

City Council

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Vice Mayor Jill McLewis
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
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City of Sebastopol

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of February 18, 2025

Please note that minutes of meetings are not meant to be verbatim minutes and are meant to be the City's record of a summary of actions that took place at the meeting. The vote/action is the required information of the meeting actions that took place. Approved minutes are available on the City Council Meetings page.

Meeting held in Person and Virtual /Remote Participation

In Person: 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Zollman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stephen Zollman
Vice Mayor Jill McLewis
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Sandra Maurer

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Don Schwartz
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
City Attorney Alex Mog
Administrative Services Director Kwong
City Engineer/Public Works Director Mark Rincon

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

REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED): To consider and take action on any request from a Council Member to participate in a meeting remotely due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances pursuant to AB 2449 (Government Code Section 549539(f)). Assembly Bill 2302 (2024) ("AB 2302") revises rules for when members of local legislative bodies may participate in meetings remotely. Specifically, it amends the number of meetings that may be attended remotely for just cause and under emergency circumstances and clarifies the definition of the term "meeting," for purposes of remote attendance. AB 2302 caps the number of remote meetings a member can attend each year based on the frequency of a legislative body's meetings: Five meetings per year for those meeting twice a month.

All Councilmembers were present in person.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS:

Proclamation in Recognition of United States Army Air Force Staff Sergeant Yuen Hop. Sergeant Hop was from Sebastopol. In 1943, Yuen Hop, who had just finished his senior year at Anly High School, enlisted in the U.S. Army and went off to fight in World War II. He never came home. His plane was shot down over Germany during the historic Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 29, 1944. His remains were located in June 2024 and a formal military honor ceremony service will be held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Reference Order Number: 2025-048

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (FIRST COMMENT PERIOD): *Up to Twenty (20) Minute Time Limit (Two Minutes for up to ten speakers). Additional public comment will be held at the end of the discussion and action items for up to an additional twenty (20) minutes. Mayor has discretion to allow for additional time beyond the 20 minutes allocated for public comment dependent upon the subject matter or number of speakers.*

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

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

- Laura
- Linda
- Kyle

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 aloud the title of each consent item (either full agenda title or a simplified version of the agenda title), and 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 two (2) minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an item or items 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. Council Members 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.

Mayor Zollman asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item. None

Mayor Zollman opened for Public Comment(s). The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

- Kyle

City Manager Schwartz provided response to public comment.

Mayor Zollman called for a motion.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor McLewis moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve consent calendar items 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

VOTE:

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

- 1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025 (Responsible Department: City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025

Minute Order Number: 2025-049

- 2. Approval of Resolution for Closure of Main Street for Apple Blossom Parade. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with the passage of this resolution. If the City receives any fee waiver requests for this event, that will be agendized for a future City Council Meeting for consideration. (Responsible Department: Police)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution for Closure of Main Street for Apple Blossom Parade. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with the passage of this resolution. If the City receives any fee waiver requests for this event, that will be agendized for a future City Council Meeting for consideration.

Minute Order Number: 2025-050

Resolution Number: 6646-2025

- 3. Approval of Revisions to the City’s Publicly Available Pay Schedule. This item incorporates revisions to the current Publicly Available Pay Schedule that include new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with Sebastopol Police Officer Association (SPOA) and Service Employee’s International Union (SEIU) approved by the City Council in regular meetings on January 7, 2025 and January 21, 2025 respectively. There is no fiscal budget impact to the budget with adoption of the pay schedule as the budget impacts were approved at the Jan 7th and Jan 21st Meetings (Responsible Department: Administrative Services/Human Resources)

City Council Action: Approved Revisions to the City’s Publicly Available Pay Schedule. This item incorporates revisions to the current Publicly Available Pay Schedule that include new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with Sebastopol Police Officer Association (SPOA) and Service Employee’s International Union (SEIU) approved by the City Council in regular meetings on January 7, 2025 and January 21, 2025 respectively. There is no fiscal budget impact to the budget with adoption of the pay schedule as the budget impacts were approved at the Jan 7th and Jan 21st Meetings

Minute Order Number: 2025-051

Resolution Number: 6647-2025

- 4. Approval of Fee Waiver of Special Event Permit Fee for Annual Tree Lighting; Request is to waive the fees for this City wide holiday event held December 2024 (Responsible Department: Public Works/City Engineer)

City Council Action: Approved Fee Waiver of Special Event Permit Fee for Annual Tree Lighting; Request is to waive the fees for this City wide holiday event held December 2024

Minute Order Number: 2025-052

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS:

Informational Items or Presentations are items that are informational only and do not require action by the City Council. Presentations shall be scheduled as necessary for the promotion of an event or service or general information items to the Council and should be limited to ten (10) minutes total in length of item (total length includes questions of Council to presenter and public comment).

- 5. ACFR – Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Informational Presentation. The item is recommending the City Council receive the financial reports by a Certified Public Accountant for the City’s annual audit

for the year ended June 30, 2024. The audit was conducted by Badawi & Associates, a certified public accountant firm, and resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion on the City's financial statements and compliance. The audit report consists of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which provides summary financial information for the City and its operations, as well as supplementary information and statistical data. There is no fiscal impact with receipt of this presentation. (Responsible Department: Administrative Services)

Administrative Services Director Kwong presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the informational presentation.

Mitesh Desai provided the presentation.

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of staff from the City Council. The Council asked questions of staff and the consultant.

Mayor Zollman opened for public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

- Kyle

Mayor Zollman returned the item to the Council for Discussion, Deliberations, and/or Direction to staff.

MOTION: None Required. Item is informational only but was in consensus to direct staff to clean up the language in the report.

Reference Order Number: 2025-053

PUBLIC HEARING(s): NONE

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

6. Discussion of Direction to Voting Delegate at the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting. There is no fiscal impact with discussion of this item.
(Responsible Department: City Clerk)

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Discuss the letters of interest and provide direction to Voting Delegate at the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting.

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of staff from the City Council.

Mayor Zollman opened for public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

- Alex DeCarli

Mayor Zollman returned the item to the Council for Discussion, Deliberations, and/or Direction to staff.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor McLewis moved and Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to approve direction