT YOU ALREADY DO RECORDINGS BUT THIS WILL BE A GRADE THAT WOULD SET UP A DIGITAL RECORDING IN THE ROOMS THAT ARE ALWAYS ON?

CORRECT, A MORE MODERNIZED SYSTEM.

OKAY. THUMBS-UP? WE WILL HOLD YOU TO IT AS ONE OF THOSE GOALS.

ABSOLUTELY.

THE NEXT IS 51.9 AND THAT HAD TO DO WITH THE CONTENTS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEE PIECES THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REPORT. ACTUALLY CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE US THAT SENTENCE?

I WILL CLARIFY. IN THE INITIAL SO THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION INCLUDES ALL PRIOR DISCIPLINE FOR THE INVESTIGATOR TO BE AWARE OF.

BUT YOUR POSITION IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT DO THAT? IT SHOULD BE SEPARATE REPORTS?

GENERALLY THAT IS NOT DONE BUT AS PART OF THE OVERALL REPORT, THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE CAPTAIN'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. SO IT IS INCLUDED. JUST NOT IN THE INVESTIGATIVE PORTION.

SO KEEPING THOSE SEPARATE. THUMBS-UP? IN FAVOR? AND THEN FINALLY WE HAVE BODY WORN CAMERAS. THIS IS THE QUESTION. 52.6 AND 52.7. THE CHIEF IS RECOMMENDING THAT WE NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE IN REGARDS TO BODY WORN CAMERAS, THAT A FAILURE BY THE OFFICER TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION. INSTEAD HE FEELS THE OVERALL DISCIPLINARY ACTION POLICY WHICH APPLIES TO EVERY VIOLATION BY AN OFFICER SHOULD APPLY HERE ALSO. SO THAT WAS THE ISSUE THAT COUNCILMEMBER HINTON WAS CONCERNED ABOUT. ANY COMMENT ON THAT ONE?

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON FOR BRINGING THAT UP. I ASSUMED BASED UPON WHAT I HEARD FROM THE CHIEF SAY THE FACT THAT BODY WORN CAMERAS SHOULD BE WORN ACROSS THE BOARD UNLESS ONE BREAKS OR SOMETHING. WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE IMPLYING?

THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER IN THE BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY IT SHOULD SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT A FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY WOULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINE. ISN'T THAT THE QUESTION?

THE CHIEF HAS AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD BE ON DURING TRANSPORT EVEN.

THEY ARE REQUIRED BY POLICY TO HAVE THEM ON, ACTIVATE THEM AT ALL TIMES WHEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS AND INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC. THEY WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED TO HAVE THEM ON DURING TRANSPORT. I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT A REQUIREMENT BUT THEY ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO HAVE THEM ON

AND IF THEY DO NOT ACTIVATE THEM WHILE ON A CALL THEY ARE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE RIGHT NOW. **Agenda Item Number: 4**

THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY NEEDS TO, ITSELF, INCLUDE THAT WARNING THAT IF YOU VIOLATE THE POLICY YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE.

MY FEELING WAS WHY NOT? IN THE TO BE SPELLED OUT TO EMPLOYEES WHAT THE RULES ARE SO WHY NOT? THAT'S HOW I FELT ABOUT IT.

FOR ME AS WELL I FEEL THAT'S WHERE YOU CREATE BOUNDARIES FOR EMPLOYEES AND YOU COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS AND THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT'S GRAY.

MY CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE THAT THERE ARE MANY, MANY POLICIES THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPOSES AND WE ARE CALLING THIS ONE OUT BUT I'M SURE THE USE OF LETHAL FORCE OR-- THAT'S GOING TO RESULT IN DISCIPLINE, TOO. I GUESS I FEEL LIKE IF EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE, EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE AND WE SHOULD NOT CALL OUT ANY PARTICULAR VIOLATION AS MORE MERITORIOUS OF CONSEQUENCES THAN ANOTHER. THAT WOULD BE MY ARGUMENT.

I FEEL LIKE IT IS IN THE REPORT BECAUSE IT WASN'T BEING DONE REGULARLY AND WE HEARD IT TONIGHT IT WASN'T BEING DONE DURING TRANSPORT. AND WE KNOW THERE WAS A HISTORY ESPECIALLY THREE YEARS AGO OF IT NOT BEING DONE. SO FOR ME, IT'S SPECIAL AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE REPORT ON THIS ISSUE.

I THINK WE KNOW THE VARIOUS OPTIONS BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE HERE. I HAVE A FEELING WHERE IT'S GOING TO GO. DO WE HAVE ANY CONCERNS?

OVERRIDING CONCERNS. TO ME, I QUESTIONED THE NECESSITY. HOWEVER I UNDERSTAND THE VIEW OF COUNCIL ON IT AS WELL AND I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF HEARTBURN OVER IT.

GREAT. SO THUMBS-UP. SHOULD THE DISCIPLINARY WARNING BE INCLUDED IN THE BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY? SHE'S ON THE FENCE. I'M GOING WITH THE MAJORITY. SO PLEASE DO THAT.

SHALL BE DONE.

WOW. WHAT POWER. I THINK AT THIS POINT WE ARE DONE WITH THIS ITEM AND THE PLANNING DIRECTOR IS REALLY DONE. LET'S TAKE A VERY BRIEF BREAK. IT'S 8:15. LET'S COME BACK AT 8:25. 10 MINUTES, THERE'S CAKE IN THE ANNEX. PLEASE GO HELP CELEBRATE LARRY'S GOODBYE. THANK YOU.

HIS TRANSITION. NOT A GOODBYE. [GROUP ON BREAK UNTIL 8:25 PM PT]

ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AGAIN AFTER TAKING A BRIEF BREAK TO HELP CELEBRATE LARRY McLAUGHLIN 'S COMPLETION OF HIS CITY MANAGER TERM. WE ARE BACK TO OUR REGULAR AGENDA BUT I'M GOING TO MOVE AN ITEM THAT IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE ITEM 13 A WHICH IS THE REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS. I AM MOVING THAT UP TO BE HEARD NOW. WE WILL THEN GO BACK TO OUR REGULAR ORDER WHICH WILL BE ITEM 8, THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN AND THE RECEIPT OF ANNUAL LEVEL OF SERVICE REPORT WHICH BOTH ARE BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PLANNING DIRECTOR. SO THE B ISD ITEM IS PRESENTED BY THE BIFD AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH IS MYSELF, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND ON STAFF SIDE ARE LARRY McLAUGHLIN AND MARY GOURLEY. THIS EIFD REPORT IS IN WRITING ATTACHED TO THE FULL PACKET AND IS REALLY JUST A BRIEF INTERIM REPORT THAT SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF JUST A WEEKS WORTH OF WORK ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT WE ARE PRESENTED-- THAT THE AD HOC WAS PRESENTED WITH AS TOPICS THAT WE NEEDED TO PURSUE AND THEN REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL ABOUT. WE WILL BE PROVIDING A FULL REPORT AT THE JANUARY 16 MEETING AND THAT WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEM. THIS IS REALLY TO JUST REPORT OUT. IN THE REPORT I WILL MAKE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS AND THEN TURN IT OVER TO THE VICE MAYOR TO ADD TO THE CONTENT AND THEN WE ARE FORTUNATE TONIGHT TO HAVE SUPERVISOR LINDA HOPKINS AVAILABLE BY ZOOM SO I WILL BE TURNING TO SUPERVISOR HOPKINS FOR COMMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN IN MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH SUPERVISOR HOPKINS ON THIS TOPIC. THE BASIC REVIEW HERE IS THAT THE COST OF FORMING A DISTRICT AS A

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MAJOR QUESTION FOR CITY COUNCIL AND IS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000 TO BRING IT THROUGH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO THE POINT WHERE THE EIFD BOUNDARIES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION. HELP ME OUT. THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. THAT IS JUST THE PRIMARY STEP AND THEN THERE ARE ADDITIONAL STEPS THAT HAPPEN AFTER THAT. THE REFERENCE POINT IS THE SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL, THE ONLY JURISDICTION IN SONOMA COUNTY THAT HAS MOVED FORWARD TO CREATE ONE, AND THEY ALLOCATED \$50,000 FOR THAT PHASE I AND PHASE II AND RECENTLY ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL \$102,000 TO TAKE THEM THROUGH SURVEYS THAT ARE NEEDED OF ALL THE PROPERTIES INVOLVED AND TO GET FOR THE CONSULTING. BUT THE FIRST COST, THE FIRST MONEY IS THE \$50,000 IS OUR ESTIMATE. AS I HAVE MENTIONED WE HAVE BEEN, BOTH VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND MYSELF WITH SUPERVISOR HOPKINS OFFICE AND THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR THOSE COSTS BEING COVERED BY THE COUNTY BUT THAT DOESN'T PIN DOWN ANY OF THE SPECIFICS. WE DO KNOW AT THIS POINT THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR COUNTY SUPPORT FOR THOSE EXPENSES WOULD BE GREATEST IF THE EIFD INCLUDES ALL OF WEST SONOMA COUNTY AND WOULD BE LEAST OF IT IS THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ONLY. THE POTENTIAL REVENUE IS OUTLINED IN THE SUMMARY. IT IS CLEAR WHAT IT DOES AS IT LOOKS AT A 30 AND 45 YEAR SPAN. LINDA HOPKINS OFFICE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FACILITATING THE SUBMISSION TO VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND ME OF PROJECTIONS BASED ON A 2% ANNUAL GROWTH KEEPING IN MIND THAT JILL McLEWIS'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAXES. IT'S NOT A NEW TAX, BUT AS A REFERENCE POINT, IF IT WERE WEST COUNTYWIDE OVER A 30 YEAR SPAN THAT A 35% CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COUNTY PERSPECTIVE, THE PORTION FOR THE COUNTY WOULD BE \$82.7 MILLION, THE PROJECTION AT THE MOMENT WHEREAS IF IT WERE JUST A CITY ON A 30 YEAR WITH A 2% ANNUAL INCREASE, IT WOULD BE CLOSER TO, I THINK \$9.9 MILLION. SUGGEST AS A REFERENCE POINT. THIS IS JUST RUN NUMBERS. IN TERMS OF TIMELINE WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION BUT THE SANTA ROSA PROCESS INDICATES THAT IT IS A MULTIYEAR PROCESS. THE ISSUED THEIR RFP FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES IN AUGUST 2022 AND ARE JUST NOW, IN DECEMBER 2023 COMPLETING PHASE I AND PHASE II EFFORTS. POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WE HAVE NOT LOOKED INTO DEEPLY BUT AGAIN IT IS A BIG RANGE THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AND THEY ARE LISTED IN THE SUMMARY. ROADS, HIGHWAYS, STREETS, PARKING FACILITIES, TRANSIT FACILITIES, PARKS, RESTORATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS. IT'S A BROAD INFRASTRUCTURE LIST BUT AGAIN THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE PROCESS, PINNING THAT DOWN. THAT IS MY GENERAL OVERVIEW. ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN?

YES, I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR HOPKINS BECAUSE WHEN THE MAYOR AND I WERE BOTH ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHE SHARED THE IDEA WITH ME KNOWING THE FACT THAT I WAS HEADING AT THE LIBRARY AD HOC AND INDEPENDENTLY SHARED IT WITH THE MAYOR AND HAS BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL. IT CAN BE VERY DISCOURAGING TALKING ABOUT EVEN ONE BUILDING AND WHAT COULD HAPPEN BUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACTUALLY HAVING MORE EXPANDED SCOPE TO BE ABLE TO BRING MONEY IN IS VERY EXCITING EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR THE LIBRARY. BUT AS THE MAYOR JUST SAID, IT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR MANY THINGS THAT HAVE PASSIONATELY BEEN EXPRESSED BY THIS COUNCIL. I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT IN THERE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR. IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, THE HOPE WOULD BE, THE PLAN IS TO BRING A FULL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL SO THAT CITY COUNCIL CAN HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION IN FRONT OF FULL COUNCIL IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS WORTH PURSUING AND IF SO WHAT THE PARAMETERS OF THAT EIFD WOULD BE SO THAT IS OUR TASK ASSIGNMENT AND WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS. LINDA HOPKINS, SUPERVISOR HOPKINS, ARE YOU AVAILABLE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS TOPIC FOR US?

YEAH. I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT TO ME ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I REALLY SEE AROUND WEST COUNTY AND IN SEBASTOPOL IS THE NEED FOR CRITICAL DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS. CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY SPACES, RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE. IT FEELS LIKE THERE IS A LONG WISH LIST AND UNLESS WE COME UP WITH A CREATIVE FUNDING MESSAGE, IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BUDGET THIS IN. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THIS IS A PROCESS THAT I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING SINCE I GOT ON THE BOARD

AND WAS ALWAYS KIND OF TOLD THAT IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE COUNTY TO BITE OFF AND THEN SUDDENLY SANTA ROSA STARTED DOING IT AND HAS A CONSULTANT MOVING FORWARD SO A COUPLE OF THINGS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE CONSIDERING A POLICY EARLY NEXT YEAR AND THAT IS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT SANTA ROSA TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE AND TO NOT HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY EXTENDED TO OTHER CITY PARTNERS SO THAT WOULD KIND OF ALLOW US TO FORMALIZE WHAT A COUNTY CONTRIBUTION COULD LOOK LIKE TO AN EIFD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL TODAY ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING THIS WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH MY STAFF TEAM AND THE COUNTIES OFFICE REGARDING POTENTIALLY A \$50,000 EXTENSION OF FUNDS TO THE CITY TO BE ABLE TO LOOK INTO THIS AND GET A CONSULTANT ON BOARD AND REALLY DO THE ANALYSIS AND COME UP WITH A LIST OF PROJECTS. LOOKING AT FORMING THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. SO I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT OPPORTUNITY. I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT PART OF THIS BUT I ALSO WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE ALSO MOVING FORWARD AND CAN ACTUALLY ADD IT TO THAT ITEM WITH A \$10,000 ALLOCATION FOR A WARMING CENTER SO WE ARE LOOKING AT BUNDLING THAT AS AN AGENDA ITEM IF THERE'S INTEREST. IF NOT AND WE NEED TO EXPLORE THIS FURTHER I AM HAPPY WITH THAT, AS WELL.

GREAT, SO THIS I THINK IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS. ANYONE FEEL LIKE STARTING HERE? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I GUESS I HAVE TIME TO STILL LEARN ABOUT IT BUT IT'S SAYING THAT PART OF THE PROCESS IS TO SURVEY THE PROPERTIES, WHICH MAKES ME THINK WE ARE LOOKING CLOSER AT PEOPLES PROPERTIES AND YET WHEN I LOOK ONLINE IT SAYS IT DOES NOT INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES. SO I'M NOT SURE SURVEYING THE PROPERTIES, IS THAT TO REASSESS PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE ANYWAY I DIDN'T KNOW WHY SURVEY THE PROPERTIES. IT'S IN YOUR STAFF REPORT, SO I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THAT, IF WE ARE NOT REASSESSING ANYTHING WHY ARE WE SURVEYING PROPERTIES? AND MAYBE AGAIN WE WILL LEARN MORE BUT I THOUGHT THAT WAS I QUESTIONED THAT.

THE QUICK ANSWER IS NO, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF NEW TAXES. AS I SAID, WE ARE JUST AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INQUIRY INTO IT. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO SURVEY PROPERTIES IS THAT ONCE THE BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, THAT DISTRICT HAS TO BE DEFINED ACCURATELY. I THINK IT'S JUST AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT FOR THE TAXING ENTITY OR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHICH PROPERTIES ARE INCLUDED. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THAT SUPERVISOR HOPKINS?

THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE REASON I LOVE IT SO MUCH IS THAT IT IS NOT NEW TAXES. IT IS TAKING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AND REINVESTING IT IN THE COMMUNITY BUT THE ASSESSMENT IS MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER MICK LEWIS?

HOW-- COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

IF IT'S BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF SEVASTOPOL HOW WILL IT BE ALLOCATED IF WE ARE INCLUDING WEST COUNTY OR THOSE AREAS?

SUPERVISOR HOPKINS DO YOU WANT TO FIELD THAT ONE?

THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION AND I WOULD ASK EXACTLY ONE. HOW DO I KNOW THAT SEBASTOPOL IS GOING TO GET ITS FAIR SHARE? MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS IS, FIRST WE LOOK AT THE INITIAL WORK BUT THE LAST STEP OF THE FIRST PHASE IS TO CREATE A PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE APPOINTED MEMBERS FROM ALL THE JURISDICTIONS PARTICIPATING. IF YOU WERE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY IT WOULD BE THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND THE COUNTY OF SONOMA AND THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SIT ON IT, AS WELL. THAT'S WHEN YOU COME UP WITH A LIST OF PROJECTS. AFTER THAT, THE FINANCING AUTHORITY COMES UP WITH A LIST OF PROJECTS. ANY OF THE ENTITIES WITH THE PUBLIC FINANCING CAME UP WITH A LIST TO CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COUNCIL SAID YOU KNOW WHAT? THIS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

FOR SEBASTOPOL, I FEEL THE MONEY IS BEING SIPHONED OFF ELSEWHERE OR DOES NOT MATCH OUR PRIORITIES, AT THAT POINT YOU SAY WILL BE ARE GOING TO NOT GIVE ANY SHARES OF OUR TAX INCREMENT INTO THIS EFFORT SO YOU WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PULL OUT SO YOU HAVE A VETO POWER ESSENTIALLY OVER THAT LIST. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SHARE FROM MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE I CONSIDER MYSELF A SEBASTOPOL RESIDENT BUT I DON'T GET TO VOTE FOR ANY OF YOU BECAUSE I AM JUST OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS THE SEBASTOPOL IS MY TOWN AS WELL SO I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DRAW A BOUNDARY THAT WAS CLOSER IN LINE, THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO INCLUDE PEOPLE LIKE ME BECAUSE WE USE ALL OF THE AMENITIES OF THE CITY. SO I THINK BECAUSE WE HAVE SO FEW URBAN SERVICE AREAS IN WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY, THOSE AREAS WOULD BENEFIT FROM A LARGER EIFD BOUNDARY BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE HAS TO GO, IN THE PLACES THAT HAVE WATER AND SEWER. SO OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF SANTA ROSA THAT IS SEBASTOPOL. FOREST BILL, GURNEY MILL, THAT'S IT FOR URBAN SERVICE AREAS, AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE LITERALLY THEY DON'T HAVE A FUNCTIONING SEWER SO PIPELINE PROCESS-- PROJECT IN PROCESS. LONG STORY SHORT THERE ARE FEW PLACES I CAN ACTUALLY ACCEPT THE TYPES OF PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH EIFD'S.

GOT IT, THANK YOU FOR THAT ANY OF THE QUESTIONS?

MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT THE CITY'S BUDGET SO THE IDEA OF GIVING ANY INCREMENTAL GROWTH IN OUR PROPERTY TAXES FOR OUR CITY CONSIDERING OUR CURRENT STATUS, WOULD NOT BE OKAY. BUT I SEE THAT THIS REPORT IS NOT INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SEBASTOPOL RESIDENTS. COULD YOU CLARIFY THAT THAT IS THE CASE? IS THAT TRUE? I'M ASKING OUR SUPERVISOR.

THE QUESTION BEING WITH THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL BE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE A PORTION OF INCREMENTAL TAX INCREASES?

THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION AND THE PART THAT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE COUNTY DECIDES TO DO WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMAL EIFD POLICY. IT'S UNLIKELY THAT THE COUNTY WOULD SORT OF JUST PUT IN THERE IS WITHOUT THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL HAVING SOME KIND OF A MATCH. AS FAR AS I KNOW THE ONLY COUNTY THAT HAS A FORMAL POLICY IS LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MANY CITIES INSIDE OF THEIR JURISDICTION SO THEY SET A MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF THOSE CITIES IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO KICK IN THEIR SHARE. I THINK THE REALLY IMPORTANT THING TO DO TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT THIS IS REDEVELOPMENT 2.0. AS PART OF THE ANALYSIS YOU WOULD NEED TO BE ASSURED THAT THE INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY WILL ACTUALLY RESULT IN INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES AND REVENUE OVERTIME TO COMPENSATE FOR THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN INVESTED IN THOSE IMPROVEMENTS AND THAT IS THE VISION THAT SANTA ROSA IS OPERATING UNDER AND WHY THEY BELIEVE IT WILL BENEFIT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IN THE LONG RUN WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY TAX VALUES OVERTIME.

ONE QUESTION. WILL ALL RESIDENTS WHO WOULD BE PART OF THIS EIFD, THE PROPERTY OWNERS, WILL THEY GET A VOTE OR IS THIS SOMETHING THAT SKIRTS AROUND A VOTE?

THEY DON'T NEED TO VOTE ON IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT ACTUALLY A NEW TAX. IT'S JUST INVESTING A PORTION OF THEIR PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OVER TIME BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT GOES TO THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

ANY OF THE QUESTIONS?

THERE WAS TALK ABOUT COMBINING THIS WITH WARMING STATIONS BUT THE QUESTION I HAVE IS DOES THE WARMING STATION NEED TO BE IN SEBASTOPOL? ARE THERE OTHER LOCATIONS? I'M JUST ASKING BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ALL THESE DIFFERENT AREAS AND PARTICIPATING SO I'M JUST WONDERING DO ALL THE OTHER AREAS PARTICIPATE IN WARMING CENTERS AS WELL OR IS IT JUST SEBASTOPOL?

I FEEL I MAY HAVE MADE THAT A LITTLE UNCLEAR BECAUSE MY POINT WAS JUST THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SO IF THERE WAS INTEREST IN PURSUING THE EIFD, WE WOULD INCLUDE THAT ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL WITH A DISTINCT ALLOCATION FOR \$10,000 FOR SUPPORTING A WARMING CENTER WHICH WE HAD BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR RICH ABOUT. THAT I WILL MOVE FORWARD REGARDLESS AND A SIMILAR SET UP HAS BEEN DONE IN SONOMA COUNTY. THIS WOULD JUST STREAMLINE THE CITY'S BUDGET AND GET YOU \$60,000 EARMARKED FOR DIFFERENT THINGS SO I APOLOGIZE FOR THE CONFUSION.

THOSE TWO ARE NOT LINKED. JUST TO CLARIFY THAT. SO ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
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TO CLARIFY YOU ARE OFFERING THE \$50,000 TO GET THIS STARTED, AND WHAT WILL IT COST SEBASTOPOL IN ORDER TO GET THIS STARTED? DO WE HAVE TO DO ANYTHING MATCHING, AND WHAT DOES THAT COMMIT US TO IN TERMS OF ACCEPTING THE \$50,000? THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AS I START OF SHARED BEFORE YOU CAN REALLY PULL OUT OF THIS PROCESS AT ANY TIME. WOULD BASICALLY FACILITATE FUNDING TO START THE PROCESS SO YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT IT MAKES SENSE TO CONTINUE OR WHETHER OR NOT TO. GIVEN YOUR CURRENT BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT YOU ARE FACING THAT A MATCH OF JUST STAFF TIME TO OVERSEE THE CONTRACT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. IF WE ARE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH YOUR STAFF FROM OUR OFFICE AND THE CITY WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE THE LEAD ON DOING THE RFP AND MOVING FORWARD, THAT THAT WOULD BE AN ADEQUATE KIND OF MATCH FROM THE CITY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS HERE? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

SO THIS ISN'T AN ACTION ITEM RIGHT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ARE WE GOING TO BRING IT BACK REALLY QUICKLY? BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING.

I THINK ALL WE COULD DO, AND I HAVE TO CHECK IN WITH THE CITY MANAGER BUT THE QUESTION WOULD BE WHETHER WE CAN DO A THUMBS UP SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM. I THINK THAT'S WHAT SUPERVISOR HOPKINS IS LOOKING FOR IT. IS THERE MAJORITY SUPPORT? WOULD YOU NEED A FORMAL MOTION? BECAUSE WE CANNOT DO THAT AT THIS MEETING.

IF WE HAD A MAJORITY OF COUNSEL EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS THEN MY STAFF AND MY TEAM COULD START WORKING WITH THE CIO'S OFFICE TO FIGURE OUT WHEN WE CAN GET ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA WHICH WOULD ALSO NOT BE UNTIL JANUARY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT MEETING UNTIL THEN EITHER. AND IF YOU FEEL LIKE AFTER CONSULTING WITH YOUR TEAM BUT YOU NEED TO HAVE A FORMAL ACTION AND THAT COULD HAPPEN IN JANUARY BEFORE IT HAPPENS AT OUR MEETING, BUT IT WOULD BE HELP TO KNOW. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED AT ALL THEN WE WILL LEAVE IT BUT IF YOU ARE IT WOULD BE GREAT TO KEEP WORKING ON IT.

I THINK WE HAVE OUR CITY MANAGER MAKING A COMMENT HERE.

TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, AGENDA ITEM 13, THE REPORTS INDICATE THERE WAS LANGUAGE THAT SAYS FOR ANY OF THESE REPORT ITEMS, CITY COUNCIL CAN GIVE DIRECTION TO THE COMMITTEE THAT BROUGHT THE REPORT. SO IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE A THUMBS UP THIS EVENING FROM THE COMMITTEE.

IN ORDER TO INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE EIFD AND GET INVOLVED IN POTENTIAL FUNDING?

TO CONTINUE ITS WORK.

LINDA, YOU ARE SAYING YOU ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT US AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A \$50,000 GRANT, LET'S SAY, TO GET THIS STARTED? BECAUSE I DIDN'T READ THAT IN THE REPORT THAT I LOVE FREE MONEY SO I NEED TO REALLY BE CLEAR BECAUSE WITH UP OR DOWN, YET. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT BLUNTLY. IS THAT WHAT'S GOING ON?

I THINK SUPERVISOR HOPKINS WAS NOT AT THAT POINT IN HER PROCESS WHICH IS WHY SHE HAS SHOWN UP TONIGHT BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M HEARING AS WELL. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

I HAVE THREE THINGS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT STAFF THINGS ABOUT THIS IDEA INCLUDING, CAN WE MATCH THE OFFER WITH STAFF TIME WHICH IS WHAT SHE STATED, IN ORDER TO ACCEPT THE \$50,000? WE WOULD NEED TO MATCH IT WITH STAFF TIME. AND THE THIRD THING IS, HAS ANYONE TALKED TO OUR INCOMING CITY MANAGER DON SWARTS? ABOUT THIS IDEA?

IN TERMS OF THE INCOMING CITY MANAGER I KNOW HE'S AWARE OF IT. I HAVEN'T HAD ANY IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT OTHERS HAVE. MY INSTINCT IS THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY OPPOSITION TO IT. HE DIDN'T EXPRESS ANY OPPOSITION TO IT.

AS FAR AS STAFF TIME EVER READY DONE SOME WORK WITH THE AD HOC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CARRY SWANSTROM IS LIKELY TO BE THE PERSON LEADING THE CHARGE. I THINK THAT IS A RELEVANT QUESTION.

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I DIDN'T CHANGE THE AGENDA. ANYTHING YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE? I HAVE A FEELING THE DIRECTION THIS IS GOING SO IF YOU HAVE HESITATION I THINK NOW'S THE TIME TO EXPRESS IT.

WELL I THINK INVESTIGATING THIS MAKES A LOT OF SENSE FOR THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE I USED TO LIVE SOUTH OF TOWN QUITE A WAYS AND I CONSIDERED SEBASTOPOL MY TOWN SO I THINK THAT IS THE SENSE THAT I HAVE IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT EVERY DAY WE GET CALLS FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF CITY BOUNDARIES. SO I THINK THERE'S A SENSE THAT IT'S A LARGER COMMUNITY THAN JUST OUR CITY BOUNDARY FOR THAT. CERTAINLY WRITING AN RFP WITH EXISTING STAFF IS SOMETHING WE CERTAINLY COULD DO.

OKAY SO SUPERVISOR HOPKINS IS THAT OF THE-- THAT THE SORT OF STUFF COMMITMENT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?

ABSOLUTELY AND LIKE I SAID WE WILL BE WILLING PARTNERS IN TERMS OF OUR OFFICE TEAM AND SUPPORT HOWEVER WE CAN.

THANK YOU, AND I SEE COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS HAS A QUESTION AND IN ORDER TO MOVE THINGS ALONG I THINK I WILL GO TO A THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN AND FIGURE IT OUT.

TO CLARIFY WHEN YOU ARE SAYING WE COULD OPT OUT AT ANY TIME, I'M ASSUMING THAT WOULD BE COUNSEL WHO WOULD MAKE THAT DECISION?

YES.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE'S ONLY TASK HAS BEEN TO GATHER INFORMATION, BRING IT TO COUNSEL SO JANUARY 16 WHEN IS YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING?

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD MAKE IT FOR JANUARY I DON'T THINK IT WOULD MAKE IT FOR JANUARY 8 SO IT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE NEXT ONE WHICH WOULD LIKELY BE AFTER THAT. IT WOULD BE THE 23rd I BELIEVE.

BECAUSE JANUARY 16 IS THE DATE WHEN HOPEFULLY IT WILL COME BACK TO COUNSEL. I'M SORRY COUNCILMEMBER.

I JUST WONDERED, COULD YOU CLARIFY FOR ME WHEN YOU SAY WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU? EVERYONE HAS DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND I ASK THAT BECAUSE I HEAR A LOT OF TALK AROUND THE LIBRARY AND FOR ME, THAT'S NOT OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT'S A COUNTY FACILITY AND WE HAVE MANY OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH SO I'M CURIOUS WHAT YOUR DEFINITION IS OF THAT VERSUS EVERYBODY ELSE.

INFRASTRUCTURE IS DEFINED IN THE LEGISLATION THAT CREATED EIFD 'S SO IT WOULD REFER TO THAT AND WHAT IS AND IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE FUNDED BUT IN TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL THAT IS DEFINITELY NOT ON ME TO DECIDE, THAT'S ON YOU SO I WOULD NOT PURPORT TO ASSUME WHAT IT IS THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO FUND.

I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO IDENTIFY WHAT WE WOULD IDENTIFY, I'M JUST CURIOUS WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE MEANS TO YOU. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF THAT? FOR ME IT'S ROADS AND WATER AND THAT TYPE OF THING AND I'M CURIOUS IF THAT'S WHAT YOURS IS AS WELL BECAUSE AGAIN I KEEP HEARING ABOUT THE LIBRARY AND I FEEL IT. INTRUDING I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT SEBASTOPOL , WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE I THINK ABOUT ROADS, SIDEWALKS, CROSSWALKS, BIKE LANES, BUILDINGS, PARKS. I HAVE A PRETTY EXPENSIVE MENTAL DEFINITION BUT REALLY ALL OF THOSE PUBLIC AMENITIES THAT COMMUNITIES RELY ON TO FUNCTION ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

THINKING NOW WE CAN-- DO WE NEED TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS? I WAS REALLY HOPING TO GET THIS WRAPPED UP BY 10:00 BUT WE WILL SEE.

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT? THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HOPKINS IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND HANGING WITH US FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

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THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE EFD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN GO OUT TO ZOOM .

I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK. I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL IDEA BUT I HOPE THE COUNCIL CAN GIVE THIS AD HOC A LITTLE MORE DIRECTION IN TERMS OF SCOPE. MAYBE SPEND SOME TIME THINKING ABOUT WHAT DOES THIS KIND OF BOUNDARY LOOK LIKE? I THINK MANY TIMES WE'VE HEARD REFERENCE THAT IT'S A CITY OF EIGHT REFERENCE THAT IT'S A CITY OF 8000 BUT SERVES 50,000 SO MAYBE THAT'S YOUR BALLPARK PLACE TO START IN TERMS OF POPULATION AND SIZE OF THE BOUNDARY BUT AGAIN THAT'S A FOR COUNSEL TO DECIDE BUT PLEASE TRY TO GIVE SOME MORE DIRECTION TONIGHT.

THANK YOU KYLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON ZOOM PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY AND UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR WAVE TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY.

I SEE NO HANDS RAISED, SO I WILL COME BACK TO THE CHAMBER.

I JUST LOOKED IT UP AND IT SEEMS LIKE ALL OF THE CITIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE MUCH, MUCH BIGGER PLACES. THIS SEEMS TO BE INCREDIBLY SQUISHY TO ME, VERY VAGUE WHAT THIS IS AND GIVEN THE MAYOR AND THE VICE MAYOR PLUS LINDA HOPKINS, THIS COULD GO VERY BADLY WRONG, I THINK BASED ON THE PROCLIVITIES OF THESE PEOPLE. SO BEFORE PROCEEDING I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A HECK OF A LOT MORE. I THINK THE QUESTION ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE WAS INTERESTING BECAUSE WE JUST DISCUSS THE POLICE EARLIER THIS EVENING. MORE WARMING CENTERS AND MORE INFRASTRUCTURE OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM MEANS MORE OVERHEAD FOR THE CITY. SO I WOULD LIKE A HECK OF A LOT MORE DETAIL ON THIS BEFORE WE GET ANY FURTHER. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. KATE CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF?

YES, THANK YOU.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN, THANK YOU.

I THINK THIS IS AN INTERESTING IDEA, I WONDERING HOW THIS DIFFERENTIATES FROM MAY BE DOING A BROADER LEAP WHICH WOULD JUST BE HAVING THE COUNTY ABSORB THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL GIVEN THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CRISIS AND INABILITY TO REALLY COVER ITS INFRASTRUCTURE? I THINK WASTEWATER AND THE WATER FUND ARE NOW IN A DEFICIT AND IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF, IN TERMS OF FIRE AND POLICE STAFFING, WHERE VERY SHORTSTAFFED. SO THAT IS ONE QUESTION THAT I HAVE. MY OTHER QUESTION IS, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO PLACE THE WARMING CENTER IN ANOTHER CITY? BECAUSE SEBASTOPOL HAS THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND ALSO THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND IF YOU REMEMBER, YOU, SUPERVISOR HOPKINS TOOK THE HOTEL AND ALL THE REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT. SO I WOULD ALSO INSTEAD OF \$50,000 GOING TOWARD THIS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT AS \$300,000 OR \$400,000 ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF SEBASTOPOL FOR ALL OF THE MONEY THAT WE LOST WHEN THE HOTEL WAS CONVERTED INTO HOMELESS HOUSING. I KNOW FOUR SPILL DOESN'T HAVE ANY HOMELESS SERVICES WHATSOEVER SO MAYBE THEY COULD TAKE THE WARMING CENTER. ANOTHER CITY BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE KIND OF TAPPED OUT. WE JUST DECLARED A FISCAL EMERGENCY. POLICE ARE OVERWHELMED, SO I WOULD KINDLY ASK IF YOU COULD TAKE THAT BEAUTIFUL OFFERING AND GIVE IT TO ANOTHER CITY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO THE CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I SEE NO HANDS RAISED VIRTUALLY. LINDA CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

CAN YOU HEAR US OKAY?

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TWEAK THIS PHONE A LITTLE BIT. VOLUME IS NOT ADEQUATE BUT ANYWAY, THANK YOU KATE AND OLIVER. MY TAKE ON IT, DID I UNDERSTAND IT? BECAUSE I'M NOT HEARING THINGS REAL CLEARLY HERE, I DON'T HEAR YOU LINDA, AND BY THE WAY HELLO, GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU. I'M A FINE LIAISON. BUT DID I HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT OPEN SPACES AND PARKS AND STUFF?

YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE 10 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PIPELINE RIGHT NOW INCLUDING THE HOTEL, A 96 UNIT, THREE-STORY MONSTROSITY SLATED TO GO INTO AN APPLE ORCHARD UP HERE BEHIND THE O'REILLY BUILDING SO WE ARE FILLING UP, IN MY OPINION ALL OF THE OPEN SPACES AND POTENTIAL PARKS THAT ARE POSSIBLE AT ALL AND ABSOLUTELY NO CONSIDERATION, THESE STUDIES AND STUFF, I'M READING THE DRAFT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS AND THEY ARE FINDING THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON TRAFFIC DESPITE THE FINDING HERE AT THIS ONE PROJECT, 684 ADDED VEHICLE TRIPS DAILY ON HEALDSBURG AVENUE AND 116.

YOU HAVE 25 SECONDS.

BUT THIS DOES NOT SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO ME. WE REALLY DO NEED TO HAVE OPEN SPACES AND STUFF AND WE NEED TO SLAM THE BRAKES ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN MY OPINION AND PUT A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING UNTIL PEOPLE START LOOKING AT THESE IMPACT REPORTS. WATER, THE COPS, TRAFFIC AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU LINDA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY OR WAVE TO GET MY ATTENTION. THERE WE GO. MARY CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

SORRY. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CLEARLY THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FROM LINDA HOPKINS AND ANYBODY ON CITY COUNCIL. THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE IN CHAMBERS I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE LAST TIME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, UNMUTE YOUR TELEPHONE OR WAVE TO GET MY ATTENTION. SEEING NO ONE TRYING TO GET MY ATTENTION, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BACK WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION AND AN INDICATION HOPEFULLY OF SUPPORT OR LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE OFFER THAT SUPERVISOR HOPKINS HAS MADE TO US. I WILL SAY, AND HAVE SUPERVISOR HOPKINS CONFIRM THIS ALSO, AN EIFD DOES NOT INCLUDE UNAMBIGUOUS, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES. IT IS TAKING A PORTION OF EXISTING PROPERTY TAXES AND HAVING IT CONTRIBUTE A PORTION OF THOSE EXISTING PROPERTY TAXES TO A NEW LEGAL ENTITY, AN EIFD, A NEW DISTRICT. SO NO NEW TAXES. SUPERVISOR HOPKINS DO YOU WANT TO CHIME IN TO CONFIRM THAT IS THE CASE?

I WANT TO ECHO EVERYTHING YOU SAID. THANK YOU MAYOR RICH AND IF WE WERE TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD REQUIRE-- IT'S A DIFFERENT PROCESS IF WE WERE TO ASSESS PROPERTY TAXES IT WOULD BE A TWO THIRDS VOTE. THE REASON THIS IS NOT HAVE TO GO TO A VOTE IS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY PUTTING ANY NEW TAXES ON ANYONE. IT IS DIVERTING AN INCREASE OVER TIME INTO A POT OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE.

THANK YOU. YES, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I WANTED TO SAY IN THE BRIEF RESEARCH I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT IT SAYS THAT THESE ARE TO FUND PROJECTS THAT DEMONSTRATE A COMMUNITYWIDE BENEFIT AND IN THAT BRIEF RESEARCH IT SAYS THAT THEY CAN ALSO FUND LOCAL WATER PROJECTS. WE KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS HELP, SO I'M EXCITED ABOUT IT AND THE POSSIBILITIES. I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE IT ALL VETTED BUT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST START AND IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT. IN MY BRIEF RESEARCH IT LOOKS LIKE THIS MIGHT BE A SOLUTION FOR SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

I WOULD LIKE WHEN YOU BRING THIS BACK , TO SPELL OUT HOW YOU CAME UP WITH THAT \$82 MILLION. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW YOU ARRIVED AT THAT NUMBER AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DEFINED BOUNDARY AND DEFINE POTENTIAL PROJECTS.

THANK YOU FOR THAT INPUT AND THAT DIRECTION. WE DO HAVE A SHEET THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTIES ADMINISTRATIVE

AND BE PART OF THE JANUARY 16 REPORT. SO YES, WE HAVE ALL OF THAT THAT WE CAN SUBMIT AND THAT IS THE EXPECTATION AND THE PLAN. Agenda Item Number: 4

I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES BUT I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, WOULD THAT MEAN THAT OUR PROPERTY TAX THAT THE CITY IS RECEIVING REMAIN STAGNANT? IF THE INCREASE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO THE EIFD? GO AHEAD SUPERVISOR HOPKINS.

IT WOULD NOT BE DIVERTING ALL OF THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES. IT WOULD BE TAKING A PORTION. SO THERE HAVE BEEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT 25% LOOK LIKE? AND THEN AGAIN THE GOAL IS TO MAKE THOSE INVESTMENTS SO THAT YOU ACTUALLY MAKE THAT 25% UP BECAUSE YOU SEE AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX AND GROWTH OVER TIME WHETHER IT IS THROUGH INCENTIVIZING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OR CREATING A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE TO LIVE THERE BECAUSE OF THE ENHANCED AMENITIES.

I GUESS THE COMMENT I WOULD MAKE IS THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A MULTI-YEAR PROCESS. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT CAN BE CONTRIBUTED FROM THE CITY PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES THAT WE ALREADY COLLECT, NONE OF THAT COULD BE ALLOCATED TO THIS DISTRICT WITHOUT CITY COUNCIL ACTION.

RIGHT, BUT IF WE HAVE A PORTION GOING INTO A FUND THAT IS DECIDED BY A DIFFERENT GROUP OF PEOPLE OTHER THAN PEOPLE THAT ARE ALL IN SEBASTOPOL, DOESN'T THAT IMPACT THE OVERALL FUNDING THAT WE HAVE IN OUR BUDGET THAT IS BEING DECIDED BY ELSEWHERE RATHER THAN HERE AND AS WE SIT HERE AND TALK ABOUT A FISCAL EMERGENCY AND NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DIVERTING FUNDING SOMEWHERE ELSE? WHERE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY-- YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? IT WOULDN'T JUST BE PEOPLE IN SEBASTOPOL DECIDING ON THIS SO AREN'T WE IN EFFECT TAKING OUR OWN POWER AWAY, GIVING THAT AWAY?

I THINK THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE MANY QUESTIONS THAT WE WILL ADDRESS IF WE DECIDE ON JANUARY 16 OR BEYOND THAT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FULLY. THERE IS SO MUCH THAT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED YET.

FOR ME THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE TONIGHT, AND I WON'T BE IN LINE BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF SCOPE OR BOUNDARIES AROUND IT BECAUSE IT IS CONCERNING TO ME, JUST A WIDE-OPEN THING. AND I UNDERSTAND FREE MONEY BUT WHAT DO THEY SAY, IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE? SO I JUST THINK THAT, I HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND I FEEL FOR ME TONIGHT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SAY YEAH, LET'S GO. THAT'S WHERE I'M AT.

IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS WE STILL NEED TO ANSWER. ANYONE, BEFORE WE-- AND I GET THAT. I ACTUALLY GET THAT. HONESTLY, STEPHEN ZOLLMAN AND I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS WE HAVE NOT ANSWERED AND IT HAS JUST BEEN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. ANY OTHER COMMENTS BE BEFORE WE DO THUMBS UP AND THUMBS DOWN?

JUST ONE MORE IDEA. IS THE IDEA OF ENGAGING ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WITHIN THIS BOUNDARY. I SEBASTOPOL IS THE TOWN. I LOVE TO HAVE YOU PUT IT, SUPERVISOR HOPKINS, THAT YOU LOVE THIS TOWN AND I THINK IT'S TRUE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE WEST COUNTY. THEY IDENTIFY WITH SEBASTOPOL AS THEIR TOWN AND I WANT TO MAINTAIN THE FROM THE RELATIONSHIP AND NOT JUST ASSUME. I THINK THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR BEING VERY POLITICAL SO HOWEVER WE PROCEED WITH IT I WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH CARE BECAUSE THIS IS PROPERTY TAXES THAT PEOPLE ARE PAYING, LIKELY THEY VOTED FOR IT TO GO I'M NOT SURE ALL THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT PEOPLE PAY BUT IF YOU ARE TAKING A PORTION OF IT, I JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL AND TRANSPARENT WITH THE PUBLIC.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE ONE MORE COMMENT. SEBASTOPOL WAS ALWAYS OUR TOWN. IC OF WEST COUNTY THAT EVEN IF WE ARE GIVING UP A LITTLE BIT BY DRAWING A LARGER DISTRICT OF PEOPLE THAT COME TO OUR CITY WE WILL PROBABLY GET MORE THAN WE ARE GIVING UP. IT'S JUST A MATH EQUATION. TO ME, IT'S PROBABLY A WIN. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT TO BE VETTED AND I AGREE WE SHOULD WHAT CAREFULLY BUT I AM INTERESTED IN PURSUING IT BECAUSE I DO SEE THE BENEFIT Agenda Item Number: 4 HOUSEHOLDS NOT JUST THE ONES AS SUPERVISOR HOPKINS SAID City Council Meeting Packet of THE BORDER BUT MANY HOUSEHOLDS THAT VIEW SEBASTOPOL. AND I Page 104 of 916 GET A

PORTION TO HELP US CONTRIBUTE TO INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR TOWN I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN OVERALL BENEFIT SO I'M SUPPORTING THAT TONIGHT.

THUMBS UP AND THUMBS DOWN ON GIVING SUPERVISOR HOPKINS OUR SUPPORT FOR PURSUING A \$50,000 GRANT TO COVER THE INITIAL CONSULTING FEES. OKAY. YOU GOT OUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR HOPKINS AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE IN THE MIDST OF EVERYTHING ELSE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR SEBASTOPOL. WAS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? SO WE ARE CLOSING OUT THIS ITEM AND NOW THIS IS REALLY A QUESTION FOR MARY GOURLEY. I DON'T SEE US GETTING TO ITEM 11. IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH PUSHING THE DESIGNATED VOTING DELEGATE TO THE JANUARY 16 MEETING?

NO THERE WILL NOT BE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE FIRST MEETING WAS IN FEBRUARY. OKAY, SO LET'S PUSH THAT AND THEN REORGANIZATION OF THE AGENDA FORMAT. CAN WE PUSH THAT TO JANUARY 16?

LET'S MOVE FORWARD TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AND IF WE HAVE TO DROP ANOTHER ITEM IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF HERE, OKAY FINE, 10:30 THAT'S THE ITEM THAT GOES. TWO ITEMS YOU ARE BRINGING FORWARD TO US. THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN AND THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL LEVEL OF SERVICE REPORT AND YOU PROMISED ME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE BRIEF, SO THANK YOU.

JUST A BRIEF OVERVIEW, I UTILIZE A WORKPLAN FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO HELP ORGANIZE, I NEED A MOMENT HERE. I SEE THAT VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN IS MAKING A REQUEST .

I'VE NEVER BEEN CALLED A QUIET PERSON UNTIL THESE MEETINGS.

WE PUT TOGETHER PERIODICALLY LIMITED STAFF TIME, LIMITED PLANNING COMMISSION TIME AND BUDGET DOLLARS. WHAT WE'VE DONE RECENTLY WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS TO REVIEW OUR WORKPLAN AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD A COUPLE OF MEETINGS TO DISCUSS IT AND WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU THIS IS 23 - 24 INTO 25 AS WELL AT THIS POINT AND IN TERMS OF THE ITEMS, 3A, 3B ONE, TWO, THREE A AND 3B ARE GRANT FUNDED. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING FOR THIS, ITEM 1 THE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE ADOPTED THOSE. THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS THE SB NINE SINGLE-FAMILY LOT SPLIT REGULATIONS WHICH WE ALSO HAVE A DRAFT OF AND ARE ABOUT TO START REVIEW OF. THE VEHICLE MILE TRAVEL THRESHOLDS IS WELL UNDERWAY AND IF YOU COME TO COUNCIL IN THREE MONTHS OR SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO KNOCK OFF THE FIRST TWO FAIRLY QUICKLY IN EARLY 2023. THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WHICH USED TO BE CALLED THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN IS BEING FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF CITY FUNDING FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE FUND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE THAT IT IS UPDATING BOTH COUNTIES AND CITIES.

IF ALL OF THOSE ARE COVERED BY GRANTS LET'S MOVE TO THE NEXT CATEGORY. THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IS THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THAT AND THAT IS BASICALLY THE WORKPLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR 18 MONTHS OR SO.

THE HOUSING ELEMENT, I WOULD BET WILL TAKE--

THE PDA GRANT WILL BE A PORTION OF THAT AND I DID GET A QUESTION FROM A COUNCILMEMBER ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER HOUSING ELEMENT OF LIMITATIONS, THE TOP OF PAGE 3 AND I KNOW WE'VE GOT SOME COMMENTS ON THAT AND THAT IS ONE WHERE IF THERE ARE ITEMS THAT COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO PRIORITIZE, I WOULD RECOMMEND A JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT A PLANNING COMMISSION TIME TO DISCUSS THAT AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE IN TERMS OF DIRECTION AND WHERE WE WANT TO GO.

THE QUESTION THAT I WOULD HAVE ON THAT COMMENT IS, WHAT WOULD BE THE TIMING OF THAT JOINT SESSION AND WHAT WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN FIRST? WOULD THERE HAVE TO BE A DECISION ABOUT WHICH ITEMS THEY WERE INTERESTED IN OR COULD IT JUST BE A MEETING WHERE ALL ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED?

FIRST OF ALL THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS HERE TONIGHT AND I DO HAVE A MEETING TO REVIEW THE FORECAST. IT WOULD PROBABLY HAPPEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AT LEAST INTO THE NEW YEAR GIVEN OUR SCHEDULE. HEARING TONIGHT ABOUT ITEMS TO PUT ON THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE UP THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL LEGAL AID IN TERMS OF TENANT RIGHT ISSUES AND THAT IS ONE

COMMISSION WOULD NEED DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD ON THOSE. WE COULD DO A LITTLE BIT OF A DISCUSSION KICK OFF FOR RENT FUNDING TO GET SOME DIRECTION AS WE GO INTO THAT PROJECT AS WELL WHICH IS RELATED TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT AS WELL. Agenda Item Number: 4

I INTERRUPTED YOUR FLOW HERE BUT LOOKING AT THIS AT THE WORKPLAN THAT YOU'VE PRESENTED, WHICH ITEMS ARE DEFINITELY ON YOUR WORKPLAN AND INCLUDED? DOES THAT GO THROUGH PAGE 4?

ITEMS ONE THROUGH FIVE FIVE BE I SHOULD SAY ARE IMMEDIATE, THIS NEXT YEAR. THE VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE WE COULD PROBABLY DO WEEKLY BUT I THINK WE NEED, AGAIN, SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL WITH NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT REVENUE AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS. ITEMS SEVEN AND EIGHT, WELL SEVEN IS, THE STATE PASSES LAWS EVERY SINGLE YEAR AND A LOT OF THEM RELATE TO HOUSING OR PLANNING AND WE NEED TO RESPOND TO THOSE SO WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS, AND THEN ITEM 8 ARE ITEMS THAT WE HAVE FOUND AND A COUPLE OF THESE FALL UNDER THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. ARE THERE WAYS WE CAN MAKE DOING BUSINESS IN SEBASTOPOL MORE FRIENDLY? WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT OUR ORDINANCES SO THERE ARE A COUPLE, ESPECIALLY ITEM 4 THAT BOTH STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOGNIZES NEED SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN TERMS OF USE PERMITS. SO WE MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET TO THOSE. PART OF THAT IS PRIORITIES OF COUNCIL, STAFF TIME, OTHER THINGS THAT GET ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND BALANCING THAT ALL OUT. I WOULD SAY THERE'S BACKGROUND WORK BEING DONE WITH IDENTIFYING NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TALKING WITH FOLKS. I MET TODAY WITH THE ROTARY AND LAST WEEK WITH FRIENDS OF IBIS PARK IVES PARK SO THERE ARE A LOT OF BACKGROUND THINGS LOOKING FOR FUNDING AND WAYS TO MOVE THAT FORWARD GOING ON IN THE BACKGROUND BUT NOT A MAJOR INITIATIVE LIKE THE CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT WAS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. ANYTHING ELSE FROM AN OVERVIEW PERSPECTIVE?

NO. I THINK THAT'S

IF WE CAN CLARIFY, THE ITEMS THAT YOU DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE PRIORITIZED THAT YOU COULD PRIORITIZE OR CONSIDER PRIORITIZING WITH COUNCIL DIRECTION. ARE THOSE ITEMS SIX, THE VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE, ITEM 8 WHICH IS KIND OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CLEANUP, AND ITEM 9 WHICH IS THE IVES PARK MASTER PLAN?

YES. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S KIND OF WHERE WE STOPPED NUMBERING BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE REALISTIC. IN A TWO YEAR TIMEFRAME HOW MUCH COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET DONE, SO THE CREEK ORDINANCE AND EVERYTHING AFTER PAGE 5 IS NOT ON THE AGENDA AT THIS POINT. IT'S NOT ON THE PLAY, IT IS IN THE CUPBOARD, SO TO SPEAK.

CAN WE ASSUME THAT TO THE EXTENT WHAT COUNCIL WANTS TO PRIORITIZE ANYTHING IN NUMBER 6 OR LATER, THAT WOULD REQUIRE A JOINT-- HE WOULD PROPOSE A JOINT MEETING?

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST, COUNCIL HAS SAID, IT HAS NOT BEEN QUITE SO GRANT LOADED OR WITH A NEED TO DO SOME OF THESE IN THE PAST BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME TIMES WHERE COUNCIL SAYS DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS. THIS IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR US. MOVE IT DOWN OR MOVE IT UP, SO THAT IS WHY WE ARE COMING TO YOU WITH THIS. THIS IS WHAT STAFF AND THE COMMISSION HAVE DISCUSSED AS PRIORITIES BUT WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE AS WELL.

I THINK AT THIS POINT QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER, ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK ? I'M GOING TO GO DOWN THE LINE HERE.

THERE ARE-- BECAUSE IT'S NOT ON THE-- DOES THAT MEAN IT MAY NOT BE ADDRESSED THIS YEAR? ACTED ON WITH A NOT BE ABLE TO BE ACTED ON?

WE WOULD NOT BE WORKING ON IT THIS YEAR IF IT'S NOT IN THE WORKPLAN. THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THERE ARE THINGS THAT, I DID LOOK AT WHAT WENT TO THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE AND I THINK IT WOULD NEED A LOT OF STAFF WORK IN TERMS OF WRITING IT AS AN ORDINANCE THAT COULD BE UNDERSTOOD AND BE VERY CLEAR TO EVERYONE WHAT THE REGULATIONS ARE SORT OF A GENERAL POLICY AT THIS POINT. THERE'S A LOT OF STAFF WORK THAT WOULD NEED TO GO INTO THAT THAT I DON'T SEE MY DEPARTMENT HAVING TIME FOR. IF YOU WANT TO THAT WOULD NEED TO BE A DISCUSSION ABOUT, IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN BE PRIORITIZING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT? Agenda Item Number: 4
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VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN?

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THANK YOU BECAUSE IN THE INTEREST OF TIME I ALWAYS LIKE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS AHEAD OF TIME AND A COUPLE I HAD SUBMITTED. SOMETHING YOU SAID I SHOULD EXPRESS INTEREST IN IS A RUN NUMBER FIVE WHICH, IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT IS THE PRIORITIZED, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO REALLY HAVE THE MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE TWO THINGS UNDER WORKPLAN NUMBER 5. AS WE HEARD FROM THE HOUSING ELEMENT THE BEST AND CHEAPEST WAY TO KEEP HOUSING IS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THE HOUSES. AS FAR AS RENT CONTROL WE HAD HEARD FROM LEGAL AID. IN ORDER TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSES WOULD BE SOME TYPE OF TENANT PROTECTION. WHAT I ALSO HEARD WAS SOME SORT OF HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS AS WELL ALONG WITH A REGISTRY SO I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR INFORMATION FOR COUNSEL, THOSE TYPE OF ISSUES WOULD BE UNDER NUMBER FIVE. IS THAT WERE YOU SEE THEM?

NUMBER FIVE, CORRECT.

AND SPECIFICALLY THE TOP OF PAGE 3. THESE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT CAME UP EITHER AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WE HAD A COUPLE OF COMMENTERS IN THE ROOM TONIGHT WHO ATTENDED THAT MEETING AND TALKED ABOUT THE TINY HOMES AND OTHER ISSUES THAT ARISE, IF COUNCIL HAS OTHER ISSUES, WE NOTE IT'S A POTENTIAL DISCUSSION.

YOU ALREADY HIT WHERE I WAS GOING. YOU ALSO SEE THAT AS BEING UNDER NUMBER FIVE AS WELL?

CORRECT, SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF IS IT A PRIORITY? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

RIGHT, BECAUSE I'VE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INCLUDING HERE THE AUDIENCE THAT TINY HOMES IS IMPORTANT FOR AT LEAST HAVING MORE HOMES FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. LAW ENFORCEMENT, TEACHERS, TO OPEN MORE STOCKS.

GETTING INTO COMMENTS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO CAPTURE ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE WORK PLAN LIST THAT CITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER HAVING PRIORITIZED. EVEN WITHIN THE WORK PLAN LIST, THERE ARE ITEMS THAT YOU FEEL WE NEED TO BE DISCUSSED IF THEY WERE GOING TO BE PRIORITIZED AND THAT WOULD BE THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS THAT WERE JUST DISCUSSED BY VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN. WE ALSO HAVE THE RIGHTS OF NATURE QUESTION. ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDED INTO THE WORKPLAN? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I THINK WE NEED TO DO A THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN BECAUSE JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST-- THAT'S MY ONLY COMMENT.

IN GENERAL JUST GO THROUGH IT.

COUNSEL McLEWIS? DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT?

NO QUESTIONS. THE ONE THAT I SEE IS A PRIORITY FOR ME BUT IS ALREADY ON THE LIST. I APPRECIATE THAT SUGGESTION WHAT I'M HEARING FOR COUNCILMEMBER HINTON IS THAT PERHAPS AFTER WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT WE CAN COME UP AND DO THUMBS UP AND THUMBS DOWN ON EACH OF THE ITEMS IN THE LIST. WE WILL SEE IF THERE ARE OTHER QUESTIONS AND WE LOOK AT OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

I'M NOT ASKING FOR A VOTE ON THE RIGHTS OF NATURE ORDINANCE. IT'S OKAY WHERE IT IS.

THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT? NO? OKAY. I THINK WE WANT PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS? MARY GOURLEY?

SO THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO IN CHAMBER FIRST AND GO OUT TO ZOOM. WE DO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

GOOD EVENING. STEVE PEARCE, THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE TINY HOMES IT'S PART OF THE UP DATE TO THE WORKPLAN. IT'S PRIORITIZED BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE COUNCIL HAS A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND AND WHY THIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE
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DIRECTIONS OF TINY HOMES THAT ARE ON WHEELS. THE HEARINGS PEOPLE'S LOTS, A SEWER HOOKUP, AND ELECTRICAL HOOKUP, PROBABLY THE HEARINGS HOUSING

THAT CAN BE HAD. THEY CAN BE RENTED AND OWNED, THEY CAN ON THEIR OWN, AND BRING IN A TINY HOUSE ON WHEELS TO A LOT THAT IS PROVIDED. THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ HAS DONE A GOOD JOB AND IT'S ONE THAT I RECOMMEND THE CITY TO LOOK AT. IT CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$650 A MONTH TO RENT A SPACE AND BRING IN YOUR OWN TINY HOME. YOU ARE A HOMEOWNER IN TOWN. THAT CANNOT BE HAD ANYWHERE ELSE. YOU CAN PURCHASE THESE THINGS, THEY ARE QUITE NICE-LOOKING AND LOOKING ONLINE THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF TV SHOWS THAT ARE OUT THERE NOW ABOUT TINY HOUSE ON WHEELS. THEY MEET THE CODE REQUIREMENTS, THEY MEET THE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND BECOMING THE FUTURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEY CAN BE 20 OR \$30,000 TO PUT UP A FOUNDATION TO PLUNK DOWN AND ADU ON TOP OF IT. IT'S MOBILE. IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHERE YOU ARE LIVING YOU CAN MOVE IT TO ANOTHER PLACE. THE COUNTY HAS ALLOWED TINY HOMES ON WHEELS BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY DIDN'T DO IT AS AN ADU.

THAT'S TWO MINUTES.

NEXT I WILL GO TO ZOOM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN. LORETTA CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN.

I JUST HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION. CAN YOU SHOW US THE LIST YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

YES WE WILL PUT THAT ON DISPLAY.

THANK YOU, THAT IS ALL I WANTED.

NEXT I WILL GO TO KATE. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? I'M LOOKING AT THE LIST OF THE PRIORITIES.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS LEFT. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO COMMENT THAT THE LIST IS QUITE LARGE ON THE SCREEN SO SCROLLING WILL PROBABLY HELP SOMEONE LOOK AT THE LIST. THE COMMENT ABOUT THE EASIEST WAY TO PRODUCE MORE HOUSING IS THROUGH KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSES, AND I WOULD SAY THAT RELATES TO VACATION RENTALS, SO CLEARLY IF YOU HAVE A VERY STRONG VACATION RENTAL POLICY, YOU ARE RETAINING MORE HOUSING STOCK FOR LONG-TERM RENTERS. I BELIEVE THAT THE HOUSING POLICY SHOULD REALLY NARROW DOWN THE NUMBER OF AIR BNB AND VACATION RENTALS WITHIN CITY LIMITS TO PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN TOWN. MY OTHER COMMENT WOULD BE ONCE AGAIN I THINK THAT ANY SORT OF STRUCTURE THAT BRINGS PEOPLE INTO TOWN WHETHER IT IS AN ADU OR A TINY HOME SHOULD ALSO PAY IMPACT FEES BECAUSE OF THOSE PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE USE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY. SO WE LOSE INFRASTRUCTURE MONIES WHEN SMALLER HOMES DO NOT PAY TOWARD INFRASTRUCTURE. BUT A HOTEL ALWAYS HAS TO PAY IT.

20 SECONDS.

EVEN THOUGH THE ROOMS MAY BE VERY SMALL, THE PERSON STILL FLUSHING THE TOILET AND USING THE SEWER ARE STILL CALLING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SO I WOULD STRESS ONCE AGAIN REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE HOME, THEY SHOULD STILL BE PAYING TOWARDS INFRASTRUCTURE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

SO I HAVE A PLAN. ONE THING THAT IS BEING CLEANED OUT MORE RECENTLY AS RESULT OF GRANT DEADLINES WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN AND MAKE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS PROJECT, HAPPENING WITHIN A ONE MONTH PERIOD WITHIN THE LAST MEETING, WHEN YOU'RE WORKING ON THIS THAT YOU CAN PRIORITIZE AND PRIORITIZE THE GRANT FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES EARLIER IN THE SCHEDULE THAT WAY THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COUNCIL INPUT SO IT'S NOT BUTTING UP AGAINST THE DEADLINE, PASS IT OR YOU PAY FOR IT KIND OF A SITUATION THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED MORE RECENTLY. THE OTHER THING TO ECHO WHAT I'M KIND OF HEARING IS THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO ANYWHERE IN TERMS OF RENT CONTROL, WHICH IN THE FUTURE WE ARE GOING TO IT NEEDS TO BE PREFACED WITH A STRONG UPDATE TO THE AIR BNB POLICY. THEY ALL JUMP OVER AND GO INTO AIR BNB WORLD AND YOU'VE DEFEATED THE PURPOSE OF RENT CONTROL IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE WORKPLAN, PLEASE WAIVE TO GET MY ATTENTION. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

AS USUAL YOU KNOW, I AM COMPUTER FREE SO FRANKLY I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CLUE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT JUST PICKING UP ON WHAT SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS ARE TALKING ABOUT, HOUSING, LIKE TO MENTION THAT ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS IS LIVING IN A CARGO CONTAINER. I THINK IT'S VERY INTERESTING AND ALSO, I AM INTRIGUED WITH THE IDEA WITH ALTERNATE HOUSING, TINY HOMES AND ALL OF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, PEOPLE NEED TO START LOOKING AT WHAT THE COST-- CONSEQUENCES OF BUILDING EVERYTHING THAT'S IN THE PIPELINE, ALREADY BEEN APPROVED NEED TO START LOOKING AT THE TRAFFIC IMPACT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE DREADLOCKED. IT'S GOING TO BE WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT GOOD RIGHT NOW, BUT IT'S ALSO GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR WONDERFUL-- DEPARTMENT THAT IS UNDER RESPECTED, UNDERSTAFFED AND SAME WAY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY LEADERS KEEP CREATING DISINCENTIVES FOR--

I'M SORRY, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ON THIS WORKPLAN. WOULD YOU PLEASE KEEP TO THE TOPIC?

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT. I'M TALKING ABOUT HOUSING. I'M TALKING ABOUT LEVELS OF SERVICE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. SO ANYWAY, WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY APPROVED AND THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH AREN'T GOING TO BE GOOD AT ALL. AS FAR AS THE BUILDING AND SERVICES YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS 6:00 ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED. THESE LEADERS, YOU ARE TAKING US TO-- IN A HAND BASKET. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

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THE IMPLEMENTATION IS THAT WITHIN ITEM NUMBER FIVE, -- OR DID YOU NEED DIRECTION? SEE MAKE A DIRECTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

IF WE JUST SAY YES, ARE YOU GOOD? SUMAC I JUST WANT TO KNOW.

YES, I AM. THE THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDITIONALLY PUT ON IS A JOINT MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE HOUSING ISSUES. TO UNDERSTAND WHERE SOME THINGS HAVE COSTS, AND SOME THINGS DON'T.

I LIKE HER SUGGESTION. DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE COMMENT TO ITEM FIVE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK THEN. WE MAY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS. WITH TENANT RIGHTS. WE HURT RENT CONTROL FROM AN AUDIENCE MEMBER TONIGHT. I DID NOT HEAR ANYBODY TALKING ABOUT THAT. I THINK WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWS ALL OF THE OPTIONS. THERE ARE NO DECISIONS COMING OUT. I HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL FOR LEGAL EGG PRESENTATIONS BEFORE. WHETHER WE MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION OR NOT WOULD BE A BOLT -- VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THAT WOULD BE ITEM NUMBER SIX, ON VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCES.

I WANT TO CLARIFY IN WE ARE VOTING ON THE WHOLE PLAN? IT IS STARTING IN 2024? IS THAT CORRECT? I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. SEE MAKE A GUESS. YOU ARE VOTING ON THE RIGHT THING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED 2024 PLAN THAT STARTS ON PAGE EIGHT OF 21. AND IS DONE AT THE TOP OF PAGE 12 OF 21. CORRECT? YES. SO, WHAT I AM HEARING IS, SOME INTEREST FROM COUNCILMEMBER NEYSA HINTON AND ME MAKING SURE THE ITEMS IN NUMBER FIVE VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE AND NUMBER SIX ARE PART OF A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. ANY OTHER ITEMS WITHIN THE WORKPLAN? OKAY. WITH THAT CAVEAT, ITEMS NUMBER FIVE AND THE VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE, LET'S JUST TAKE A BOAT. LET'S DO THUMBS-UP.

EVERYONE IN FAVOR OF IT AS PROPOSED? DO YOU NEED A
YES.

ONE AREA WAS IN OUR GENERAL PLAN RECOMMENDED RESPONSE TIME OF THREE MINUTES FOR PRIORITY ONE CALLS. WE WERE ARRIVED AT 3:33 AS AN AVERAGE.

WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS AT THE END. GO AHEAD FOCAL SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS. WE HAD A SLIGHT DECLINE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT ON PROJECTIONS FROM SOME OF THE NEAR DEVELOPMENTS. THAT IS HOW CONGESTED THE ROADS ARE. THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION GRANT, THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WITH THE COUNTY AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT I'M HOPING THEY CAN HELP WITH. WE KNOW FROM RECENT MODELING, A LOT OF THOSE TRIPS DON'T STOP IN SEBASTOPOL. HOW DO WE DO WITH THAT? THAT IS -- THE COUNTY IS ABOUT TO START THE GENERAL PLAN. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN THERE AS WELL. WE HAVE DONE A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS. HOWEVER, AT INTERSECTIONS, AS WELL AS CROSS WALKS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THE BODEGA AVENUE PROJECT, OBVIOUSLY -- THE THING THAT I THINK WE WILL NEED TO LOOK AT IN THE UPCOMING GRANTS AND STUDIES ARE POTENTIAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE OUTLINED FOR POTENTIAL SIGNALS. PARTICULARLY [INDISCERNIBLE] AS YOU ARE COMING INTO TOWN. THE THIRD IN THE GENERAL PLAN -- BECAUSE OF THE NEARBY LIGHTS, IS -- PRETTY FAR DOWN.

GUESS. ABOUT THE INTERSECTIONS AND THE POTENTIAL ROUNDABOUTS, IT IS HELPFUL TO KNOW ABOUT THAT. AND NOW WE ARE IN HOUSING AND ALLOCATION.

WE DO HAVE FOR THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, 149 MARKET RATES THAT WE CAN ALLOCATE. THAT IS 50 PER YEAR PER CARRYOVER. THE HIGHLIGHT WE TALKED ABOUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS, WE DID MEET OUR TARGET FOR THE SEVENTH CYCLE AND WE HAD OUR NEW TARGETS. I WILL NOT GO THROUGH IT. THE PIPELINE OF WHAT WE HAVE IS ALREADY APPROVED. I'M POTENTIALLY COMING FORWARD, WE ARE GOOD SHAPE. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. I WILL JUST HIGHLIGHT THAT THE CITY PRODUCED OVER 1 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS FROM OUR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS. THAT IS A BIG HIGHLIGHT. I WILL STOP THERE.

OKAY. THAT IS A WONDERFUL COMMENT TO STOP WITH. I KNOW WE HAVE OUR POLICE CHIEF HERE. AND OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT REPORT?

NO. IT IS SUMMED UP WELL. THE THREE MINUTE RESPONSE TIME, I WANT TO DRILL INTO IT FURTHER AT SOME POINT. I HAVE A FEELING THAT MARKER WILL SET -- WAS SET MANY YEARS AGO. TIMES HAVE CHANGED. WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC. OUR OFFICERS ARE USING SHORTCUTS.

PROBABLY WORTH REASSESSING. WE DON'T WANT UNACHIEVABLE GOALS. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS? YOU'RE GOOD. ALL RIGHT. ANY COMMENTS HERE? OR QUESTIONS? NO? OKAY. THEN I THINK WE GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. MARY?

THIS IS FOCAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE SERVICE REPORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, I WOULD GO TO IN PERSON OR IN CHAMBERS FIRST. NO,, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CAN YOU UNMUTE? CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I'M IMPRESSED WITH HIS REPORT. IT IS VERY OFTEN THAT THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF ACCESS TO DATA AND INFORMATION IN TERMS OF OUR CITY. IT FEELS LIKE VERY OFTEN TIMES, THINGS ARE THROWN IN AT THE LAST MINUTE. THIS REPORT DOES NOT DO THAT. I WOULD HIGHLY ENCOURAGE COUNCILMEMBERS TO REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT. MULTIPLE TIMES TO LOOK. THERE ARE INTERESTING THINGS IN HERE THAT DID NOT GET COVERED. CARRY DID A GREAT JOB DOING A SIMILAR PRESENTATION AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. IT IS UNFORTUNATE TO RUSH THROUGH. THERE A LOT OF DETAILS IN THEIR THAT ARE NOT GETTING EXPRESSED TONIGHT. COUNCILMEMBERS, PLEASE REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT. AS YOU LOOK THROUGH THE DETAILS, THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT SHOULD BE BRINGING UP QUESTIONS. THEY SHOULD BE DRIVING THE AGENDA. BASICALLY, THIS IS GIVING YOU A GOOD AGENDA FOR WHAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT IN THE NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. AGAIN, I WILL GO BACK TO IN CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

CAN YOU UNMUTES, PLEASE?

GUESS. I HAD A QUESTION FOR CHIEF NELSON. IF YOU HAD A QUESTION FOR CHIEF NELSON, WOULD YOU HAD -- HAVE BETTER RESPONSE TIMES? I PUT SEVERAL MORE LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE LARGE FIGHT AT SAFEWAY AND THE MUGGINGS IN THE PARKS. IF YOU HAD MORE

RESOURCES, DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE BETTER RESPONSE TIMES? I DON'T AGREE WITH THE MAYOR THAT WE SHOULD ACTUALLY LOWERED THE RESPONSE TIMES. I THINK IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, YOU WANT YOUR OFFICERS RESPONDING WITHIN THREE MINUTES. THAT IS MY QUESTION.

LET ME GET THROUGH PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST PIECE -- PLEASE. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE?

THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT TRAFFIC. LIKE I SAID, PEOPLE NEED TO START TAKING A LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. [INDISCERNIBLE] YOU ADD THAT TRAFFIC. 684 ESTIMATED VEHICLE TRIPS DAILY FROM THE CANOPY. AND THEN YOU'RE GOING DOWN. WE ALREADY KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. PARTICULARLY ON THE FOURTH OF JULY. TWO YEARS AGO WE HAD A NEAR FATAL ACCIDENT. BECAUSE THE SUN WAS DIRECTLY IN THE EYES OF THE STONE SOBER LIBRARIAN COMING HOME FROM WORK.

LINDA, YOU HAVE 20 SECONDS. TOO THERE WAS A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN THE CROSSWALK. ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BLINDED, THEY CANNOT SEE. THAT INCLUDES EMERGENCY VEHICLES TRYING TO GO NORTH AND WEST ON THE AVENUE. THOSE PROJECTS SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. THANK YOU.

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

PAGE NINE OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES ABOUT THE CITY AND THE CITY CENTER. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WHERE HAVE FOUND ABOUT THE HOTEL DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE BROUGHT THIS UP BEFORE. [INDISCERNIBLE] I AM VERY CYNICAL ABOUT THIS REPORT. I HAVE READ ALL OF THIS STUFF. IT IS ALL VERY NICE. [INDISCERNIBLE] I DON'T SEE INTENT TO DEVELOP THE CITY. I GUESS NOBODY IS ASKING QUESTIONS. IT IS VERY CONCERNING. IT SEEMS LIKE MORE BUREAUCRACY. MAYBE SOMEBODY CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION SOMETIME IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? RAISE YOUR HAND. UNMUTE TO GET MY ATTENTION. I SEE NO HANDS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU. WE WILL NOT BE ANSWERING QUESTIONS TONIGHT FROM THE PUBLIC. I DO KNOW THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE HEARD I ASSUME, HAVE ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE. I'M SURE HE WILL FOLLOW UP TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS. THAT IS HOW HE IS. WE ARE NOW BACK AT THE CITY COUNCIL IN TERMS OF DISCUSSION ON THIS REPORT. I WANTED TO COMMENT -- I AM IMPRESSED BY THIS REPORT. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE IT PRESENTED TO UNDERSTAND THE DETAIL OF THE WORK THAT OUR STAFF ENGAGES IN. THIS CAPTURES A HUGE REPORT. IT CAPTURES A LOT OF WORK FROM OUR AMAZING STAFF. THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTUALLY HERE. THE FACT THAT EVERYTHING IS BASICALLY YES, EVERYTHING IS GREAT, I MEAN, IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF TIME TO SAY THAT. IT IS IMPRESSIVE. OTHER COMMENTS?

I WANTED TO THANK HIM AND OUR MAYOR FOR POINTING OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS REPORT. AND THANK YOU CARRIE FOR WRITING IT. I WISH IT HAD BEEN GIVEN A DIFFERENT TIME SLOT. THERE IS SO MUCH GOOD INFORMATION. AT THIS HOUR I START TO GET DECISION FATIGUE AND TIRED. THERE IS SO MUCH INFORMATION. I APOLOGIZE IF I WASN'T AS ATTENTIVE AS I SHOULD BE. I WILL DEFINITELY SAVE THIS REPORT AND REREAD IT AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

IF I MAY FOR YOU AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WE DO HAVE THIS AND SEVERAL YEARS OF THE SERVICE REPORT ON THE PLANNING WEBSITE UNDER DOCUMENTS.

VICE MAYOR?

JUST JOINING IN MY APPRECIATION. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER NEYSA HINTON?

THANK YOU AS ALWAYS. [INDISCERNIBLE] THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

SAME THING. THANK YOU FOR SAME. STARTING AT 6 A.M. MAKES IT A LONG DAY. MY FINAL OBSERVATION IS, I FEEL LIKE THIS REPORT NEXT YEAR NEEDS A SOLID TWO HOURS AT THE BEGINNING OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THERE IS A LOT IN HERE. IT NEEDED TO BE GONE THROUGH MORE THOROUGH. WE HAVE DONE OUR PART. APPRECIATE OUR WONDERFUL STAFF STICKING TO THE PLAN. LET'S APPLAUD THEM. OKAY. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE. WE HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM THAT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT I'M HOPING WE CAN GET TO. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS IS TAKING A BREAK. WE WILL TAKE A TWO MINUTE BREAK. I'M SITTING HERE. COME BACK AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

TO CONTINUE, OUR NEXT ITEM IS CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOL. THAT IS NUMBER 10. WE ARE GOING TO 10 B FOR DISCUSSION. THAT IS CONSIDERATION OF RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS ONLY. CITYWIDE. THAT MEANS THAT ITEM 10 A, WE'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO ADDRESS TONIGHT. IF THERE IS TIME, WE WILL ADDRESS IT. I THINK YOU ARE TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS ITEM. CONSIDERATION OF RETURN TO IN PEACE AND -- IT IN PERSON MEETINGS. AS YOU HAVE STATED, THIS IS OF WHETHER NOT TO RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS ONLY VERSUS CONTINUAL ZOOM FORMAT.

AFTER THE LAST MEETING THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE. WE LOOKED AT HOW OTHER CITIES WERE DOING IT. WE WERE ASKED TO LOOK INTO WHAT OTHER CITIES WERE DOING. THAT IS IN THE REPORT. MOST CITIES HAVE GONE TO THE IN PERSON FORMAT. THE ITEM TONIGHT BASICALLY IS WHETHER OR NOT TO STAY VIRTUAL WITH THE IN-PERSON AND HYBRID ZOOM. OR TO RETURN TO IN PERSON. ONE OF THE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WITH IN PERSON IS WITHOUT THE VIRTUAL, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE [INDISCERNIBLE] WHICH MEANS THAT IF SOMEONE IS SICK OR HAS AN EMERGENCY, THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO LOGIN WOULD BE TO DO IT THROUGH TRADITIONAL BROWN ACT. THAT REQUIRES A 72 HOUR NOTICE. IF SOMEONE IS SICK THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT UNLESS IT IS POSTED ON THE AGENDA. THAT IS A CONSIDERATION. CITY STAFF HAS LOOKED AT IT. THE OTHER THING IS, BECAUSE OF THE EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED, IS THERE A WAY THE CITY WOULD SAVE MONEY? IF WE WENT TO JUST IN PERSON WE WOULD SO UTILIZE LIVESTREAM. MAYBE YOU TOO. IT WOULD REMOVE ONE PERSON DOING THE BACKGROUND WORK FOR I.T. IT WOULD SAVE US 20,000. PLANNING COMMISSION HAS GONE TO HAVE A STAFF SOME OF THE MEETINGS BUT THEY ARE ALSO UTILIZING PCA. IF WE ARE DOING LIVESTREAM IT WOULD NOT REMOVE FUNDING. THEY WOULD STILL NEED TECHNICAL I.T. ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR FORMAT. IT IS A HARD DECISION TO MAKE. ONLY BECAUSE THE CITY VALUES TRANSPARENCY. WE ARE ALSO HEARING NEGATIVITY ABOUT THE COMMENTS BEING MADE. AND AGAIN, GOING OUT TO OTHER CITIES, AND I'M NOT RECOMMENDING THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING IT, BUT IS THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BASED IN THE MEETING WITH THE CITY COURSE, A LOT OF CITIES HAD GONE BACK TO IN PERSON ONLY. BECAUSE OF THE COMMENTS. WITHOUT GOING -- YOU CAN READ THE REPORTS OF OTHER CITIES DOING THIS. THE CONSIDERATION IS WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE THE MEETINGS WE ARE DOING WHICH IS HYBRID, OR TO GO TO IN PERSON. BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED.

AND IN PERSON IT WOULD INCLUDE INCLUDE LIVESTREAM?

THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY TYPE OF BACK AND FORTH CONVERSATION. IT WOULD BE IF YOU'RE JUST WATCHING LIVE ON SCREEN THROUGH LIVESTREAM -- POTENTIALLY YOUTUBE. WERE SEEING IF WE CAN DO ALL THREE AT ONCE. IT WOULD NOT BE BACK AND FORTH. THE PUBLIC WOULD NEED TO BE IN PERSON ONLY.

I SEE WE HAVE A QUESTION. THE CITY MANAGER HAS A COMET.

WE WERE EXPLORING ISSUES ABOUT REMOVING PEOPLE AND UTILIZING THE ZOOM FORMAT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT CALL IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. IT INVOLVES KNOWING WHAT THE COURT CASES ARE ABOUT. AND FIRST AMENDMENT COURT CASES. WHAT CONSTITUTES HATE SPEECH AND WHAT DOES NOT. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MAKE THAT CALL. IN JUST A MATTER SECONDS EVEN IF WE HAD A DELAY. WE HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM BEFORE. ONE PERSON COMMENTED THAT THEY THOUGHT THEIR SPEECH WAS PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT. I DETERMINED TO CUT THEM OFF AT THE TIME. THAT IS A TOUGH JUDGMENT CALL TO MAKE ON-THE-FLY. I SAW COMMENTS ABOUT THAT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. I WOULD TEND TO AGREE IT'S AN ISSUE.

THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

YOU MENTION THE COST SAVINGS FROM DISCONTINUING. BUT THE FLIPSIDE ALTERNATIVELY HAVING TO HAVE ALL OF OUR EXPERTS COME IN PERSON. HOW IS THAT GOING TO IMPACT US AS FAR AS WHEN WE HAVE A CONCERN THAT WE WANT TO GET ON

AND THEY CHARGE US FOR THE TIME ON THE ZOOM. BUT IF THEY HAVE TO BE HERE ALL NIGHT LIKE THIS, HOW IS THAT GOING TO IMPACT COST? JUST SAYING.

YOU ARE RIGHT. I WILL NOT HAVE A NUMBER. IT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE LENGTH OF THE MEETINGS. IT WOULD BE DEPENDENT IF THIS COUNSEL WILL REQUIRE THEM TO BE IN PERSON. I DID REACH OUT TO OTHER CITIES. THEY ARE ALLOWING STAFF AND CONSULTANTS TO LOGIN. HOW FAIR IS THAT? IT WOULD SAVE THE CITY MONEY NOT HAVING THEM IN PERSON TO HAVE THEM ZOOM IN. BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO HOOK UP -- WE WOULD DO WHAT WE DID IN THE OLD DAYS. IT WOULD BE UP ON THE SCREEN. PEOPLE WATCHING LIVE WOULD BE ABLE TO WATCH IT. IT COULD BE DONE. IT WOULD COST IF THE CONSULTANTS WERE HERE IN PERSON WAITING TO GO HOWEVER LONG THE ITEM WAS GOING TO BE. IF THE CONSULTANT SHOWED UP AT 6:00, THE ITEM WASN'T UNTIL 10, WE WOULD BE CHARGED FOR MAC HOURS.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? WE WILL GO DOWN THE LINE.

I HAVE A LOT OF THOUGHTS.

OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT?

NO.

OKAY. VICE MAYOR, ANY QUESTIONS?

MY QUESTION IS. I WANT TO CLARIFY THE COMMENTS. LOOKING BEFORE, CONSULTANTS COULD ACTUALLY CALL IN VIA SOME SORT OF FORMAT?

NO, NOT BEFORE COVID. THEY WERE HERE IN PERSON.

NOW WE COULD ALLOW THEM WITHOUT DOING ZOOM. WE COULD ALLOW CONSULTANTS?

YOU THEORETICALLY COULD IF YOU HAVE A CONSULTANT. IF THEY WERE DOWN SOUTH OR SOMETHING, THEY COULD THEORETICALLY CALL IN ON ZOOM. THE QUESTION IS, WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WRITE IT INTO THE AGREEMENT. WE WOULD ONLY PAY THEM WHEN THEY ARE ON THE CALL. IT IS HARD TO SELL WHEN THEY WILL BE ON. THIS COUNSEL COULD MAKE A DECISION THAT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS WOULD BE ABLE TO LOGIN AND WE WOULD MAKE SURE IT WAS SHOWN ON LIVESTREAM WHICH IT WAS BEFORE.

AND, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE PRACTICE IS IN TERMS OF CONSULTANTS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION?

NO, I DON'T. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE COMING IN IN PERSON.

ON THE MY NEXT QUESTION IS, IN TERMS OF IF WE DON'T HAVE ZOOM, WE DISCONTINUED THAT PRACTICE. UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER ANY RULES, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES COULD A COUNCILMEMBER PARTICIPATE REMOTELY?

YOU ARE TALKING TRADITIONAL?

LET ME BE MORE SPECIFIC. IF WE DISCONTINUED ZOOM FOR THE PUBLIC, WE GO AWAY FROM THE HYBRID FORMAT. AND WE ARE IN ESSENCE REQUIRING IN PERSON, ARE THERE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR CONSULTANTS. ARE THERE CONSULTANTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN COUNCILMEMBERS COULD LEGALLY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, EVEN IF WE ARE NOT DOING HYBRID FOR THE PUBLIC?

FOR TRADITIONAL BROWN ACT, YES. IT WOULD NEED TO BE POSTED. YOU WOULD NEED TO CALL IN. THE AGENDA WOULD NEED TO HAVE YOUR LOCATION. IF YOU'RE ON VACATION, YOU WOULD NEED TO KNOW IF THE HOTEL OR ROOM IT'S GOING TO BE IN, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE POSTED ON THE AGENDA. IT ALSO NEEDS TO BE POSTED AT THAT SITE AS WELL. WHETHER IT IS A HOTEL, VACATION RENTAL, HOUSE, AND IT HAS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THAT LOCATION.

OKAY. GO AHEAD.

I KNOW THERE ARE STILL CITIES AND TOWNS LOCALLY THAT ARE STILL CONTINUING REGARDLESS OF THIS. ONE IS SONOMA. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?

HANG ON. I BELIEVE I HAVE THEM IN THE REPORT.

IT IS ON. I'M SORRY. I MISSED THAT PART.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

PER THE REPORTS I HAVE, THEY ARE DOING BOTH IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. [INDISCERNIBLE] ARE THERE ANY PROCESSES IN PLACE THAT WE AREN'T DOING? I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, THIS IS AN

DIFFERENT THINGS PEOPLE COULD BE EXPOSED TO AND NOW HERE WE ARE, DECADES LATER, WE ADJUSTED AND FIGURED OUT BOUNDARIES. [INDISCERNIBLE]

I DON'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE GONE DIFFERENT. THEY MAY HAVE PUT PASSWORDS IN. WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD LOOK INTO. I'M NOT AWARE OF THEM -- FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, WE ARE DOING WHAT SONOMA IS DOING. I DON'T BELIEVE THEY DO PASSWORDS BUT I CANNOT SPEAK ON THAT. I DID NOT ASK THAT.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ANYONE? OKAY. I HAVE ONE. DO WE HAVE A POLICY REGARDING COUNCILMEMBER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS? DO WE HAVE A REQUIREMENT THAT COUNCILMEMBERS CAN ONLY BE ABSENT FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEETINGS?

THEY CAN BE ABSENT FOR 60 DAYS.

60 TOTAL MEETINGS?

SIX -- 60 DAYS. FROM YOUR LAST MEETING, TO THE NEXT. IF YOU ARE MORE THAN 60, AND THAT IS -- IT STATES YOU ARE OFF THE COUNSEL.

DOES IT RESET?

AFTER THE 60 DAYS? NO. ALL RIGHT. PEOPLE TAKE VACATIONS. WE SHOULD KNOW. I'M SORRY. CLARIFICATION. IF A COUNCILMEMBER COMES BACK AFTER 60 DAYS, NO. BEFORE 60 DAYS, YES. THAT IT WOULD RESET. LET'S SAY THEY MISSED TWO AND THEY MAKE IT BACK. YES, IT WOULD RESET AT THAT POINT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASKING IF IT WAS AFTER 60 DAYS.

THEY WOULD BE GONE FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS CONTINUOUS TIME.

YES. IT DEPENDS ON THE COUNCIL MEETINGS. SOME MONTHS HAVE FIVE WEEKS.

OKAY. THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT? ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? NO? OKAY. LET'S DO PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

THIS IS ON WHETHER TO MAINTAIN THE VIRTUAL IN PERSON AND ZOOM FORMAT MEETING OR TO GO BACK TO IN PERSON AS BEFORE COVID. I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS.

A TERRIBLE IDEA. I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THE ZOOM MEETINGS. MOST BUSINESSES ARE HYBRID THESE DAYS. TECHNOLOGY IS MOVING. THERE ARE A LOT OF ALTERNATIVES TO ZOOM. [INDISCERNIBLE] FREE SPEECH IS IMPORTANT. THERE ARE ONLY NINE PEOPLE ON ZOOM. I THINK BASICALLY IF USED CUT IT OFF, THIS IS A SLOW AND INSIDIOUS SLOPE. QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ASKED. IF YOU PUT THEM IN WRITING, YOU CANNOT HEAR THE MUTING YOU CANNOT ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN REAL TIME. IT IS VERY BAD. WHAT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT IS DRIVING ENGAGEMENT LOCALLY. NINE PEOPLE ON ZOOM. THAT IS A GOOD SIGN. TWO PEOPLE IN THE ROOM. IT'S VERY COLD AND RAINY OUTSIDE. IT IS NOT WORKING. WE HAD TO REALLY [INDISCERNIBLE]

THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL GO TO ZOOM. KYLE?

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD, PLEASE. THAT WAS MY FAULT. CAN YOU UNMUTE AGAIN? MY APOLOGIES.

NOT A PROBLEM. AT MY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT I HAPPEN TO BE A ZOOM ADMINISTRATOR. I AM SPEAKING AS AN EXPERT TO KNOW THAT BEING ABLE TO MANAGE BOTH MEETINGS IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER THAT DO NOT HAVE THE HICCUPS THAT THE AT THE ITEM IS CLAIMING, AS JUSTIFICATION, AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO MANAGE BOMBING IS COMPLETELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF CURRENT CITY STAFF. WHAT IS UNFORTUNATE IS THAT WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO PUT OURSELVES IN A POSITION TO BE HIRING OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS DO THIS WORK. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO PRIORITIZE I.T. SERVICES IN MEANINGFUL CAPACITIES. IF YOU RECALL RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF \$1.5 MILLION AS A RESULT OF CYBER FRAUD BECAUSE OF OUR LACK OF KEEPING UP WITH I.T. SERVICES THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO RUN THE CITY. BEFORE WE START JUMPING TO MAKE HUGE DECISIONS, WE HEARD TONIGHT THAT WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED ALL OF THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS OF METHODS THAT CAN BE USED TO MANAGE ZOOM MEETINGS IN A PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICALLY SOUND MANNER. SECONDLY, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DISRUPTION OF MEETINGS, THAT IS A CRIMINAL ACT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MAYBE FROM OUR CHIEF OR CITY MANAGER, WHAT HAVE BEEN THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE OVER? YOU CAN GIVE THE IP ADDRESS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THEY CAN FOR

UNDERSTAND THERE'S AN ISSUE REGARDING FREE SPEECH. BUT THE DESCRIPTION PART OF

THE MEETING IS SEPARATE FROM THE FREE SPEECH ACTIVITY. I THINK WE NEED TO SEPARATE THOSE TWO AND DISCUSS THEM SEPARATELY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. NEXT IS IN CHAMBERS. CAN YOU UNMUTE, PLEASE?

THANK YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE CANNOT LET A FEW BAD ACTORS CONTROL OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. WE UNFORTUNATELY HAVE THAT GOING ON. AND A DAMAGING RATE. I PERSONALLY DO NOT THINK THAT THE BOMBERS SHOULD CONTROL THE OUTCOME OF OUR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN OUR MEETINGS. MANY OF THE BOMBERS MIGHT NOT LIVE IN SEBASTOPOL, YET THEY ARE CONTROLLING OUR PROCESS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WHICH I THINK IS NOT THE DIRECTION TO GO IN. I DON'T THINK COUNSEL SHOULD LET THE BAD ACTORS WIN THE DAY. I THINK COUNSEL SHOULD STAND UP AND PRESERVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. IT IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE ARE ELDERLY AND CANNOT DRIVE AT NIGHT. THEY ARE ONLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH ZOOM. MANY PEOPLE HAVE DISABILITIES AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE. PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN CANNOT DRIVE BECAUSE LIKE MYSELF, THEY CANNOT LEAVE THEIR HOUSE TO COME TO A FOUR HOUR MEETING. IT WAS HIGHLY DISRESPECTFUL THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CONSULTANTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WHEN YOU'RE CUTTING OUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE PUBLIC IS THE PRIORITY OVER CONSULTANTS IN TERMS OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS. IF SUPERVISOR HOPKINS WANTS TO GIVE US MONEY, I WOULD SUGGEST ASKING FOR THE \$10,000 FOR THE CENTER TO PERHAPS GO TOWARDS I.T. SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ROBUST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THESE VERY IMPORTANT COUNCIL MEETINGS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT, LORETTA.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN. I SENT A LETTER IN. I SAID ALL OF THE THINGS SHE JUST SAID. IT IS GOOD FOR FAMILY PEOPLE THAT HAVE SMALL CHILDREN AND IT CANNOT COME TO MEETING. THEY CAN STAY HOME WITH THEIR KIDS AND DO THEIR HOMEWORK. GET THEM IN BED AND STILL PARTICIPATE. IT IS GOOD FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIKE ME THAT DON'T DRIVE AT NIGHT. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE PARTICIPATION. I WAS LOOKING AT THE HOME PAGE AND THE FIRST THING IN CAPITAL LETTER SAYS, PARTICIPATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THAT IS YOUR BENCHMARK. IF YOU WANT TO CUT OUT PARTICIPATION, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T WANT THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. THERE WERE SEVEN OR NINE PEOPLE IN PERSON AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING. WE HAVE HAD 30 PEOPLE ON A MEETING THAT DIDN'T HAVE HUGE THINGS. WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION THERE WERE OVER 100 PEOPLE ONLINE. IF YOU WANT YOUR CITY INVOLVED, THEN WE NEED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO HAVE THIS. AND LIKE SHE SAID, YOU CANNOT LET A VIEW BAD APPLES SPOIL THE POT. THERE ARE WAYS THAT YOU CAN SOLVE THAT. WE ARE ALL USE TO HAVING THINGS HAPPEN LIKE THAT IN THIS CENTURY, UNFORTUNATELY. IT IS WHAT IT IS. I'M 100% IN FAVOR OF THE MEETINGS. YOU.

THANK YOU. ROBERT? CAN YOU UNMUTE?

YES. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

THE BEST THING ABOUT COVID WAS THE MEETINGS. THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OR LEAVE WORK EARLY. WITHOUT HAVING TO SIT IN THAT ROOM WITHOUT DINNER YET. ON UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIRS. THE UNFORTUNATE PART IS, WE FELL INTO THIS WITHOUT HAVING A PLAN TO REALLY DO IT. I WOULD NEVER PUSHED OR PUBLICIZED IT. GETTING PEOPLE MORE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS AVAILABLE, AND IT CAN BE INTIMIDATING. IT WOULD BE NICE TO PROVIDE TRAINING OR INSTRUCTION TO MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE TRYING FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE COULD DO MUCH BETTER FOR PARTICIPATION. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BOAT AT 10:30 P.M. TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF MAKING THESE DIFFICULT VOTES IN AN HOUR WHEN THERE ARE ONLY NINE PEOPLE LEFT. I SUPPORT THE HYBRID MEETINGS. KEEP DOING THIS. UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. WE NEED TO DO A TIME CHECK.

I WAS JUST GOING TO THANK HIM FOR HIS COMMENT. IT IS **Agenda Item Number 4** COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO UNANIMOUSLY VOTE TO CONTINUE **City Council Meeting Packet of:** UNANIMOUSLY VOTE TO FINISH PUBLIC COMMENT OR, VOTE TO END **Page 116 of 315**

AND THEN, AS SOON AS WE ENDS, ANY ITEMS THAT ARE STILL PENDING WOULD BE MOVED TO THE JANUARY 16th?

YES. WE CAN DETERMINE WHICH MEETING -- WE WOULD HAVE A REVIEW TOMORROW. I SEE YOU HAVE A PROPOSAL?

CAN WE NOT VOTE TO FINISH THIS SECTION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM?

WE COULD VOTE TO CONTINUE PAST 10:30 SUSIE FINISH, YES.

YOU WOULD NEED A UNANIMOUS VOTE?

I THINK THAT SHOULD BE AN OPTION AS WELL.

OKAY. WE HAVE THAT OPTION. WE HAVE THE OPTION WHICH IS AVAILABLE WHICH IS TO TERMINATE THE MEETING. ANY OTHER OPTIONS?

I'M SORRY, --

OKAY. THAT IS FINE. IS EVERYONE OKAY WITH THUMBS UP ON LETTING THE FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT MAKE HIS COMMENT?

WE HAVE TWO. WE HAVE DENNIS AND LINDA. --

I'M SORRY, MY APOLOGIES. I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE 30 SECONDS. GO AHEAD PIECE DOESN'T PLEASE.

EVERYBODY IS IN AGREEMENT TO KEEP ZOOM. THERE ARE GOOD REASONS. [INDISCERNIBLE] THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE -- WONDERFUL PEOPLE ARE NOT DRIVING ANYMORE. THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF. I AM UNABLE TO GO TO THE MEETINGS. [INDISCERNIBLE] I'M FULLY DEPENDENT ON ZOOM TO PARTICIPATE. IT IS A VIOLATION OF MY CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE A.D.A. IF YOU WERE TO NOT ALLOW PARTICIPATION. [INDISCERNIBLE] IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DID NOT, I AM AFRAID THAT I WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT LEGAL AID. TO MAKE A CASE FOR ME. I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT. IN ORDER TO GET MY RESIDENCE SHIELDED [INDISCERNIBLE] I HAVE FAITH THAT I WOULD PROBABLY PREVAIL. ARE YOU STILL THERE?

WE ARE HERE.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO GO LEGAL. BUT, I WOULD.

THANK YOU.

THAT IS TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. EVERYONE, HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY. SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR. THANK YOU. [Event Concluded]

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in all,

we are going to call the meeting to order at 604. And we will start off with

roll call, please, Mayor.

Thank you, Mayor council member Mauer.

Yeah, council members Ohlman person Beisner rich person, Mara Hinton here. And councilmember Lewis will not be in attendance as youth out of the area. Okay. Thank you. Next up salute to the flag, please rise

the United States of America

but

as it goes along, we'll never

know.

All right, next on our agenda, we will be honoring some of our employees and with both with five year awards, and so we will start with Jaime ball divino I hope I said that right.

Congratulations for five years of service to the city of Sebastopol. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your career. Your effort and dedication in the police department plays a tremendous role in the success of the city of Sebastopol. We appreciate your commitment to the city in this community. This certificate is in grateful appreciation of your five years of valued service and dedication to the city of Sebastopol. On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Sebastopol I Nisa, Hinton and Mayor gratefully acknowledge your work and contributions to the city and look forward to your continued service to our city and the citizens of this community. It's dated today, the 18th today of July 2023 and signed, Chief would you like to say a few words and I'm not sure if our recipient is in attendance tonight. Okay, thank you.

Okay, that would be great.

On behalf of Officer Bal, de Vinos, and this basketball Police Department, I'd like to thank the city council and Madam Mayor and Madam Vice Mayor for recognizing his five years of service. He's a valued member of our department. He's one of our most fluent bilingual officers. So he's plays a very important role in the organization. And we're proud that he's part of our organization. So thank you very much. All right, thank you and I'm sure we will get the certificate to him from the city.

Mayor go

next, we have a five year service award presented to Anthony Drolet. For five years of service congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in his career. His effort and dedication and a Public Works Department plays a tremendous part in the success of our city of Sebastopol. We appreciate his commitment to the city and this community. And this certificate is in grateful appreciation. I was five years of valued service and dedication. On behalf of the full city council and the citizens of Sebastopol, I Nissa hinten Mayor gratefully acknowledge his work and contributions to the city and look forward to his continued service to our citizens and citizens of the community and the city. Is it looks like Dante del Ponte is on zoom there. Would you like to say a few comments and I don't know if we have Anthony in the audience tonight. Dante? Yes. Mayor, thank Mayor Council. Thank you. I would love to say a few nice words about Anthony and I do believe Anthony is online with this tonight. So thank you for this opportunity speak well about one of my employees.

Little little quick, quick history Anthony joined our Public Works team in July of 2018. He came to us with extensive knowledge gained from working for the city of Santa Rosa and his previous employment

in private sewer industry. Anthony was promoted to senior maintenance worker sanitary sewer operator and for the public works department in June of 2021.

I just like to note that Anthony is instrumental in the field maintenance and operation and expect inspections of the sanitary sewer system for the entire city.

While this may not sound like glamorous work, it is extremely

important work. So I'd like to personally thank Anthony for his work ethic and commitment to our public works department and point out that the city of Sebastopol is lucky to have a qualified dedicated staff member such as Anthony

Thank you very much. He's in the audience.

I'd like to say a few words, Anthony.

Raise your hand

or not.

Okay, I'm taking that as a

thank you, Dante for your, for your words, and we really appreciate

our employees. So next, moving along to the agenda, I would move on to statements of conflicts of interest. Are there any statements of conflict of interest tonight?

All right, seeing none, we will go ahead and move on to public comment for items not on the agenda tonight.

Mary.

Thank you, Mayor. So this is for public comment for items that are not on tonight's agenda. If you'd like to make a public comment, we will do in chamber first, and then we will go out to zoom and then come back to chamber and go back out to zoom. It is allocated for 20 minutes. So if we don't get to all the speakers, we would do it at the end of the meeting. So first, I have a speaker in chambers. Mary, would you like to make a public comment? And I will jump in when you have about 30 seconds left.

Thank you. My name is Marian McDonald. I live at 7135 Willow Street, I'm working to create a parking space on my property. My Block is quite congested for parking with only five unrestricted parking spaces for eight residences. Every single one of my neighbors supports me in creating a parking space on my property. I've been working since last November to comply with city requirements. My request for permit was denied by the building department. They refused. They referred me to the planning department to appeal a denial. I spoke with Mr. J there, then he tells me that the cost of appeal is \$5,000 up front to initiate the appeal. That's prohibitive, elitist and unjust. Creating parking on my property is the right thing to do. I asked Mr. J, what value was served by denying the permit. And he replied, it's not consistent with the written code of the city. And I do understand that maybe it's time to update those codes. He gave me some wording from the variance procedure, which includes, quote,

the granting of the application is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the substantial property rights of the petitioner unquote.

\$5,000 just to talk about it, that's not reasonable. I asked that that cost be waived or mitigated. And I also asked, Is it time to update those city codes? Mary, you have about 30 seconds. Thank you. I'd like to create space for parking on my own property. Every single one of my neighbors supports this plan. And I asked for one point person to help me address these barriers is the right thing to do. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will go out to zoom. Kyle, Can you unmute yourself, please? Yes, I can. Can you see the timer?

Yes, I can. Great. Go ahead. Your public comment please. I'm so I'm speaking tonight

to get some maybe response from the city regarding the May 30 Sonoma County grand jury report in which

there was a article on the city of Petaluma and its use of outsourcing city work to contractors.

I know that some of our city council members have stated that they are not always up to date on the news. And so it's my hope that those city council members will read that grand jury report specifically, the section regarding Petaluma, and speak with our city so that our city can formally respond to this grand jury report, which talks about the way in which the city of Petaluma for over a decade, have utilized outside contractors to do the work of the city's planning department. If you look at any of our budgets over the last 510 years, you'll see that we to use a insane amount of money and outside contractors. Every department has massive budgets for contract services. It is not clear that the manner in which our city use utilizes contract services is that dissimilar from the way that Petaluma is be being described in that grand jury report. In particular, I'd like to reference our choice of outsourcing our entire engineering department. I've spoken previously about the radical increase to the cost for engineering that engineering budget as a result of outsourcing but it was never addressed. Additionally, if you go to the engineering site, the transparency

isn't even there. While it is stated that there are two engineering pool employees, our consultants, it's not clear that they are working for an outside firm. So I'm hoping our city has a concrete direct response to that grand jury report specifically on the way that Petaluma and in our, in our case, our city responds to, or utilizes contract services.

Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment. The next speaker I have is in chambers.

Hi, Martha Glazer, and I've written to the Council today

about this. There's something that I'd like to call to everyone's attention. And this is really an important

development. It's sort of rivals, the 1996 Telecom bill in terms of the potential it has to take over a lot of our jurisdiction over what kind of towers and antennas are put in our city.

This is a new bill. Unfortunately, there have been bills in the state and one passed last week, I think it's still in committee, there's still probably room to keep protesting or arguing or trying to get representatives to work against it. It's the same sort of bill, but this one is comprehensive and global. It's called HR 3557. Already, it's, it just was marked up and passed in out of committee and on a partisan basis. And now they're under secondary review by the national resources and transportation and infrastructure committees. And already, the US Conference of Mayors National Association of Counties and National League of Cities opposes this bill. And it's the problem with this is it's going to preempt your jurisdiction, your local ability to decide who we want to try to not renew the contract with Chromecast, we want to move the tower elsewhere, because we don't want it where we want to put housing or over the library or where the city works, or whether we're the seniors are, we won't have anything to say it will get preempted on every basis. This is about 25 cents very comprehensive, it will

take away due process, it will take away your governance, and I would ask that you as a body come together to oppose it in the same way you're supporting a bill tonight against fossil fuels. Thank you very much. Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will go back out to zoom. If there's anyone on zoom that would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually, please unmute your telephone or please wave to get my attention in the gallery.

Linda, would you like to make a public comment? Would

you know, thank you very much for the three previous speakers all very articulate and have have totally legitimate issues that should be addressed that you know, hits this city council and next mayor and the vice mayor, just you know, it's like talking to a brick wall. Nothing happened. They do not here if they don't want to, you know, it's just It is futile. Ah, so Anyway,

on that same issue of via wireless. Thank you, Martha. That but anyway, you know, the public has a right to know, when they are being harmed, and they they have a right to defend themselves.

So

regarding the amount of wireless radiation, which has already been spoken about, in the previous, previous city council meetings measured by a

physicist,

a professor, a retired professor from Ohio State, and it sounds at the levels of radiation downtowns gasp for 1000 times in excess of the recommended limit. And also turns out that we have been lied to, of course, a lot of us no doubt about that, wow, wireless water meters that were supposed to only be emitting transmitting three, four times a day, right Dante Dante is the one who fraudulently told these lies. Anyway, upon measurement, it turns out, they are emitting eight to 10 seconds. And so we are all being cooked alive. And in this town and also the money has been stolen from our condo, you have about 20 seconds. That's so you know, this

speaking of grand jury and occurs to me and I've done it before, this is wireless water meter issue needs and some others need to be brought before the grand jury. It's easier than you think. Kyle

Thank you.

Thank you, Linda, for your public comments. Next I will go to in chambers. Hi, my name is Patty Hiller. I live in Burbank heights in orchards, which as many of you know, our property abuts the cemetery and it's of the cemetery I would like to speak tonight.

For those of you have been walking around error driven through have seen this massive pile of dead debris. When I moved here in 2014, that pile was already begun. And since then, every tree virtually that has fallen has been dragged to this pile. So the pile is now more or less a block long, higher than my head, very, very deep.

On June 16, they had a fire, Burbank was immediately covered with smoke. I called 911. I got my evacuation stuff prepared. And when the smoke stopped, I went up to see what was happening. Well, the fire Thankfully, it was not the big pile. It was in back of that pile. There's a strip of land eight acres between the cemetery, and between Mitchell core. And there's a big pot farm they're surrounded by dead dead wood, dried grass debris. And that's what caught on fire. Sebastopol fire was their gold red fire was there. Thankfully, they put it out. Now, if that had been the big pile, what would have happened to us at Burbank, you have about 30 seconds left. Okay, we are about 200 people, many of us disabled, we have only one exit from the property. And

something has to be done. Please, if you can make it go faster than fast. We're getting dry lightning this weekend. The season is here. And that stuff is sitting out there. And I'm scared. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment. I will go back out to zoom. If there's anyone on zoom that would like to make a public comment for items not on the agenda.

I do not see anyone. So I will come back to the chambers. If you'd like to make a public comment.

And Patricia Rainey and I'm president of the board of directors at Burbank heights and orchards. And I just wanted to support Patti and the 200 residents said Burbank arts and orchards, we had to evacuate in 2017. It was very difficult for a lot of the residents and the staff cape and was there for the entire time. But

I know that you're working on it. And I really appreciate that. But I've been told that it's going to take time the owner

doesn't have the money. He doesn't want anybody on his property. But

we can't wait any longer. And there needs to be a solution. I've been told that there. We could get volunteers. And we could force you know, you can put a lien against the property, whatever needs to be done. It would be such a terrible disaster. If 200 people were in line of this fire, and it could have been prevented. So I urge you to do what you can to do it as soon as you can. Because we only have like maybe one more month before there could be a really bad disaster. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment. I will go back out to zoom. If there is anyone that would like to make a public comment for an item not on tonight's agenda.

I see no further people in zoom. Is there anyone in the chamber like make a comment?

About the intersection.

rankle and

Buddy Bodega Avenue.

And I hear you think that you've solved the problem, but you have not. Cars are still speeding through there. And those lights you had to put one so far away people can see them. The lights that blink if you're going east in the morning. Nobody can see them if they're driving east in the morning or if you're going west in the evening. And there's sunset and you can't see them. And I moved into that subdivision there at Valley View at an i 99. And I

first thing I did was come to the meeting. I moved in March and in September I came to a meeting about the speed and the speed limit that was 35 miles an hour.

And after that

Caltrans had to make some decision. They raised the state because people were driving faster than that. And that was their how they dealt with speed limits. Apparently it's taken 23 years for that to go down from 52

35 again? And do you think in 23 years of the traffic, Scott is less, that the problems gotten less, those blinking lights are almost invisible for how the speed is when they go down from 711? down that hill, because they think they're out of town already. And it's really a problem. I cross that street twice a day. And I tell you, honestly, I pray every day, because I'm not God's will that if I can serve any community, however, do it. But Julie died. My sister who lives two houses from me, her ankle had to be completely rebuilt, maybe in about 20 seconds, because she was run over. And Harold the next to my neighbor here, because I was also hit there, and he never came back ended up dying in a nursing home. So it's just a matter of time where something else is going to happen. And really, we need a stoplight. Really, we do. And we told the city council that when they put these lights in, and I understand you were doing the cheapest arm, but it scared. And I know that Caltrans says oh, you can't because of how the lights are, but you can do it in the center of town. You're gonna have line after line after line.

I just don't know what the solution is. But I can tell you it's not it's a problem. That's your two minutes. Thank you. So next I will go back out to zoom. If there's anyone like to make a public comment for items not on the agenda. I do you not see. I will come back to the chambers if you'd like to make a public comment.

Hello, my name is Patty Feynman. I live right on the corner of the Degas highway and Raychel. It has been like she said the traffic is increasing constantly. Today was an absolute mind blower. They have at least 100 truck taking the dirt from the project. And the Degas and Jew out somewhere out of town. One of my neighbors even followed the trucks to see, where's this dirt going? And why is it breaking down the highway that hasn't been rebuilt in over 25 years. The last time it was built, rebuilt. jalopy was out there and they did a terrible job. We've had a lot of potholes that have had to be fixed since then. We need that speed lowered if possible. But we need a regular light out there. Even though I live on the corner and I don't want all that exhaust in my bedroom window. At least some people won't be killed again. I was there when Julie was killed. It wasn't a fun thing. And half of the people that crossed that street, don't even use that blinking light. That's what I don't understand. I've had to yell out my bedroom window. Please use the light. Use the button, save yourself. I've had women with babies in strollers, try to beat the cars. It's just unbelievable. And

I just don't understand that. But please somebody out there help us get this taken care of. And then want to know where that dirt's going.

Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Again, this would be last call for public comment on items not on the agenda. If you would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually please unmute your phone or please get my attention. There are no further unzoom.

Good evening, Leah Lampley. Here property manager for Burbank heights and orchards. I just want to thank you for all of the conversations that are being had in regards to the safety hazard by the cemetery over there. Everything that needs to be said is been said already. I'm just here to support and to say thank you for the conversations that are being had to the property owner at the graveyard. Thank you for the emergency response. We're just vulnerable. And

you know, this is our home and if anything happens, it's a scary thought. So all the preventative actions. I just hope we can accelerate them on behalf of our community. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment.

Again, Last call for public comment for items not on the agenda. If you'd like to make a public comment please raise your hand virtually please unmute your phone or please wait to get my attention. There are no further comments in zoom.

In last call for chamber

public comment for items not on the agenda is closed.

Okay, thank you.

So to just go through a few of the items addressed.

I don't know if there is something that we can do about a fee waiver.

City Manager for an appeal on a question about a parking stall, I believe that's a bit a deposit. So I don't believe that you have to lose the full amount of the deposit. It goes towards the work of the planning department in processing the variance of conferred with the city clerk we do not know of any precedent, or waiving a deposit ahead of time, unfortunately,

theoretically, the city council has the power to waive a deposit, or the city council would be the appellate hearing body in any appeal of the variance that was made. So unfortunately, it's a catch 22. What we have tried to do as a staff, is multiple staff members have tried, on several occasions to explain in great, great detail how the law works on that. We've been very sensitive to the plight of the

homeowner, I believe, and we have tried to explain the problems inherent in granting the relief that was requested, or building officials hands are just tied in this situation. It's not something that he could waive. It's not a discretionary decision. There is that variance process that is available. I don't know what we can do about the deposit. Frankly, I can only have any further answers than that. Okay, thank you. As a homeowner, I understand some of the woes of personally, I've had big trees that I had every month they cost a fortune. Anyway, thanks for that reply. And then it sounds like and I'm looking at the fire chief that sounds like the Burbank that we're hearing about that you're aware of it. And I know we have weed abatement, but I guess we don't have debris abatement. And it's but it sounds like you guys are working on that. Yeah, thank you, Mayor, we are working on it. So

we have started the enforcement process. We have met with the manager owner of the cemetery.

Again, there are a lot of issues surrounding him being able to get that work done. As the Speaker indicated, the process unfortunately, is very slow. Again, we have provided the

second notice of enforcement. However, we simply can't initiate encroachment, and send in contractors to deal with the fire hazard until we go through the

enforcement process, which also includes the ability for the property owner to engage in appeals and appeal process. And but again, we're moving forward with working with him and

and working through the enforcement process. He is entitled to due process and appeals. Before we can or,

you know, again, our final step will be the notice of intent to abate. And, unfortunately, the process does take time. With that I will report to however that the perimeter has been significantly improved. And the perimeter actually currently is in compliant. So it is a matter of dealing with the dead and down brush from the it's in the area that the public

that the citizens spoke to, and even a little bit still up on bodega. And, but we are aware of it, and we're working through it. Thank you very much for that reply. Going to the email we all received right before the meeting. Stephen.

Councilmember Zalman is a representative on League of Cities and it does sound like the League of Cities is going to take a position on HR 35

or 3035 57. But maybe council members Ohlman in his meetings with monthly Liga city can find out some more information about that bill and report back maybe next meeting. Yeah, I can Am I

RT RT I believe you are maybe maybe maybe we'll, we'll confirm. We do attend these committees. I'm happy and maybe it has councilmember Lewis I'm sorry, I don't recall. But

if it's me, I'm here.

happy to follow up on that what has happened with the reason for this confusion is that the League of Cities has not been meeting hold. Yeah, because of some procedural challenges. But yes, we do. That's me, I take response. And we do have a connection to the head of the League of Cities. So we can certainly follow up on that. Follow up on that. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. I'm so and then

just to address the intersection, I do understand, I was on the council when a lot of that was

discussed. And I hear your concerns.

That section comes in from people that are in the county. And so there's a lot of traffic, especially with the heat going out to the coast, and so on, and so forth. And of course, construction, we all drove around detours today with construction happening in the section of town where I drive through and live with. And so

we did get the speed limit lowered at that time, many years ago when we worked on it and those beacons put in and I've tried to mitigate that. But ideally, I agree, a signal would be great. A signal costs a lot and

and we are continuing to work on these things. So I hear you.

And to address, I think the member of the public that talked about consultants, I did want to take the opportunity to do a shout out of the grand jury report, because the basketball is mentioned in a very positive way. Thank you, Vice Mayor, rich, for having been picked up on our warming centers that we opened up

in back in December. So we do read the news. And to address our use of contract services, again, our city manager makes those decisions and I think him and the budget subcommittee, look at those decisions very closely about the costs. And and and what makes sense for our small city. So but I did want to take the opportunity to say thank you very much. Vice Mayor. Yeah, just a follow up comment. I read carefully the the description of the situation in Petaluma. And having been on the Budget Committee and looked at our consultants and understanding all of the details. We're far far from the situation that was faced in Petaluma. So I'm sure that that I'm confident in our distinction in terms of what we're doing, versus what Petaluma was doing confident that we're doing the right thing for our public. That was a very extreme situation. But of course, we all read the grand jury reports and pay attention to them. So we'll continue to be vigilant about that.

Right. Thank you for those comments. All right. So moving along.

We will move to our consent calendar tonight. And I'm going to go ahead and read our items and

we will then have an opportunity to hear from our public so Consent Calendar item number one is approval of city council minute meeting minutes for the meeting of June 20 2023. Consent calendar item number two is approval of city council special meeting minutes for meeting of June 27 2023.

consent item three approval to authorize mayor to sign a letter of support for SB 252. SB 252 As amended would prohibit the boards of the Public Employees Retirement System in the State Teachers Retirement System from making new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds and fossil fuel company as defined

Consent Calendar item for approval of amendment number three with Green Valley construction engineers for construction management projects for parquets street water sewer slurry seal improvement project, CIP number 0615 Dash 21.01 and CIP number 0819. Dash 21.01. Consent calendar item number five approval of modification to to amendment number four with would Rogers for the Degas Avenue bike lane project Consent Calendar item six approval of city of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Police Officers Association, side letter agreement to July 1 2022 Through June 30 2024.
Ma'am

Ma'am she's just one of those things that yeah Memorandum of Understanding once you start to say you mess it up wrong. Anyway, the MOU known as the MOU for new schedules and this is coming from us

From the police department and our TC consultant, and then Consent Calendar items seven approval of contracts as approved in the fiscal year 2324. City city budget, which include a renewal of contract with much more than consulting B renewal of contract with Murrin. It see renewal of contract with Phillips Seabrook associates D approval of amendment 51. Two Master Agreement 2010 Dash 01 Dash 36 with the G. H. D. Inc, for engineering and technical support services to the engineering department and II approval of amendment 52 To master agreement 2010 dash O one dash 36 With GHD Inc, for city engineering services.

So, with that, I just want to make one clarification. So for item number three, I've been advised it's not a letter of support, it's actually going to be a resolution of support and the resolution is in the agenda item. Okay, thank you for that correction.

Yes. I had a quote, didn't want to pull item number six. But I had a question I asked my question of staff. Sure. No, we, item number six is and this would probably be to our police chief is the change in the work schedule. There was discussion, and I appreciate this prompt, prompt response to a request from Council, because it is budget related. But I just want to know whether with this schedule change, this will make the risk the reduction in overtime that you had targeted, Chief Nelson, more likely to be mapped because I know that was one of your big goals. So now we're talking about budget reducing reducing overtime, and that was part of the schedule change.

Reduction.

Okay, so reducing overtime, and of course, there's the retention piece, because it's difficult for everyone to be working those big long hours. Okay. Thank you. That's my only question. Thank you. Okay. Thank you.

Mary, could we go ahead and go to public comment? Sure. Thing calendar. So this is for public comment for the consent calendar items only. If you would like to make a public comment on the consent calendar items, one through seven. I will go to chamber first and then I will go out to public comment. If there's anyone in chamber that would like to make a comment on the consent calendar items I seen.

So I did and could you go up to the podium so that the people on Zoom could hear your question?

I was curious where the bike paths are going to be on Verdagner Avenue. Okay, thank you. We'll have you have a seat. Yeah. Then we'll take all the questions in one round robin. That's kind of how we like to do it. Thank you.

Thank you. So I will go out to zoom. Kyle, if you'd like to unmute yourself.

So, because again, in the consent calendar, we have huge contracts out to outside contractors for work that many of the citizens are expecting is actually being done by city employees. I will return to my conversation regarding the Sonoma County grand jury. This time let's talk about the recommendations that the city complete a cost benefit analysis, further use of private firm versus employees to staff planning. So here's my question Has this been done and made publicly available for an engineering department? recommendation to the city opens an RFP for planning services considering the combination of city employees and private contractors to staff the planning department. When was the last time that an RFP was opened for our engineering department? And how exactly was the use of city employees considered in comparison to private contractors. The city requires them grouped by badges or logos to their employees that identify them to as M group employees in their email signature and designation to each staff listed under the planning staff directory on the website. This seems like low hanging fruit in terms of transparency, and can be easily implemented almost immediately by our hired outside consultant that manages the city website and social media. Or, for example, when our city engineer is listed in our zoom meeting, we can we can know that they are listed as a member of a private company that we are contracting with. Recommendation six, the city conducts a formal survey of the citizens of Petaluma. I'm gonna pass on that one considering the city's poor track record it has on it pulling its citizens and any sort of meaningful way that doesn't have massive amounts of bias.

additionally,

tonight considering both the side letter agreement as well as the proposal for a potential tax measure to fund our police and fire services, have there been any sort of fiscal audit or cost benefit analysis on police services in any public facing way that would actually provide evidence of the continued need for massive budget increases to both of these departments that we've seen year after year? Thank you.

Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment.

So next, I will go back to chambers. I'd see no one in chambers, I will go one more time out to zoom if you'd like to make a public comment on the consent calendar items only. Linda, would you like to make a public comment? Would So alright, so it's my understanding the number six got pulled for discussion, because I would like to, I think it needs some discussion, by the way, that word memorandum random.

So and then going down to seven and thank you, Kyle very much because I'm, I'm with you just about 100% there. I'd like to know what these people do. As you know, I am computer free cell phone free TV free and largely electricity free due to my electro sensitivity, you know, knowing that I am,

are all being cooked alive by radiation. But anyway, the point here is, could somebody tell me what much more than consulting does other than collect money from the city the same way with Myrin? It and Phillip Phillips, Seabrook solutions, what are they do? Can you please tell me accommodate my disability? Thank you. And,

and otherwise,

I think you're throwing an awful lot of money away for these outside out of Towner

tractors, and a lot of the unnecessary audits, you know, the thing about the fleet.

Rich, thank you very much was just an absolute waste of time and money. And we what we got out of it was the loss of a very talented, good.

Gore, which was bullied into

Linda, you have about 30 seconds. I am.

That's it. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Again, I will go back to chambers. Did you not see anyone in chambers that would have public comment? I will go back out to the zoom. If anyone likes to make a public comment on consent calendar item, please raise your hand and please unmute your telephone are pleased to get my attention. I see no one. So public comment is closed on consent calendar items. Thank you, Mary. So pulling up for the bike lane question. This is a small revision to the contract that we've had in place to do bike lanes from looking at high street to Pleasant Hill Road. We've had a 300 and this is a pavement rehab and bike lane. \$303,805. In this is

a additional \$20,000 And that's why we put it on consent calendar. City Manager Larian, do you have anything to add to that? No. Thank you, Mayor. That was good summary. Okay, cool. And then

I know Marin, it is our IT company that works on all our city computer needs for both website and staff. Most people work on computers these days. And how about could you who's Philip Seabrook associates without me looking in detail at the agenda item I can't recall.

Go ahead.

Go see Brooke is who provides our building services as well as our flood Lane manager, they have a person on their staff whose specialty is floodplain management. We needed to replace someone who had that specialty and they were the ones only ones in fact that we could find available who carry that specialty. Right. I recall.

Some of why we use their services is because we had a person who was an expert on our staff who retired, correct. That is right. Okay, by the way, I could mirror like the state that I've been with the city now over 30 years and we have never had an employee city manager, city philia city engineer. Our city engineers have always been consultants. Last time on the retirement of our engineering manager Henry Micah's, we did put out

request to try and

solicit resumes from city engineers. We did not find anybody who

was willing and able to do the job as an employee. But we have always had a consultant city engineer as long as I have been here. That is because that specialty is highly trained.

It takes a lot of education and it costs a lot of money to have a city engineer on your actual staff. So only larger cities, generally speaking can afford that.

We have also, in most cases, had consultants doing the rest of our engineering work. We have had twice we have had engineering managers, that was primarily to keep the costs so of city contract work, city construction work, in line with direct management. And we have tried to replace those two individuals and we're not able to do so. So those services now of maintaining responsibility for the city's own construction contracts, do fall to GHD engineering, and who are doing a good job keeping costs in line. So that was the goal of having the engineering managers control costs of the city's own construction projects. And I believe that goal has been met through GHD ght helped us get a few grants to I recall. That's right. Many grants. Yeah. Thank you. All right. So

I am looking to the rest of the council.

are buddies. Okay, with the consent calendar? Would someone like to

council members honor? Yeah, I move the approval of the items on the consent calendar.

I'll go ahead and second that motion. All right. Thank you. So we have a motion and a second. Mary, would you roll call?

Yes. Thank you, Mayor. So so moved by councilmember Zalman and seconded by Vice Mayor rich to prove Consent Calendar items one through seven. Councilmember Mauer. Yes. Councilmember Zalman? Yes. Vice Mayor rich? Yes. Mayor Hinton Yes. Council member Mick Lewis is absent. So the motion passes 401 With councilmembers mauers Ohlman. Vice Mayor rich and Mayor hidden voting in favor and Councilmember McClure is absent.

Great. All right. Thank you. So moving along. Tonight, we do have a presentation. And this is item number eight on our agenda. And we are going to hear from skip this is an informational presentation about meet your neighbor and spousal neighborhood communications unit known as SN see you. And it's a twice annual report. Hello. Hey, there. Is this? Is this the right heights? Yeah, sounds great. Thank you. Thank you so much. Are we going through the intro Jack, know you go right ahead or did a fine job of introducing you. Thank you.

Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council and everybody else.

One, I want to clarify that I think in your documentation, it's still listed as map your neighborhood. And we did in fact, change the name to meet your neighbors. And so that's a significant change for us that I won't go into. But just as far as referencing, we still use the acronym and y n. But it actually is meet your neighbors.

So the number one thing that I wanted to try to address, I sent some documentation to you and I wanted to sort of address how this mun program has evolved. Part of the evolution of the program is what's called the leader Council. And our leader Council are those leaders that have gone through the class, and are attempting to do things in their neighborhoods working within their neighborhoods, they come together with other leaders, we do this on a monthly basis. They come together with other leaders to talk about what's working, what's not working, talk about the things that we told them that

they should try that didn't work, and then bring back the ideas that they found out that actually did work, and we share it with everybody else. So it's a real great sharing that goes back and forth. That group did meet throughout all of the COVID-19 through the pandemic, they were really great about that. They continue to meet. And while they were looking at working within their own neighborhoods, they began to look at working across neighborhoods. And in the idea of working across neighborhoods, the need for a map came up. And that map has actually been looked at is being looked at now actually.

The map actually had some permutations. The current permutation is that it's on a Google map. But it's actually not ready for primetime yet. So we didn't we're not ready to release the map itself to the public, but I wanted to be able to show at least what's happening. Part of what's happening is is that we use the four zones the evacuation zones that we have in Sebastopol, we use those as a central location in order for us to be able to under

Stan, what neighbors and neighborhoods are in each one of the zones. The zones become important when we get to the radio program. But if you just take a look, you can see within, I'm going to, I'm going to go over here real quick, or actually, I won't go over there, the three colored zones. So our evacuation zones, upper left hand corner 701001 To the right 002 To the bottom right 003 To the bottom left 004. So you can see a number of

I don't know what those are dots with the little circle inside and stuff. And then you see some areas that are outlined. Part of what happened with the leader council was we did a survey, we had a good number of people that responded, hey, I'm doing something in my neighborhood. And we also asked for people to give us a boundary of their neighborhood so that we had an idea of what are we looking at for an individual neighborhood? And what are we looking at, at least across our general vicinity. So you can see these little brown areas, these areas are literally the boundaries of mi n neighborhoods.

And if I'm not mistaken, this map has like 32 of them on there. We had 46 or 48, neighborhood leaders that responded. And then we had 30, some that gave us their boundaries. This is the evolution of wanting to work individually to be prepared to wanting to work collectively within the neighborhood, to then starting to look at how do we prepare at the community level. So it's going across neighborhoods, and that's what the leader council was interested in seeing here.

Secondarily, what's happening with the leader Council is that they're entertaining the idea of adopting radio. And I'm talking about FRS, which is Family Radio Service GMRS, which is General Mobile Radio Service, or ham radios, that the big the big radio outfits. So that's a very different setup. But what what the leader Council has been trying to do is to adopt what the Sebastopol neighborhood command communications unit has been developing over the last three years, which is to be able to connect those neighborhoods within that within the neighborhood through an FRS radio, which is a walkie talkie

radio, small one, to a GMRS, that would be able to reach out from the neighborhood to the hub. And a hub would be in one of those four zones, of which we have three of those zones with hubs currently,

where they would reach out then to the hub. And if you needed

a change, or you needed something in your neighborhood that you didn't have within the neighborhood, the hubs would talk to each other to see if they could find it for you. That's the goal is to be able to keep community level communication happening. And those of us that are sheltering in place during any emergency, maybe even only a power outage, those of us that are sheltering in place would be able to stay connected through that network. So the leader Council will be adding

rate the hubs themselves, which are not indicated on here just now. But they will add the hubs and then they'll start to add the radio information that individual neighborhoods are willing to share. They will they'll have that information then listed so that you know when you need to get ahold of Marian, you know her callsign okay, if you need to get hold of skip, you know, skips callsign by virtue of scrolling over that map. That's where we're moving towards, but we're just not ready for that public part of that as of as of yet. So the s&c you network, the Sebastopol neighborhood communications unit network has been developing over these last years. And it's starting to take hold. And that's very, very exciting on a lot of different for a lot of different reasons.

We need to know that when an emergency happens that we would be able to connect everybody together, again, at at neighborhood level, but we want to be able to know that we can connect each other together and the network that smcu has been developing is really critical for that. And it's really has some traction, it's being built. And essentially in the county, what's happening in the county is they're mimicking our use of hubs in order to be able to do a larger picture in the county itself. So it is a system that actually has legs under it at the county level as well as for us on the local level.

I think that's all I was gonna say.

And then leave it up to if you have questions or comments.

Councilmember Mauer Thank you during the pandemic, my neighborhood why

From meeting well, before the pandemic, we were having like a fourth of July party once a year, then when the pandemic hit, we started meeting three times a week in the street. And we, in a cul de sac, and so we draw people from two streets, actually, they come to our circles, we're still meeting once a

week, and we're not on your map. So you need to be, you need to be, well, actually, one of our guys is a radio person. And so he knows about your work, but I just didn't know how to get in touch with so how does a neighborhood you know, become part of this.

An individual takes the class, the Mun class, which we have on a monthly basis on the third Wednesday of each month, and it's on Zoom and in person.

So that's the way to start for an individual. If somebody is fairly hip to this kind of information, emergency preparedness information, they might just ease right on into our leader council meeting, which is the second Thursday of the month. And again, that one is only on Zoom currently, and this information is available on Sebastopol ready.org, on the calendar in specifics, but you you would go through the class, and then you would you would send people, maybe others your let's say that you took the class, and then others from your neighborhood, you might come to the leader Council and connect with others about what they're doing in their area. And to be able to learn from what you've been doing on a weekly basis. I'm sure that there's learnings that others would be able to take so a class the leader Council, get to work. Thank you.

Okay, thanks, Pierre. Yeah, thanks, guys, for being here and giving us this overview. I just wanted to make sure that the public is aware that this is me, your neighbor and smcu is part of our fire department, and is overseen by our Chief Fire Chief Jack Piccinini. So skip is a part of our support staff here and Sebastopol, he's the Public Outreach Officer, as I recall. And also we do have a budget line item for expenses here. And maybe you could give us a sense of what that money that was allocated by the city council has been spent on in support of these efforts. Yeah, great.

So yes, to the chief, we definitely are working under the umbrella of the fire department and have been for quite some time.

Our hubs require a specific kind of a base station, and an antenna and some cabling in order to be able to make those hubs operate. So a big part of our budget was to buy those radios, 50 Watt radios that are used by the hubs, to give you an idea of what that means is an FRS radio might work at two watts, my GMRS, radio works at five watts, and then the base stations are working at 50 watts with a good sized antenna, that's that's the goal. And then they would be able to reach in a much bigger footprint. We also purchased a bunch of I'm sorry, that's not the right way to say that we purchase 40, some radios, GMRS radios, in order to be able to give out during events that we might have. So that's the plan also, is to be able to when we have neighborhoods that are active and are doing things, we would be able to go into those neighborhoods and give some GMRS radios to those neighborhoods that need them. So that's a big part of the way of where the money has been spent. And then can I just ask, Oh, an email address for you. Are you willing to share your email address in case anyone wants to reach out? Sure. S J i e. R r e l s at city of sebastopol.org. Okay, and then the other way, of course, would be

for anyone to call the fire department and speak with paddy to get your contact info. Yes. And I will give you my phone number too, which is 707-799-2204.

I do answer it actually just

think and the chief might have something to add. But can I just ask one little question. Since I live on Hayden and I'm looking at this map it says in building wireless solutions. Is that a business or is that?

A hub? I've just never heard of it. It's it's not a hub. Okay. It must be a business. So it's been used as a landmark ticket. Okay, right. Yeah. I just I would have lived there for 30 years. I would have no idea I

just don't know. Or landmark. But anyway, just mention it. Anyway. It's funny what comes up on Google Maps? Yeah, I guess it's very funny sometimes chief. Yeah. Thank you, Mary. I so first of all, with regard to posting information on how people can get better involved, the fire department

work with skip will do some things on our

Facebook account and also provide some information in the newsletter, the city's newsletter to help direct people to how they get involved, how they learn more about it, or if they want to attend a class. And then my final comment is, I would just like take a minute and recognize Mr. Jules drills for his very hard work on this. He's been doing this for a very, very long time he has it, you know, he's just very passionate about it. And he's truly been a leader on this very important part of what the public can do when there's a disaster. So I thank you, and Thanks, Jeff. Appreciate it.

Anything else?

Great. Thanks. Stan green from the Sebastopol neighborhood communications unit was supposed to be here to talk about the radio, but he was just simply unable to. Alright, thank you so much for the informational presentation. All right.

Hey, so

that is our only presentation for tonight. So we will move along to public hearing. Agenda Item number nine. This is a public hearing to consider a resolution to modify the plant communities zoning for

Woodstone corners at 1121 through 1171 Gravenstein. Highway, South planned communities zoning amendment and use permit for that same address. And this is from our planning department and I saw believe carry on Zoom earlier.

Oh, they're very Thank you.

You want to go ahead and launch this one.

And then should we? Yeah, we'll discuss it and then open the public hearing. Thank you. Correct. Yeah. And actually associate Kleiner John Jay will be giving the staff report for this. We do not have a planning commission that is on here tonight. But I feel well.

It'd be a pretty straightforward hearing, hopefully. John.

Thank you. Good evening, Mayor, vice mayor and council members. The item here tonight is a zoning text amendment request from Patrick Slater on behalf of Greg and Karen table to modify a use permit for a planned community at 1171 Gravenstein highway style or Woodstone corners for the attached resolution number 5156. As a part of your agenda packet tonight, on October 3 of 2000. The City Council approved the Woodstone corners development as a mixed use live work development. We're allowed ground floor commercial and upstairs residential only. This amendment tonight is to allow ground floor residential whereas currently not allowed under its current use permit. The amendment would also fill the use permit requirement for 100% residential and a commercially zoned district. This amendment request was submitted to the planning department on March 9 2023. And was heard at the June 13 2023 Planning Commission meeting where the commission voted in favor to recommend by resolution to approve the zoning permit which is also included in your agenda packet.

The amendment would only require the amendment tonight is only to add one new unit

at 1171 in the Gravenstein Highway South. But as noted in the conditions of approval, staff has recommended and I condition for this to allow all units should they want to the ability to convert those ground floor spaces to residential through regular building permit to better streamline the process.

The amendment would only require this new unit to supply two parking spaces on site. And with 17 currently on site and for street parking spaces available, it would meet that minimum parking requirement. Alternatively, if the entire development were to convert to ground floor residential, the overall entire development would provide for parking spaces in excess so it'd be overburdened.

With that. I will conclude my staff report and take any questions from the city council.

Okay,

as their questions it looks like councilmember Mauer. Yeah. I have a question about notification of the other neighbors in the area was the notification done?

Yes, the notification was done for both the planning commission meeting and also the city council meeting the newspaper of the press Democrat along with the mailed notice to 600 from the residents.

Thank you.

Vice Mayor rich. Yes. Thank you for that presentation. We talk in planning out and

hear both you and Carrie Swanstrom talk about the need for consistency. My question on this one is, what sort of precedent are we setting? And are there what other what other current

structures do we have in town that are zoned for commercial on the first floor that we might be seeing as proposing to convert to residential.

So we have a couple of projects. Recently, the planning commission just approved the

7631 heels were Murphy Avenue project that was originally approved as ground floor commercial and upstairs with two apartment units.

The Planning Commission heard a conditional use permit for that to have two additional residential units on the ground floor, which they approved. That did not come to the city council as it's a regular zone commercial district this this one is a little specific in that it's at plan community. So it does require the additional city council approval on that.

And we also have a another project

for

it's along Main Street, South Main Street, to convert a commercial

office space to residential. So there's quite a few projects in town that are going on right now that are converting commercial space into residential because of

the vacant commercial spaces that we see in town. And

with residential, we need much more units in such. Great, so

I'm sorry, sir, voice manager I was going to also add in and to address your question about precedent. So currently, we do require a use permit in any commercial zone to have 100%, residential or residential on the ground floor.

We do look in the planning commission certainly looks at each site specifically. So I don't think there is a precedent here that's being set. That said, as as John noted, there is a bit of a trend. Some are Victorians that were originally houses that were converted to office and now wanting to go back, such as the South Main Street that John mentioned, others are like the brand new Healdsburg Murphy, where they have not been built out is commercial, seeing the need for residential and just simply asking to just build it out as that.

However, we did, I did just get notified that we did receive a quarter of a million dollar grant from a bag to look at if there are areas of town where in our commercial zoning district, where it does make sense to perhaps allow residential without the need for a use permit that will allow the Planning Commission and the city council to look at, you know, where it is appropriate and where it's not, so that we can, you know, not have all of these random requests coming but really provide guidance to the community on

you know, downtown are the two commercial nodes versus the areas in between this particular site is not a doesn't have a lot of commercial frontage. So staff was very supportive of this, it's, you know, it's right adjacent to that hotel, and residential to the east. So it's very compatible to the surrounding uses, in terms of residential, converting those lower floors to the residential uses.

And the other owners within the HOA for the the actual year development there, did review this and are supportive of the the changing the zoning for the entire development to this. Great, thanks. And then final question, if this had at what about the affordability piece? So I think we have some rules that would require that a certain number of units be affordable. Is that true? Would it apply here is a different since they're converting and just a really brief answer would be great and then we can move on to other topics.

Do you have any concerns about the way that this has been converted sidestepping in any way rules that would require that certain number of units be affordable?

I do not this was only one unit that is being converted.

And they are they're actually smaller units there and John if I don't recall the square footage, but they're basically

smaller one bedroom units.

So my expectation is that the rental of them would likely be

in the more moderate range. Anyway. Thank you. I think that's enough of an answer for me at the moment. Thank you.

Okay, seeing no other questions at this time. We, sorry, the process we open the public hearing. Yes. So we will open the public hearing. And we will go to our public. And, Mary, can you ask for public comment? Thanks. Thank you, Mara. So this is the public hearing for the plan community zoning for Woodstone corners on Gravenstein. Sal, if you would like to make a public comment during the public hearing,

I will go to in chambers first and then go out to zoom. If there's anyone in the chambers that would like to make a public comment on this item.

Please go ahead.

I would like to speak for me. I can hear you. We will call on you. We're going to chambers first and then we'll come out. Thank you. Thank you. Hi, my name is Andrea Colbert's. I'm here with my husband Bob Culbertson. And we are in April of 2023. We purchased a unit in Woodstone corners. And we are we would like to see we encourage any sort of opportunity in Sebastopol to to offer more residential housing. It's a huge issue from what my understanding is in Los Altos, they've made a there's been an approval to some degree of converting the commercial empty commercial spaces into residential housing. So yeah, so that's what we would we would encourage and make up provide housing to a number of people, including possibly our family, downstairs, if we're able to convert that. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Next Algot zoom. The first person I had is Kyle. Kyle, Can you unmute yourself, please? Yes, I can. Can you still see the timer? Yes, I can. Great. Go ahead your public comment place? So this question is not in regards to the actual agenda. It's more about the actual process here. So this is a question for the city attorney. The agenda items states the beginning that this is a request zoning text amendment request for the applicant from the applicant, Patrick Slater on behalf of Gregory and Karen, and Timothy and Rosalina debelle. Now, the question in particular for the city manager is in relation to the California political practice Fair Political Practices Commission, specifically section number 8740 6.3, which is the local one year ban. Local one year ban prohibits specific specified officials from one year after leaving local government office or employment from representing any other person for compensation by appearing before or communicating with their former agency in an attempt to influence the agency's decision and administrative or legislative action, whether quasi legislative or quasi judicial, and or any action involving a permit license contract or transaction involving the sale or purchase of property or goods. This one year ban also applies to an individual who at the time of the appearance or communication is an independent contractor of a local government agency or a public agency in his opinion or communicate on behalf of that agency. So again, question here is for the city attorney to specifically address the local one year ban.

His opinion on the local one year ban as to this particular agenda item, what responsibility of the city is to enforcement of that local one year ban? And if we are in fact in a violation of local one year ban, who is the governing body to to file some sort of a complaint on the on the violation of the local one year ban? Thanks so much.

Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment. Next, I will go to in chamber.

Good evening. My name is Greg gave a light on the property that's being looked at and initiated the whole process. On the way here tonight and on the way to the planning commission. My past five or six signs, it's an office for rent. We don't need offices, we need housing. And that's I mean, I've just own one, one little unit, upstairs apartment downstairs office. They're hard to rent. And I figured city needs housing. I've like converted.

Good for everybody. Good for me. I can keep it rented. Good for you. You have more housing with no construction at all. Virtually no exterior work needs to be done at all. To convert this. It's good to go. I'm

also the manager of the HOA for Woodstone corners. At their last annual meeting. They voted unanimously in favor of this amendment, though

All right, I stand available for any questions you might have later.

Thank you for your public comment. Next, Ella, go back out to zoom. If you'd like to make a public comment on this public hearing, Dana, would you like to make a public comment?

Again, this is public comment for the public hearing on the plan community for the wisdom court. There you go. Can you hear us okay? Yeah, I can hear you. Can you hear me now? I'm sorry? Um, no, you're okay. You're okay. Can you see my timer? Dana?

Rave, I'm sorry, I can't be there in person. I'm so glad this is coming up. I'm also an owner in Woodstone corners. And totally in support of being able to do this transactional being mom remodel,

both properties have their own separate entrance, there's plenty of parking on site.

Housing is a huge issue in Sonoma County. This would be a very simple interior remodel,

with no exterior changes to the property. And I'm just requesting that

she was looked at seriously. And

consideration is given for permission to allow

the bottom units to be converted to housing in beautiful one bedroom apartment. So that's my comment. Thank you very much.

Thank you for your public comment. I will come back to the chambers if there's anyone that would like to make a public comment on this item.

Seeing none, I will go back out to zoom. Linda, would you like to make a public comment?

Anyway, are Kyle doubtless special? Very good. Excellent. So anyway, what that brings to mind is, you know that our former mayor's calling in the footsteps of our former

planning director

of Sir

Sure, what's his name? Ken Webster. Anyway, who actually owns yours? I on city council was actually Of course, he was pro business and was working for businesses and not once did he ever respond favorably to anybody who brought up a

an issue regarding health environment or anything like that, you know, I just hanging out there in the lobby, as I said, Before, I got no list. And then

21 Mostly, almost all unsolicited comments about him needing to be fired. And in that he he altered? You know, as I've said before, that traffic traffic survey in order to bring the bar will to us and that's why we have the traffic mask we have today, which is only getting worse, according to

one of the cops. So and then more on on Kenyan he's, he's now in business for private business, you know, still

profiting from his experience, knowledge, you know, having been on the payroll of city. So anyway, it looks like that's what Patrick's doing. So, aside from now, this is a real opportunity to provide an idea you have about 20 seconds, safe housing, the the big issue that needs to be addressed is the levels of radiofrequency radiation. And it's easier than you think to convert an existing building to electrical magnetically Safe, safe thing. And so it's a real opportunity need to look into and make available to a population, which is you know, being cooked alive. Linda, that's two minutes.

Thank you for your public comment. So I will come back to chambers if there's any additional public comments on this public hearing. Seeing none, I will go back out to zoom. If there's anyone that would like to make a public comment on this public hearing. For the planning community rezone wisdom corners, please raise your hand, please unmute your telephone or please wait to get my attention the gallery. I see no further requests for public comments. So this public hearing is closed.

Thank you, Mary.

I feel a little discouraged by the member of our public who is saying negative things about a previous employee and they're not even around to defend themselves. So I have to make a comment to that I it's a very small town and I think calling people out by name and saying things that

are not nice

thoroughly truth is a dangerous slope. So

with that, I don't know if I have a few questions that maybe I could ask. And then if we have more questions or deliberations from the full council.

So I think these are for Carrie, Carrie, you mentioned a grant. And I was just curious of who was responsible for helping us get that.

I actually wrote that grant. That was in house. I didn't know you didn't. Did you work with our grant writer? Are you? I didn't know. They would have been able to. But the time was so tight that I, I just did it.

Thank you for that. Free Money is always welcome in the city. And then my next question is, do these conversions count towards our arena numbers? Yes, they will be in the shaking of the head. Yeah. So that is how many how many? Rena? How many credits do we get?

So we would only get the credits if people decided to convert, so okay, one for each unit that would be converted. And so tonight, we know that there's Mr. De Bo, who is interested in converting has I do know that there are a couple of office? Yeah, tenants in some of them, so I wouldn't anticipate they all would be converted immediately. Okay, sounds good. Thank you for that. Is there any other council members? Ohlman? Yes, thank you, Madam Mayor. And I just want to say Yes, I definitely encourage these type of applications in these type of pursuits. For one thing, it definitely helps in a lot of ways to have these type of conversions for empty spaces in order to get the type of housing that we need, as the mayor just pointed out, also, for high density areas, like in commercial areas, it helps to have people more in condensed area to save on transportation, driving a cetera, that affects our environment. And I'm also delighted carries for you applying for the a bag, amount of money that was no small lift and much appreciated because I serve as the mayor of Sonoma County's mayors and

council, men's council members associations alternative to the a bag. So having worked with them, that was no small accomplishment. So thank you. Those are my comments. Thank you. And I'm sorry, I did pass over one member of the public comment for I think directed to our city attorney, Larry, and I know that we have an applicant who is helping the actual, if an architect actually helping the applicant with this process. Have you had a chance to research the question from the public? We were reviewing the statute as we speak. I appreciate the public bringing this to our attention, and we will review it

in days to come. And then if we pass this tonight, if it needs to come back in a different way, is that what we're not able to find any penalty provision is to state what would happen if there was a violation. Okay, so I would recommend the council finished the agenda item tonight. Okay, thank you for that for clarifying that. Okay. My spare rich. Yeah. Is this questions and deliberations? Comments? Yeah.

So I'm very much in support of this effort. I love the fact that there's a grant, there's grant money that's been obtained to look at converting some of our larger commercial spaces into residential, and actually really appreciate the proactive effort of an individual in our community to bring this forward and say, Okay, this is not good for commercial, let's go residential. And the one comment I would have is that, I think as we look for as our planning department looks at how to deal with these requests into the future, it would be, I feel it would be important to look at what sort of affordability expectations we might have for conversions of this type in terms of the, you know, some sort of credit or some way to encourage an affordable rent, where there was an opportunity, but otherwise fully in support.

Okay.

We're okay. And I will just make comments. I've been in this property, and I've been with people that own or rent upstairs, super excited about the project. It's great to have conversions happening like this in our community. I think it's a trend of the times back in the day there was like was pointed out on another property conversion from a house to an office property now that's trying to go back. So to move with the sign of the times, we definitely need more housing in our community, so fully in support as well. So with that, if we can go ahead and move to the vote, Mary will call or Oh, no, sorry, we have to make a motion. All right.

I'm happy to make a motion in support of this item. All right, we got a motion in a second. We got a second from councilmember Mauer. So there we go.

Thank you.

Thank you so moved by Vice Mayor ridge and seconded by council councilmember Mauer to prove the plan zoning, playing community zoning for Woodstone quarters approving the resolution councilmembers Mauer. Yes. Zalman Yes. Vice Mayor rich Yes. Mayor Hinton aye. Councilman Mike Lewis is absent. So the vote passes 401 With Councilmembers, Mauer councilmembers almond Vice Mayor Richard Mayer hidden waiting in favor and Councilmember Liu is absent. Okay.

Yes, so we'll come back on the August 1 agenda.

Okay. Thank you. Yeah.

All right. So now we're gonna move on to a regular calendar agenda item. And that is item number 10. This is an item brought by myself and the vice mayor, Vice Mayor rich, and

I am just going to read the subject and recommendation and then I think we can go through it. It's a lengthy item with a number of discussion topics. So maybe we can go through the item.

topic by topic and maybe ask questions and then go to the public and then come back. So.

So can we take it down? It? Okay. Yeah, got it. Okay. Great.

Yeah, Z. Laurie, members of the public. Yeah. Sorry, everyone, and thanks, staff. That was quick work. Yeah. All righty.

So, moving along. Agenda Item 10. The subject is consideration of placement of a ballot measure on a special election to be held November 7 2023. In the County of Sonoma city of Sebastopol. The recommendation is that the council receive this information discussing consider a ballot measure for the November 7 2023, special election and consider approval of a consultant to prepare a ballot question and ordinance as well as public outreach and education and consider appointment of an ad hoc ballot measure committee.

With that, I guess so. Mayor Hinton I actually have a question regarding the video. And I, the question is, there's inappropriate content in the recording of this meeting now? Is there anything that we can legally do to prevent the republishing of that video, it'll be removed next week, we ran into this before and we've we've moved, we've had our IT department take out that section, and the videos of that will

not be posted. Excellent. Reinforcing the need for that IT department contract. Thank you. Thank you. Good question. Thank you.

So I guess I'll start with just a couple of comments.

Shortly after our last meeting, I spoke with our city attorney and,

and was cleared to Brown Act with Vice Mayor Rich on this agenda item to consider a tax.

And what that would mean, of course,

it's been I think, fairly well researched, so that we could all have information to consider and we had to move that agenda item very quickly. If we were to consider a November, ballot item, and bring it forth at this meeting. Because it's a multi step process.

It was very clear, having reviewed the budget, I think by all of us

that we are in a structural deficit budget and it's going if we don't find a solution, we are going to be going negative and it's not going to take too many years.

It was also obvious to me as a council member, when I saw that the budget subcommittee had recommended and put money in the ballot or in the budget that ballot measures would be a consideration. It was really just a matter of when we would run them if we would run them but that definitely we had placeholders so

and so Vice Mayor Rich and I started researching what that might look like. We talked to multiple people. I had a very nice in depth conversation with Deva Prado who does elections for the county and to understand the process, and there's upsides and downsides but in these

quickly, my feeling is information is power. And

we to even consider something quickly, we have had to move quickly on it. And so this infirm, this item to me is not only ideas, recommendations and informational

for the full council to liberate bond tonight, and it's it's not I think ideal in a short window. But with all things being equal, we obviously understand that we have needs in this community to fund and we got to figure out how to do it. So, Vice Mayor rich, would you like to add anything to that opening comments? Yeah, what I'd say is that this city council was pretty it was clear during the budget discussions and the city council meetings, two of them. Regarding the critical nature of our budget situation, we are at the moment, estimated 1.6 7 million deficit, which is pretty awful. We have a consultant's report that indicates that we will use up our reserves within I think, five years, if I recall correctly, we have growing needs within the community, a community that demands high quality services, discussion at the last at the city council meetings regarding the budget that focused heavily on public safety recognition that we need in long term solution to that issue. And that we don't, we don't have a revenue building solution at the moment. So you know, crisis, that term was used quite a bit critical, that term was used quite a bit. And so moving forward seems like an excellent opportunity for us to take care of that in a quick way, or at least to consider it in the full city council. And that was the goal of this item to provide all of the information, all of the options in a question format, so that with recommendations from us, but also in a question format, so that the City Council could discuss it, because as I've said, to many people in this community, this city council is the council a very involved individuals who definitely do their research and contribute.

And so that's why we've laid it out in the way that we have at the other piece that I'd identify is that we all know that there are other tax measures floating out there. And we don't want to do anything that will in any way, be in conflict with those other tax measures. And so moving forward in November of this year, places in us in that in that opportunity space, to ask the public for support, inform the public in a very focused way, have our public decide whether the public wants to provide additional money for for our budget, and yet, then be open to the other opportunities that the rest of the county might need to present to us in March and November of next year, because there will be other needs. So that's really my initial comments.

Councilmember Mara, thank you. I so bear with me, I've gotten my little notes here.

So I agree. We're, we were in a budget crisis. And we do have a growing structural deficit. These are important things to take care of. But

I don't think this is the I think this is premature to put something on the ballot. And I'm going to outline why I think it's premature.

Last year's budget adopted budget was basically 1.1 million deficit.

And in the actual, I think it's an estimated actual still was a gain of 470,000. So it wasn't as bad as it started out. And the year before was the same and had a 1 million deficit. And the actual was 300, and roughly 370,000. Gain, not a loss.

Two years before that. It was, for example, 2019 to 2020, it was 1.4 million deficit, the adopted budget. That's the initial budget. So that was a deficit of 1.4. The actual was a 1 million deficit. So it came down by 400,000. And in 2020, to 2021, the adopted budget and the actual budget, it came down by 800,000. So

my point in saying that it's not that I don't think we have a budget problem, but I think that it would be well, let me just keep going with what I'm trying to say so because I'm like my ultimate point is that I think we should wait, that I don't think this is the right timing. And

one of my concerns is that the Sonoma County Fire Department they have a ballot measure which is a half a cent sales tax, which will be

Coming on the ballot in the springtime. And that will, our fire department will receive a lot of great benefit from that like \$1.2 million plus 5 million for a building. However, the ad hoc committee for the fire department hasn't even completed their work yet. So we don't even know. And one of the questions on the ad hoc committee was whether to consolidate or not, that has not been completed. So So my understanding is that, because this is a special election, it has to be a special tax. And I understand it is what the city of Sebastopol needs, is they need revenue for the general fund. Yes, we need revenue for everything, but particularly the general fund so that we have more, so we're not facing this deficit every year.

So my concern with the fact that there's the County Fire Department has a ballot measure

is that how will that it let's say Sebastopol puts a ballot measure now? And then they have won in the spring? Is that going to affect whether or not in the one we put on now is for public safety? Will that affect what Sebastopol will receive from the county

and Oregon's Sebastopol voters rejected and thereby, you know, hurt the county's effort as well. I don't know, to me, that's an unknown.

And that's one of my rationales for let's wait.

So and the other idea is, since we need the money for the general fund, but what if we put it on the special ballot saying that we're using this for public safety, then I would think to be fair to the voters, the fire department should get whatever they're getting now. plus whatever taxes you collect for them, otherwise, you're just collecting a tax, and then using it for the general fund. I don't know if that makes any sense. But I'm really uncomfortable with that, because that feels there's a potential word deception of the residents. And I don't want to see that happen.

So I guess I said this, the ad hoc has not finished their work. So my suggestion is to wait until after we know what happens in the spring with the Sonoma County Fire ballot measure. And if that gets approved, that's that, that's

then Sebastopol is going to benefit greatly by 1.2 million, which is more than then that quarter cent sales tax we'd even put in now, you know, so.

And I'm not I'm absolutely not comfortable raising property taxes. And the main reason I'm, I'm really not okay with that is because Sebastopol residents are still paying for palm drive.

And I just, you know, I really didn't, I wasn't able to look at I'd like to know what the taxes are, and to see if there any sunset dates on taxes and stuff. But at this point, I'm not comfortable raising property taxes when we still have

that hospital for palm drive on there.

So my my main point is, I would like to wait until after the spring, and

reconsider this for the fall of 2024, when it's a general election, because also it won't cost as much because a special election, we have to pay a lot more, it'll cost us at least \$100,000 to put a couple, one or two measures or whatever, however much it'll cost. I don't know, it'll cost all 100. But it could cost more because it's a special election. If we're the only city putting a ballot, putting a measure on the ballot, it costs a whole lot. So if we don't do it, we actually save \$100,000 For for this year. And that makes our deficit 100,000 last 1.5 something. And anyway, I would that's my argument for waiting, I think I think we should wait until until fall of 2024. Thank you.

Councilmember Zalman. Thank you, Madam Mayor. And I just want to be clear on the process because usually what we do is we ask questions and we wait for comment, but I'm gonna No, no, no, I'm gonna follow

what I think is normal. It's okay. And

you're passionate. It's okay. It's, it's all good. I had one question. So But first, I want to thank the mayor and vice mayor for taking this on, especially given the outcome of the last time we were together and the votes that were made in the direction in which they moved to kind of

Have it all be focused on just public safety, however you'd want to divide it. So I want to thank you for taking the initiative to sort this out and present it in a way that can hopefully address most of our questions and move forward. The one question that I have is on page five,

the parcel tax thing. And I, the reason why I'm asking this is just to make sure that the public knows that we have explored everything, I kind of get a sense of where we'll go. But I still want to ask the question anyway, on page five, when it talks about the parcel tax, it starts with a recommendation of \$200 per parcel. But when you go back to the May 17, presentation by the consultant, it said that it would be \$290 per tax per parcel that would result in \$790,000 being raised. So I guess I just kind of want to get your thinking of why you started at the 200. And not just relying on the paid consultants that were there to be retained, provide advice.

The the concept here, so yes, this city council could in fact, set whatever, parcel tax assuming that we all wanted to go forward with the parcel tax, the dollar amount of that parcel tax would be up for discussion, the \$200 amount was just instinctively the Met, the amount that we felt in discussion would be the maximum, from our perspective, acceptable to the population, adding in and part of that conversation, I just like to bump back to what councilmember Mara was saying. And I actually looked at my property tax to see okay, what property taxes are we paying? And yes, there's about \$260 in in very, in specific fees. And then in addition to that, there's percentages that apply, including palm drive to every single property owner. So it was just an instinctive 290 felt like absolutely too much \$200, for discussion perspective, and for discussion, beginning points seemed acceptable as a starting point, I mean, instinctively, that's where I was, but Mayor Hinton, well, we also kind of looked at other district taxes in the area in West County. And so that upper amount is like the way up or a mountain. So again, with running any kind of ballot item, we want to make sure it passes, do everything we can to possibly so we didn't have time to do a survey, like many of the either larger organizations, or people with more time to pull the voters and say, What are you comfortable with? I did share with Vice Mayor Rich, I have sat on the West County high school bond committee for I believe I was before he was elected on council for four years. And I was involved in polling for the high school district at that time. So I was able to listen to that and participate. And I kind of knew what numbers they were playing with and their

strategy. So I could just kind of throw this number out. It isn't our recommendation to go to a property tax. So we were trying to also go well, what's reasonable in that? How much would that make us sales tax makes us more money. And then the other piece that I would add is that we were cognizant of another topic that Councilmember Meyer has raised, which is the need to be respectful of the work of the ad hoc fire committee, that work is not complete. And, and I personally am not part of that process. But having looked at the report from Matrix, I'm concluding that the two major options will likely be independent firehouse, or consolidation, and that with consolidation, there might be a parcel tax, that would come over to the citizens of Sebastopol. So that entered into our let's not recommend a parcel tax, but it also entered into our if there's going to be a parcel tax, let's try to keep it low to not jeopardize the options for the fire ad hoc. And I just wanted to add to when you think about a sales tax part of the discussion, although I know that that can be viewed as a negative way to go for the whole community. We also are surrounded by 40,000 people that shop here and use us for Congress and public safety should be funded right by by people that are in our town because public safety is here for everyone. So this way, a sales tax would also be collected from both visitors and people that live in the county that are coming to town and whether they're getting a ticket or

needing you know, some sort of response while they're in town from our public safety.

departments. Thank you. And I have another question. But I see councilmember Olson. So this was a question that I asked, because I kind of got a little bit confused in the report, like who really was the author, because I'm usually seeing the author be like staff, so and I didn't want to reach out to the two of you, because then that would be a Brown Act thing. So I sent it to Mary, and asked her about, could there be multiple purposes for a sales tax? Or does it have to just people one specific person purpose, which seems to be from the report, like public safety, to sort of what I interpreted to fill the gap in the funding that we never had, and didn't have a reasonable expectation of having for the two allotted positions? So the answer I got back was also sent back to all of you. Because she apparently reached out to our tax expert, they did say that there could be multiple purpose for a sales tax. And I just want to make sure that that's the correct understanding of email exchange, and from staff that I have a proper expectation about the fact that it doesn't have to be just one purpose it can be have multiple purposes for sales tax, is that correct? That is correct. That's what the consultant stated that it did not need to be just public safety. You could public safety, parks, public safety, government services. So yes. Okay. Thank you. That's my questions. So let me address that. Very familiar, having said on an open space, that there's a percentage in their tax measure that goes to

parks in cities, and that creates their matching grant funding that they do every two years, and it was part of their tax measure when they originally passed. So we did discuss that and floated some ideas in our meeting with Danny Rosati about, you know, I think I heard library thinking here parks, I would point out that I do feel like a tax measure was not successful that had too much confusion to the voters. And that was, in my mind, the Bodega Bay fire tax paired with the West County High School for El Molino. And so I think that when you pull in other things, it can be confusing message. And it can be

you're gonna get some people that like, like the parks and over the library, and some people that want to vote for public safety. And so we're really looked in this proposal to mainstream, one of our major costs is public safety. It's right up there on the public's graph. And that is part of our budget that needs to be funded for this community. We have a local police department, and we have and that's a community value other towns have gone with the Sheriff's Department. This town has never really talked about that, although it's floated out in other cities. And we have a fire department and so

that we heard, especially in recently that, you know, we need to get up to speed. So

that's, that's why at the end of the day, we went with a shared public safety message. It's a simple one. And that is our most the biggest part of our budget in our general fund.

Councilman Miller, I'll stick to questions. I wish she would stop me.

Say my Yeah, we've had a little time to talk about it. So I we understand that. This is your time? Well, this is generally supposed to be questions, and then we hear from the public, and then we discuss. So anyway. I apologize about that.

So my question is, so if this ballot measure

gets approved, and it's supposed to raise 792,000, roughly, right. Right now, the budget for the fire department is about 1.4 5 million, roughly. And the police department was around 6 million. So the budget this, let's just pretend it gets approved. And there's \$792,000. So next year, does that mean that that amount gets split between the two agents, the fire department, the police department, and so then the for example, the

fire department would get roughly 1.7 million, and the police department would get 6.5.

And, Mike, my question is, it's about being careful about not

not using this tax measure for the general fund, because that could be deceptive for the voters. If you're going to use it. It's like are you going to read

Use what you gave them, you know, last year and or, you know, I just I just want clarity about that, because that's where I'm really uncomfortable. Okay, thank you. I think I will address it. And of course we could look the city manager it is it would be illegal for us to float and pass a public safety measure and use it for the general fund. The general fund is a general tax, and it's in the agenda item. And maybe we'll hear from Larry on that as well. But we spent a lot of time talking about a general tax, which would only have to pass by 50% plus one is my understanding. And this has to present passed by a larger majority of the voters. In my conversations with diva Prado, we talked about other communities that have run single tax measures. And I asked her what the success rate of those were like, what's our risk factor? And of course, no one knows, and they weren't exactly tax measures. But in the couple examples, she gave me the pass rate was in the 80% range. So that gave me some confidence

in that, and I don't see a tax measure that we would run personally. But it would be decided budget decisions are made by this body. So it would the money raised would have to be used towards public safety. And then just like this year, from our heads of those departments, we would hear from them in the budget process about what their needs are. Part of the proposal is we are also debating going for a half percent. So

that's another discussion item. But Dana, do you have anything to add? And then maybe lurking idle? Yeah, I'd like to jump right into the question of wood, this money have to be used for new expenses. We are in a deficit situation, we need a long term sustainable plan for funding our needs. We're now at what is it 1.6 7 million underwater? And yes, I understand that the last few years, we've managed to come up with an actual net positive. But we have to recognize that especially this last year, there were one time amounts that we are not going to see again, those one time amounts really helped

shore up our situation. So we don't have a long term plan. We ended up recognizing as a full city council, there was debate about it. But ultimately, this city council by majority vote supported two positions for which there is no long term plan, a fire engineer and a sergeant. So we have existing needs that we need to have a plan for. I think we're absolutely absolutely need full disclosure, transparency. But there is nothing that prevents us legally, so long as we're clear with the public from using these funds in this tax amount in order to shore up our existing needs so that we can continue to deliver services to this wonderful community. So that's the one piece and I think we just would have to be very clear with the public. So I think that answers that. And oh, and I'd also like to point out on the county fire tax, something that was really important. That was in councilmember mayor's statement, if it passes, we don't know what's going to pass. We can rely on our voters, we can try our best to inform our voters, but we don't know what's going to pass. And we have to recognize that on that question, which you raised in your initial statements that the county tax is voters across the county.

So So basketball voters don't control that outcome. We're a relatively small number of voters.

But there may have been more and more information that you needed in terms of your initial question. My question specifically, was that, let's just take the fire department for now. The budget for this year is 1.45. ruffling.

So then if this tax gets approved,

are they then going to get that basically the same amount plus whatever is raised through the tax? Because if they're not, then it seems deceptive to me.

And I won't repeat it, but I did have I think our city manager may have something to contribute. And I just like to comment was unfortunately an obvious observation here. It depends on how you write the ballot question. So under the scenario that you're presenting councilmember Mauer, it would be perfectly appropriate actually, if we just if the tax is stated to be for public safety purposes, or just generally stay

He or fire or police purposes or something similar, then you have to spend that money towards that. So as the mayor pointed out, you would not be illegal for you to simply use the money to go into your general fund. On the other hand, it's perfectly proper and you can offset what you normally pay towards the fire department with the new money from the sales tax measure. And it wouldn't it would indirectly improve the rest of your budget. Because you're spending less other budget General Fund monies towards the fire department, you could utilize the special money to get through this special tax. The requirement is that you not violate the ballot question that you present to the voters. So but you can be as general with that, as you can be of our non specific as you want to be, is how you phrase your ballot question. Thank you, Larry, that you answered my question.

Any additional questions at this point?

Council? Mayor Hinton I think. I think, actually, Councilmember Mauer had another question. Oh, I think your question in one of your initial councilmember, I think, Councilmember Mara, and your initial statements. I think one question that was embedded there was whether this any attacks measured by us now would in some way, limit the opportunity for consolidation by our fire department, because we know that the fire and Hawk is still doing its work as your question. No, okay, that wasn't. My point was is that the the ad hoc committee hasn't completed their work. Right. And

so we don't know what the fire department's needs are going to be? They haven't we haven't finalized it. So I have another comment. And another comment that I didn't make earlier. But I'll, I'll wait until we hear from public. Okay.

All right. So

I guess we should go to public comment if there's no more questions on the items outlined in the staff report. So all right, Mary, thank you. So this is public comment for the potential ballot measure for November 2023. Special Election. If you'd like to make a public comment again, I'll go to chambers first, and then I'll go out to zoom.

Hi, this is on? Yes. Okay. My name is Carol Capraia. And I first just want to say thank you for coming back in person. I haven't been for years I've been out of the loop. I'm not a Zoomer. And so it feels great to be back in the room again. And so I'm not a budget person, either. And I have no questions. I just have some information that maybe you can throw into the mix, or maybe you can't I don't know. But um, so in terms of sales tax and taught tax, the the trend, you know, the transient occupancy tax that is generated

by hotels, or whatever else is in that genre, I don't really know. But is there any way that you can project or you can guesstimate what the Tod tax generated by the hotel subasta pool might be? I was in this room when they made their presentation and the rooms were going to be going for close to \$1,000, a night, some rooms, they were going to do some hostel rooms, some very high end rooms. And I've lost track of that project. Because again, I haven't been in the loop for a number of years now. So I feel really out of it. But I don't know if Barney is going to be building a hotel. If he's, I don't know what's going on with that. But I was just wanting to say, is there a way to look at other ways to see where we may be generating some money? And if that's just a possibility. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will go out to zoom first speaker I have is Kyle. Kyle, Can you unmute yourself, please? Yes, again. Thank you. Can you see the timer still? Yes, I can. Go ahead. Your public comment, please. So I'd like the public to really watch what's happening tonight in terms of process. I've seen counsel over the last number of years repeat this process repeatedly. First thing they do is they fund it and they don't tell you anything about what they fund. In fact, during the budget committee or during the budget approval process. We specifically we were specifically asking if we could address

What the funding for the ballot initiative researching process was. And we were told no. However, if you go into the budget subcommittee meeting, there was active discussion about this ballot measure. So first thing they did was funded in the budget, the process of seeking out this, this ballot initiative without

telling the public what that ballot initiative was going to be. Now they frame it, right, we hear this framing about we need to fund public safety. Without considering the fact that even just two years ago, there was active discussion by council on the need for fiscally auditing our public safety departments. Now, we've seen that with the fire. And I'm not saying that we're there's not a need for the funding to be happening in the fire part. In fact, it's been a disgrace, watching the way that over the years, the budget subcommittee has continued to not fund the fire department at an adequate level. But there is no publicly facing document that shows any sort of fiscal audit on the Police Services and the needs. I'll give you a couple examples. regularly over the last few years, we saw radical increases in overtime as a result of mutual aid requests with the sheriff's department. What that does every single time that we provide mutual aid for the Sheriff's departments, we're subsidizing every single one of those communities that is contracting with the sheriff's department.

We need a fiscal audit to determine whether we actually need to be funding at the levels that are being proposed. And

but we're gonna watch the head and see the process happen of fund frame approve, rinse and repeat.

Thank you, Kyle, for your public comments. The next I will go back to in chamber if there's anyone that would like to make a public comment on this item.

Seeing none, I will go back out to the zoom. Steve, can you unmute yourself please? I can thank you. Can you hear me? I can. Can you see the timer? Yes, I can. Thank you. Great. Go ahead. Your public comment please. Thank you. Good evening, Mayor Hinton and Council staff and community. My name is Steve acre fire chief of the Sonoma Valley Fire District. However, I'm here this evening as the president of the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association. I first want to acknowledge the very real budget deficit you are facing and the need to address it for long term financial health and providing services. I've been involved in very similar situations and it is most challenging. As I know you're all aware from attending our recent presentation at the mayor and council members meeting we have been working on a countywide fire sales tax for over four years. We have also presented to the city managers group, we will have a citizens based initiative on the ballot in March of 24. We have been working closely with every fire department labor and volunteers to develop this measure and have all of their unanimous support

and concern that a Sebastopol tax measure for fire or public safety will jeopardize our opportunity for success and the \$1.2 million that the city of Sebastopol will receive annually forevermore. Our measure in total will bring over \$60 million to fire agencies within the county. It will make every area of the county stronger for fire and EMS services including your neighboring fire agencies. All monies by ordinance will go directly to each entity. In closing, our ask is that you be thoughtful and methodical in your process of deciding what kind of fire or public safety tax measure to place on the ballot. And more

importantly, when we encourage you to consider a tax after March of 20. For any sales tax that you consider over a quarter cent will compete with our existing measure. We do not want to jeopardize subasta pools 1.2 million or the total 60 million for fire services. We asked you to please put your full support behind our measure for March as none of us can afford to have either competing tax measures or the splintering of support. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Steve, for your public comment. Next I will go back to chambers. So you know in chambers, I'll go back out to zoom. Linda, would you like to make a public comment?

Anyway, you know, I want to run with you Carl. You know, the process sucks. And it does not work. And the narrative is largely controlled by the conscious conscience Lissa corporate profiteers, which is you know, a very good example that was given to the shyster cola boys with a 5 million and then point \$2 million, which was squandered for wireless water meters, which here and now here's the way I see it, as I explained to AG cop last night. That \$2.2 million is talking about public safety. It is doing it is doing public assault, you know, radiation from beneath our feet 3002 A wire

With water meters radiating around the clock, making people sick and the sicknesses that are most common from from radiation poisoning, or heart attacks, cancer, stroke, did you hear that Larry, stroke, stroke, stroke, stroke, stroke, and, and, and diabeetus makes your blood sugar just go right up. So anyway, so this is a little and Larry has said, you know that the need for the emergency manager, medical people has in the fire department, the medical calls, has gone straight up on a graph. So here's where I see that. So people are being assaulted by radiation, you know, their cell phones and all the rest of it, you know, it's just getting more and more worse and worse, they're having these symptoms are calling your emergency fire department, Linda, you have about 25 seconds. Anyway, it makes a greater demand on them. Now, at the same time, our

wise leaders here, you know, are under cutting and cutting, cutting back on, on the support and funding from our fire and police who are answering it in large number of calls because of the technology that this city council has put into place in squandering \$2 million, which that's two minutes, or 60 people. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Next speaker I have is Jim, Jim, can you unmute yourself please?

Can you hear me? I can? Can you see the timer?

No, but I'll try to keep it short. You can let me know when i get a 30 seconds left. So

I appreciated the comments by Sandra Maher, aye. Aye. I believe that we need to tax ourselves, whether it's through maximizing the

sales tax, or adding another parcel tax, I would vote for one or both of them probably.

But I also think timing is important. It seems like if we can get the county fire tax done and see where we land on whether we're consolidating it would be make more sense to have a better communication to the public about why we need this tax in 2024, when the land is all sort of settled.

I also, you know, kind of what Kyle Falbo has said about you know, well, we thought we were going to remove the sergeant and not fund the fire department. And then we decided to do that. But we don't have the money. We're dipping into the reserves. I mean, we have structural problems. And I think a real strong communication about how we're going to solve those. And hopefully it involves new

hotel taxes and increasing the business community and sales tax and possibly parcel tax. But a real communication effort from the city council about how a city of 7000 people can survive with its own police department and its own fire department, and what kind of funding we need will help sell those kinds of taxes. So I think,

you know, I will be okay for waiting and not doing a special tax and seeing where we have about 25 seconds. And that's my comment. Thank you very much. Thank you for your public comment. Next speaker I have is Oliver followed by Mark Oliver, can you hear us okay? Can you hear me? I can. Can you see the timer? I can Yeah, yeah. Great. Go ahead, please. Thank you. Good evening. Yes. So my feeling about this is we've already got the second highest sales tax in Sonoma County already in the city of Sebastopol. I think fatalities are shade higher than us. And the mayor mentioned earlier the 40,000 people that come here in shop. The more we pile on taxes, the less people are going to come and stay here. We don't actually have a hotel. There is no plan now to build a hotel here. We lost the Sebastopol in we're kind of bouncing along at the bottom. I think this is a very good time to start looking very strategically about how to rebuild the sales tax base. You can see my graph in the in the picture for my Zoom account. Sales tax is everything we're not going to make it on property tax I know very well from last year that half the world a large percentage of people in Sebastopol are not wealthy at all and can't afford even more taxes piled on. There's plenty of wealthy retiree people and Sauron who can easily and now have different political objectives and so on. It's also incredibly important to know that whatever happens Recology garbage bills and water which the city has control over is going to go up enormously next year to fund the city. And to me that's unacceptable because for years the city has been very poorly

manage. So again, I have to say, it's critically important that we have a really coherent strategic plan. Finally, I'd agree with what Councillor Morris said, I think this is very premature. I'm very sensitive about the money that the county and all the different fire services are organizing to fund our fire service. It would be very, very kind of clumsy to try and squeeze a quarter percent sales tax in and possibly torpedo all our efforts. So that's my comment. Thank you.

Thank you, Oliver for your public comment. Next speaker I have is Mike. Mike, can you unmute yourself please?

Oh, how about now? There you go. Can you see?

I can. Go ahead, please. Okay, Mayor city council members. Good evening. My name is Mike Stornetta, president of the professional firefighters Selma county local 1401. I represent roughly 350 firefighters from around the county. I'm also the committee chair for citizens supporting a safer Sonoma County. Currently, our committee is responsible for advancing the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs tax initiative. Through this tax initiative, the city of Sebastopol gained roughly \$1.2 million for your fire department. I'm also ecstatic to report that as of this week, our committee has raised over \$270,000 in just over a month. Additionally, as of this week, we've secured approximately 29,000 signatures qualifying our tax for the March 24 ballot, that they've done tremendous work. This tax in this initiative has massive support from all of our stakeholders, including all fire chiefs and all firefighters in Sonoma County. To reiterate, this tax supports the city of Sebastian with \$1.2 million annually with no sunset. We believe this will help relieve some of sabbaticals budget concerns. The best part is it's already in motion. Not only is the polling campaigning and tax language already written and paid for, there's a small army of firefighters working diligently to make sure it's successful come March. Due to the exceptionally good polling 65% and the hard work of our committee, we're extremely confident that this tax will be passed by our voters. In March it only needs 50% plus one vote. Our asked tonight is at the City Council slows this process down and includes our committee with all future conversations on potential sales taxes, specifically, on how we can all work together on achieving all of our goals. As I know you're aware, alignment with stakeholders is extremely important to ensure success of any tax, our main focus is ensuring the city of Sebastopol doesn't lose out on this \$1.2 million in funding, that the fire service in Sonoma County as a whole doesn't lose out on 60 plus million dollars in funding. We really appreciate your support. And we look forward to future collaboration with all of you. Thank you guys.

Thank you, Mike, for your public comment. Next speaker. I have a Steve Steve, can you unmute yourself, please?

Yes. Can you see the timer?

Again? Thank you.

Yeah, I want to

talk a little bit about the tax and just throw out some numbers of our experiences as a town, we did have the 2018 sales tax measure, and that passed with 68% of the vote. So if we're looking at the the two thirds are just, we're just getting there. If we're going to put push this in a November ballot,

there is a risk results of a survey from the Regional Climate Protection Authority or a 2024 ballot measure. They just got back results that show just 50% approval for a sales tax or parcel tax. Now this is a completely different animal, but it's in the same ballpark of how receptive taxpayers are to measures. I also want to talk a bit about some of the regressive nature of sales tax.

People that are in the lowest income percentages, according to report from spur from 2017, a three to four times the amount in sales tax as a percent of their income as the most affluent taxpayers pay.

Not to say that parcel taxes are so also aren't a bit regressive. But I think we definitely have some numbers when it comes to sales tax. If we're going to present a tax measure, B might want to consider having a combination of both sales and parcel that are both moderate tax rates for the two.

If there is the possibility if it fails in November, we can try again and 2024 where we're only going to need 50% That makes a pretty big difference that two thirds requirement when it comes to the t o t that was 300 to \$400,000 in potential revenue

knew that we were gonna get from the new hotel that's still out there never was considered in the consultant's report, and the consultant did bring up possibility of looking at the way refunding pensions. So there are measures to bring in more revenue for the city, they may not be immediate enough to meet the needs that we see as this critical financial straits that we're in. I think we're gonna have a lot of explaining to do to taxpayers of how we got into this. That's two minutes. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment.

Next speaker I have is, is the Apple was set up cofco.org.

Can you can you hear us?

Yes, I can. Sorry, took me a minute to get used to this. Oh, that's okay. Can you see the Tiber I can actually face great. Go ahead, please. I just had a question or maybe a request for clarification based on what Larry said earlier. And

I got the impression that if the new parcel or sales tax was approved by the voters, and it was presented to them as funds being directed to public safety, that it could be possible for the council at their discretion at a later date, to redirect funds that had been directed towards public safety to the general fund, and reduce, in effect, it would be money going into the general fund as a kind of a de facto

switch or something. Maybe I'm misunderstanding that. So maybe Larry could clarify that for me a little bit. Is it possible that I'd like to know what percentage of general funds now go to public safety, and whether or not that percentage could be reduced by the council at their discretion in the future? If this measure is approved, either one and, you know, to sort of compensate for it and puff up the general fun. Thank you.

Thank you for your public comment.

There. Again, this is public comment for the potential ballot measure. If you'd like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually, please unmute your telephone or please wait to get my attention the gallery.

I see no hands raised. I see no phones off the hook, as you know, and waving to get my attention. And one last call for chamber. There is no and so the public comment is closed on this item.

Okay, thanks, Mary.

So I'm going to try to separate the things that we can answer from the members of the public and then

from then other

questions that are regarding the agenda item. So a member of the public asked about t o t funds. I think another member of the public pointed out we were looking at around 400,000. With new hotel that has

been planned for a number of years and discussed but has not even broke ground yet. My understanding is that new hotel would take about two years to even get Bill once GrandPrix. Is that your understanding as well? Yes, it's approximately correct how long it would take. Okay. And then I think another member of the public asked us how much we lost from the spascoe. And I recall that at about \$45,000 annually, which we were made a hole for three years. With some money we got from the county through our supervisor, Linda Hopkins, is that correct? The best of my memory that figure is in the ballpark. Okay. So I think those answer the two questions. I don't I don't know if

I don't know if this came up. But I had a note, sunset date, it is part of the agenda item to discuss sunset dates, and I think the for the tax measure. So proposal. So I don't know if the city was going to inform us on average sunset dates or any of that information. If you wish the city clerk did review sunset dates, okay.

And then for the member of the public that, I think kicked it off and said, you know, watch how this works. I will just state that I was not a member of the budget subcommittee this year, and nor did I watch the meetings. I've been on the Budget Committee though, for the previous five years. So I didn't want to be swayed when I saw the budget process. And so I did not watch those meetings even though I had the right to do so just to throw that out there for the public. And then I think that kind of answers the majority of the questions, and then we're back to deliberations here and comments. It looks like vice mayor's got her hand. Yeah.

I just wanted to point out because it's been mentioned a couple of times that there was a very thorough audit of our police department by Jerry 3d. And that, in fact, he encouraged additional staffing as part of that audit report. So just want to correct some information there that's been put out regarding assessments of our police department. And I'm sure that staff could provide copies of Jerry threes report to anyone in the public that would like to take a look at it. And the follow up reports from our police chief, who reported out on the progress made.

That's all I have for now. And then I thought, Should we just go through the questions in the staff report? Mayor hint, how would you like to? Yeah, there's a couple things. But we have a couple hands up. So let's go to Councilmember filmin. First, and then.

Yes, thank you, Madam Mayor, in the major point that I want to convey is the fact that we do need money, we need it like yesterday, essentially, there's no doubt about it. So again, I appreciate the mayor and vice mayor taking the time to do the research and present it to us tonight.

And for me, as I had already put forward and thought about this, this is by way of comments, I already actually reached out to our interim fire chief and told them exactly what I was planning on doing today,

which was to recommend the half cent sales tax, and it would go for multi purposes, it would go towards fire, because undoubtedly whether we consolidate or we do not consolidate, we are still responsible for the safety of the fire people, the equipment, the status of the trucks, all of that, regardless of how we end up voting. And regardless of the fire ad hoc, he did express concern to about the competition with the county ballot. And in my mind for exactly what I heard here today from Larry, is the fact that we have a multipurpose

tax measure, then, if for some reason, the Sonoma County one, the whole county ballot passes, then we don't have to fund police as much, or fire as much as we would if it wouldn't. And we could then offer some of that sales proceeds into ongoing needs in the community. And specifically for me, and this is not a new thing. This has actually been proposed. And on our list from the budget committee that said that bar as far as other ongoing facility projects, we have the fire station, we have the library, and we have City Hall needs. So part of my proposal for a multifunction multipurpose sales tax initiative would be to definitely stick fire there for prevention, stick the library, and as we've gotten member, a letter from a member of the public, we need to be worried about our infrastructure, those would be the three things. And again, if the county actually measure did get passed, then we wouldn't supplement the fire, we would end up having more money for a library that actually meets our needs and a way to fund our ongoing infrastructure needs. So that actually was my proposal of having a half cent sales tax. But now that I heard from members of the public who dialed in, also connected with fire, that if that buys, if that half percent were to be granted at the margins that we need to pass at the margins that we need that would actually serve as competition. So that concerns me a lot. So now I'm back down to a quarter seven. But I those are my comments. And those are my suggestions moving forward, that we do not hang it on a very ill defined like public protection type argument, because part of also my proposal is that we do not include law enforcement, law enforcement from what I've went through with the budget committee, and what I've heard here in full public display, is the fact that it seemed like they were fine with the level of public safety that we would be they would be able to afford the city up until like, we as council members decided to just offer them more money and of course, due to other pressures that they had d'oeuvre said Of course, yes. Getting back to whether we've actually had an assessment done and a vice mayor just mentioned, of what the last audit was the audit for them. They've not sufficiently complied with requests from Jerry three to actually sufficiently address the concerns raised from the audit.

So I also have concerns to about the why we would ask members of the public and those that shop here to find for law enforcement, when again, their their definition of what is actually needed and why they can't use a police captain to actually go out in to the field is because it would not be in

Efficient use of services and resources, that's their definition. Unlike the three that I just stated in the library, we have an independent assessment done by Sonoma County Library itself stating the fact that our branch is too small police or fire, we actually have an independent matrix report that says that they've not been funded up to speed. And for infrastructure, we have more than enough independent sources that say we need to put money into that thing. One entity that has no independent, like

valuation of what our police chief and other police chiefs have done is police. So I am not on board with funding that. So I just want to state that be my position at this point that you

okay, I'm gonna jump in here and address a couple of things.

One thing that we heard at the budget meeting, which was that are firetrucks couldn't get out the door. And we were funding police with a hold on positions back to 1986 levels. That's why I was an advocate for funding those positions. I don't

whether

really, I'm about we need to deliver services to our public. And we didn't have a good funding mechanism in place. But we couldn't wait for that. Because when there's a fire, firemen have show up. And when there's an emergency, police have to show up. We heard that now we're looking for a funding mechanism, that a that the voters will support. And we took really into serious consideration to not compete with the fire measure that we know is going to be happening in March that we don't know. Well, well, they've got a lot of early success will pass, right, because sorry to say that the last one didn't pass, and I voted for it. But it didn't pass. We have 300 registered voters in the county and 5500 registered voters in Sebastopol.

This measure was brought forth because we don't want to compete. But we have no guarantee

that that will pass and we have to wait for the money. So I am the member of SCTA and RCPA, as a member of the public brought up and I did a review in my board meeting that pulling

that pulling. Unfortunately, we do know that the polling numbers didn't come out for that. And they polar pollsters found out that while people believe in climate change, they don't want to pay for it. So I think it's really important that whatever we put on the ballot, that we

know that our community would support it. I think fear of loss is always stronger than fear again,

we could wait till next November with our fingers crossed. I'm not a fan of waiting when we need things funded now. So

just wanted to kind of throw that out. It addresses some of the members of the public that spoke. This is why we hustled to get this put together so that we wouldn't compete. And we are not the highest sales textbook. Petaluma and contatti are above us. I think it's stated in our staff report by by a quarter cent. And we do have a max cap on sales tax that we can ask for. So it's kind of like who gets there first. So those things are important to me. And that's why I believe in this agenda item.

And to make it happen, we would have to come up with some compromises on this council about what that question would look like. And I don't know if we can do that tonight, although we are only at 830.

And so but but to make it happen in November and not complete compete with the fire measure running in March and not wait till November 24.

We would have to decide tonight and then move to our next council meeting and and finalize it. So

anyway, Vice Mayor rich, yeah, thanks. I I agree that there's a need for there's a sense of urgency here. So I agree with Mayor Han and with council members omen that we need to move forward. I think it's very interesting. I hear councilmember Mauer and I'm sure Mayor Hinton is on a certain level just kind of smiling inside because my hesitancy councilmember mouth or when I first approached by Mayor when I was all about seems premature. You know, ad hoc hasn't done, its work dealt. We need to be more, more intentional, more, do more research. That's kind of That's my style. That was my objection stated at the last

last budget meeting by the city council, I tend to want thorough research, a lot of forward planning, my son just got married. And let me tell you the wedding was organized. So I That's my general approach. But I have come full circle on this one. And considering all of the moving pieces, the urgency that I heard from this council, the urgency the council members, Omen, and I felt along with staff during the budget committee meetings, and that, combined with a voice from this council about the focus need to provide long term staffing plans for these particular positions that were approved. And that then taking into consideration the comments that we hear from council members here, and also from the fire chiefs, they don't want us to compete. And honestly, I don't want to compete personally, with the fire tax, this is a big County Fire tax, the fire tax is going to be a big issue in March. We also have some others coming up in November, that I personally, they resonate with me, the our kids are future, there might be other ones that come along. November is a time when a focus of this year, the focus of the messaging to our community could be very clear, unencumbered by competing issues. And we could inform them fully. And there would be time between November and March for all of us in this community to go ahead and support the fire tax, which I personally really believe in. The other piece is that

in terms of the focus council members Ohlman I struggle with this, because we heard a fire chief here, say I think it was Mike Stornetta. Say, you know, in terms of your messaging, you have to be careful to not please be careful as what he said, please be careful and intentional about the messaging of the purpose of this of this tax if we go forward with it. And honestly, to the extent that we are messaging fire, I think we align ourselves to be in competition much more to be more of a risk to the county wide fire attacks. So public safety, I feel like everyone can support that. I hear the general the need for general fund support. And I'm trying to I mean, I'm trying to process what what is the what is the combination there that doesn't confuse people? Is it public safety, and general fund isn't public safety and infrastructure? I could see a combination. So that's just kind of my, you know, e Cummings. Free consciousness comments at the moment.

I don't think we can add general fund into the tax of the special tax. Right. So you're right. So yeah, studies specific. So

yeah, yeah. Thank you for that reminder. So

I mean, it we could go through this bout or this agenda item by section and, and deliberate each

i, as maybe a next step. But anyway, Councilmember Mauer can a special service be? For example, administrative services?

Can you raise money for administrative services?

Yes. Again, want to emphasize it depends on how you write about question, you can be very broad, you can be very specific. You can fund anything that you

want to designate the money to go towards, because Administrative Services covers a wide range, including fire, including safety, including all of it. And the fact is, in my opinion, this is why this is what we need. And it's more honest.

Yeah, so I've more comments, but probably, I think I'm obviously outnumbered here. And

so I can make my other comments. I think, I think we

I just I would just say that.

Having had a little experience hearing from consultants about what I think it's really hard for the voters to fund administrative services, even if it's obvious that we could use more of that in our city. But if so, but you call it public safety. To me, that's a very deceptive use and in a meet and sort of an abuse of our public's trust, if you're gonna call it public safety and, and then not give the entirety of that money, you know, to those safety

to the fire and the police

So I'm really uncomfortable. I think I think I think this is really bad for our businesses. I think it's bad for our residents to raise taxes. I think it undercuts clearly undercuts the Sonoma County Fire Department efforts for year effort is clearly competing with their measure, it feels like it's sort of like, oh, let's get ahead of what everybody else is doing. And I'm not comfortable with that. I'd rather be more, you know, measured about this, and

especially considering something I've already said, I'm gonna repeat it, that the last two years, we had a million dollar deficit in the adopted budgets, and we came out, you know, one year we came out \$369,000 ahead, and the next year, it was \$470,000 gain on the last two years. I'm not saying we don't have a problem. I'm just saying, I think we can afford to wait, we can afford to wait until next year. However, I wouldn't be, I wouldn't be agreeable to the idea of a sales tax to raise money put that before the voters to raise money for the administrative services, and that could be across the board could include anything, right? I mean,

and

I think we could find another way also to raise money for the city of Sebastopol. Like having events.

We could relook at the we could re look to the UUT, taxes as well,

which probably won't raise that much money. But

yeah.

I think that's it. Oh, I think that the revenue estimates for 2023 24 are very, very conservative.

Almost every year, if you look on the budgets, the revenue was underestimated almost every year. And I think this year, the budget estimates are really conservative. And I think we're going to be seeing more water revenue, water sales revenue, because the water restrictions are over. And I wished we could get a like year to date, you know, water sales compared this year to last year. I didn't have that information. But I think then and then we also have the t o t taxes. And my point is, is that I think we can afford to buy time to wait. So that's me.

Councilmember Zalman. Thank you, Madam Mayor. And, uh, no, I don't think that

we need to go through all the rest. That's on the agenda, because I am seeing this and I'm seeing my position. And I don't think we're going to have a majority of vote to proceed the way that this staff report and the vice mayor and the mayor have put it together. The other points that I want to make sure that the public understands is in what you said councilmember Mauer resonates with me about being clear about what it is that we're putting out and asking for support for, for me anything related to safety, like a large safety protection is very misleading. For one thing, and the fact that we are way behind in our goals. As a council. I've said this during the budget proceeding, we haven't had one since like a discussion, where we would invite the public to go through what our goals are since 2017 2018. So when we use the word public protection, and you refer to it, you want to incorporate money for police. That is not a foregone conclusion to me, or to the other members of the public that I interact with. They don't associate police giving them more money with their level of safety. What they understand is what other cities have done, which is they talk about it from a safety perspective of do we look for somebody to save us? Or do we provide our own safety, Richmond being one of them, they did not deep on the police, they decided what vital services that they needed to incorporate a library that provides free services for everyone, and especially ours, because ours is basically the de facto social service agency for the city. Because Gravenstein health action goes on and on and on about the fact that they're the face of health and mental health and this and this and as their doors are not open, like the library is for people to come in who are in desperate straits looking for a referral, looking for guidance. So that is important thing that Richmond actually had put in place. And they justified that by way of they keep themselves safe by having vital services, library, access to all forms of health, mental and physical. And they also talk about access to education and the need for that and not to forget mental health care. That is the way that they decided and since we have not had a retreat to figure it out amongst our council members with participation from the public, I think it's

Incredibly misleading to say that we as council are going to dictate what we want for the public to have the public save us, because we're going to build this as public safety. That to me is very seriously. So I just want to be clear. So we can save ourselves a lot of exercise of going through all the other sub agenda items. I am not in favor of having anything thrown out to the public to consider this as public safety, by way of funding more and giving more to law enforcement, I'm not going to do it. So we should

let's do a thumbs up about where we are. So we don't drag this out. I would appreciate that everybody gets to say comments. So I think that you've, you've laid down the laws and says, But why don't we hear from the Vice Mayor, I would like an opportunity to also make comments. So council members Ohlman. I am, as you think about my question to you, is because it sounds like you do feel a sense of urgency to figure out a funding opportunity.

Having heard my concern about the aligning that the potential conflict if we do, having heard these comments, what would you at this point propose as an acceptable?

You know, special tax purpose? Yeah. And thank you for ask because it may have changed since you last talked. Yeah. And I mean, it's, it's like it for me, it would be a multipurpose thing. Okay, it would definitely be for fire. Because as I stated, number one, regardless of whether we consolidate regardless of the fire ad hoc puts up, we can still need the money, whether we consolidate or keep ourself no hires got to be part of it. And because we can do multipurpose, if for some reason we are perceived as being in conflict with fire in the county measure doesn't really matter. If the cat exactly the county does, whether they pass us or fails, or still in the same situation. Right. So I'm like fire guests, we need services for fire, definitely what else is done yet for the library, because again, we are the de facto social service agency. I wish our former mayor was here. Right after I got on to being the library Commissioner, he sent me a New York Times article saying the fact that it's a site, we are the social service agency, for this community, for people who are in dire needs, who need services immediately, and infrastructure. And because I didn't think about infrastructure, till we got the letter from the member of the public hate hub, in case anybody wants to know. And as soon as she said that, I'm like, Yeah, our pipes are like, really old, and they consistently break. So like, why not have three of them? And depending upon whether the county thing passes or not, we just move the money amongst the three, well, now County, we're gonna get the county money for fire, and they don't need as much then we have the other two that are proposed. So those are my thoughts, but then okay, so you'd think fire library and infrastructure would be your thought at this point? Yes. Okay. I'm sorry, I think you want it to.

Larry, would it be possible to do a ballot measure with those three, that three combination?

Yes.

You want to however you want to raise it and the ballot measure that will set the parameters? How you spend the money in the future? Can I they don't have to be related to each other directly. Can I? I'm sorry, Mayor. But could we ask? I have serious concern about whether assuming so this would be a question for Chief Piccinini. Assuming this city council decides to go forward with a sales tax in November of this year, and that hasn't been determined yet.

You know, you're an advocate for fire. Do my concern in the fire library infrastructure concepts? So focused in that way? Is that it seems like it would be

riskier in terms of the county fire tax. Can you bet I may be completely misunderstanding the implications you would know better than, than any of us. So if we were going to go forward as a city council? And I know you would say probably don't, but if we were going to go forward, do you think that that would be

that that would be a problem?

As opposed to kind of a public safety broader? I do. I'm sorry, you do, which so I do think it would be a problem if in terms of the competition with the county ballot measure, if we presented to our community, a tax specifically for public safety. Now there again, it's it just think, blurs the line, and there is potential consequences, but I don't have a crystal ball. So I'm sorry, I'm interrupting you. But the reason is that I asked my question very specific. Would it be better to have public safety as a broad use

or to have fire as a specific use in a list of three?

Or it doesn't matter. So no, I have to answer the question in terms of you want to sell something to the community, it would be most beneficial to make it a fire safety tax. Okay, fire tax. Thank you. But I understand your broader concern. Thanks that that actually reassures me.

So, my comments are

we currently spend over \$7 million for our police and fire departments. And I don't think we're funding all their needs by a longshot. So

I supported two positions two weeks ago, that I wasn't sure how we would get funded. And, and I'm very concerned about not running something in March against the county wide fire fire tax, which is why

it was my idea to hustle and get this out. So that means if we don't run anything, we're talking about November 24.

There is no way I'm going to support a tax for administration, although I think they need a lot of support, that I feel like needs to come out of the general fund. And I also don't think it would pass.

We clearly would have spent a lot of time talking about this question. So and it is presented as we would hire an educational outreach person who would do community meetings so that the voters understand if we ran a ballot measure what they were voting for. I personally would walk door to door. So it's not like I have ever felt a nor do I ever want to deceive our public. I think that that is a fear. But I don't think it's a real one. I think that everyone knows that. We spend more of our budget on fire and police in this town. And that is partly why we are

borrowing out of our reserves to keep those departments funded so that they can maintain services to our residents.

I'm just concerned while I think the library needs to be funded, I think the parks need to be funded. I think a lot of stuff needs to be funded I'm very concerned about while we think we need the money, having a marketing background, nowadays, what I did for 25 years,

different people have done different things, they bring those experiences to it, I think a clear message. And so it will be really hard for me to support even though I think we should ask for the money sooner versus later, a mixed message ballot measure that's going to cost us upwards of \$90,000 to run because I am afraid that the message would be muddled and we would not be able to get the two thirds majority that we need. So

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presented a public safety ballot measure because we have public safety needs, and we have to fund us.

So that's my comments. Councilmember Mauer, if we wait till the general election in November 2024, then we can put on that we can put a measure on the ballot and raise money for what we need. Specifically, yeah, it was gonna be for a gamut of infrastructure and ministry is delivered, just as that can be the general fund, just we can't do that this November, just to respond to that if the fire measure passes, that adds a half a percent. If the kids are future passes, that adds a quarter percent I understand. And so when we heard from the public tonight about how high our tax rate is, that is my

other concern about a ballot measure and 24. I just want to say that publicly, because if we wait, the measures that pass first, take the tax, just

understand, and but if that fire, measure passes, we win, we win big, we win \$1.2 million a year plus 5 million for an infrastructure for the potential for building the the 20 re, it would be huge. I'm all for it. And I'm all for that fire measure. But that doesn't solve the city's problems that just holds fire. And we have no idea whether or not these measures will pass. That's my, my point. We don't know if the child measure the childcare measure will pass. We don't know if any of the other measures will pass. So if we waited, yeah, it could be that there's no more room. But there's a lot of other ways to make money besides raising taxes, not this kind of money. So I mean, really. So we do have Danny Rossetti in the room. Do we want to get his opinion on a multi issue? Tax messaging

Sure, Danny, would you mind rolling? Would you mind? I mean, yeah, I mean, we're gonna this is either gonna go down in flames or not. I mean, he runs back checks measure. So you've heard the discussion tonight in your because professional opinion, what do you what do you think about a multilevel versus?

Yeah, thank you, Madam Vice Mayor, Members, counsel.

I didn't speak earlier, because I really didn't want to

push you in any one direction to make a decision. Because you're not alone. In this struggle you're having right now, most jurisdictions that I've seen go to ballot measures

really don't want to go there. They don't want to ask for more taxes, they want to figure it out. But sometimes you're in, you end up in a situation where your challenges are so great that this is something you would like to do, right, pull the money lever. And when you get there, hope you're public, and your voters are with you. And there are challenges out there, in addition to

communicating your positions to the voters, which you know,

I can help you do other people can help you do right.

You have potential competing measures, right, you have a limitation of

how much you can totally ask for, which in our county is kind of unchartered territory at this point. So I don't really know what to say about that.

Other than, you know, there's some tolerance level that voters generally have. And on the flip side, I think you have a situation in Sebastopol, we have I live here as well.

We've got 5500 voters here compared to 300,000 in the county. So I feel like folks, if they were communicated to properly and understood what the issues were,

you might have a very good chance to make something happen with that voting public.

Another challenge is that you've got very little time to do that. And I also understand that the city doesn't have a giant and budget to like, just go out there and do it either. So

I wish I had a golden one to say, here's what will happen. Right. Question, Danny, that I would like to hear your opinion on? I'm sorry.

So the question was whether

in terms of the use of the tax, we have Mayor him feeling strongly that the winning message is a one focus, public safety message. We have another proposal here that would be fire and infrastructure and library did three different well related but a different type of message. And we want to we wouldn't want to get a two thirds majority vote. So given your experience, what do you say about that? Well,

the more you present a voter with, the more questions they will generally have. So the more you have to explain, the harder it becomes to actually, like achieve what you're trying to achieve.

Could you do this in a way that's not talking about public safety, but talking about public infrastructure, and then you put all your lineups under that, perhaps is a rethinking and reframing. You're talking about libraries, you're talking about a firehouse, you're talking about City Hall, you're talking about parks.

Maybe that's what you look at,

trying to get creative to help find some, you know, common ground for you.

Talking about three very disparate things can be very difficult, especially if the public isn't quite like ready to hear those comments.

Okay.

I know that from my past experience, recent experience, buyer, taxes generally have been pretty well supported in our county. So, you know, although the county wide one did not pass with the half cent sales tax a couple of years ago.

It's difficult without having some real numbers of polling of our citizens exactly on this particular set of issues. I would encourage the council to consider doing that if you were to move forward. That could help you make your decision ultimately on August 1, or eighth or whatever, whatever the next council meeting is.

Okay, thanks. This leads me to another thought do we? Do we have an option of voting to support and this is a timing question. So if we have three council if we have a majority support for moving forward with a ballot measure in November of this year, sometime, do we have some time? Do we have time to then pull the council together, get that support, but then pull the council together again, to work through what the heck the question would be?

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don't know why I'm asking that question that's sitting. We're missing a council member tonight. Although I don't know that when she would even be back in town. I don't I don't know what the timing would be.

So you would have to have the question approved with the whole ordinance drafted. So your next meeting is August 1, it has to be into the county no later than August 11.

Our council member that's out of the area is out of the area for two weeks, until when I'm sorry, I believe I don't have it in front of me, I want to say is the first week in August.

So I don't know if she was going to be attending next week's or August 1 meeting or in I don't want to complicate it with that, because we can't control that. Right. So her question about timing is if we had three members that are willing to continue to talk about a ballot measure, it's just a matter what the question would be. You would have to have the question approved in the ordinance written by August by August 11 is a deadline to the county election. So we probably have to have another city special city council meeting in order to get this resolved. Right, correct. Yeah. And we wouldn't have the benefit of councilmember Mike Lewis, because she's out of town. I think Marion Danny Rossetti had something to contribute on. Any, did you have something else?

I believe there's also noticing requirement. Do you ever noticed a potential ballot measure some number of days before the public hearing? I don't know if that's three days, if it's 812. I'm not remembering off the top of my head. But there's some other little wrinkle there for you. Okay. Okay. That's good information. Now. Thank you.

What I'm trying to work through here is, it sounds like we have three council members who feel a sense of urgency to move forward with the sales tax. We all know that that what cost is going to be associated, it's in the staff report. I mean, you know, we're looking at \$105,000, to do this in November of 2023 of this year. And what remains is to determine what that question would be, and to identify that.

So my thought is, let's have a special city council meeting and work through that.

I mean, I'd be willing to have a special city council meeting to discuss this further. And then, now that we've had some thoughts on the table, and think about it, but what does councilmembers Ohlman, we would need three to move that forward.

Yeah, I'm definitely open to that too. And one other part that I want to bring out for all of us to think about is, our supervisor definitely guest advised us about the amount of money that's coming from the county to do a mobile crisis, to do it on a on a county wide basis and not have each municipalities have to come up with their own money to do it. That ties in with the need to make sure that we have a city that we're proud of, and actually has the vital services that we all look for, which is health care. For me, it's another reason for not funding and giving more to the police. Because the whole goal was is the fact that if they're not violent, they're not dangerous. We don't even need police to be on call to go and address them. So therefore, they don't need as much money. But ultimately, if we want to have a special counsel at to work through the question, maybe we can, but I just wanted to put that information out so that we can mull it all over between now and our special meeting, I will share that I did speak with Linda Hopkins and made her aware of our effort here. And she obviously has the county fire tax very much in the forefront of her mind and other county wide measures. But she completely understood that as a city, we need to somehow figure out a way to effectively continue to serve not just our city, but

the entire West Sonoma County. So she was you know, she definitely understood and supported the effort to pursue some sort of funding solution. And thank you for bringing that up vice mayor because it's just the library and people are like, Why are you so upset about not him at the library, part of what we discussed during our first session, and why Linda decided to have one of her assistants there is the fact that as we know or should know, we serve everybody from here to the ocean. Mine had limited hours at Foresthill, one and Guerneville, which people wouldn't think of necessarily going through there to get their library needs met. But I'm glad she's thinking about this being regional basis because her assistant during our meeting did like the idea of having a deconstructed library, not just being physically in our space, but actually so that everyone could participate. Maybe just your mobile van

It's just like pop ups, whatever. But the whole regional concept thing got her aids attention. So I just want to put that out there. Mayor Hinton, what do we think about the idea. And also, I want to point out that if a majority supports moving forward with the sales tax, then even though it's councilmember Mauer may not be part of that majority. Once we move forward with it, I expect that I would hope that we would hear from her in terms of how the heck we were gonna, we were gonna define the use. So I see this as a full city council discussion. But I do have a question, Mayor hidden? Let's we are struggling with what the EU should be. How do we define the appropriate special tax, and we have differing opinions here. If we're going to set up another city council meeting, where we might try to identify an agreed upon use, it's not just about what's important. What what we might individually or as a group prioritize, it's important to identify what would might would be the effective message for the public? I mean, that's your concern, I think, Marian? So is there do we? What can we do between now and the next city council meeting to gather the necessary information that might provide us with some guidance? Should we be doing a poll? Should we be doing some research? What? I don't know the answer the question, I'm just posing it, maybe staff has some ideas, too. But Mayor, and I just don't know where to go with it. But

well, I mean, I know we're on a fast track here. But I'm, I'm, I mean, I hear councilmembers Ohlman being very passionate about the library. And I'm passionate as well. I'm just concerned. And I guess that's where the poll would come in. Whether our voters would are passionate as well. And they vote to tax themselves for an expanded library. And again, it does serve regional needs, but regional people in a sales tax measure? Yes, there they shop at our our, we would collect from them, I guess, some of that funding, I just but they wouldn't be voting on it. So if they use the library and don't live in the registered voters in the 5500. Number, they never vote doesn't count in this instance. So I don't know. Can I asked Danny, again, to just step up? And if if we were to put together a quick and a quickie, a quickie poll.

Is it something that could be done quickly, and registered voters phoned? I assume you do these kinds of sort of things? And

and can those questions be asked? Because as I just heard the RCPA, right, they just did it? And we got the answer.

I don't know what the most concerning thing from their poll is 34%. In one No. Taxes. No taxes. Yeah. Right. But that's again, in Sonoma County. Right, though it's still County, and it's under the guise of the climate, you know, right piece. So, so Right. So they're like, Yeah, I'm, again, I believe in so I think I think gonna pay for I think the question is, if we came up with three alternatives, or three alternative

potential uses, could we do? Because I'm hearing kind of three different ones here. Could we do a poll pretty quickly? That would give us some useful data? Also, yes. With competence, having not yet secured a vendor or candy, that nature, but I think it can be done. So the library question, the fire question.

I think we should throw in the public safety or police question. I don't know if I also had administrative. Okay. We have a city, city administrative question, because structure to infrastructure, and how would you do it in parks? Are you talking about parks as well? Or no? And how do you do it? Any? Do you do it? Yeah, this is partly infrastructure. So couldn't infrastructure be used on parks? Because we're talking about the Ives park trail, word may mean different may mean infrastructure that might be best off to read read one or two or three.

What I would call like leading questions or value statements, and then test a specific list of issues that are most urgent to folks because that's really what you're trying to find out. What are people motivated to do something about in the moment? And Danny doesn't matter. We'll be able to do much more than that for a quick simple Yeah, less expensive, you know? Because I'm feeling that I mean, I personally am very data driven. So if I see if I see you know, results that support

the indicate that the voters

should support focus that's different than what I'm thinking about. I'm gonna listen to that.

And then, so what would you then do? I don't know how these work, but doesn't it also affect the outcome? You can say? Do you support infrastructure? We know what's important to you infrastructure, parks,

police fire, administrative services. But isn't it a different question altogether? That's an individual. If you put together infrastructure, police and library, you might get a different result. I'm just wondering how this is done. Thinking Out Loud here. Yes.

Typically, I have a ballot measure question prepared. Okay. And then we test that. Okay, we might test two versions of it to see if one or the other changes and then random sample them. So you don't have a first questions infecting the opinion. On the second question, situation.

It sounds like maybe, but again, you need to be careful, I'm sorry, excuse me. But you need to be careful not to

D load up too much into the questioning, which would then either turn the voter off and have them hanging up, which then forces you to have to get lots more samples. And we don't really have that luxury in a small town like this. Believe it or not, not that many people answer their phone anymore. So we can also try text messaging, texting back that way. I'm wondering if maybe one solution Mayor Hinton might be we make a vote on whether we're going to do a sales tax. And then we address the ad hoc committee. And we have an ad hoc committee, a couple of city council members, and maybe that ad hoc committee might include the to have the most diverse

opinions on the on the

question,

to then work with Danny to come up with something. Yeah, I mean, I'd be willing to propose Steven, and you

since we did the agenda item, and then he's,

he's got the some of the questions.

And then you guys could work. I mean, I go to allocate a budget, if we're going to consider voting, running a big ballot thing, then I'm fine with spending a little money on a pool that could educate us of what we should do. And I would like to take in Sandy's bring it up in administrative services, I'm still not 100% off public safety, although I know that it feels like a line in the sand. I could also be convinced about other things, if the voters will support them. For me, it's really about we're going to spend this

money, I want the best chance for it to pass whatever that is. I would propose I think the two council members of the four who have more diverse I propose it be you Mayor Hinton, and council members online, but I'm happy to sub in for you. But I think you you to represent the extremes. And we got to come up with something that work. Okay. I'm happy to do whatever counts. What about improve city services? Just Is that even a special?

And is that special? That's the kind of question I would probably ask a pollster to say, would we get a meaningful result? Yeah, it's everybody wants better services? Right. Sounds so isn't that a general? I think that's pretty general. Isn't that a general tax sort of thing. We have our

ballot specialist attorney, but he was unable to be with us tonight. So that sounds like a kind of question we would have to address with him. So the ad hoc would have to work with Danny. And yeah, I'm sorry. I was answering from the perspective of the poll itself, not necessarily the structure of the measure.

I mean, I'm willing to serve on the ad hoc committee with councilmember Zillman, if you would like to, and if we want to do a poll, I think it might be worth it. To spend some money now. Because otherwise we're going to be waiting, I believe until November 24. I don't think I've ever advised a municipal government not to poll. Yeah, just because you have to spend so much money in there's so much energy that goes into trying to get it to pass if you've got to. If you got nothing from the beginning. It's okay. You want to figure that out quick. Right? Yeah, I would be happy. And thank you for saying that you would be too because I don't really think I mean, thinking through this and how the city of Richmond area with reimagine Richmond. It's like they were not knocking like safety. It's just that they had a variation of how they decided as a community to define safety. And maybe it could be laid out where it's like it's do define public safety as police library and other social services. And maybe that would be the resonating theme because a lot of people who do public defense are like if you don't have the basic things and the services your people will take out and

Then they will end up being involved in criminal criminal activities, right part of the criminal system, which they don't want. So I'm not saying the fact that we're that far apart, I think that we could do something around the public safety, as long as we keep some options for the polling, to not just be limited to saying, where you want to feel safe, and you gotta give money to the police. So I don't really think we're that far apart. So no, and I agree with that comment. So

what can we ask for it? Because I don't think this was in the, how much would we expect polling to? How much would we need to allocate to polling? And how long would it take for results? I would suggest, like four to 10,000. That's a big range.

And then, you know, could be a week could be 10 days. Okay, maybe faster. Thank you for asking that question. Because I agree with Mayor in the fact that I mean, I think, like we released and maybe Sandy at some point use its sense, the sense of urgency, but we just don't want to throw money away. So if it does the cost on the tail end, and I think we should give it up to 10,000, for whatever the polling is that we come up with, because I do want it to be succeeding, too. And I don't want to be the odd man out of like, this didn't pass because of you and your lock position. And I don't really want that either. So

yeah, I'd be willing to approve tonight and up to \$10,000. And then you work with the subcommittee and we come up with that sort of thing. Because yeah, just

yeah, we need to be, we need we have our own thoughts. But we really need to hear from the public. And I don't want to, I don't also want to just throw out the same thing of public safety, and then be like, What was she thinking?

So I think it is responsible and prudent, especially in consideration. If we don't run now, we are going to have to wait till November 24. That's next year's budget. So your number to put it on the ballot alone was about 105,000. I think from the staff report, if I remember correctly, yeah. So if you spend 10 to 10% of what you would have spent right, you are being good managing public money responsible, right, kind of higher end of that scale. I think we could ask some questions, I'd like to ask some questions that go through your report of what's your tolerance, right. Is it a half sentence? Of course. Right. No, that's a definite question would be a great question. Question. Right. I've seen the sunset question, shift a ton in my career, to where everyone wanted and had to have a sunset, and then the public attitudes started shifting.

Yeah, well, we're concerned with the sunset with that ballot measure that is going to possibly require sunset down the road. There's this roundtable measure. That's, that's why the sunset measure is frankly being it's also it's something you can point to as an accountability measure to the public. Like, look, I'm not happy with this in 10 years, you guys choose not to renew it. 20 years, goes to the palm drive question. Like we don't want to be paying for something more not happy. public's not happy forever, it does impact your ability to be able to count on the money. Right? Yeah. So it's a really big issue in the Fire Services Manager.

It would it be okay, so we have it sounds like an ad hoc committee to put together the poll and deal with that.

Is, is it Marian is it appropriate? I'm looking at the at the potential caught seems like in defining what the question would be for this ballot measure. The other important element is making sure that the phrasing that the strategy regarding the question

is tailored to have as little impact as possible on the upcoming fire attacks. Right. Can we ask the two of you to coordinate with I don't know Mike or Chris or someone Jack someone to make sure that the questions are kind of you get their perspective on it. Sure. Right. That makes sense guys, I think I do but I still feel like there's going to be a loss. I don't either, but I see it all being a win win. Right? Like right protection is important. So fun, the buyer right. But at the fight, if it doesn't pass on the county level, it very well may pass at a local level or vice versa. I just don't see a downside but yeah, it would it would I feel It'd be different if we were running at the same ballot because people would weekend it would weekend both, but that's different. That's what I'm trying to avoid it. I guess for me, it's it's an issue of collaborating, communicating and mutual respect. Just a check in check, you know.

Okay, so what are we doing there? All right. So, so do we want to vote on somebody want to make a motion

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Well, I moved that it's a site that the council form an ad hoc committee to work with. And we're definitely going with Danny, right? Because we priced this out. So with Danny Rosati to work through what polling questions we feel would be helpful in getting a ballot measure passed.

Yeah, I'd say to actually implement a poll to employ. I think we're asking you to implement the poll as quickly as possible to get the results and spend up to \$10,000. I think we're also approving the pursuit of a ballot measure. Are we doing that at this meeting? Well, I think we still have

oh, I need to wait until we Yes, yes. Yes. Okay. Yes. Well, yes. Okay. Getting a ballot measure. So yes, we're voting in favor of a ballot measure? Yeah. So you're actually so I just want to make sure I understand the motion for tonight is that you are?

Well, wait. Well, if we let me just debate this. Yeah.

Sure. Meishan back that says we should not be running a ballot measure. Right. So I don't think we're approving tonight. We're the ballot measure move forward. We're approving a poll to get information back yet? Well, that will allow us to have another special meeting and then better informed. Right, and

then make an informed decision, both about the question and about running the ballot measure. That's what I believe, right? I think city manager? Yeah. All right. No, I was just agreeing with that. But are you also going to direct a special meeting? Yes. Yes, we AM. So we're gonna have limited time. We gotta have that special meeting. Like, pronto? I mean, 10 days do you need does? Do you need 10 days, Danny, because we have like a week?

Okay, well, if we went to

the accelerator.

Right, I

mean, 10 days would be the 28th. of July, Friday. I think in just a reminder, we need to have a staff report done information for the public so that it's as clear and transparent to the public. So it's not just a matter of 10 days, it's a matter of 10 days plus, so let me ask you this. If we shoot for the regular Council meeting on the first, then we have

then then that would be the final decision. And then we just have to have a special meeting that same week, right to get the ballot question to.

So if we make a final decision, this is a question I think for Mary Gourley. If we make a final decision on August one that defines the question, specifically, will we be able to meet the other deadlines?

Or will it be too late?

One, I would like to check with the county because I'm not clear on your publication notice. So I would want to check with them. So.

Alright.

So that would be one question, and one that needs to go into the newspaper. And then

I'm sorry.

I had that they do not include that. So that's why I'm questioning I'm just want to make sure whatever we do is gonna be legal, so we can meet the deadlines. But then, so if it has to be in 10 days before the August 11, you're talking August 1, which would be the deadline, assuming the 10 days publication, right. So August 1 would be the drop dead date, right, be able to put as an ordinance in there with a question because the ordinance is going to have to be drafted as well.

For a meeting, or our meeting, for it to be published the approved ballot question and ordinance has to be 10 days in advance, correct? No. So I understand that. That's the team if you look at the deadlines. So those are the deadlines I put in Denise stated that there there's a publication. I know he's stating that but I didn't. But these are the deadlines from from the county. Correct. So I'm just saying I guess if we brought it back on the first with our information from our poll, would we still have time a need to do another special meeting

Dean that week to get us to our August 11 deadline

last day to submit ballot measure to the county.

And then we have a deadline to withdraw the measure on the 16th. And then the argument deadline.

Right. We have till the 11th. Right? Yes.

Yes. August one seems cutting it kind of close. Council meeting, right. Yeah. I don't know how we could do it earlier. My preference would be to do it earlier, but we can't. I mean, when would that be? August one.

Yep. I mean, maybe Monday, but Well, actually, Monday might actually get that one day might be meaningful.

Right.

We have a regular Council meeting on Tuesday. The first do we want to have an additional City Council meeting on Monday, the 31st.

No one wants to have two meetings in a row. But one day in this tight schedule, would that make a difference? To question for Mary girly? Well, I mean, it's a question for Danny.

Can we can we get it? We try to?

Well, well, the question is, yeah, so.

Yeah, yeah. We can get the polling information by the 31st. Probably. And make the final decision. Again, I don't want to weigh on one night to be able to get what we need. But you're gonna need that information to be in the packet. So it's not that Oh, right. Oh, right. Right. My right eye. Yeah. Following you now. Okay. Sorry. Yeah, I just want a night. But yeah, we need it. Right. So okay.

So I guess I'm back.

No, well, we can't do a meeting at council meeting our Facilities Council meeting would be the first and we would be struggling to get what we need in that first. And then we'd have to have another meeting to try to finalize the question. And you have an ad hoc committee that would be need to be meeting prior to this meeting rocking on that. So you're talking next week for the ad hoc committee to me. Yes. I mean, I'm talking for maybe questions you can go out to meeting to meet. Yeah, yeah. Well, we'll be meeting. Yeah. So I guess my question is, it sounds like the earliest that we could get results from a poll, and that's really pushing it would be Monday, the 31st. I think that was and does that even allow us enough time that we don't have time to post the agenda? Right. It's what she's saying. Yes. So when are we going to have the we would have to have

a city council meeting, council meeting and other special city council meeting with enough time to get that information on Tuesday? The eighth?

Right, that's really close. Or Thursday, the third or Monday, the seventh to go? And I know.

On Thursday, the third, I'm going to be out of town in August, from the second to the 21st. Okay.

Oh, boy. And that's also a period of time when councilmember Mike Lewis is out of town. She'll be back. Coming back into July. Yeah. Oh, she's back the end of July and you won't have ability to join

remotely. Okay. Do you know if she changed her plans? Because that wasn't the information she gave me.

I thought you told me she was going to come back end of July. No, he had another vacation that she planned after that. So her one vacation is going through the first of three, the August 1, and then I understand she's now said a second vacation after that. Okay. I didn't know. Sorry. Instead of I think what we should do is what I feel like as we've got agreement on supporting a pull up to \$10,000. We've got agreement on subcommittee, you've got a motion on the floor. And

I think I think we don't have all the answers that we think right now. We're gonna have to work on it. Well, I just asked me if we can make it happen. And the subcommittee is going to have to plan out these dates. Okay, right away. Yeah. I'm just wondering if it's even possible to make the various deadlines.

Well, one question still be gotta get more information from the county about this posting that we talked about tonight, too. So

city manager Any advice for us here? Normally, um, problem is that we do don't know the notice period, which is your that's the problem. Otherwise my answer to you would be you have until the 11th of March, okay. You can

be literally holding a special meeting the night before, and you could still do it. Okay. So I think I'm I agree with you, Marian. And I think I mean, I personally will make myself available on any evening, between now and August 18 to get together with the City Council to address this issue. I mean, so it's important, and we got to do it. Right, right. So yeah, I'm on board, I'll make myself available. And I trust the ad hoc committee to figure out the right date. And to figure out they know this information, and to contact the rest of us and say, sorry, there's not enough time if we're not going to be able to. Right, right. So that's what I said right now. Yeah. So members. Oh, man, are we Yes, absolutely. answers. I think we'll be able to make it work. Call smart to figure out the timing and add on. Yeah, Danny?

It's seven days from any phone call.

Therefore, oh, for the data for the results of the poll. Oh,

yeah. Okay. Okay. Okay.

This is crazy. But you know, all right. Well, maybe

we're a small town, we can get things done.

Okay, great. So we have we have a motion on the table to allocate the 10,000 to appoint the ad hoc to get the poll done. And to, you know, coordinate dates for us to for next steps. See if we can make it happen.

I don't see anybody seconded yet. I councilmembers Ohlman moved. I will second.

Okay, so, the motion. The motion is moved by council members omit and seconded by Vice Mayor rich to appoint the ad hoc committee of Manhattan and councilmembers Allman into higher Denny Rosati with a funding up to \$10,000 to implement a poll to be returned to a city council meeting to be determined. Councilmember Mauer No.

Councilmember Zalman Yes. Vice Mayor rich? Yes. Mayor Hinton Yes. In councilmember Mick Lewis is absent so the motion passes 311 With councilmember Zalman Vice Mayor raging American voting in favor, Councilmember Mauer voting in an opposition in councilmember MC Louis absent.

Okay, thank you.

Does anybody need a quick break? Or can we continue to grow?

Okay, so with that, we are moving to additional public comment for items not on the agenda.

Sorry, can you? Thank you, Mayor. So this is for items that are not public comment for the second period for items that are not on the agenda. And this is if you did not speak the during the first public comment period, you would have the opportunity to speak during this comment period. If you would like to make a public comment and did not speak earlier. Please unmute your telephone please raise your hand to get my attention or please

raise your virtual hand. There is no one in the chamber. Oliver, would you like to make a public comment? I would Yeah. Yeah. Can you hear me? I can. Can you see the timer? I can. Yeah, yeah, go ahead, please. I'm just really confused about this extraordinary reinvention of what the public library is.

The same spin in this sort of bizarre thing with Linda Hopkins and people reinventing a library as a crisis center and so on. I use the Public Library's run by the county. I often check out books from there.

This discussion which has gone on for hours, has gone from a public safety discussion to raise money for the for the budget, which is deep in the in the read to this bizarre kind of idea that the library is more important than the police. Did I get that right, sir? councilors Allman. I mean, this is just insane. It makes no sense at all. This is political

posturing and maneuvering, but it's not grounded in any sort of reality at all. So I can't see any way that unless you really package the poll very carefully that this is going to go anywhere at all. It's absolutely bizarre. That's my point. That's my comment.

Thank you, Oliver for your public comment. So again, this is for public comments. For items not on the agenda. If you did not speak during the first original public comment, you can public make a public comment now if you'd like to raise your hand virtually please unmute your telephone or please wait to get my intention the gallery

there is no one in the chamber. There is no one in the gallery that is has their phone off the hook is unmuted

or is waiting to get my attention so public comment is closed.

Okay, thank you for that.

So we are now down to city council and city staff reports and communications. Is there any reports from city manager city clerk? Not for me, Mary. Okay, thank you. I see the city clerk shaking her head. How about city council reports.

Councilmember Mauer.

So I just wanted to report out on the Climate Action Committee and what they're doing right now they completed an electrification survey. And they also are working on a Vision Zero resolution and the county adopted a Vision Zero resolution, this will be coming to Council. This is about safety in our streets. On the zero waste, Sonoma County Zero Waste board. At our last meeting, we discussed adopting a model ordinance for Sonoma County City's for building projects, materials, and the board decided not to adopt it. Instead, we asked them to take it back and make sure they ran it by the contractors, the people who are doing the work within a reasonable amount of time and bring it back to the board. And then

I went I attended the Sebastopol chamber and this basketball Downtown Association, they had a meeting a genomic Lewis was there as well. They are working on a potential merger of those two groups. And that was so good to attend that and see all businesses there. So that's all I have to report. Thank you.

Okay, Steven? Yes, just very briefly, July 3, attended a one on one call with the executive director Sonoma Clean Power to kind of talk about some ongoing issues and what would end up on the agenda for later in the week. On July 5, they met with our new executive director of the Sebastopol Art Center, lovely discussion about how they could tie in with the ongoing library efforts. On July 6, attended the Sonoma Clean Power, not only regular board meeting, but closed session afterwards to do an evaluation of executive director

on July 7, had a great conversation and coffee with our interim fire chief. And on July 10, we had the Special Council the council meeting to do an evaluation. And then later that day, on July 10, we had our first library kickoff, which was really great. And thank you to my fellow council members, for prioritizing that and allowing us to gather a whole bunch of stakeholders to talk about what we can do by way of reinvent reimagining what our library could be, especially given the fact that the COVID variations may go on and on and on. So it's like, what can we do to not just expand a Squarespace, but thank you to Merrick early to keep us on task, which is the fact that not only do we want to do this, because it's important members of the community, but we should also figure out a way to make money off the deal. So there are libraries out there international libraries that have it be part of a complex, where people go and actually spend money, and that generates tax dollars. So thank you.

Vice Mayor, thank you.

I've been working. I've had a couple of meetings with the meet your neighbor smcu group,

just reporting out on their progress, also have had conversations about

potential well really developments related to emergency preparedness. And then finally, there's a report that is part of the of the packet, tonight's meeting packet. That is a quarterly report on the unhoused. And that's a staff report that was drafted primarily buried by Carrie Swanstrom as the staff liaison for issues related to the unhoused with my input and support. That's about and then I would mention also that the quarterly sales report on the horizon shine RV village is going to be submitted in I think I may add a meeting in August. So that would have been included in this packet tonight. But there were COVID illness issues that delayed its production. So it'll be presented next August. That's all I have. Okay, thank you. I attended the SCTA RCPA meeting on the 10th. That is when the ballot polling was presented to the directors.

And that will come in handy because I can share that with council members only now, as we're going to move forward

With a subcommittee, I also was hosting the host of the senior center luncheon with the mayor on Wednesday, the 12th. And I had a number of people show up and we've been all rotating and doing lunch lunches with the council members. And it seems like that I had some people that had shown up for other people's luncheons, and then some new people. So that was a fun time and I get quiz for an hour on what the city was doing.

And

that is about it. But I will say that we are going to as a council be extended tickets to the Sonoma County Fair. I am on appointed for a board director by our supervisor, Linda Hopkins. And so I do invite anybody to coordinate with me if they're coming to the fair and let me know and happy to sit with them. I did hear that are Sebastopol race day is Is it true, it's a fourth Mary. And I will say that the directors are going to be running a foot race on that day in dinosaur outfits that blow up. Because the theme is Jurassic Park. And we have spent a lot of money for a very special Flower Show, where we have lifesize dinosaurs at the fair in the flower exhibit. And I saw them today and they are quite impressive, I must say. So if you have kids or just love dinosaurs yourself, but anyway, so let me know if you're coming to the fair. And I'd love to help host you there. And if you want to come to our day and watch me make a ridiculous fool out of myself in a blow up dinosaur thing. It should be fun. So anyway, that's my report for the evening. And if there's no other reports, then we will call an end to this meeting at 941. Thank you everybody.

Thank you churned

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Sebastopol Community Center: Thank you

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Sebastopol Community Center: welcome. Everyone went to call this meeting
January sixteenth

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Sebastopol Community Center: and

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Sebastopol Community Center: thank you, Eric.

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Sebastopol Community Center: thank you very much. Okay. We're gonna move
through the calendar. Here

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Sebastopol Community Center: reasonable stands.

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Sebastopol Community Center: We're gonna make sure

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Sebastopol Community Center: with Liberty justice world.

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Sebastopol Community Center: All right. Thank you very much, and welcome
to everyone who's extended this meeting tonight? I really want to take
just a brief minute to recognize

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Sebastopol Community Center: Junior Day. Which is important.

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Sebastopol Community Center: We are time and simple parliamentary destiny whatever. That's when you're not. But that's all Internet.

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Sebastopol Community Center: That's a concept that I think.

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Sebastopol Community Center: Okay. Next, either on the agenda, we would know it goes to calendar. But actually, is that correct?

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Sebastopol Community Center: Okay? And I'm going to turn to our new city manager.

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Kyle Falbo: So what I'm noticing is that the

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person who's running the desk needs to change the microphone from their own computer to that of the console. So that's the setting that needs to be changed on Zoom.

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Kyle Falbo: the Sebastopol City. The Sebastopol Community Center zoom account needs to change their microphone.

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Kyle Falbo: I wanna give it another shot

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Kyle Falbo: account needs to change their microphone. And then I've got a bunch of delay because I'm actually hearing you on the live stream. So

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Kyle Falbo: it's hard for me to know in real time what's working, and it's not. My interest is in confirming that. Now, in order to start our meeting.

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Kyle Falbo: sounds of can hear us, and we can hear that

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Kyle Falbo: I just need to hear somebody speak

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Kyle Falbo: with the microphone unmuted special community center.

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Kyle Falbo: Account has their.

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It's either they're either either right now disconnected, or they have a different microphone on, because there is nothing coming out of that account.

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Kyle Falbo: One thing that might help

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Mayor, is if you unmute your account on Zoom.

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so that I can hear you.

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Kyle Falbo: I have my laptop unmuted, and I'm also speaking

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now. I can hear you

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Kyle Falbo: now. Can you hear me? So now I can hear me rich.

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can hear you. But I don't know if that's going to solve the long-term problem of the sebastical Community Center account.

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Having the correct microphone.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: we pay like, yes, I need this.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, so

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Mayor Diana Rich: what we are, what we are gonna do is go ahead and take a break for 5 min, and and we're hopeful of these issues will be resolved. So we're coming back at 6 20. Thank you. Everyone for their patience.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'm so not a zoom pan.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So what we're gonna do guys is

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Mayor Diana Rich: forcing to go.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I don't think that was

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Mayor Diana Rich: after the

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Mayor Diana Rich: because we have. Well, it should be quick.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Yeah, okay, we just started, okay, got it.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Got it? Okay? Right? Got it. Okay, okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I hit. Save.

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Mayor Diana Rich: what are you

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a time of?

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Mayor Diana Rich: We've been having technical problems for right on time.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Nice about

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Mayor Diana Rich: yeah, we've been waiting no, we're, all just sitting here, waiting, very disturbing

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it's crazy.

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Mayor Diana Rich: What do you need?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh.

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay, we're gonna move forward.

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Mayor Diana Rich: thank you very much. Everyone for your patience. These Texas can be absolutely annoying. But we're going to move forward as quickly as we can. I appreciate those who have stayed on Zoom and those who have stayed in the room.

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Mayor Diana Rich: When we were interrupted we were confirming that there were no statements of conflicts of interest.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Do I see any statements of conflicts of interest here? Statements?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. And we do need to know for purposes. Real calls at Lisa Hinton Council member hadn't arrived while we were in the midst of all this craziness. So next item on the agenda is the public comments for items. Not on the agenda.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Is this an item that we need to take first before other items on our agenda, and my question is to Mary Girly and Larry Mclaughlin, or can we reorder the agenda to do an item before this

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Mayor Diana Rich: and a quick answer? If it's no, then we just

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay. So I am going to take this opportunity to move the public comments for items not on the agenda. And I apologize to those who are in the room, but we need to get our

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Mayor Diana Rich: perhaps for items not on the agenda. But we need to get the core work of this meeting done. So we're gonna do the public comments for items, not on the agenda after we do the consent calendar. So I'm reordering. We're gonna do a quick consent calendar. Then we're going to Eif. Then we're going to public comments for items, not on the agenda, and then we'll return to our regular calendar.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Is everyone understanding where we are here? Any concerns? No, okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: so consent, Calendar. I'm going to read the consent calendar items here. And there are 8 of them.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Approval. City Council meeting. Minutes for meeting of December fifth, 2 2,023. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes for meeting of December 1920 23. Receive a minute reference orders for calendar, year 2023.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Approval of designating voting delegate, and alternates to vote in the Mayor's absence for the 2024 Sonoma County mayors and

Council members, city Selection committee meetings and Sonoma, county mayors and council members, board and general Membership Association meetings.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Approval of 2024 program for city sponsorship, approval of sculptures for community sculpture, Garden approval of reappointment of current planning Commission members.

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Mayor Diana Rich: receipt of interview date time for the following applications, openings, climate Action Committee and cinema, county transportation, authority, county bicycle and pedestrian citizens, advisory Committee.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and I'm going to ask of my fellow City Council members whether there's a request for any items to be removed from the consent. Calendar.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): okay, thank you, Madam Mayor. Yes, I'd like to pull agenda. Item number 6. I got an answer to one of my questions from Carrie, but I didn't in reference to the others, so I'd like to pull that.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, thank you. So that adding will be pulled and placed at the end of the calendar for this evening.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I also am going to pull an item from the Consent calendar, and that would be the Sebastian walks 2024 program, and we'll place that at the end of the calendar for tonight's meeting

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Mayor Diana Rich: any questions about any of the other consent items.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Yeah.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So let's see, on the calendar year minute order. There's a correction on pages 104 to 105, and I've spoken to our assistant city manager about that

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): city clerk, and so that would be corrected. So in the motion. Does that need to be noted, Mary?

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Mary Gourley: Yes, it will. You would just admit you would correction on page 105.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So moved.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, any other questions or comments regarding consent. Calendar? No, Mary, do you need to go out to public comment on the consent, calendar. Yes, we do. Thank you.

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Mary Gourley: So we'll motion until we get back from public comment.

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Mary Gourley: So this is for public comment, for items on the consent calendar. Only if you would like to make a public comment on the consent. Calendar.

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Mary Gourley: please raise your hand. I will go to in chambers first. If there's anyone that would like to make all a comment. The name I will go out to Zoom. Linda. Can you unmute yourself, please?

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Mary Gourley: There you go! Can you hear us, Linda.

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17078248417: Yes, I can hear you now, but I'll tell you. It was like 45 min of of not hearing anything, and then and then I'll tell you. It's something else, you know. That just goes to show how

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17078248417: comment and the the input from the public is to our current mayor

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17078248417: by removing it and then placing it somewhere else later, where a lot of people may not be there.

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17078248417: So anyway, it's just all all part of the transparency that that this current

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17078248417: leadership is is is

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17078248417: not to have so anyway. About this

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17078248417: the consent calendar.

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17078248417: Item Number 5, I would just like to say, for many, many, many years I have thought that that we needed to have another walk, and you know, Mary,

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17078248417: Eric Gurney is responsible for for these wonderful walks I used to participate in, you know, before everything got so toxic downtown, with all the radiation. So anyway, on that same subject, I think that we need to have a walk that is, is led by somebody with meters that can show the public how how toxic, and increasingly.

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17078248417: so to speak. You know.

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17078248417: your policies are making this town from a radio frequency

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17078248417: magnetic field point of view. It's all whether we can feel it or not. so I would like to. I'd like to have a walk.

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Mary Gourley: and then you have about 30 s.

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17078248417: So I'd like to just mention that on the planning commission

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17078248417: I'm saying you that I was successful in in getting that thing cancelled the last meeting, and having it cancelled and rescheduled because of a violation of the brown act. so

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Mary Gourley: Melinda, you still there?

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Mary Gourley: Okay, that. It's 2 min. Thank you for your comment

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Mary Gourley: again. It's public comment for items on the consent, calendar. I'll come back into chambers. See? Then I will go back out to Zoom Lena. Can you unmute yourself, please?

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Lena Rothman: That wasn't me. That wasn't me. I don't know who was speaking. It wasn't me.

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Mary Gourley: Lena. Would you like to make a public comment on one of the consent calendar items.

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Lena Rothman: Oh, I don't know what's on the calendar I do have a comment to make, but I'm not sure when I could do that.

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Mayor Diana Rich: We have moved public comments later in the agenda

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Lena Rothman: later.

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Lena Rothman: Hi! I can't understand it. I'm hearing reverberation.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh, no, no, no!

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Mary Gourley: The public comment period.

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Mary Gourley: I think I lost.

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Mary Gourley: Do you want to go ahead and make public comments?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you, Karen.

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Kari Svanstrom: We go.

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Kari Svanstrom: Good evening, Arthur. George Cherup, West county homeless advocates, a sebastical centric organization that has also advocated before the county the 2,023 civil grand jury noted favorably that Sebastopol had provided emergency warning, warming facilities for the unhoused on its own. While the county generally failed.

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Kari Svanstrom: Supervisors in June promised funding and training that didn't happen, although Supervisor Hopkins has stepped up for \$10,000 of assistance to the city. Arthur, I'm sorry, but is we're on public comment on items on the consent calendar.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought this was, that's okay. That's going to be a little later. I understand your confusion. It's been a confusing, but we're going to do public comment on items, not on the calendar in just a few minutes after our first informational item.

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Kari Svanstrom: Okay, I'm sorry. Thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. Oh.

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Mary Gourley: thank you. Okay, so this is.

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Kari Svanstrom: please raise your hand virtually

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Kari Svanstrom: get my attention last fall, for in chambers public comments close for the consent.

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00:33:21.590 --> 00:33:29.970
Mayor Diana Rich: I'm hoping that I can be heard out there in Internet land. and so from Tech.

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00:33:30.230 --> 00:33:34.369
Mayor Diana Rich: I am unmuted. Am I being heard, as far as you know.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and anyone can tell here. Thank you, Loretta, for your community support.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Alright. So this is like in rotary. We have a meeting every year for the rotary present. That is a mess up meeting where you really test the boundaries and skills of of the President. And I think you guys have conspired. I think you're doing a mess up meeting for me.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and I'm feeling messed up. Okay. So let's get on to the first item. Well, actually, we're on consent calendar. Do we have any further discussion on consent, calendar? So we had a motion earlier. But it wasn't a full motion, so I'm looking for a motion to approve

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Mayor Diana Rich: all of the consent calendar items except those were that were pulled which Mary can email you that

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): approval that they can take accounts

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8. So moved.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Second

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): number 3.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Alright.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay. So okay, so let's go to the first informational item on our calendar, which is

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Mayor Diana Rich: item number 9, Eif ad hoc committee discussion and direction regarding Eif boundaries. Acceptance of 50,000 county dollars in county funding for eifd consultant and next steps for the Eif formation process.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'm gonna outline quickly what the action items are for tonight and we will assume that all Council members had done that deep dive into this multi-page document and are well informed.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The action items for tonight are receipt of the report out decision whether to move forward or not, move forward with forming an Eif decision regarding the boundaries of the Eif

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Mayor Diana Rich: acceptance of \$50,000 in county funding if approved at the Board of Supervisors, January 23 meeting, and that is only if the boundaries are all of West Sonoma County, or a substantial portion

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Mayor Diana Rich: decision regarding further steps.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And within this. If the boundaries are the city of Sebastopol or Sebastol, plus a small portion of West Sonoma County. That would be a decision we would have to make in regarding expenses.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So those are the action items.

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Mayor Diana Rich: We are going to proceed in the following manner, in terms of this item. I will make some introductory comments, but I'm not going to go through and summarize everything in this document.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Then I will turn to my

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Mayor Diana Rich: Vice mayor Solomon, who was also on this ad hoc with me, and then we will invite our supervisor, Linda Hopkins to the dais to do her best to find a microphone to make comments and provide us with input, and then we'll bring it back to the days for further discussion.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So looking at this document. And the eif the first thing that I'm gonna say to put out there in order to clarify what continues to be some confusion

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Mayor Diana Rich: is that the Eif does not involve implementation of any new taxes.

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Mayor Diana Rich: What the Eif does is, it sequesters by agreement of the particular taxing entities within the district

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Mayor Diana Rich: at sequesters a portion of already in existence. Incremental tax amount so amounts that in the future are going to be collected as a result of property taxes increasing, not as a result of a new tax being imposed.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So each of our if it's the county and the city, then the county and city would decide to look at our future tax incremental tax increases and decide that we're gonna

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Mayor Diana Rich: collect a portion of that in the Afd for future infrastructure projects.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The other point I'd make. So that's the first thing, no new taxes here.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The second point I'd make is that

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Mayor Diana Rich: this is a process. And when you look at all the information in the packet tonight, and there is a substantial amount of information. Admittedly.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The

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Mayor Diana Rich: the challenge is that it raises so many questions, and we don't have all the answers. This committee does not pretend the Satosh Committee does not pretend to have all the answers

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Mayor Diana Rich: we did our best to provide as much information as possible. But what really is needed here is a consultant to parse through all of the detail, and provide information and advice to the city and the county, in order to finally make a decision to move forward. The process with the consultant is projected to take a year and a half to 2 years.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The projection is that in approximately a year and a half the city and the county would be in a position to make a decision about whether the boundaries are agreeable. The projects are agreeable.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and the contribution

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Mayor Diana Rich: of taxes. Future incremental taxes are agreeable to the Eif. So we have a process where, in essence tonight, the city Council is being asked to agree to participate in good faith with the county of Sebastopol

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Mayor Diana Rich: in a process that would allow the evaluation of the potential benefits to the city of Sebastol on our side, and the county of Sonoma on the other side from an Eif. It's an evaluation process that we would be agreeing to.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The other piece is that in order to facilitate this Supervisor Hopkins has been very helpful, and I she'll share her comments with you. But the the the purpose is to benefit all of West Sonoma County, and clearly that's within her vision.

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Mayor Diana Rich: In order to facilitate this process, this evaluation stage for us, she has, agreed to request funding that would cover the consultants fees

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Mayor Diana Rich: for this

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Mayor Diana Rich: stage in the process, and that's a substantial sum. We project it to be \$50,000 based on the Santa Rosa. Experience.

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Mayor Diana Rich: What that leaves for Sebastopol in this initial evaluation stage is an obligation, should we choose to take it on tonight

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Mayor Diana Rich: to participate with the county in this? In this process. What that boils down to, as you'll see in the staff report is the money piece on consultant the county through Supervisor Hopkins, and we'll know that later this month hopefully will cover that cost. The other piece, though, is staff time and the staff time piece at the moment in the staff report is projected to be fairly minimal

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Mayor Diana Rich: the other piece is the. So within the staff time I'm sorry. Within the staff time is the consultant selection process. We know that's gonna take 20 to 30 h, and I think our city manager will be weighing in on this topic, too. That's an amount that the city would have to take on staff time to

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Mayor Diana Rich: put out the Rfp. Cooperate with the city, with the county as a partner in selection of consideration of the applicants, selection of the consultant and then moving forward.

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Mayor Diana Rich: there would be management of the consultants activities.

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Mayor Diana Rich: councilmember. Zulan and I have discussed this point.

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Mayor Diana Rich: we recognize that there may be a need for us, given our fiscal crisis and our overworked Staff

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Mayor Diana Rich: Council member, Vice Mayor Zelman and I recognize that there may be a need for us to step up and actually put substantial work and time into this Eif process, moving forward in order to manage and supervise the consultant. And so we have agreed

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Mayor Diana Rich: that we are willing to step in and take the brunt of that work cause it's gonna be work to the extent that city staff needs to be supplemented. So we wanted to make that offer upfront and and and make sure that that's clear, because we see that as the potential burden obligation

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Mayor Diana Rich: that could be a stressor in terms of the city's commitment to participate here. So those are the key points that I'd like to make and then I guess finally, I would say that there are a lot of questions that aren't answered.

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Mayor Diana Rich: That's why we need a consultant. We need a consultant to come in. Oh, and and actually, 1 point before we get there would be that

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Mayor Diana Rich: we don't have to. In this process. We have to remember that the decision about the city of Sebastopol, taking any portion of its future property tax increases and sequestering into into the ie. Ifd. In other words, taking it out of our general fund.

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Mayor Diana Rich: that decision is down the line when we are much better informed through a consultant's efforts, through partnership with the county, and through the many hard efforts, difficult tasks, that our Budget Committee is engaged in in order to try to develop some other options for us.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So.

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Mayor Diana Rich: addressing the question, Well, why, in our fiscal crisis, are we even considering this?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Because it's an opportunity to do something that infuses hope and future, and addresses infrastructure problems that we all have in a way that doesn't take more money out of the pockets of our residents, and doesn't require that we make that decision now in the moment.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So that's my general statements, I think. Vice Mayor Zulan. Anything you'd like to contribute at this point.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Yes, thank you, Madam Mayor, I think that was a great synopsis. The thing that got me interested. It was initially proposed to me by our supervisor for the lab for the library, and I know people are sick of hearing me talk about the library. But it was a concept in the fact that I think I realized that our capital improvement programs that we already have listed for us to do, and that is, on page 23 of 23, total, \$27,000,580.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): And the library isn't listed, even though, is there a city complex for our hardworking staff. So it occurred to me in the fact that that doesn't seem likely that we're ever gonna be able to

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): remote, be able to pay for any of these capital improvement plans in it from my recollection and reading it. Now, it doesn't even touch on the basic things that our citizens are looking for, which are to make sure that our pipes are still working sewer water, all of that which is coming down the pipe.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So I think that's definitely something that hopefully, we could all

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): have good faith with our supervisor. That this will actually resolve in money for us to do these capital improvement plans and get us on the straight narrow with our budget.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): The interesting thing, too, is the fact that there's not gonna be any hard feelings. If the county does give us the 50,000. And after this joint body is formed is suggested projects even with our input, which would be 50%. Input as to the projects, if we don't like the projects that are on the table, we can just back out no one's gonna cry, no one's gonna hold any hard feelings. It's just the reality.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So I'm really hopeful. The fact that this can be something that will get us to the projects that we desperately need, without having to gouge our citizens to pay for them, especially one thing after another. So those are my comments

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Mayor Diana Rich: great. Thank you very much, and I think I'll ask our city manager if he has any comments initially, and then I'd like to turn it over to Supervisor Hopkins.

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Mayor Diana Rich: City manager anything to contribute at this point. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: I think this is not too many

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Mayor Diana Rich: financial opportunity for us to pursue potentially significant infrastructure screens, utilities.

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Mayor Diana Rich: few options, maybe other options

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only makes sense for us

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Mayor Diana Rich: essentially the opportunity to do that.

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It's an opportunity.

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Mayor Diana Rich: any open questions.

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Mayor Diana Rich: It's all on this board.

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Mayor Diana Rich: the time assessment

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Don Schwartz: Here we go.

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Don Schwartz: so just to go back for a moment. This is an opportunity. I think we need to take advantage of to get additional money to address our significant capital needs.

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Don Schwartz: it doesn't raise new tax, create new taxes or raise rates. It's an opportunity that few, if any, other options allow. And so we need to take advantage of that. People with the unanswered questions.

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Don Schwartz: The staff time, as we learn, as I think I've learned in this

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Don Schwartz: in the last couple of days is going to be more than anticipated in the report. I'm not worried about that on the Rfp. Selection. Got a way to get that covered longer term

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Don Schwartz: the staff person and learn today did unforeseen circumstances that we had anticipated to work on. This may be available, but the offer of the mayor and vice mayor to essentially fill the void gives me confidence even more confidence that we're gonna find a way to work through this

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Don Schwartz: and given our financial situation. I think it's a rare opportunity we need to pursue even with all the questions. Last thing I wanna note is, I had a wonderful conversation with the county administrator. Thank her. Last Friday. She called me to talk about this.

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Don Schwartz: and this is an opportunity for doing something truly, in the spirit of collaboration and partnership. We

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Don Schwartz: so, as I told her, we want to make sure you have a seat at the table. If you want to seat at the table, she wants to take more of a lead, we'll take more of a lead. But this is a partnership as much as we can can make that happen. So we look forward to that as well. Thank you for the opportunity.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you very much. And wonderful to have you making recommendations and giving us some direction. Appreciate that. I'd like to call Supervisor Hopkins up to the podium. And do we have a mic? Okay, well, she's

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Mayor Diana Rich: yeah. ready to step up

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Mayor Diana Rich: great and then we'll hear me on the second

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Mayor Diana Rich: first of all, I just wanted to say, thank you for the invitation to be here and see tonight.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Yeah, I think that pretty much. Everyone that you know works. Many of our buildings were built

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Mayor Diana Rich: and especially in like a climate change, we are facing increasing. I also want to be really clear one of the things.

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Mayor Diana Rich: One of the reasons I would be really excited to work with Staff on this project is that you truly are the commercial center of West County. There are more base and any other part of Western, and that's because so many of our residents still consider staff there too.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And so what I liked about this model is, it actually allows people like to actually contribute to community infrastructure improvements, because, you know, I swim often at high school, and I need people there from accidental from, you know the lower folks from all over. Use that community amenity. And yet it's just on the city of

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Mayor Diana Rich: to pay for these amenities that actually serve a much broader area.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So you know, II think that there's an opportunity actually to utilize that incorporated revenue

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Mayor Diana Rich: and and in addition, I also just want you to acknowledge that we have very few urban service areas in Western.

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Mayor Diana Rich: It's really

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Mayor Diana Rich: it is, you know, kind of the biggest and then system out there.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And so when you think about where the improvements will be, they're going to go in those small towns, and there aren't very many of them.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So, looking at potential revenue opportunities in excess of 200 million dollars, I feel like really go a long way into improving amenities in our watershed. Or, you know, farmers shed or service areas.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And to me, it's really important to approach this area of collaboration and partnership, and I really think to meeting every other week. You know, with the ad hoc on this, if that's what it takes cause. I also want to make sure that we're not kind of burning and already pull the Overburden City staff with, you know one morning project that

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the budget concerns, that you find itself in that

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Mayor Diana Rich: one other thing that I want to add conversations with a few account numbers about this is. and I also defined it for our CEO

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Mayor Diana Rich: infrastructure improvements that are needed

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Mayor Diana Rich: to get those areas up. And then also, do you know, set the stage for property improvements that will then boost your property tax for their 25 or whatever.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And I I'm totally area, look like and you know, I also wanna mention. Sorry one thing that we do have substantial legal resources that they don't need, and I will certainly be asking you know, for sort of their services through this process.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and then hopefully, the only kind of legal burden on you would be just basically sort of reviewing their work to make sure that you know it's it's acceptable to the city. So we try to minimize the people burden

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Mayor Diana Rich: and if there is some point, yeah, there's needed more work from the consult, maybe lots of different Ifd boundaries that we would also be open to expanding.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Great. Thank you for all of that, and we'll keep you up there, if you don't mind, for a few minutes. I'm concerned about the whether zoom, those on Zoom are actually able to hear Linda Hopkins, because I do still see that she shows us muted.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Do we have?

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'm sorry

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Mayor Diana Rich: nobody can hear on zoom.

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay. So those who are

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Mayor Diana Rich: listening on line on Zoom. We're trying to to get this going.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh, so you're just they're hearing you. But it's very low volume.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So probably you just need to hold it up close to you like that. We're gonna switch to the laptop. I was thinking that might be the best approach

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Mayor Diana Rich: in the room.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I just got noticed that my partner could, although she was soft and volume. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: yeah, but I do think that those who that when I'm speaking, people are here for me. So yes, thank you, Loretta, for being.

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Kari Svanstrom: I'm just gonna so I don't know.

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Kari Svanstrom: Okay.

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Kari Svanstrom: just for that.

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Kari Svanstrom: I'm sorry

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Kari Svanstrom: I'm down.

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Kari Svanstrom: Okay. So the question that I'm gonna ask there to Loretta if she's doing the thumbs up down Loretta. Can you hear me?

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Kari Svanstrom: No response? Oh, yes, allow the invoice if this works

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Kari Svanstrom: alright. So I'm gonna take a

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Kari Svanstrom: summarize what we have heard from Supervisor Hopkins, who expressed her support for this and commitment to being an active partner to meeting every other week with the Adm. As we move forward through the consultant management process

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Kari Svanstrom: and really focused on our commitment to Western Sonoma County and support for the larger infrastructure projects. And Linda, we hear you now.

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Kari Svanstrom: Maybe Loretta can let us know if it's working.

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Kari Svanstrom: Yeah.

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Kari Svanstrom: okay, anything that you'd like. I'm happy to answer any questions that anyone has. Yeah. And I think I think maybe the last thing is worth repeating is that there's really, truly no predetermined outcome here. This is a process. This is the very, very start of a somewhat lengthy process.

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Kari Svanstrom: And so looking forward to working through that process and hearing from the community as we go through this process together.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Excellent! Thank you for that. I'm going to. We now have need to go through questions to the extent.

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Kari Svanstrom: So thank you very much. So let's go with 2 questions, change

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Mayor Diana Rich: and and please, if there are any that you specifically want to direct to Supervisor Hopkins, let's make sure we do that. But go ahead. Council. Member. Okay, great.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So I'd like to understand currently. Where did the West County property taxes go? What do they go toward? Do they go into a pot better than use for anyone across the county, or are they specifically anything generated in West County? Are they specifically used for infrastructure in the West County?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So currently, property taxes. Just all go into the general fund of the county, and it supports a huge variety of things, everything from infrastructure to social services, staff, etc. So it's all all general fund. Okay? Thank you. My second question is.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): yeah. Do unincorporated cities in the West County, for example, receive funding. And if so, can you give an example of what they might have received funding for?

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Kari Svanstrom: And so unincorporated communities receive just sort of general county services. And we actually launched a governance study that went in and analyzed how much money the county is spending in our and specifically in the lower Russian River, and I'd be happy to send you a link to that study. It kind of explains, you know where the money flows from, and to like how much revenue is generated in those areas, and kind of what services are received.

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Kari Svanstrom: But broadly, there's no precise return source mechanism outside of you know, some small amount of to the tune of a couple of \$100,000 a year. That is divided up by district to the districts that generate it that's designed to sort of focus on tourism impact. But in general, it's sort of a a general fund and a general support.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, thanks. We're gonna move through here. Anything specific? And

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay, let me. Okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So, Linda, I heard you say. possibly 50,000 additional. If if putting this together runs over.

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Kari Svanstrom: I don't think I set in number, but I'm open to what it takes, so 50,000 is the current proposal, and then we can see how it goes and potentially augment if needed.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Can you hear me now? No. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: oh, I says, F.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Ask a question. Sorry, guys,

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Mayor Diana Rich: You mentioned all the communities, but you didn't mentioned the Giga Bay, which to me is a much bigger community, the great. And I just want to make sure that that's one of the communities in the district. Right?

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Kari Svanstrom: It is construction. Projects are considerably more complicated in the coast.

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Kari Svanstrom: And so there's a lot less development potential in the coastal zone. The main needs that I hear about in Vega Bay actually pertains to kind of the harbor, and we've been seeking State and Federal funding for climate resilience investments for the dock out there. And I think that's another thing that's worth mentioning is that you know, periodically right, there are suddenly huge grant opportunities at the State and Federal level right now. It's not so much of the State. But there.

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Kari Svanstrom: there are a lot of opportunities for the Feds. And so, having this kind of a you know, sort of pot of money could also allow us to potentially draw down State or Federal dollars as part of a match for some of the projects, if they're eligible.

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Mayor Diana Rich: But thank you for adding Vediga Bay, and they were probably mad at me right now for not mentioning them.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And then, oh, this is so hard to stick with.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So I just like to ask instructions from the tech side. We have both our zoom screen up which we can mute, and we also have the microphone on our laptop.

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Mayor Diana Rich: What should we be unmuting in order to speak both

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Mayor Diana Rich: but leave the zoom muted so on that

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Mayor Diana Rich: zoom on the laptop.

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Mayor Diana Rich: No audio comes out of your laptop. Yes.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So we turn off the microphone on our laptop and use only the zoom screen. Yes, thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay. So I think if you mute your laptop sound.

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Mayor Diana Rich: You did that right, and then go to your zoom screen.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay? And if you open it up.

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Mayor Diana Rich: you want to unmute there. Yes, let's try that perfect sorry about that. It's technical here

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and got sure. Oh, so we've talked about that we could pull out at any time.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: we know that that probably the projects come after like a lot of work. I would assume that before we start talking about projects, and we would want to represent, of course, our area

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: as best we can. As you've talked about the hub of comers and not going through what happened with the Palm Drive district right as people started to pull out

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: pan, little parts start to pull out, or only like

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: cause. That would be, you know, not in the spirit of it. So I was thinking about that. And then I was thinking about like, could could somebody pull out 5 years down the road or 10 years down the road. The pull out process is what I was wanted to ask about.

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Kari Svanstrom: That's a good question. I think you can answer part of it. But and I don't know if sort of anyone like City Manager Schwartz, or anyone knows a little bit more about this process than I do. Also I also got a tech improvement, which is that I figured out how to get the video on. There was apparently a little sort of slidey thing over the camera. That was what was preventing it. Anyways, we're we're learning so once you're in like the county couldn't pull out certain communities right, the county is either in or they're not

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Kari Svanstrom: in and once they make that commitment, we would likely then be bonding against future revenue, which we would then be spending. So then you're in it until sort of you know the entire term. So that's kind of my understanding. And I don't know if that matches sort of your understanding. City manager, Schwartz.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'll chime in there, although hopefully I can be heard. I'll chime in there. That's my understanding from my conversations and my inquiries

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Mayor Diana Rich: and that there's a point at which the city Council, about a year and and the county about a year and a half into the process is gonna have to make a decision about the project and the contribution.

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Don Schwartz: and there, on out the commitment, is set the very next.

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Don Schwartz: But one of the differences is there's no additional tax burden. So there's not like, if you're if you pull out, that you don't get any tax benefit from doing that your tax rate stays the same. So the incentive

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Don Schwartz: that might occur in other environments or financial situations does not apply in this one.

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Don Schwartz: Thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay. Councilmember Mcclus.

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Mayor Diana Rich: if you can, if you can navigate the whole.

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Councilmember McLewis: does that work now? Okay, so I'm looking at this list here, and Sebastopol, and and all of these different things, and what I struggle with is just understanding why anyone in West County would want to

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Councilmember McLewis: even do most. I mean, the majority of these projects are all about.

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Councilmember McLewis: you know our infrastructure. And when we were looking, when the whole idea of putting a sales tax in the city. We received emails from people in the West County saying, I don't want the sales tax because I'm in West County, and I don't want to be paying for your infrastructure. So having read those emails

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Councilmember McLewis: just months ago, weeks ago, it's really hard for me to understand why. Now we think that they would actually want to help because we receive messaging that they didn't. So I'm just wondering, you know what your thoughts are on that. And if how do you? I mean, how do you? We wrap our head around that

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Kari Svanstrom: the person? I think it's a really good question, and I think that there are 2 parts that answer number one. This is not new taxes for anybody, right? So they're not facing kind of an increase in their cost of living, which I think is really an important message to share. And then I would also say that I have certainly found it to be true in my role that you often hear from people who are upset or opposed about something, and

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Kari Svanstrom: often that is actually not indicative of a majority of people's viewpoint. And so you know, for instance, like my kids play soccer. You know, through Westco, which uses a bunch of you know, Sebastopol area schools. And you know, Regal Park fields, and I met folks from Bodega Bay, from actually some people, even from Northern Marin, like people from all over West County and Western Santa Rosa.

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Kari Svanstrom: All converge on those fields, and all you know. Kind of have a stake in asking me why the fields are so full of Co. You know, go for holes. And what are we gonna do about this? And you know. So I actually think that the majority of folks want to see improvements in their town. You know, and would be happy if, for instance, you know, flooding doesn't shut down the ability to have concerts that they attend right in the city of Sebastopol things like that. So I actually

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Kari Svanstrom: really think that a majority of folks want to see things better. And that that's there's less sort of territoriality than some people express.

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Councilmember McLewis: So I had another question. So based on your, you've obviously spent a lot more time working on this. I'm just curious because I don't know this. Do you know of any eifs that are that? You know we're out there where people, cities, actually people backed out of it. And why? And I just don't have any of that history. So I'm just curious if you

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Kari Svanstrom: I do not know about that. And but it's definitely something that we could have the consultants research. I. So I also wanted to share a little bit about timing. So this the sort of \$50,000 allocation is potentially on the agenda for next Tuesday. At the Board of Supervisors the following Tuesday the Board will have the first discussion around eif policy. Which is sort of how much money are we willing to put in, you know? Is there sort of like a required.

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Kari Svanstrom: say, match from the city jurisdiction, or can they do less? And the county does more. How does it work right? And I know that the county staff has been looking at La County because they're apparently a number of different eifts that are city county partnerships in the county of Los Angeles. They've got a lot of cities down there so that we could definitely sort of look through those examples and and find out, you know, if any of them went south, or you know how they're doing.

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Councilmember McLewis: I have one more question, or do you want me to wait or no? Please go ahead. I'm just curious about

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Councilmember McLewis: any other cities here, you know. I know Santa Rosa has done that, and I know you comment, and you were trying to get in first or whatever. But at the same time I'm just curious. Why aren't other cities trying to do this with the county right now as well, or are they? And is there a competition? Or how does that impact?

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Councilmember McLewis: You know, if we were to both this, you know, approve this, how does that impact us?

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Kari Svanstrom: That's a great question. And I don't have all the answers about how it would impact you. But I can say that. So Susan Goran and I serve on the Unincorporated Governance ad hoc committee for the County and Eif came up in conversation, and I believe that she is also looking at a potential eif d with the city of Sonoma out in Eastern Sonoma County for very similar reasons. They're also having preliminary conversations around a large annexe

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Kari Svanstrom: there. Everything recently seen, some chatter on social media about it. So it's out in the public sphere as well. So II think that probably honestly, a lot of it comes down to capacity. You know. And and just, you know, have you sat down and have that conversation with your mayor, and has, you know, city manager, talk to the CEO and I think everyone in in local government is probably somewhat exhausted who works in city, you know, and city government just cause there's been so much going on

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Kari Svanstrom: last few years, so I would guess that it's more about capacity as opposed to kind of lack of interest or desire.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, thank you. And then, Councilmember Mario, did you have anything to add questions

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Mayor Diana Rich: and thank you. Supervisor Hopkins?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Thank you. So I believe it was council Members Allman, who mentioned that Sebastian's facing right now of roughly 30 million dollars in infrastructure needs.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): And so what I'd like to know is what are the current infrastructure needs for the West County and an associated cost.

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Kari Svanstrom: So we have not done any kind of analysis about that and I actually think that's why it's really important to sit down and find out, you know, sort of what are your needs here also from you know your constituents about what they're, you know, wish lists. You've got your kind of we have to do. And then there's the maybe nice to have right, like, how many of those will fit in? We haven't even started that conversation? So it's yeah. It's totally up in the air.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Second question, how likely is it that Sebastian will get substantially more revenue?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): For our projects? Then what we contribute

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Kari Svanstrom: again, I feel like that ultimately, is sort of part of the process. But I mean, if I were you I would be advocating obviously, for you know the city of Sebastopol, recognizing again that you have facilities here that are not found in any of the neighboring communities that are a common good that are utilized by, you know, unincorporated residents, and use that to justify increased you know, investments. And I think that

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Kari Svanstrom: you know again, having so few urban service areas, they're only so many places where we can kind of put physical infrastructure projects and and those kinds of improvements like, we don't have very many sewer systems out in West County. It's mostly septic, right? For instance.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Alright, I'd like to go out for public comment. But do we have any more questions?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Nobody go ahead. Okay. What? What would inspire the county, the Board of Supervisors to approve something like this. Why would they agree to it?

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Kari Svanstrom: That's a great question. And what I have found is the way to get to 3 on the Board of Supervisors is to ensure there's something in it for everyone. So I want this for West County, because I believe in it, and I believe in making infrastructure investments. That are quite frankly decades overdue in many cases. But I know that Chris Corsi is very supportive because he's currently working with the city of Santa Rosa already serves on the public financing authority for downtown Santa Rosa

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Kari Svanstrom: and I know also that Susan Warren is interested in this in in East County. So that's 3 votes. And that's also why. I think another answer to this sort of question about. You know. Why has anyone else done that is, no one's really realize that it was an option that the county was interested in playing ball. And so now that the county is actually going through a process to create a formal policy that will open it up to you. Know any of the cities to to partner with us.

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Kari Svanstrom: That's I think. You know, once the Board has that policy, they can't say yes to Santa Rosa. Notice a basketball. You know what I mean like at the end of the day, right? What comes around goes around, and and you can't just pick one project over another equally worthy project in a different portion of the county.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Okay, thank you.

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Councilmember McLewis: So now that we've talked about, why you, you got the 3 votes. But what? Why would

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Kari Svanstrom: supervisors be concerned about this and not approve it? I'm just curious, I mean, because we all have our concerns. I have my own. So I'm just curious, just from your perspective. What would be the concerns? That's a really good question. I would say that the concerns are that we sort of lose revenue decrease our general fund capacity, and that there isn't sufficient property tax growth to offset that loss.

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Kari Svanstrom: So I think that that's a really important portion of this analysis, and whether the consultant that we hire is capable of performing that, or whether we also need to, you know, get an economist and get additional funding. I think that's gonna be an important component is, how can we ensure that these investments ultimately results in increased property tax growth over time? And that was really the whole sort of vision behind. You know, this is like redevelopment 2.0, basically.

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Kari Svanstrom: So yeah, and I think I can. I can hear my colleague, who is always our fiscal hawk on board Supervisor Rabbit, saying, Well, what does this mean for the general fund? Well, we have, you know, less money for health and human services and core functions, and the sheriff's office and etc., and I. So I think that's the main hurdle that the Board is going to

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Kari Svanstrom: have to overcome. And our CEO is wonderful. And she as our budget, she was a budget person for many years, so she's going to be really looking at this, you know, with a finder. Are you willing to continue? Whether or not you are on council?

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Mayor Diana Rich: You can continue on the ad hoc on the yeah, to the extent that that fell within the rules of the city council. I would be willing, but I think so. I certainly would be willing, but that would be subject to the limits. It may be to the extent that the ad hoc E. Ifd would require

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Mayor Diana Rich: 2 council members who are currently on the city council. I might be disqualified to the extent that I was qualified within those rules. Of course I would.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): And

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'm sorry, Vice Mayor. You, said Vice Mayor is Allman. Yes, yes, okay, no one.

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Councilmember McLewis: I just whenever I have a question for a city manager.

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Councilmember McLewis: Go ahead. So just echoing the concerns from, you know that supervisors would have other supervisors would have regarding general fund. I'm just curious from your perspective. I mean, if we're taking any kind of you know growth that we might have in our taxes, which would then, taking from our general fund, we're in a financial crisis. How can we keep up with inflationary costs if we're actually taking off

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Councilmember McLewis: the top constantly? I mean, that's a concern. So I'm just curious for me. So I'm wondering what your thoughts are on that.

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Councilmember McLewis: So

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Councilmember McLewis: so I share those concerns from the city perspective, and

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Don Schwartz: by the time we need to make a decision to go. No, go decision on this. I expect you'll have a much.

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Don Schwartz: clear, hopefully better picture of our finances are. I'll be paying it as much as possible for you a picture

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Don Schwartz: in the coming months of

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Don Schwartz: finance, largely red. So we're looking at our operating expenses. But I intend to bring to you information, and we actually started working on it Dante's team out that already started working on it on things like, what do we need for our fleet? We already have a pretty

good idea for our streets. We don't have a good idea for water systems and sewer systems. What do we need for information technology? What do we buildings?

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Don Schwartz: I wanna paint that whole picture for you. So we make budget decisions in that holistic long term perspective.

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Councilmember McLewis: It may well be that certain pieces of infrastructure are in such a state that we would, regardless of Efi or not.

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Don Schwartz: wanna, dedicate a portion probably would need to dedicate a portion revenues to infrastructure. To ensure that basics are functioning well gives us an opportunity to do that plus more plus leverage. What's potentially available from the county. So that leverage possibility is really what's in it for us from a purely dollars and cents perspective, that decision to do that make that recommendation to do that now

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Don Schwartz: I wouldn't, because we're I just don't know enough about our situation, and it is pretty dire. But I would like to have the opportunity in the future to give you that option to leverage what we might be able to put in to get more in the long. I hope that makes sense.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you very much. And we have one last question from Council, Mmr, and then we'll go out to public com. Thanks.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Okay. Good.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Is there a mechanism whereby the county can simply donate to Sebastopol for shared services with the West County, for example, for, like the pool, the senior center, the community center, you know the services that we share.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Is there a mechanism for that?

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Kari Svanstrom: So the mechanism for that would be sort of going to the county for a general fund one time. Allocation during budget hearings.

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Kari Svanstrom: And I can tell you that I do not see just sort of being honest, like a successful political path for that? Because then it becomes sort of a well, what about you know, Sonoma? Well, what about right? So it. It kind of creates a a one time. Ask Rush, I guess. Where my colleagues might not see what's in it for them to say contribute, and ties well, however separately.

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Kari Svanstrom: I was able to secure some community infrastructure funds. We already dedicated funds last from the sort of first round to the city of Sebastian for an improvement over by the high School and we look forward to also because we receive another allocation working with you on. You know what you want, but that's again. That's like.

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Kari Svanstrom: it's small potatoes compared to right like, you're talking \$200,000 versus 200 million dollars. So it's a it's a sort of scale difference. But I'll just say like, it's always like arm wrestling, and it gets ugly during budget hearings when it kind of gets into that like, well, what do you want? What do I want? And I feel like setting something up? That's a process is more likely to be successful if there's an equitable policy that any city can access.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Thank you. Thank you very much. And now I think we'll go out for public comment, could you please manage that.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Mary girlie?

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Mayor, is this for public comment, or the EI sd agenda item, if you'd like to make a public comment. I will go to in chambers first, and then I'll go out to Zoom Kyle.

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Kari Svanstrom: Hi! So one of the things that was kind of alarming in tonight's agenda. Item, as opposed to what we saw at the last meeting was that the it seems like the there's some strings attached to the \$50,000 that in order for us to receive that \$50,000, we need to only be exploring a district 5 map.

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Kari Svanstrom: and then we hear tonight from Supervisor Hopkins that she's open to exploring other maps. And so I just wanna make sure that we're

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Kari Svanstrom: keeping very much open the possibility of different maps as we go forward. We already heard tonight that Occidental is trucking out their their sewage. We've got Grenville that's living in a flood plain that's regularly flooding. And so I recognize that there are many infrastructure needs in District 5 that are not necessarily, as we also heard tonight, not quantifiable at this time

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Kari Svanstrom: city of Sebastian makes up one tenth of the population of District 5

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Kari Svanstrom: number of households is about one tenth of District 5, so it's not clear to me that if we were to form an eifid with entire District 5, that Sebastian's gonna have any sort of majority control for that eif id

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Kari Svanstrom: I think it's really important that we recognize that the purpose of going into this is about the needs, the fiscal needs of the city of Sebastol that the there we're really looking at the surrounding area that utilizes our services and providing infrastructure projects that are

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Kari Svanstrom: dedicated to sebast pulled that serve that outer area. I think districts are district maps to be looking at our our elementary school districts, which serve our

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Kari Svanstrom: Western high school district specifically, annually high school historically, and that might be a good place to start it maybe expand from there. But, including the entire district 5 does not necessarily say to me that we are going to be capturing Lion's share of that revenue for infrastructure projects for Sebastian. Thank you.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment. Next I will go out to Zoom. Lena. Can you unmute yourself, please?

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Lena Rothman: Yes, Hi.

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Mary Gourley: thank you. Can you hear us? Okay, Lena?

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Lena Rothman: What?

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Lena Rothman: Yes, I can hear you. Can you hear me.

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01:25:09.760 --> 01:25:11.330
Mary Gourley: hey? Can you hear us?

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01:25:11.590 --> 01:25:13.170
Lena Rothman: Yes, yes.

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Mary Gourley: thank you. Can you go ahead? Your public comment?

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Lena Rothman: What?

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Lena Rothman: I came to the meeting tonight? Can you hear me now? I can hear you, Lena. I came to the meetings

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Lena Rothman: tonight to ask the city of Sebastopol. I'm here with a few of my neighbors.

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Lena Rothman: and we would like the city of Sebastopol to sign on to and support the ceasefire in Gaza.

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Mary Gourley: I hate to interrupt

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Lena Rothman: what

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Kari Svanstrom: this I think is on top of the market. I guess

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Lena Rothman: it's I don't understand. I'm giving like broken voice.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So Lena. This is Mayor Rich. I just like to make sure that you know that we are discussing a specific item right at the moment. But we would like you to stay in the meeting

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Mayor Diana Rich: so that you can share your public comment on items, not on the agenda, so that you can share your comments a little later. Can you confirm that you heard me, and that you will stay in the meeting. Yes.

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Lena Rothman: yes.

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Lena Rothman: Can you hear me? Yes.

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Mary Gourley: yes.

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Mayor Diana Rich: thank you very much for your patience.

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Mayor Diana Rich: II know this has been difficult, but thank you for your patience, and we do want to make sure that we hear what you have to say, and we'll make a point, Lina, of letting you know by name when that opportunity for Po public comment arises, okay, thank you. Okay, thank you very much.

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Mary Gourley: I will go back into chambers if there's anyone that would like to make a public comment on the Eif. Hi! Jake. seeing none, or go back out to zoom. Linda, can you unmute yourself, please?

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17078248417: We can hear you, Linda.

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17078248417: Alright great! You know this is a you know. I have a amount of this meeting has I have been unable to hear Linda, the city manager.

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17078248417: There's about 45 min at the first part of it, and you know there's just a lot of it that I have not heard due to your technical problems. So if now you could start my

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17078248417: start my public comment, thingy

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17078248417: you know, on this project, you know I have got my hands on it. I've gone over it and and read it, and it's only 23 pages. But anyway, I'm looking at it. And I I'm suggesting to the

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17078248417: Council that they need to run. Don't walk run away from this. This our current mayor has demonstrated time and time again that she does not know what she's done doing, and she and

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17078248417: Lisa, the former mayor have gotten us into a 5 million debt, that they obligation, which will, we will continue to pay on for the next 13 years. We still owe over 4 million on it, which was supposed to be partly for infrastructure, but they went ahead and signed on to that, not knowing what they were signing. So this is a very similar kind of a thing. The the acronym, if it

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17078248417: the FEIF. D. Has been mentioned by Mayor Rich 9 times, you know, was ever without anybody on this call, ever saying what it it stands for, and even once you find out what it stands for, which is apparently enhanced infrastructure financing district. It tells you nothing.

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Mary Gourley: Linda. You have about 20 s.

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17078248417: anyway. you know she is everything that that they've done, you know, including getting our

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17078248417: our fine former police chief into quitting because she didn't know the difference between the behavior of Minneapolis cops and And also the Rv. Village was a complete Linda. That's 2Â min

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17078248417: 7 million dollars project. Thank you, Diana rich.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Linda, for your public comment. Next I will come back into chambers.

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Kari Svanstrom: Hi, I don't think you can vote on this tonight, because, you've moved the agenda item that was at the end of the evening to the beginning, and nobody can hear you mine. So

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Kari Svanstrom: I think you're gonna have to like, put this off to another day before we have a vote

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Kari Svanstrom: but separates that I think this is from the Ef. Id, I think, should be for district 5, and not for the city of Sebastol.

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Kari Svanstrom: Mostly fidds are for pretty large

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Kari Svanstrom: business entities. I'm sorry civic entities. So it seems a really good idea to have a district 5, Efid, Eif D,

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Kari Svanstrom: and actually the 10% which Carl was talking about earlier accrues to the city rather than the other way around.

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Kari Svanstrom: because we're already very overloaded with

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Kari Svanstrom: various county services, and so on here, and I don't really trust the idea of having counselors Solomon Rich and Hopkins

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Kari Svanstrom: organizes this thing independently of the city and the citizens

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Kari Svanstrom: so overall is a very broad and shallow and very confusing document. So I think back to the drawing board, and then a vote another day. Thank you.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Oliver, for your public comments.

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Mary Gourley: Next I will go back out to Zoom. Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Robert: Can you hear me? I can hear you. Can you see the timer? Yeah, just. It's really a question. I'm not sure that we're answering questions from the public. But

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Robert: supervisors Hopkins is last meeting in this meeting. Both has comment on the fact that the county is going to be discussing a policy.

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Robert: and that policy conceivably could require a city match in order to participate.

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Robert: The documents that we've looked at so far in the story that we've been given is that this is coming from the 2 increase in our property taxes. That we're gonna contribute 25% of that. It's gonna have a very minimal effect on the city's budget, because it's only \$7,000 a year initially.

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Robert: If if we were, can some can can somebody explain the county policy and the match, and how that would work and what might make that make it different from

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Robert: 2% increase in 25%. Thank you.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment. Next I will come back to in chambers. If there's anyone that would like to make a public comment in Chambers.

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Mary Gourley: seeing none. I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment on the enhanced infrastructure financing district.

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Mary Gourley: Please raise your hand, please, and meet your telephone, or please wait to get my attention. The gallery. as you know, hands raised virtually.

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Mary Gourley: I see no one the gallery trying to get my attention. So public comments. Thank you very much, Mary Girley, for coordinating that I see Council Member Hinton has a question.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'm ready to go. Oh, you're ready to go. Okay, any additional discussion up here at the date. Okay? So comments go ahead. So, Council Member Henson. Go ahead.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: First of all, I appreciate the ad hoc committee who put together this agenda item. I sat and read it. On Saturday.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I was getting a pedicure, and it was a lot of reading. So I really appreciate that. And I appreciate their offer frankly to help work with Staff. If we decide to move forward on this tonight, since we are short on staff, it does take a lot of work to put these things together to get us to this point. So I wanna say, I appreciate that.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: you know. I mean, you could look at this a couple of ways. But I'm always a glass half full kind of girl and

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: II happen to pull up coincidentally a letter from

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Deva Prado that when I was mayor I got a copy of, and it said that the increase of our property taxes in Sebastopol for the value of taxable property, 2,023 to 24 was 5.6 8%.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: And the county overall was 5.9%.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: So we're talking about 2%. But the reality is we're pacing at a little over 5%. And they're asking for 25% of that. If I'm doing the math in my head, I think right.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: when I look at those projects we already, as a city manager pointed out, are funding some of those from our general fund now.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: so to be able to fund those from this district would help ease a little bit that we're pulling directly from our general fund right now.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I'm in favor of a fifth district map. I think it will save money in the long haul versus look at all the different mapping options, and I'm a collaborative person, so I can remember when I joined Rotary many years ago, they said, when you work as a group, you get more done. I mean, it's just the way it works. So if we're gonna have 3 seats from Sebastol, 3 seats from the county, and another mutually agreed upon. Seventh seat

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: to make decisions. And

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I mean, I just don't see how we can't get more. As it was pointed out by a member of the public that we have 10%.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: We're gonna get more than 10%. It seems like funded.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: So I don't see where we're in a in a losing situation. I just see it as a winning situation. I appreciate

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: our supervisor coming up with this extra money, and it's because she's excited about the project, and she doesn't want the West County to lose out, and neither do I. So I'm gonna be voting in favor of this tonight. We know we have a pullout opportunity, but I just think that it's

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I only see upside for us. At this stage in the game, and we'll learn more with the consultants and advising us along the way, but I really think it's an exciting project and an exciting way to look at things. I've lived in this county and this district for a very long time.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I love our neighbors. I love to go to Forrest, Phil and Great, and then have breakfast and all that, and I'm sure that by having 16 million dollars to work with we can all help each other. So I look forward to working as a team on the project. So thanks.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you very much. Council Member Hinton. Councilmember, Mara.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): For me an Efid. It must be mutual, mutually beneficial. And

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): the the road project listed in the report, the roads, which is not a very compelling vision to me in terms of why would West count residents want to support that

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I can imagine

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): a vision of enhanced service would be more compelling enhanced art school, community senior services, the

library something that Sebastopol and the West county residents could share and both benefit from

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): considering Sebastopol's financial situation. It seems a terrible time to considering enhance enhancements when we have a huge fundamental in infrastructure needs road, su sewer, water, etc. However, what inspires me the most is the supervisor, the mayor, the vice mayor, and sit the new city managers. Positive view of this opportunity.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So I would support at this time inching this forward.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. Councilmember. Mara.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Councilmember Mcclose.

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Councilmember McLewis: am I unmuted? Does that work?

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Councilmember McLewis: Just a couple of comments. I can hear that echo. I guess my biggest concern with this is just

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a couple of things. One is city staff time we keep talking about our fiscal emergency, our staffing shortages, all of that

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Councilmember McLewis: that is super concerning to me. But what's even more concerning to me personally is just that I would want to make sure. II appreciate the offers from our council members to participate in that process, but I also think that it still should be staff handling that because it just doesn't seem appropriate and out of the scope of a city council member to be managing that. So I'm not sure how that would work and where that oversight is that because there are always biases

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Councilmember McLewis: with all of us here. So I just think that city staff brings that

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Councilmember McLewis: that objectivity to it. So I just wanna express that concern. The other thing is just because we are in a fiscal emergency.

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Councilmember McLewis: it just seems like I mean having Staff spend time on this right now, when we should be spending it on. You know I understand that it could down the road. It could bring you know, money to us and help fix things, but at the same time, in the short term, it's very concerning to me that we have so many things going on. And we really could use our staff time in a different way. You know our economic development that actually could happen faster for us. So there's just some of those things. II agree with the comments that

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Councilmember McLewis: councilmember, Mauer said. I mean, II do see the benefits of this. II absolutely understand it all, but you know.

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Councilmember McLewis: and I just have to say this, and please take it in the spirit is II haven't had great experiences when you've brought things here. I have a business here that was deeply impacted by all the very Commons, and we sat on many calls, and I was told it wouldn't impact, and it has impacted us tremendously. So I have to. I approach these things

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Councilmember McLewis: with trepidation. Because I'm the lack of concern that was shown to any of the businesses that were impacted by that. By you, I by Supervisor Hopkins. I, just II just I can't. I can't sit here and not express that, because that's been my own experience. So I just haven't seen a lot of good things happen with Sebastopol as far as when you've brought projects here. So I do approach this with deep concern.

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Councilmember McLewis: and that's just my own personal experience over the last few years. So that's another concern for me.

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Councilmember McLewis: On the other hand, because we have our city manager supporting it, I respect his opinion. So that is basically what I'm you know, if I vote for this, it's just gonna be simply, I'm gonna trust that he's gonna help manage this and keep it on track. Because I just I have a lot of concerns and trepidation with this and partnering with the county and our in our current supervisor. So those are my thoughts, and I just have to speak the honest truth and experience.

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Councilmember McLewis: And that's why I got elected.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you, Council Member Mc. Lewis for your comments we. I do want to. So, Vice Mayor, Zulan, and I have an opportunity for some closing comments. I want to move it along so that we can take a vote and move forward

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Mayor Diana Rich: the 1 point I would make in regards to all the questions that have been raised is that none of these have been determined yet, and so the the boundaries of the Eif, the contribution the the projects. Those are all big questions. But those questions really need to remain for the consultants, active participation and the discussion within the

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Mayor Diana Rich: within the pfa, the group that would be that would be com that would include city and county interests in order to determine those projects, boundaries and contribution. So all those questions are very relevant. But those questions are why we need a consultant

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Mayor Diana Rich: But I wanna make sure that none of that. Everyone out there there has been no decision that there will or not be a 25% contribution. That there will or not will not be a district 5 boundary, we know from Supervisor Hopkins, and from the discussion here that multiple boundaries will be considered, we do not yet know so many pieces about all of this. And that would be the consultants participation.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I do want to get Vice Mayor Solomon's final comments, and then I want to give our city manager an opportunity to contribute any final information, and then we need to take. I'll be looking for a motion. So Vice Mayor Solman.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Yes, thank you, Madam Mayor, and and maybe it's just because I said on the budget, and we just keep talking about like how much money it is that we need to spend on this. But yet we still don't have any money, and the ultimate projection at the end of the year, or be 1.6 million dollars in the whole plus has been identified 30 \$1,000 worth of capital improvement. I just don't see a road forward

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): unless we actually do to try to do something that's different and out of the box, and especially I'm more comfortable in the fact that I have had different experiences with our supervisor, and I do take it on. That's value that we will work hand in hand for this to truly be a win win because I do care. But I'm also concerned about what our citizens are. Ultimately gonna get. If we're continuing to focus on infrastructure

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): alone, they're gonna get hit with a huge garbage thing. They're gonna get hit with a whole lot of other things that they weren't anticipating. So I'm really hoping that this sends a message to all of our citizens that we're thinking out of the box and really trying to like, make themselves their lives happier and easier by trying new things that we haven't done in the past. So thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. And I will also add that my experience with Supervisor Hopkins has been an experience that has developed trust that has conveyed to me her commitment

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Mayor Diana Rich: to being reliable committed to our greater West County interests and making good on her promises and her commitments, including collaboration. And we all have our experiences, and I respect each of our experiences. But I absolutely have to share that, and I'm confident that Supervisor Hopkins will take seriously the challenge of

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Mayor Diana Rich: ensuring that trust is built with this entire city council. No matter how challenging that might be. So I appreciate Council member sharing her thoughts and giving the opportunity for the the healing of that experience that is in the past that obviously has really affected her perspective, and she speaks for others in the community, too. I think that's important to recognize.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Scott city manager anything you'd like to contribute. And then I'm and then I'm actually gonna turn it to Linda Hopkins, really, briefly trying to closing comments. So city manager.

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Don Schwartz: okay, so thank you for the opportunity to comment. I

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Don Schwartz: to particularly council Member, who is this, points and concerns.

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Don Schwartz: This is an unusual city council. I can say that with some confidence, even though this is the end of day. 7 only because of the hands on nature, of of the work that you do. And I've seen that.

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Don Schwartz: and I'm still a little bit bewildered. But getting used to that notion.

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Councilmember McLewis: The

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Don Schwartz: staff time was a question I've been trying to help out have not been able to get as much information in the 7 days as I would ideally like, for something like this comes before you. But we're on an accelerated schedule. And so we have to make decisions with the best information that we have.

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Don Schwartz: If we can find the staff time to dedicate to this, we, we will put as much as necessary and in a minimum. We will put enough into keep

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Don Schwartz: monitor what's going on and and have we want to offer opinions.

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Don Schwartz: One thing I've committed to you through the my hiring process. I'm not going to be afraid to disagree with what an ad hoc committee says, and I may be unhapp make some of you unhappy some of the time. But we're gonna offer you our best professional judgment.

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Don Schwartz: regardless of what an ad hoc of council members believes, cause we think that's what we. I think that's what we. And then we'll leave it up to the council as a whole to decide.

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Don Schwartz: One of the thought is, is, I realize we are in a crisis at the moment.

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Don Schwartz: And I've will say this many times, I'm sure, while I'm in Sebastopol that's really the only lens that I would be looking at for recommendations to you is what is in the best long term interest to the residents of Sebastopol. And this case it's definitely a long game with a short

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Don Schwartz: start up. It doesn't really cost us very much. We will do the best we can to support a successful effort. But we're trying to keep our eye on the long haul at this point. Thank you.

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Councilmember McLewis: Okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: thank you very much. City manager Schwartz. Supervisor Hopkins. Anything you'd like to contribute. We see Kerry response from setting up the

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Mayor Diana Rich: mobile mic here

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Mayor Diana Rich: our planning director as A is a woman of many talents.

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Kari Svanstrom: But we knew that looks like we're live and unmuted. Okay, I just want to say, thank you for your incredibly insightful questions, and also comments. And then I take this responsibility very seriously, and not only to uphold trust that I have already earned, but also to earn trust that I don't yet have

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Kari Svanstrom: I really do believe that we have an opportunity to

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Kari Svanstrom: really make a generational impact on our infrastructure. And I also am wanna acknowledge, Council Romero, that II think that what one of the things that you said that was so insightful is that, you know, they're kind of the like bread and better kind of boring things that need

to happen. And then, I think, in order for this to really be visible to the community, have to take care of those and also bring some exciting things in. And I think that's a really excellent way of looking at it. What are the things that

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Kari Svanstrom: you would quite frankly have already needed to pay for, anyway? And so you're essentially sort of spending the general fund that you already would have been spending right by diverting it into this, but then, hopefully, by aggregating and increasing the revenue you know, from contributions from the county, also have an opportunity to leapfrog and do some more exciting things, whether that's a library or you know additional amenities for the community at large. And so I look forward to embarking on this process with you and I also.

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Kari Svanstrom: I just wanted to briefly answer. There was one question, remember the public about the policy. I just wanna reaffirm that there is yet no policy from the Board of Supervisors. That conversation is gonna start at the county on the thirtieth, and then continue about a month after that, to set whatever the number is that we don't know. And I also there was another question about clarity around the map. I wanna make sure that a West County wide Eif is one of the options.

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Kari Svanstrom: but it doesn't need to be the only option. And so we can look at a variety of options. To just be really candid, the West is, gonna give us the most revenue and break to them. Look at investing. So I kind of felt like, well, if we grow the pot, and that's more for everybody, including the city of basketball. But that again is part of the process and and thank you very much for your consideration. And again, for really really good questions. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: thank you, Supervisor Hopkins. So I have a no additional comment. Oh, Councilmember Hinton, I was just ready to make a motion all right, and we do have the action items. If you want to follow.

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Councilmember McLewis: I guess, is it? It's discussion and move forward regarding EI sd, with acceptance of the 50,000. I think that's basically it. The one right? Have I missed something, Mary?

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Mayor Diana Rich: The one piece that we want to add is a decision regarding the boundaries of the Fd. To accept consideration of all possible Eif boundaries within District 5, including, but not limited to a possible full West County district.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Gary, do you want to go through and just give us what the motion? Your most efficient?

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Councilmember McLewis: we are

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Councilmember McLewis: no, I think.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: right

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: okay, what she said, I love that

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): got a second. a second.

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Councilmember McLewis: Okay, thank you. Mary, if you could do the roll call for Us

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Councilmember McLewis: supervisor

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Councilmember McLewis: with caution and trepidation, I

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Mayor Diana Rich: thank you very much to everyone who participated. Thank you, Supervisor Hopkins. I know Supervisor Hopkins was on some force, retur all day, so appreciate or taking the time and appreciate everyone on Zoom and in the room here, and also staff for contributions on this item. I think we should take a quick break about

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Mayor Diana Rich: 10Â min, and then we'll come back to our next item, which I think we're gonna go to comment on items, not on the agenda. Just so everyone knows. Alright, thank you. Everyone. 10Â min.

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Mary Gourley: almost 10.

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Mary Gourley: And I've got my.

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Mary Gourley: yeah, Kelly. And look at it. It's it's it's it's it's it's it's
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Mary Gourley: she's going in to bed. Depending on. When we get out of
here. So yeah, my girlfriend's the nurse. I was at her I was at her
doctors like Flamingo Hotel holiday party last Friday night.

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Mary Gourley: Yeah, so anyway, okay, yeah.

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Mary Gourley: So anyway, no, I think, super excited about this.

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Councilmember McLewis: yes.

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okay.

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Councilmember McLewis: yeah.

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Councilmember McLewis: I know. But right, do you see what I'm saying, I
do. But

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Councilmember McLewis: but yeah, interested. Okay.

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Councilmember McLewis: this is different. Okay.

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Councilmember McLewis: okay, so okay, there we go.

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Councilmember McLewis: Is there hungry?

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Councilmember McLewis: Alright. So we're gonna try to get this show on the road.

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Oh, oh, that's okay.

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Councilmember McLewis: Wow! Why don't they do that

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Mayor Diana Rich: alright? Everyone. Thank you for hanging in there during our break

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Mayor Diana Rich: we are now back in session after a brief break, and we are going to go to public comment on items not on the agenda. I do note for Mary Gurley's

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Mayor Diana Rich: information that when we get to zoom we need to make sure that Lena Rothman is the first option. But, please, if you could do, if you could handle public comment, I'd appreciate it.

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Mary Gourley: So this is for public comment, for items, not on the agenda. If you'd like to make a public comment.

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Councilmember McLewis: Good evening, George.

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Kari Svanstrom: Okay. My apologies for jumping the gun on the technology tonight. what I was beginning to talk about was warming centers, and the

fact that Sebastopol had provided emergency warming centers on its own where the county has generally failed.

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Kari Svanstrom: We do appreciate the fact that Supervisor Hopkins did step up with \$10,000 of assistance to the city 2 weekends ago, as you know. Once again, Sebastopol was the only city in the county that's on its own had set up a warming centers when temperatures approach, freezing. The number of those guests were elders and elder women, not the expected profile of unhoused persons. So Sebastopol is proactive to the extent it can be.

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Kari Svanstrom: I provided you with my written materials

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Kari Svanstrom: and attachments

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Kari Svanstrom: With Santa Rosa Warming Center plan as a model of what can be done in the county's annex document, detailing the health risk of exposure to cold

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Kari Svanstrom: other

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Kari Svanstrom: jurisdictions. Other advocates

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Kari Svanstrom: debate about whether the discomfort of 45 degrees should be the trigger for a warming center respectfully with Sebastopol's limited resources, a 32 degree benchmark implements that which is necessary against truly extreme cold.

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Kari Svanstrom: preventing death of the unhoused from exposure.

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Kari Svanstrom: I understand the plan is in development as we move more deeply into winter.

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Kari Svanstrom: The question whether that plan will utilize first responders

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Kari Svanstrom: already within the city budget, or require outside private providers at higher expense. Volunteers remain available, ready to assist with the outreach coordinator, Maria Rico, of West County Community services.

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Kari Svanstrom: But those cold nights are coming

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Kari Svanstrom: separately. The clearance of horizon shine must occur in 6 short weeks, notwithstanding optimistic news articles on site. In fact, there is little readiness, despite the best efforts of case workers

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Kari Svanstrom: without being alarmist, but to raise an alert.

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Kari Svanstrom: The concern is for the welfare of those villagers, the welfare of the city, and concern for public safety. If there are forced evictions and displacements. Thank you.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Arthur, for your public comment. Next I will go out to Zoom. Lena. Can you unmute yourself, please?

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Lena Rothman: Okay, can you hear me?

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Lena Rothman: Yes, I can hear you, Lena. Can you hear us? Yes, okay, good. We're

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Lena Rothman: so. I'm here tonight with some neighbors. My name is I live at in Burbank Heights and orchards in Sebastopol. I'm here with 3 other neighbors tonight.

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Lena Rothman: and we wanted to ask the City Council

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Lena Rothman: to consider signing on to the ceasefire resolutions that in Gaza

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Lena Rothman: that different towns and cities have been signing onto all around the country and around the world. So I would like you to read a letter that this woman a Jewish woman.

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Lena Rothman: and Qatari, wrote to the Qatari City Hall, the City Council, which passed the resolution also, by the way, so I'll take a minute to do.

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Lena Rothman: She gives her name. I'll skip that, and she's on the board of the Congregation, Nur Shalom in Qatari.

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Lena Rothman: although she was only speaking for herself that night, she says, I love the Jewish people, and deeply committed to Jewish spiritual practice

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Lena Rothman: for myself and my family. In fact, my twins are having there when I mix at the end of the month. I say this because I wanted to be clear that my love and connection to the Jewish people my people, is life long and deep.

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Lena Rothman: I have Israeli friends and family, and have visited Israel a number of times. I believe in Israel's right to exist, and even to defend itself.

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Mary Gourley: Lila Lina, you have about 15 s

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Lena Rothman: right, and there's no way I could finish this in 15 s, you know I we've listened to you for over 2 and a half hours tonight and put up with all the machines.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I think I can get extra time. Don't you think this is a very important issue? 24,000 people have been murdered in Gaza. Ready? Yeah, more than half of them are children, and the other, Alina. Lina. Give her another

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Mayor Diana Rich: 30 s, please. So, Lina, if you could please read as quickly as possible through through your letter, but then we'll need to move on. Thank you.

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Lena Rothman: she says. I believe the only way forward for the safety and security and futures of everyone in the region is an immediate bilateral ceasefire and a resolute into the conflict based on diplomacy.

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Lena Rothman: We urge you to pass the ceasefire.

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Lena Rothman: There are 7 million Jews in Israel, and close to 7 million Palestinians in Israel, Gaza in the west bank

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Lena Rothman: none of those people are going anywhere. They have nowhere else to go. Ultimately the only way forward is together. In some fashion or another this war continues, and more people are killed, the harder and harder their future becomes sharing that letter. We need to move on. But, please, I invite you to send

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Mayor Diana Rich: the letter to us so that it can be distributed to the full city council. Mary Girly, could you please remind us of the email that Lena could use? Lena? If you can send it to Info Sebastoc.

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Mary Gourley: I'll go ahead and get it, and forward that to the city council.

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Lena Rothman: Okay. Info. At the city of Sebastopol. What else?

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Mary Gourley: Dot gov the info at city of sebastopol.gov.

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Lena Rothman: Oh, thank you.

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Mary Gourley: thank you, Lena. Next I will come back to in chambers. If there's anything I'd like to make a public comment on. Item not on the agenda

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Mary Gourley: imposed.

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Kari Svanstrom: Good evening. Esteemed members of the Sebastopol City Council. Distinguished guests and fellow citizens. I'm Colin Brown, a Government relations associate with Gov. Gpt.

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Kari Svanstrom: It's an honor to be here today to introduce you to Gov. Gpt. An AI based startup in mountain view, California.

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Kari Svanstrom: Gov. Gpt. Is dedicated to revolutionizing city governance through the power of generative artificial intelligence. Our mission is centered around enhancing democratic processes, making them more efficient and attuned to the voices of the community.

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Kari Svanstrom: We offer a range of innovative solutions designed to optimize various aspects of city administration and city citizen engagement.

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Kari Svanstrom: Our products include advanced tools for analyzing public sentiment, facilitating more informed decision, making and enhancing communication between city officials and residents. These solutions are crafted to adapt to the unique needs of each city, ensuring that every citizen's voice is not just heard but also valued.

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Kari Svanstrom: Our technology is about bridging the gap between local government and the community, fostering a more connected and responsive governance model.

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Kari Svanstrom: I look forward to discussing how Gov. Gpt. Can specifically benefit Sebastopol in more detail. Following this meeting I will be reaching out to all of you to potentially schedule individual Demos. If you're interested and answer any questions that, you may have, thank you for this opportunity to present Gov. Gp. And together we can embark on a journey toward smarter, more inclusive governance. I'm excited about the potential collaboration and the positive changes we can bring to our community. Thank you for your time.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Colin. Zoom back out to zoom.

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17078248417: Sorry if you public comment, Linda.

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17078248417: Well, that's kind of scary, you know, as though our city government is unresponsive enough.

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17078248417: There's a couple of things I'd like to. But anyway, I just wanna you know, we're talking. Our our infrastructure has come up a couple of times, you know, on the roads and so forth, and they're not in the best condition, as you all know, but I think Sandy Valer said something about 30 million they require. But anyway, here's the thing, you know, right? Just a block from you or so

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17078248417: this project, called Canopy is is, it's in the pipe, it's in the pipeline, and it's coming close, and then they they think if things go well for them. They think they're going to start construction in June of this year. So anyway, the thing is, it is another disaster. I've got my hands on a 700 page impact report, and and our roads just cannot handle like a Heelsberg AV 116. Gravanstein

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17078248417: North cannot handle 6 to 600 to 700 more cars per day. That's their estimate. 214 tons of dry waste meaning garbage per year 18,000

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17078248417: gallons of sewage per day on our water wells. Their consumption, their estimated consumption, is is 10.3 million gallons of of water per year. It is. It is a just a disaster if anybody reads it.

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17078248417: But nobody knows, generally because I think it's by design that that the public is not largely uninformed of these 10

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17078248417: pipeline, or are under construction, and you need to take a. The city council needs to understand the consequences of all this building. So once again, I am asking for a moratorium on building need to slam the brakes on this and start looking at the consequences of the policies that you are passing. Thank you

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Mary Gourley: for your public comment, and next time I'll come back into counsel, Michael.

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Kari Svanstrom: Good evening. So I wanna talk about the fire department.

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Kari Svanstrom: And so, if you ask any fire agency in California, probably across the country, the biggest problem that they have is finding affordable housing for both their paid

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Kari Svanstrom: staff or volunteers, they can't find it. Ask great, and ask any of them right? So when I got off council in 2,021 I met with the owners of Woodmark apartment complexes on Bodega Avenue.

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Kari Svanstrom: and Jack Pigeonin and I sat down with the owners, and they agreed to reserve 6 of those apartments at low income, low cost departments

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Kari Svanstrom: for Sebastian firefighters.

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Kari Svanstrom: Alls we had to do is to get

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Kari Svanstrom: them to fill up the application to make sure they fit the Median range for the income. And the way I understand it, we have, like 20 new volunteers, or over 20,

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Kari Svanstrom: with Sebastopol fire department that are coming in 20 new guys, and some of them are living at home. So there's no question that they will

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Kari Svanstrom: fit that income bracket. But nobody's done anything. I've talked to the fire department. Jack Picchunini didn't move it, and nobody even knows that this is in existence. And now I'm seeing it being built. And I'm thinking, man, we are going to miss out on a huge golden opportunity to house our fire department. 6 firefighters within running distance of the station.

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Kari Svanstrom: So if you want me to get involved with it, or you all know how to get a hold of me, and I can give you the contact details of Lauren. Alexander is her name, and you know I can do some follow up on it. But we should really not lose this opportunity, because that is a major major component to S helping our fire department. I mean, that's huge. So thank you.

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Mary Gourley: Mary, can you meet yourself, please?

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mary prisland: Okay, great. Can you hear me? I agree with the previous comment. I also would like the city of Sebastopol to join San Francisco and Qatari and South Africa in a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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mary prisland: Thank you for your time.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Mary, for your public comment. Next I will come back into chambers.

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Kari Svanstrom: So I'm gonna make this very brief

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Kari Svanstrom: But I just wanted to inform the Council as well as members of the public that the California Faculty Association, which is the Faculty Union that represents faculty at the CsU, the computer, the California State University system.

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Kari Svanstrom: We'll be going on strike January 20th s to January 20 sixth.

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Kari Svanstrom: They're looking for fair wage. They're looking for bringing in the lowest paid to faculty members up in terms of their income. They're looking for.

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Kari Svanstrom: you know, safe lactation spaces. They're looking for.

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Kari Svanstrom: just having a safe working environment at a fair range. I encourage you to reach out to any anyone that you know in the Csu system. Not just necessarily faculty, but administrators staff, and then show your support. Again, if you wanna show up and show your support publicly, that'll be great. They're gonna be striking from. So again, January 20th,^s to January 20 sixth

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Kari Svanstrom: from I believe 7 Am. Until 5 Pm. Each day. When we fight we win, and with your support they can get closer to that goal. Thanks.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment.

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Mary Gourley: Next, go back up to Agenda

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Mayor Diana Rich: to get my attention

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Mary Gourley: further hands raised. I see. Now I'm trying to get my attention.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you very much.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and thank you for the public to the public for waiting to share your comments. I know it's confusing. Tonight.

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Mayor Diana Rich: We're actually pretty much on the schedule that I hoped we would be on. We're now going to item Number 10, which is discussion and consideration of 2024 city council, and city staff committee and liaison appointments

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Mayor Diana Rich: just as an overview on that item. I wanna make some general comments. This is a new process, as is described in the staff report that was implemented last year at the behest of our former Mayor, Lisa Hinton.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So this is our second year implementing this process my process as mayor was to accept all of the requests from other city council members, and then, submit my recommendations for the primary and alternate assignments for City Council members. I will note that I did not

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Mayor Diana Rich: endeavor to make any recommendations regarding staff. My understanding is that the staff appointments for any of these committee assignments will be in the hands of our city manager.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So what you have in front of you is is the recommendations that I have made and the the object. The goal here tonight is to have a discussion with the full City Council, and I'll lay out how I'd like to progress with it. But ultimately whatever we end up doing is subject to our approval. So these are recommendations. But it's the same old process we're gonna vote and you know, majority will will carry the day.

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Mayor Diana Rich: My process was to look at all the applications, and when they identify, if there were any overlapping requests.

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Mayor Diana Rich: of which there were very few honestly where there were, and otherwise, I simply accepted the request. So you will note as an example we have vice Mayor Zelman, who stepped up to be alternate on a number of different committees. No one else had stepped up to be alternate on those 11

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Mayor Diana Rich: committees and commissions, and therefore I recommended that he'd be appointed, so I accepted those requests from all of the city

council members, and you'll see in the one page document which is in the packet. And that's actually the document that I will be referring to, because it's a nice summary one page

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Mayor Diana Rich: and someone here. If you could identify what page in the packet is that Vice mayor. So that'll be page 4 in the staff. Report. And it's a one page summary.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'll be referring that for purpose, referring to that for purposes of this discussion. But please understand that basically, I accepted all requests except in one instance, and in that one page summary you'll see where there were multiple requests. So, for instance, Calcicity's Legislative Committee.

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Mayor Diana Rich: we had councilmember Mauer and Council Member Mc. Lewis, requesting appointment and the appointment that I recommended was to Council Member Mc. Lewis, and that was because Council Member Mc. Lewis had made very few requests for primary appointment. So that was my call on that, and I would. Rich

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Mayor Diana Rich: that was the Calcicity's ledge board.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, so there was that as an example, the other one that I believe.

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Mayor Diana Rich: No, I think. Is anyone aware here on the city council of any other appointments where I made where I chose between, I made a recommendation between 2,

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Mayor Diana Rich: I think that was the only one. So in the in the alternate category. What I did was, I accepted those requests that had been submitted, and then, where there were open

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Mayor Diana Rich: slots, I left those open for discussion tonight. and where there were 2 city Council members who were interested in a particular alternate slot, you'll see that they're identified.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So, moving through this.

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Mayor Diana Rich: we have the open slots just to make sure that we're aware of it. Would be 0 way. Sonoma is the first way one identified as a 5 on this list. 0 way, Sonoma. The alternate is open.

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Mayor Diana Rich: the Ab. 939 local task force. The primary and alternate are open, the Russian river watershed, the primary is still open. There were no requests for that.

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Mayor Diana Rich: If we scoot way down to grabenstein health Action, Coalition, Laguna stakeholders, lantern and Library Advisory Board. There are no alternates appointed recommended, because no one made those requests.

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Mayor Diana Rich: If we scoot down to the senior center, we can see that both, that the primary is open as is the case with Sebastian world friends, and that we have 2 Council members who were interested in the alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: all the way down E. 11 Climate Action Committee. We can see that there is an open spot for the alternate of one of those 2. So that's where we are with basically the the overall

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Mayor Diana Rich: big view. On this, I will also point out that in terms of primary appointments, what this has at the moment is 7 to myself as Mayor rich, 7 to Council, member to Vice Mayor Solman, 5 to Council member Hinton, 5 to Council member and 5 to councilmember McClus.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So I have a process that, like I'd like to go through with this, but my first question to everyone would be, when you look at all of this and the names that are here, I'd like to go down the board, and you can let us know, please, if there are any, that you would rather not

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Mayor Diana Rich: be appointed to in these recommendations, because I think that's really important. There may have been a different opinion

that you have since then. So, for instance, council Member Mara, when you look at the recommendations here. Are there any that you would prefer to not be appointed to?

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Mayor Diana Rich: You might have changed your mind.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Primary work.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, excellent.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So let me put this here so we got now.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Alright, thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and anything else before we move on

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Mayor Diana Rich: any other. Well, I would like an alternate.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay? So you're questioning that someone step up to be an alternate answer. Okay, excellent. So your recommendation is the primary on would be to leave Laguna stakeholders alternate as none. No.

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay, okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: any other comments before we move on.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And we can come back to you. But if those are your primary, okay,

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Mayor Diana Rich: anyone else next. Okay, Vice Mayor, is Oldman.

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Mayor Diana Rich: No, I'm happy and thank you for doing this work.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I do think that is important for someone to be alternate on 0 waste. And some Member Mauer just said that she agrees with that. So unless anyone else really really wants it, be happy to

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do that.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I wanna make a pitch for AV 939. The only reason why I was listed is because Sonny Dow. Brad, I think, is her last name, was a wonderful participant, and then things changed, and so I stepped in.

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Mayor Diana Rich: But I'm hoping we can do more to advertise that opening, because I think it's a wonderful opportunity for citizens if we have more attention to it, and I think it would be really great if we had 2 citizens doing that, I don't really think we need interrupted in it. But I think at some point we should just stop it, because there is information on that. So that's my, that's my point

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Mayor Diana Rich: viewpoint there.

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Mayor Diana Rich: the other thing.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And I was gonna

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Mayor Diana Rich: make a suggestion on

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Mayor Diana Rich: I I'm happy to do some role with the senior center. Whether remains alternate. If

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Mayor Diana Rich: councilmember, Hutton would like to be primary, or

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Mayor Diana Rich: you can just duke it out for alternate.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay? And I think that's basically it. Your comments at the moment. Okay? And then,

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Mayor Diana Rich: councilmember. Hinton.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: yeah. So II I have a hard time with my current work schedule in doing middle of the day commitments. And that's changed. And I've been on this council for 7 years, and I've done

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: most of these committees at one time or another. So I would like to. II obviously work in the senior industry. So II thought, Okay, being an alternate to the senior center might make sense for me. I don't feel like I could take the commitment of the primary there and with world friends. I'm not sure what the primary full commitment is. I've been the alternate

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I'm happy to

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: They have nights.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Zoom Meetings. Yeah. So how do you know how often they are?

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I don't recall. So it's just yeah. So I'm I'm happy to take that. If no one else wants it. But II would also. I think I signed up for alternate, so I much prefer to stay the alternate on those 2 committees just because I don't wanna let anybody down. I have a pretty busy schedule right now, and I'm also on a very active Sonoma County Fair Board

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Committee that involves a lot of additional meetings in addition to council. So II don't want to spread myself too thin.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay,

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Mayor Diana Rich: see?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Okay, there we go. So I was

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I expressed an interest in this art position, so if I relieved you of that position that might free you up in in for the senior center.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Sure, that'd be great. Great!

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Well, I still don't necessarily want to be primary on Senior Center.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: just because

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I don't know his echoing. But

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Just because if it's during the day, I just I work out of town, and so even to do the lunch with a May or the lunch with the council members was a big commitment which I've just committed to 2 of those. But if if they need day meetings, it's it's an impossible commitment for me. Monday through Friday. I think it's 40'clock. Yeah, I can barely make it here, so I will not be able to take primary on Senior center.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay? So you're happy to take the arts. Thank you. Yeah. Yeah. Okay, there you go. So we have, Mary, could you do us a favor and just keep track of these expressions of interest.

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Mayor Diana Rich: so just to summarize where we are right now and then. Council member, Mcclose. We need to hear from you. Council member, Vice Mayor, is all, and has expressed a willingness to do the 0 waste alternate position.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The Russian river watershed primary. We have council member. Our has expressed a willingness to take that on. Those are both really important the Laguna stakeholders. We're not gonna worry about getting an alternate. We're gonna put na on that one. And then when we get town to Senior Center World friends.

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Mayor Diana Rich: council Member Hinton is still willing to do both of the alternates. We're gonna go up to 7 Arts, where it looks like we're going to substitute Council member, Mount for Council Member Hinton as primary.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And you're comfortable with that councilmember.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Actually, could you repeat it?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Sure. So with sub art, my understanding is that we are going to substitute a Council Member Power for Council Member Hinton as primer. Okay.

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Mayor Diana Rich: then, if we could get some comments and input, from Council member, Mc. Lewis, we haven't heard from you.

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Councilmember McLewis: Are you comfortable with what's been recommended? And do you have any additional interest?

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Councilmember McLewis: I'm comfortable with what's been recommended? I cannot commit to anything more than I know I can do. You know, I don't

wanna commit to something I can't do as far as sub world friends. They know that I can attend all their meetings. So I just report out when it's something important. So that's how we communicate. II mean. So I'm I'm happy to take the primary on that as long as everyone's comfortable with me, continuing it that way, because I just I can't attend all these meetings with

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: with my work commitments as well. So, and if you just want to communicate with me like we did about the other thing, like, if you can't.

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Councilmember McLewis: Then maybe I can as the alternate. So yeah, I mean, basically, I've attended their events. And then their meetings. They just keep me abreast, and they call me. Send us both emails, then really appropriate. And honestly, I down the road. I hope we can discuss report outs versus everybody going all these meetings. But that's just my thought. But anything else, though.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So thank you. So we have for some best world friends. We can slide in council. Member Mcclus, Primary and Council Member Hinton. As the alternate

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Councilmember McLewis: so looks like. And obviously you 2 will be working together, and the understanding here is that Council member flows will not necessarily be attending all of those meetings, but I have to point out that these lease on roles are really very individual. I mean, there isn't a requirement. It's it's just what works for the lease on and the and the nonprofit.

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Councilmember McLewis: okay, so what does that leave us with Senior setup Senior Center Senior Center, which is d 9. council member. You're comfortable doing alternative, but not doing so. What I'm hearing.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Yes, I cannot attend on a regular basis at 4 pm. But if somebody else would like the position. But

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Mayor Diana Rich: so, as I look at, you're now at

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Mayor Diana Rich: 6, so the question is whether you're comfortable taking on another

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Councilmember McLewis: lead position.

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Mayor Diana Rich: We have Steven taking on 7. So it's really, I mean, in terms of workload. It's between, you know, I think you guys have to decide. Yeah, what do you feel?

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Mayor Diana Rich: I just agreed to the arts. Alright. And it sounds like I'm gonna be primary again. If you communicate with me. If you can't make it by email.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I'll try to make it work. Okay. So we've got for the senior center.

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Mayor Diana Rich: your zoom as primary and

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Councilmember McLewis: Council Member Hinton as the alternate.

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Councilmember McLewis: So help me out here. What are we missing? We're back up to the the Climate Action Committee.

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Councilmember McLewis: Yeah. Process.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Mary, girl, have any concerns about doing that?

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Mayor Diana Rich: No, we we can donate, and we don't have any disagreement on that one.

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Councilmember McLewis: Alright that's there. And council member vice Mayor Zelman, do you feel that there was a need for a primary and an alternate?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay? So if we can just focus on getting a primary, then we're probably going to be okay there.

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Mayor Diana Rich: If we get a lot of interest, we'll go ahead with it going down to gravity action coalition question for

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Councilmember McLewis: well, let's go to climate action. Maybe that's really the most important. So the Climate Action Committee currently has 2 city council appointees. One is the 0 waste is just by definition. Whoever's on 0 waste phenomena which happens to be council member power is appointed to our 0 waste to our Climate Action Committee.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The second slot for a city Council member is an At large slot.

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Councilmember McLewis: My, I have currently I've been holding that out large slot.

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Mayor Diana Rich: My suggestion? Well, first, I would put it out there, is there anyone specifically interested in picking up that slot?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Does I have a proposal if there isn't no okay. So my proposal and we need direction from from Mary Germain on how to navigate this, and perhaps with Kerry swans from the staff on that climate Action Committee is that we eliminate that second at large position on the Climate Action Committee.

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Councilmember McLewis: Any input on that is that something we can do here today as a decision? Or is there a process that needs to be followed?

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I am I just. I have concerns about eliminating a council number from that position.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Then what I'm gonna do is I will step council number. I just have some feedback on it, because when the Climate Action Committee was created. 2 positions were

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: unusually slotted. It's not normal for us. To slot 2 counselors

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: positions because current council wanted to fill them. For example, Sarah, like Gurney. So so that is why we got 2 positions and not one which would be normal on a typical committee of this council. And that's why I would be

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: favor of dropping back to one. Because that's kind of our protocol. Okay? And what I'm hearing, though, is some general.

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Mayor Diana Rich: My proposal, then, is that given the comments from Council Member Mara, who is actively on the Climate Action Committee, that perhaps this is a topic that we need to bring back after discussion with the Climate Action Committee. For consideration by the full City Council. But Kerry Swanson, do you have some input on that.

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Kari Svanstrom: No, I think a couple of things I know that committee itself has John Jay, associate planner is the main staff to that liaison to that committee at this point, but he and I have conversations, so I know the intent of what's going on. I know they're having also some

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Kari Svanstrom: conversations about their committee structure, and how often they meet, and that type of thing, I think. When?

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Kari Svanstrom: So the committee itself was created by a resolution. That did not talk about, who would all be on the committee that came back at a later time, and I believe was just approved by a minute order. But I do know that the intent of that and the composition was to be somewhat flexible in terms of number of memberships.

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Kari Svanstrom: And so I feel like if if Council II would say it would be nice to have an alternate, because there are items that come up that it's nice to have a council perspective on for things that come to council.

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Kari Svanstrom: But now that the climate action framework is completed and adopted, they do have a bit more direction on that. So I think you know, from my perspective, I think certainly a council member.

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Kari Svanstrom: possibly an alternate. But I don't think it needs to necessarily have 2 counts numbers at all the meetings. And I think what we've seen last year actually is, is Mayor rich and quite well, actually.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So I guess that would be so. I think deferring to Council member is has has proposed to be continuing on the Climate Action Committee. I think we have a couple of alternatives, and I think it'd be useful for all of us to hear what your recommendation would be. One alternative would be that I step up and feel that

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Mayor Diana Rich: open position which I'm willing to do. And then we can initiate a discussion about any change with the Climate Action Committee bring it back to the City Council basically table the discussion. The other alternative is that we go with a primary and an alternate, and that council member and I could be the alternate council member. And I. So I'm gonna ask you for your recommendation.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So I signed up to continue with this with the belief that there would be 2 council members moving together. So that basically, we're Browning up on issues that the climate committee took to us.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And that's important to me. Okay, otherwise it's just more like a liaison position a little bit. So I'm going to go ahead and volunteer to be in that position, and then it sounds like there might be an opportunity. Bring it back to full city Council discussion. Can we close out. That. Does anyone on the City Council have any? Is everyone here comfortable with that outcome on the Climate Action Committee? For the moment thumbs up.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. Okay, fine. Alright. So that takes care of that. Going up to the top, I think what we filled in is on 0 waste Council member. Zulman has volunteered to be the alternate, and I want to confirm. No one else was interested in that alternate position.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I don't think so. Okay, so that'll be council member Vice Mayor Solomon. 89, 39. We're gonna look for a public map, a member of the public, and we're not gonna get a second slot Russian River waterway. We're looking at Council Member. Now and then we'll go down to gravity, health action under leis on rolls. We do have an open alternate

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Councilmember McLewis: for gravity, health, action, and open alternate for lantern and open alternate for Library Advisory Board. I'm respectful of what we're hearing from Council Member Hinton and Council Member Mcclus. Their time is pretty tight, and they're doing as much as they can. I'm looking at the at those positions that others have stepped up, for I'm happy to step in and be alternate on lantern and alternate on the low library Advisory board.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And Health Action coalition. Anyway, everyone. I'm sorry. Go ahead. Yeah, thank thank thank. Thank. Thank thank you. Madam Mayor, so unlocked. And again, this is kind of what I discussed with Mary at the beginning of last year. It is in the wind down process. So

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Councilmember McLewis: I I'm just kind of there, continued layers on. But if you want to step in case something happens to me. That's great, too, I think on my suggestion, my recommendation. We're going to go down and vote on this is lantern. Let's have counsel, Vice Mayor Zelman as the primary, because he'd like to continue in there as they. And let's do not replicable on the alternate good. Okay? So that puts me in the grab with team health action, alternate slot and library advisory board

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Mayor Diana Rich: slot as the alternate.

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Councilmember McLewis: And I think we've got it all worked out. Mary, girly. do you want to go through and summarize for us? Is what I'd like to do is just maybe go through, or shall I?

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Mayor Diana Rich: What would be your

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Mayor Diana Rich: 5 entities, former mosquito and vector, control district? We have Mayor rich. Me, there is no need for an alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: on Sonoma County transportation authority, that is, by definition. Actually, that is, Council Member Hinton and Vice Mayor Solomon. Same with regional Climate Protection Agency. Those are 2 linked, the next one clean power. We have Vice Mayor, Solman, Council member, and I'm doing primary and ultimate

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Mayor Diana Rich: 0 way, Sonoma. We have council member, Mayor, and then Vice Mayor Solomon.

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Councilmember McLewis: in the next section is the county-wide advisor. Agencies, and that's 89 39. We're gonna go after a public member, just for the primary Santa Rosa plane groundwater Sustainability Council Member Kenton Primary Council, member Mc. Lewis, alternate

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Councilmember McLewis: Russian River watershed. We have Council member as Primary and council member as alternate.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Next section is the other government agencies. We have a bank which by definition is the mayor as primary, and we have vice Mayor, so many as secondary as alternate of California cities. We have the mayor by definition as primary, and the vice mayor as alternate cal cities legislative account. We have

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Mayor Diana Rich: primary and Vice Mayor Zelman as alternate mayors, council members, association by definition. The mayor, and then the order on alternate is Vice Mayor, then Hinton Denmar, and then, Lewis. It's just alphabetical

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Mayor Diana Rich: looking at counsel, liaison, roles. We have gravestine health action, coalition that is, vice Mayor Solman and Mayor and myself, Diana, rich as the alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: stakeholders. We're only filling the primary, and that is council Member lantern, only filling the primary, and that is Vice Mayor Solomon Advisory Board. We have a Council member, Vice Primary and me Diana, rich as alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: Chamber of Commerce, that is, Council member of Lewis, and then it's Vice Mayor Solman. As the alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: Seb arts. We have Council Member Mauer as the primary and vice, Mary Solman as the alternate.

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Mayor Diana Rich: the Sebastical Community Cultural Center. We have Council member with Blues, Primary and Council Member Mauer, as the alternate Sebastian Downtown Association. I have recommended, as you see, on the sheet that we eliminate those positions I did confirm with Mariah hope that it has been folded into the Chamber of Commerce any objection to that

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Mayor Diana Rich: no great

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Mayor Diana Rich: the senior center we have.

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Councilmember McLewis: I'm not even sure. Vice Mayor Solomon as primary and Council member in as the alternate Sebast world friends, we have council Member Lewis, Primary and Council member hidden as alternate Communications unit. That's me, Diana, rich as primary Council member Lewis, as alternate

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Mayor Diana Rich: homeless services organizations. That's me as the primary and counsel Vice Mayor Zoomman. As the alternate.

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Mayor Diana Rich: We then go into the Committee Council created Committees. The Gender review committee by definition, Mayor and Vice Mayor Budget Committee continues to be Council Member Mauer, and vice versa. Homeless coalition continues to begin a glass. She's confirmed her interest with

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Mayor Diana Rich: with I actually recommending by secure zone as the alternate there

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Mayor Diana Rich: the homeless coalition elections. Recommending the

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Mayor Diana Rich: our vice Mayor

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Mayor Diana Rich: zone. Actually, I'm sorry, recommending unit last with our Vice Mayor Zoom alternate. We continue with Council Member Hinton and Council Member Lewis.

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Mayor Diana Rich: continue Council, member

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Mayor Diana Rich: and then rich. Those are

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Mayor Diana Rich: the slots. Oh, yes, the Eif ad hoc that I would recommend. We continue with vice Solman and myself. Diana rich.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So those are all the recommendations. Can we go for public comment? And then we'll bring it back through discussion about

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Mary Gourley: public comment.

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Mary Gourley: Zoom, if you would like to make a problem there.

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Councilmember McLewis: Blynn, can you mute yourself? Please

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Councilmember McLewis: go ahead.

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02:50:22.630 --> 02:50:27.500

17078248417: It's kind of this whole meeting, you know, has.

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17078248417: because, because there's a lot of room for improvement in the sound for people on Zoom.

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17078248417: Anyway, what I wanna say is, I wanna preface my comment with, just a little bit of clarification that the canopy project that I was referring to. It's a 96 unit monstrosity. It's located. They're planning on clearing out that wonderful old apple orchard behind O'riley. And so that's where that is located, and it needs to be stopped.

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17078248417: And I'm in communication with the project director. And she's a very reasonable, wonderful person. So that said what my comment is also. So I heard, here Diana Rich is once again you know the representative for the Sonoma, Marin

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17078248417: Cincinnati mosquito and vector control

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17078248417: district, which I spent an enormous amount of time dealing with, you know, and and grand jury complaint and and all that. But anyway, it sort of worked. And I got a front page article, you know, after after

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17078248417: having a 4 year

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17078248417: over 4 years of a support group for lyme disease, which is an epidemic here, and it's only gotten worse. The point is that Diane Rich, I do not believe that you are doing your your job there. While we were vocal and I was active. We got the the Marin Sonoma vector control to put up billboards regarding lyme disease like 101.

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17078248417: Anyway, they're still. They're still not gouging people with our

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17078248417: tax and paying exorbitant salaries and unnecessary vehicles, and that we've got an epidemic of lyme disease which is not being

properly addressed, and the signs are not being properly put where they should like in the like in the Laguna that should be really

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02:52:39.050 --> 02:52:45.230

Mary Gourley: back in the chambers.

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Councilmember McLewis: Yes, I can.

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Councilmember McLewis: No, it's okay. But I won't be too long.

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Kyle Falbo: So I just want to use this, the opportunity to remind this Council that

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Kyle Falbo: the reporting mechanism for these very, very important committee assignments.

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Kyle Falbo: Should really be that you're able to provide

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Kyle Falbo: good, regular written reports out to councils that way in the inevitability that we hit 1030, and we aren't able to to accurately schedule, or reporting out from subcommittees or from, you know, other liaison assignments, that there is a nice record of

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Kyle Falbo: your attendance, your participation and and I. And I really wanna look at the Eifa as kind of a an example of what good reporting out might look like.

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Kyle Falbo: I think that we've seen some other reporting out from other the committees that just doesn't provide the level of detail and like specificity about what is actually happening at these meetings. I'd really highly encourage that. We start to see good strong reporting out moving forward from all of these the assignments. Thanks so much.

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Mary Gourley: Hey? Thank you, Kyle, for your public comments.

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Councilmember McLewis: I see.

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Councilmember McLewis: Could you please unmute me?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay.

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02:54:45.190 --> 02:54:47.660
Mayor Diana Rich: thank you very much.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Thank you. Eric, early for coordinating that. And then I want to take a minute to refer to turn to our city manager. He may be interested in contributing.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): not need to help. We don't need to vote.

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Don Schwartz: Yeah, thank you. So there's a couple of things, one that I thought about advanced one that struck me during.

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Councilmember McLewis: So let's meet. One

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Don Schwartz: recommendations minor, one zoom for flood control. We're suggesting we take that and move it from Ght or engineering and move that over to our public works team. That's Phd's suggestion.

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Don Schwartz: They also suggested that I'm not sure we have the table right for the Russian River Watershed Watershed Association Top advisory committee to reduce their role or limited their role shifted over to staff. And I call this out

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Don Schwartz: really for 2 reasons. One, I know there's a lot of questions, and to ask for about use of consultants.

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Don Schwartz: And this is a consultant suggested. We make these changes which is going to reduce their fees that they charge. This will save us a few bucks. It's, you know, a drop in the bucket, but we'll take every drop in every bucket we can get to move the cost over to staff time. So I just wanna

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Don Schwartz: call that out. And another

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Councilmember McLewis: thing I'd like to

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Don Schwartz: ask, and I'm sure we can do this. Mary could send me straight up. I'm incorrect here with some staffing changes that we know are coming like to have you allow me to designate or redesignate some of the staff positions here. For covering meetings.

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Don Schwartz: This, we're gonna need some flexibility, and I'd rather not have to come back to the Council each time if I need to substitute one person

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Don Schwartz: for another. So if that's allowable, I'd like the action to include sitting manager discretion on the staff

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Councilmember McLewis: whenever there's a staff name. If we need to make a change for us to do that.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: thank you. And we're referring now to the chart, the full table that's included in the staff report that begins really on page 5.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Correct. This must be staff assignments that are in that table. And I see that council Member Hinton has a question or comment. Yeah, I wanted to just point out, while I'm not the current

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: primary representative of Russia watershed. I was a member of that

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: for 5 to 6 years, and was the vice chair of that committee. There are 2 arms to rush over watershed. One is the elected arm, and that's the position that councilmember Nower and Mclas as the alternate fill. And then there's a technical working group that is a staff position that our consultant has filled since we don't have a permanent person. II don't think that.

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Councilmember McLewis: So I'm not sure if you're familiar with that organization. But there are 2.

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Don Schwartz: So in this case, I'm just referring this example to the technical advisory committee. So not not to the board position as we're seeing. Staffing changes

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): happen.

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Don Schwartz: That that's it. We'll just put the most appropriate person that's available in the seat at the time.

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Don Schwartz: I think we'll try and honor this. I think this largely reflects today what makes the most sense. But

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Don Schwartz: any day there's there will be changes in the coming weeks and months. I don't wanna have to go back to the Council for something for staff representation at these meetings. If you could just allow us to have the discretion

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Don Schwartz: to make those changes as we.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So I'm seeing generalize thumbs up on that request from our city manager. Is that correct? So what we'd be saying is that as to any staff assignments that are represented in this full table that begins

on page 5 the City Council would give our city manager discretion to to designate appropriate staff moving forward without

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Mayor Diana Rich: checking in with the city Council initially is that? And everyone looks to be in support of that. Do you want a formal vote from us on that, or is that? How is that? Only if we need to formalize the action. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: well, I think we might as well marry. Okay. Any other comments from our city manager any other. Alright, and thank you. Council Member Hinton, for for sharing your expertise on the Russian river watershed. So my, yes.

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Mayor Diana Rich: yeah. So yeah. So I'm now looking. I'm no further discussion being asked, so I'm now looking for a motion to approve that lengthy list

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Mayor Diana Rich: that I read out in order to relieve Mary girly from her

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Councilmember McLewis: manager.

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Councilmember McLewis: I'll second. Okay. Oh, public comment.

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Councilmember McLewis: So please handle

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay, item number 5 and 6

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Mayor Diana Rich: might as well go through them in order number 5 is approval of Sebastol walks 2,024 program for city sponsorship.

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Mayor Diana Rich: This was pulled by me. And

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Mayor Diana Rich: I have some comments and council member. Mara council member, Mara, would you like to make some comments? Okay, so.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And the reason for pulling this was 2 fold. One is 2 request that the 3 council members who are leading walks, and those would be me, and Councilmember Hinton and Vice Mayor Solomon.

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Mayor Diana Rich: consider inviting the remaining Council Members Council Member Mauer and Council Member Mcclus to co-lead to officially co-lead, not to join the walks, but to co-lead their walks.

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Mayor Diana Rich: The purpose there is to make sure that in terms of our participation from all council members we provide an equal opportunity for all council members to participate. So that's the first piece, and so I'd ask for consideration of that proposal, and I would lead on that in inviting

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Mayor Diana Rich: councilmember, mayor and council member to join me on the particular walk that I am scheduled to lead, and I think it would help everyone to know what the heck that walk was. So I am leading the businesses with the behind the businesses tool.

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Mayor Diana Rich: and I'll pull up the the agenda item. But if anyone else has. Oh, there it is. Okay. So I am leading the march.

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Mayor Diana Rich: 30 businesses behind the scenes

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Mayor Diana Rich: walk, and these all start at a meet at 9 Am. I think it is at the Plaza, and usually are done by noon. I would be happy to invite either of our council members to join me as poly in that walk.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I see. Council. Member. Okay. Sorry. Okay. The walk that is led by council, member by Vice Mayor. Zolman. Remind me what date that is? Vice versa. November. Okay, so that would be November 30. Again, a Saturday at 9, and that was nonprofit. Sebastopol

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Mayor Diana Rich: is that one that you would be willing, Vice Mayor, to have someone co-lead with you. Absolutely. Okay, either of

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay. So we've got we've got Council Member Mauer interested in co-leading, and then the final walk is Council Member Hinton's Walk, which I think is that great? I walk, ie.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Do you wanna do it with me. Sure. So Jill and I'll lead it, and other council members are welcome. I've co-led this walk for the last 2 years, and I created it, I think, about 5 years ago. And so it's a favorite, and I have my list of restaurants, old favorites, and new discovery. So

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Mayor Diana Rich: I'll co-lead with councilmember Mcluwat, and we'll probably add a chocolate shop and and then anybody can join, of course. Okay, so that one is September 28. Then I think the second part of

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Mayor Diana Rich: the request here would be to direct, as a condition of sponsorship, that the Sebastol Walks Flyer, be edited asap to reflect those Co lead roles, not just as someone who's joining, but it would be leaders. And then the names of the leaders.

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Mayor Diana Rich: everyone. Okay with that. And then I think there's a final piece council member.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Yeah. So to update supplier to include the co-leaders. And then in the future, just to be sure that all council members are invited to lead, so that it's equitable.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): unless it was just the mayor being invited to leave. But

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): so that's our request for the future.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Yeah, I will say that I've made this request in the past. And

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and how I got the situation solved was to offer co-leaders because they feel like

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: on their side that they are a nonprofit group, and that it's really hard to include their entire group and also have 5 of us with separate walks. So that that is how we did the co-leader 3 years ago, I think. And that's when Diana and Euna joined to be on the food walk when

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: they weren't

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: part of the organization. I'll just say so. I just wanna

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: say that we have had this discussion with the walks group before, and that is the feedback we've gotten, and might just take some more advanced coordination with us to make sure that we do some Co leads because it comes around every year

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Mayor Diana Rich: and we could certainly send that feedback. But II wanna I wanna give the feedback from the group as well. Yeah, I think what we'd be doing as a city council. My proposal was would be that we are making this a condition of sponsorship.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: If they want the city to sponsor this walk, then, at the outset

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: they need to reach out to all the city council members, and that might mean that we're not saying that they have to give us 5 walks, but that there would be a Co lead offer. May I mean, I think that's what we're. It's a form. Is that acceptable to everyone?

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03:07:55.410 --> 03:08:09.940

Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Okay, anything else? If you would like to come here, I will do your business as well. He didn't want to do it by yourself. I'll do with you, or you can do it on your own up to you. Okay.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: all accept that offer? Why not?

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Mayor Diana Rich: There you go. Awesome. Okay? Okay? So so then, we've had some discussion public. We need to go out to the public on this item, and then we'll come back.

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Kyle Falbo: There we go. Yeah. Thanks. One thing about this.

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I do.

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Kyle Falbo: Okay. So the one thing I just wanna mention regarding this particular event being city sponsored is that I really hope that the city can keep

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Kyle Falbo: along the lines of the food, wear ordinance

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Kyle Falbo: that the city passed

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Kyle Falbo: in 2022, that ordinance requires very specific regarding usable utensils for food non, basically 0 ways. As our as policy is stated. So it would be my hope, especially with Council Member land walks.

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Kyle Falbo: that we're actually upholding the ordinance that we, as a body, have enacted for those walks. Thanks so much.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment.

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Mary Gourley: Wendy, please

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: go ahead and call the commentator.

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Mary Gourley: can you hear us?

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17078248417: Can you hear me. Yes, we can hear you, Linda.

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03:10:05.820 --> 03:10:17.410
17078248417: You know you're kind of garbled as the you know, I'm not getting good audio from you. But anyway, so here's what I have to say. So again, I'd like to mention that.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Yeah, yes, we can hear you, Linda.

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17078248417: Hang on. I'm getting like an echo or something funny

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17078248417: event. I used to love those walks. I went on them all the time and and I met some really wonderful people there. I and I did it until I could no longer do it because of the

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17078248417: levels of radiation and my sensitivity to it. You know where I was developing nosebleeds from people's cell phones, and the other wireless radiation, and also a massive migraines from from being around the same thing. So I'm once again suggesting that it would be really interesting to have somebody lead a wok to point out, you know, like the the Omega, the

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17078248417: Major Macro cell towers. We've got 4 of them throughout the city. And and it'll raise the consciousness about the harm and danger from man-made pulse, electromagnetic fields.

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17078248417: frequencies, the energy, radiation and and signals, which is only getting worse, and our cancer rates are just going sky high. And of course.

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17078248417: big calls for the most calls for our fire department are medical calls, you know, 60% of our medical calls. So anyway,

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17078248417: is A, that's something that needs to be done. People need to start being more aware of

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17078248417: Hermanda, of a pulse man made electromagnetic fields.

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Mary Gourley: Another interesting walk that I would recommend is that some of the people come over here and meet the residents of the Rv. Village. You know, my neighbors for the last 2 years I can guarantee they're very interesting group, and it was 2 min

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17078248417: about your fellow residents.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you. Thank you for another comment.

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Mary Gourley: Again, this is for public comment on the if you'd like to make a public comment. Please raise your hand virtually

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Mayor Diana Rich: and motion any further discussion.

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Mayor Diana Rich: No, okay. So I'm gonna take a shot at the motion, because I think, and council member, Mayor, do you wanna take? Do you wanna pull together the motion you've been tracking, so I will move that we rebot we

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): approved the walk schedule for 2024, with all revisions.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Council, Member Mc. Lewis will be walking on the day Council Member Hinton and Council Member Maur will be walking with

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): there, which.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): and Vice Mayor Zulan.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): and that ask for an updated flyer to be circulated with those names inserted. and that we request with a feature that all council members be invited to do the walk.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): That's my question.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Okay, any comments from Staff before we vote?

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Okay, my comments?

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Mary Gourley: Oh, sorry.

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Don Schwartz: Okay, and that is, do you want on the last part of the motion? Do you want to make that condition about all council members invited to participate that can future condition of city sponsorship. So it's not an ask. It's a requirement for city sponsorship. Thank you that clarification.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Thank you very much. So we have a motion looking for a second. Okay, great. Very good

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): with

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): distribution. And that

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: council member.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I'm sorry.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Excellent, thank you very much. The next item is Number 6, which, pulled by Vice Mayor Zulan. That is, approval of new sculptures

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): for community sculpture garden. So we'll turn it over to you vice Mayor? Vice Mayor. So yes, thank you, Madam Aaron. So in an effort to kind of keep things moving along, I sent 2 questions to Kerry, and, as indicated before, she answered one of them, I think it's just an oversight on that, not answering the other way, as we all know things that are free are always, I think, voting council member. I'll make Louis on that.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Things that are free usually are always free, and in particular, for this. I think I got that right, anyway.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I I'm very appreciative of those people volunteering their sculptures think it's great, but as we learn it as a member of the public pointed out, earlier things break, and then when they break, and whose responsibility is it

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): to fix it so that it doesn't create a public nuisance, which I did agree with her, because once she submitted photographs really bad. So I want to know

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): from Harry what the public works. Time is involved, entire process like, if something breaks because they have to monitor installation, it's like, now they want to physical

prices. I really wanna be mindful of what hours we're invoking for various staff.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): and she answered that back that she thinks that the pack members do most of the logistics public works usually has a day to assist with installations likely an hour or 2, a planning staff time.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): But that doesn't really cover the first question, which is as indicated who's responsible for the cost of

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): grounding sculptures, and if Heaven forbid! They break, as has happened in the past, who's responsible for fixing it so it doesn't become a hazard. So those are my 2 questions.

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Kari Svanstrom: Sure. Thank you. Vice Mayor Zelman. So the we do have in our call that any damage to the sculptures is

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Kari Svanstrom: the responsibility of the sculptor to fix.

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Kari Svanstrom: Obviously, most people are just wouldn't want someone else fixing their piece any, anyway? And that, you know, there's no liability to the city if it does break and yes, we did have that happen with a couple of sculptures last year. Happy to say, after that the rest of them have been in place without any issues.

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Kari Svanstrom: Since then. That would continue to be the play the case here. When those damages did happen?

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Kari Svanstrom: I actually an email from one of the pack members, one of our committee members and asked them to contact the artist. They actually, you know, we met today to finalize at our public art meeting.

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Kari Svanstrom: they we finalize the 4 sculptures locations where they would be on the pads. The pack chair is actually working with contacting all of the sculptors in terms of the time they need, and so figuring out

so that it's condensed so that public works only needs to be out there for the

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Kari Svanstrom: 2 or 3 h minimal time.

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Kari Svanstrom: Understanding that. Obviously, this is a concern. And I also want to respect our public works staff. They do a lot of hard work. So if something yeah, when it was when something was damaged last time it was the pack committee member staff was alerted. But it was really the committee member contacting the artists and the artists dealing with it.

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Kari Svanstrom: So it is fairly minimal. We do have they actually paid for this for new sculpture paths that are out there that are installed, that they're proposing these sculptures for out of the park the Public Art Fund, which, just to remind you all is a development impact fee to certain commercial development into a restricted fund that

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Kari Svanstrom: can only be used for public art. And so this is not, does not affect the general fund at all in that way.

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Mayor Diana Rich: the public.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): for like it seemed like weeks. So it's in their contract that if the sculptures have to do it, then they have like, how much time? 24 h, whatever to remedy the nuisance.

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Kari Svanstrom: Yeah, I think there is. There isn't a specified time. Our pack actually talked about having a more specifics this time. I go around, since it is a learning process. And so we could certainly specify a set amount of time.

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Councilmember McLewis: The sculpture. I'm thinking of the the Rebar one was fixed, and then it was red damage, and so there was a little. And that's that's something. I that Rebar was like that for a couple of weeks, which I saw. It's concerning to me to have rebar in a park I mean any one following on that could be in Pam.

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Councilmember McLewis: I mean, it's just so. That was a concern of mine. And then can you clarify for me? Isn't it? It's public works

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Councilmember McLewis: that installs all of the the the so they assist the artists. But the artists. So I know, actually. And how much time does that take because of my recollection when I talk to someone that they had to put staff in there to not doing any more maintenance on that at all, or like they're not. There's no time from them whatsoever.

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Kari Svanstrom: as noted. They will be there probably about half a day, as usually 2 people half a day worthy on the day of the installation. 3 of the sculptures will require assistance because of the weight and size of them the 2 10 foot ones, and the marble one, which is, you know, couple of 100 pounds.

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Councilmember McLewis: the other one will not require assistance, it'll be installed by the artists entirely concern. Where's the liability? Why.

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Councilmember McLewis: it's our part. But do we have some sort of contract with them or like, how does that work? Because I'm seriously I mean, you know, I was worried about someone following on that because I have a friend permanently disfigured from that. So in in a continuous problem. So, as

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Kari Svanstrom: you know, responsible for the city here, I like better understand that right, and I'm happy to say we do not have any rebar sculptures. I do. I do understand that. There was a lag because the artists was traveling at the time, but I totally understand the concern. We do have them sign the volunteer waiver release of liability kind of stuff for this.

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Kari Svanstrom: But yeah.

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Kari Svanstrom: very strong waiver.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: So this sounds like an issue that needs to be inquired into further in terms of liability and the cost involved. I'm

not sure how to handle that. This may be a future question in terms of the sculptures they've already been approved.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: They're scheduled to be installed. I'm wondering if there's a resolution here that would work for everyone that would allow the installation of these sculptures, and maybe bump it back to our city manager and staff

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): to come back to the City Council with recommendations and advice regarding this, the future treatment, I thought, I'm not alright because I share council members. Louis is concerned, and the fact that, allowing these things on our own property. So, being a personal entry attorney that brings up a lot of issues for me as far as liability, I want to do a nice thing. At the same token we are working.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: We are financially, and I'm not ready to set us up for liability manager. Perhaps with the city attorney

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: weighing in because we need some idea of what we should do in this particular situation.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I think the question is, is there a path forward that would allow approval of these sculptures. With some future assessment of a policy moving forward, or we're hearing some serious concern from at least 2 City Council members that they aren't even interested in approving this sculpture project. Now, I think that's what I hear. Correct. So where do we go?

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Councilmember McLewis: So

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Don Schwartz: I guess it's a matter of how conservative do you want to be, and the most conservative

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Don Schwartz: and work on? And that probably would be my recommendation.

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Don Schwartz: On, on. How we ought to handle this is is, take it back. Let's do some homework. Come back to you. If we need to consult with Public Arts Commission on that. Then

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Don Schwartz: then we'll leave. I think we at least need to inform them. But.

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Don Schwartz: we'll take a look at that

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Don Schwartz: coverage also mentioned that we are fully covered by our insurance

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right?

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Kari Svanstrom: I can respond to that because these are all being through loan to the city at no cost. There is no insurance required by the artists for the sculptures in this case. And so this that would be a obviously financial

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Kari Svanstrom: component for them if that were to happen.

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Don Schwartz: What kind of hours that all of that case? Because it's

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: yeah. I feel like I got a way in. I mean.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I understand liability. And there was a problem.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: But I also think the arts really important, like, I walked down there a lot. We're always like, Oh, we wanna walk by. They are sculptures.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: So

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Councilmember McLewis: I mean, it's partly

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: enjoyment of our community, too. And this is a big project. We launch it. We have not our other big project. Even the net comp. Thing. I don't even know where that these days. So

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: I don't want to be sued. But, on the other hand, it would seem like we have the city attorney right on payroll here that could write a little contract that says.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Hey, to cover us and call our insurance company make sure we're covered from a liability standpoint.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: II just don't wanna say no, I guess. I understand. Maybe we've kinda let it get loosey goosey. But can we just type in that up and approve it?

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Don Schwartz: We could write a contract that would require the liability be assumed by the artists that contract in real life would only be as good as the financial ability of that particular artist.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: So I just I just feel really passionate about it. I don't want to go down this

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Councilmember McLewis: road all the way. Can't we just tighten things up right? I mean, I don't know. I hear you, but I don't wanna take the art of it.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Councilmember.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I agree with the Council member hitting the and just wanted to thank the Public Arts Committee. They put

in a lot of time and effort into this, and probably some money has been invested in it, and understanding the city's insured.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I think the arts are an enhancement to our city, and I would like to see them move forward.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So my question, I'm sorry. Did you finish so my question. One is liability and potential financial implications for the city. But the other concern that I'm hearing is a concern about

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and wasn't dealt with as quickly as it should have been commitment to the community from my perspective. Is there a way on

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Don Schwartz: liability? 2 questions?

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: How could we deal with?

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Don Schwartz: I'm trying in an effective way, so how can

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: languishing and unrepaired?

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Sure, like. I said, it was repaired once the second time the artist was out of town. We did have another our piece of damage. She came the very next day. And I think just

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Kari Svanstrom: our public, our community today talked about a of a loan agreement which would be the the agreement loan are to the city, and what that all means, you know to your timeframe.

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Kari Svanstrom: The responsibility of

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Kari Svanstrom: promptly addressing any damage to sculpture, I think, could very easily, you know, with the set.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: 2448 h could certainly be added to that phone agreement. Well, and I think my question would be, is there a backup option? Because what are the consequences? Is there option we have? We have a item that's creating potential danger on our city property. Honestly, ours is out of town, and there's been no arrangement, and it's sitting there for 48 h.

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Kari Svanstrom: Right? We did so we did discuss a very similar which was, you know, at the end of the loan. When we're out they're asked to remove it. In this case, it's removal in a very time structured way that needs to be reviewed within 60 days.

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Kari Svanstrom: that could obviously for a broke damage. 48 h and if they don't remove it, you know, basically abandon it, then it becomes the property, the city and the city can do. What's that? Whatever wants? And so we certainly just

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: put that in for so that would be my proposal in terms of moving forward with this, can we? Add that in as a specific condition, even if we tonight and in terms of liability.

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Don Schwartz: I don't.

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Don Schwartz: That's why for these similar

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Don Schwartz: insurance.

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Kari Svanstrom: So

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Councilmember McLewis: okay, got it. Council member.

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Mayor Diana Rich: you know, I think the answer may have been that we didn't really have the authority to remove the sculpture. One, I think the art, the artist in that case is said. I'm going to be back in town next week. I can deal with. I can deal with that

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Mayor Diana Rich: very much in favor. I am very much supportive. The art the the the artwork, I think with procurement personally is the artists make their sculptures available for free to the city and install them, and with that effort in, and the citizens group approves it and goes through the process. And what the city does on its part is access liability which is inherited art.

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Mayor Diana Rich: okay. So I don't think we're going to get out of that liability to decide to have any artists taking on a liability because anyone centered is gonna turn to the city regardless from the practical perspective.

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Councilmember McLewis: I do think that. And I don't require that the removed

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Councilmember McLewis: within a very limited amount of time. 48 h. if and then, if it is not that a public works is free to remove it

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Mayor Diana Rich: and take possession of it.

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Councilmember McLewis: And would that be removed or repaired to a safe state? Because I think it would be removed or repaired depending on the staff if it's gonna cost a lot of money, maybe not.

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Mayor Diana Rich: I mean, it's a artist's obligation, right?

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Councilmember McLewis: and then the other condition would be that that liability. So then we can determine whether going forward this public city council wants to take on.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): So that's my thoughts, anyone. And we still, I just like to add that that Public Arts Committee would ensure that these

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): our piece are secure.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): I mean, who's who's any user that they're secure? I mean, I would hope that

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): that is actually part of the installation day. We have both. What we have. Public are people who have done this curators before. Who are making the arrangements and making sure the artists knows the logistics of how to secure it to the pad. How to make sure it doesn't, you know, like that.

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Kari Svanstrom: And we talked about it today that 2 of these are triangle pieces right? And the other is they're doing a site built complete block

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Kari Svanstrom: with.

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Mayor Diana Rich: you know, adhesive. And then the the other piece is anchored to that, and so it can't be over kind of top with very much 600 pounds, and we have had our building official review in the past as well where appropriate.

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Don Schwartz: Okay, so go ahead, Vice Mayor.

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Don Schwartz: So in the past, the public works has provided their time for free. But I think that is something that we, you know we do have budget for in the public art fund where we could cover that staff time

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Don Schwartz: in the past. It's been provided for free. And is that how it is right now? So? And is there something we need to do to ensure it's coming out of that phone. The staff time for installation of these sculptures come out of the Public art committee phone

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Don Schwartz: and someone seconded it. I think

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Kari Svanstrom: artists to address any concerns

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Kari Svanstrom: or

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Don Schwartz: city can intervene up to and including removal to ensure public safety, are full discretion.

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Don Schwartz: regardless related to this, is to be charged the public art fund.

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Kari Svanstrom: II think that's that's what I'm hearing. I think it's the action

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Councilmember McLewis: that's fine.

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Councilmember McLewis: Given our Si financial situation, I mean, I love her. I go to museums all over the world. But at the same time

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Councilmember McLewis: we have a finance problem. So we need people to finance their homes.

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Mayor Diana Rich: you know. Okay, so I think I'm not sure where we are in terms of promotion. We don't know we have to go.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Mary. If you could handle that, that would be great.

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Kari Svanstrom: please.

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Don Schwartz: yeah. So this is for public comment, Kyle, can you unmute yourself?

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can.

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Don Schwartz: Yes, I can. Sure. I really appreciate the conversation tonight about cities the Council is concerned about liability.

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Kyle Falbo: I think. As we move in with city management. That further discussion about city liability, I hope, comes to the forefront. Be my hope that city could be more forthcoming

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Kyle Falbo: with any sort of civil litigation that the city might face.

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Kyle Falbo: Make those things. I know. I understand that there's kind of a quiet period during civil litigation, but historically, we have not been very forthcoming with litigation that we've experienced in the city.

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Kyle Falbo: And I'd like to see that change

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Kyle Falbo: at the same time this conversation around our insurance carrier

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Kyle Falbo: like to make sure that our city re re looks at who the city's representative is on that body. We've had some change and staffing in the last few months, and it'd be might be a good time to see who it is that would be best served on that body representing our city.

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Kyle Falbo: In terms of the art from day one that's rebar

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Kyle Falbo: sculpture was flimsy. When I went on that kind of opening ceremony which also remind you, somehow paid an outside city band. But

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Kyle Falbo: to perform that day. So it's hopefully not be paying outside city bands to perform for any sort of ceremony celebrating these statues. But it was very clear on that date that those rebar statues we're we're not gonna survive and be my hope that there'll be some greater oversight as to the structural integrity of any sort of sculpture that we have in our city. Thanks.

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Don Schwartz: thank you.

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Don Schwartz: Sculpture.

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Don Schwartz: Linda. Can you unmute yourself? Please

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Don Schwartz: go ahead.

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17078248417: you talking to me?

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Don Schwartz: Yes.

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17078248417: no, because there's there's a you know, like you're in a

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17078248417: echo chamber. It's not not clear at all. But in any event I am. I wanna make a comment, and I'm I'm planning on tying it into liability and art.

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17078248417: This is how I'm gonna do it. you know the

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17078248417: recipe project that I mentioned behind

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17078248417: highly building, which is that 6.1 acres that city ventures wants to develop into terrible monstrosity of 96 high high end.

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17078248417: 3 story units with their own private elevators

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17078248417: and and again II mentioned that that'll

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17078248417: their estimates that put 6 700

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17078248417: fires on Heelsburg Avenue where we've already. And speaking of liability we've already had an accident which a 15 year old girl was barely killed because the sun is in the eyes

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Mayor Diana Rich: of the drivers on that that hillside is sitting in the West on July Fourth. And so, anyway, 6, 700 more cars. And we already know that this is a that's one. Another reason why this canopy

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17078248417: project needs to be stopped because of the liability that that the city would have in the ongoing lawsuits. But anyway, the art part is an alternative use of that wonderful space behind O'reilly building the orchard there I see it as a possible. We need open space, and I'm thinking it could be a wonderful

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17078248417: art art garden, a huge, wonderful art garden for lots and lots of sculptors.

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and like that and anyway.

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17078248417: that's what might be like Paradise Ridge.

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it'd be a destination. You

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Councilmember McLewis: thank you, Linda, for your public comment. And again, this is our public comment. This sculpture.

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Don Schwartz: Oliver. Can you unmute yourself, please?

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Oliver: Yeah, you just allow me to unmute. Hi, yes, very quickly. I said this on a previous discussion of this I think we should be renting out those things to artists.

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Oliver: it's the art center. It should be a destination. It's questionable to me that we have a closed committee deciding what art should be on display there, I mean, I'll be candid. I don't think much of that is any good. So I don't think it's particularly great advert for our city.

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Oliver: you know, it's yeah. I think it's just a little bit embarrassing

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Oliver: with that quality of art. So I don't. I mean, you could literally have an international competition and have rented spaces for sculptors to show the work for 3 months of the time, and actually make this a serious endeavor. But right now, this just seems like something very difficult in our part, because there's so many things in there right now that we have all the 8

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Oliver: compliance issues. We've got a lot of time going on there.

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Oliver: I'm not seeing. I'm seeing. My impression of this is that we're ignoring some of the bigger issues going on in the city and focusing on kind of windows racing. So I think that's my core concern. Then, just before I go, it's very, very hard on Zoom today what's going on? I'm afraid it's terrible like going. And some people you just can't hear at all. So it's been a real struggle. Thank you. That's my comment.

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Mary Gourley: Thank you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Emotion, although Mary probably have a better handle on it. Would you like to phrase the motion for us? Okay, thank you.

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Don Schwartz: Approval.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: That would be

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: roll call, please. Very good.

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Don Schwartz: Hmm

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Don Schwartz: so conditions.

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Councilmember McLewis: motion passes. You. Then.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): thank you very much. And I think we're actually gonna get.

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Councilmember McLewis: I think we're actually gonna get to our final 2 items. That would be the city manager and our city clerk reports. Thank you for that.

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Don Schwartz: members of the

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Councilmember McLewis: thank you very much to Mary Thorley, and we're now on item number 11, which is the city manager and reports.

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Don Schwartz: So I'll just briefly add to some of the comments I made at the beginning. First.

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Don Schwartz: what I've identified is this initial set of priorities which does tend to change day to day since I haven't been that many days yet, but I sort of have one for each day so far. Finances trying to get a better handle on that I mentioned earlier the Enterprise fun, finances we're working on that we're talking to Raftel's tomorrow.

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Don Schwartz: Fire consolidation or not. Trying to deep dive deeply into that

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Don Schwartz: favorite negotiations will be coming up soon. And that's also time to see finances

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Don Schwartz: ecology and solid waste contract extension or Rfp. The Ifd is been high on the list

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Don Schwartz: to get us to here. And then upcoming in the next

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Don Schwartz: 6 weeks we heard earlier tonight, ensuring are doing all we can to support the proper closure of the horizon shine

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Don Schwartz: project. So those are. The

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Don Schwartz: I think about those is tier one activities. I hope they line what you have in mind. That's what I'm trying to spend, spend the time with focus and always trying to bring the values of integrity, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration to everything

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Don Schwartz: that we do, and trying to make that present visible in front of the staff.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Great. Thank you very much for that. Any comments, questions, and Nope sounds fabulous to me. Yeah. So that's a really easy short list.

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Councilmember McLewis: So tomorrow, not okay. So the city clerk.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): okay, thank you very much. And now we are at Council member reports. Yes, thank you, Madam Mayor. So on December 20, first, the Ifd meeting December 28, another Eif meeting, January Threerd January review then budget, hearing, then another meeting, and on

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): January fourth, Sonoma County clean power, where they continue to work on various different options

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): to include your geothermal

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): in the day is that my very first public policy orientation, which was fact. So basically, I'm sitting around with other people throughout the State talking about ways to in dire times. Still have, you know.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): links out there that are good and appealing to the citizens. And another with Donna our mayor. Then on January eighth was the library Anna meeting and I chair. And we continue to talk about what the Administration had provided for us the month before, which is basically fundraising.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): Okay?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Sure go for it.

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Councilmember McLewis: Well, so Member and I have been doing fire ad committee meetings, lots of them.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and we have been meeting with neighboring fire departments. We've met with both Goldridge on one side and Britain on the other side, and we've also met with our volunteer

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: firefighters. That's Fast Fire Department, for with the introduced that the city manager and

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and took questions and heard Feedback from him for about 3 h.

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: Yeah, and so we have,

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: and and I will be leaving on vacation. But they have another upcoming ad hoc committee meeting. So we are moving towards our agenda date of February twentieth for a report out and trying to get all the eyes dotted and the t's crossed

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Councilmember Neysa Hinton: this month there was no Sta. Rcpa meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February.

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Councilmember McLewis: and that's about it.

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Councilmember McLewis: Okay, so oops. Sorry. Just let me flip back.

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Councilmember McLewis: Yeah. So december eighteenth, we had recology meeting the nineteenth. We had fire ad hoc. December 20. First, another ad hoc meeting. I as Council Member Hinton said. We've met with both Wool Ridge, Grayton, and our fire department for many hours at a time.

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Councilmember McLewis: So that was December 20 first, and then skipping over to January. Let me see here what I had. Let's see.

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Councilmember McLewis: On the eighth I spent 9 h in meetings here for the city with recology, and then meeting regarding the ad hoc, and then also another fire ad hoc meeting and then attending the great and fire department board meetings, and then also the Gold Bridge Board meetings to just better just to collect as much information as possible. So we have

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Councilmember McLewis: we city manager and I are going to be meeting with a few firefighters volunteer firefighters here in Sebastopol who asked to meet with us. So we're gonna meet with them this week. And then we do another fire ad hoc committee on Thursday. So we are.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): It's a lot of time. But it's great. Okay, thank you very much, and not very much interesting. Thanks. Report. Budget, committee, recology and did meet with the senior center director. The new director there, Katie Davis.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): a wonderful woman and

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): And then today I attended a round table. I don't know if it was a round table.

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): It was through the Cal cities, and they had Daniel Paras. He's the mayor Fowler, and he's also the city manager of Orange Co. Dual role. It was a really interesting talk with him. Very inspiring. And so

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): II think, will be coming out with some reports

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Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman (he/him): hopefully next time, as well as the Budget meeting for next next meeting.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So okay, thank you very much. I report, is

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Mayor Diana Rich: covers

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Mayor Diana Rich: 4 or 5 committees, anyway. I met on December twentieth with as neighborhood and Sebastian communications unit with Victor L. Stand green and are then internal. Chief Bruce Martin talked about outcomes, work

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Mayor Diana Rich: pulling together a specific plan for completing the needed steps to make all of our neighborhood communications units their hubs throughout the community operational including equipment for a possible mobile unit that could go anywhere in town. To communicate through gmrs, which is the backup plan to ham radio

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Mayor Diana Rich: and then also a specific plan for an event to inform and engage residents. December 21st, and January 3. Lots of time together on the Eif ad hoc committee work and you know, the the summary of what that resulted in was in the report tonight.

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Mayor Diana Rich: As we use on to homeless service providers I was actively involved in, along with many local advocates involved in standing up a warming center at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, January sixth and seventh. That was a huge coordination with

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Mayor Diana Rich: West County Community services. Our police officers, the city manager, an organization called solutions that actually operated them as a courtesy to us on those 2 nights. And then also with local advocates that discussion about what formal policy would look like is moving forward? What the ultimate end resulting that'd be brought before the city council.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So at the moment our approach to these warming center needs until those pieces are resolved is to rely on our police department to transfer to open shelters. If there's a need, any input on that to the manager. Did I capture that correctly?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Oh, thank you. Then, another comment on that leaass on role to homeless service providers is that the quarterly report on on from horizon shine so regarding horizon shines closer. March 3 is scheduled to come before the city Council, now in February. So we should get that detailed report from save

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Mayor Diana Rich: that's also when we'll get a full quarterly work on

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Mayor Diana Rich: uniglasses activities and all the other West County community services, homeless service provider issues in general. Marin, Sonoma, mosquito vector and control district had a regular meeting on January tenth, and there have been where they talked about budget issues and facility expansion. And I have 2 words for you.

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Mayor Diana Rich: One work is protected wetland wetlands. I know that's 2. The other one is tiger salamander. So they're having some challenges in terms of their facility expansion.

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Mayor Diana Rich: Then, multiple meetings as that organization is recording for a new director.

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Mayor Diana Rich: And finally, just in my mayor duties, I was thrilled to attend the cinema district ribbon cutting for admin services. What a great event. And also to work on these committee recommendations. That was a major effort, and that's all. Is there anything else?

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Mayor Diana Rich: Mary? Well, communications received.

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Don Schwartz: And then in future city meeting dates.

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Don Schwartz: Yup. No, no, thank you for those updates especially for the community center. My understanding is that mark designing will continue on a part. Time, basis will no longer be full time there.

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Mayor Diana Rich: So next items are communications which communications and then the anything we need to do with future city meeting dates. Mary, girl.

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Don Schwartz: I don't know.

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RESOLUTION NO. XXXX-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ACTION MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL FORMAT OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

WHEREAS, the City Clerks Association of California recommends that local agencies transition to action minutes, noting that they are time-efficient, succinct, cost-effective, and more appropriately aligned with the intent of applicable government codes for meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the City Council discussed and authorized staff to transition from verbatim/almost verbatim meeting minutes to action minutes for City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the City Council approved use of action minutes for Commission, Board and Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the City Council authorized amendment of the City's records retention program to retain City meeting videos on the City website for three years (versus the current one year) as well as maintain DVD Media for three years, or until such time media type is no longer available or supported, whichever is first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, Adopts the use of action minutes as the official format of the City of Sebastopol and amendment to the City Records Retention Policy.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the CITY COUNCIL of THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, COUNTY OF SONOMA, of STATE OF CALIFORNIA on this 6th day of February, 2024.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

APPROVED: Mayor Diana Rich

ATTEST: Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND FORM: Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney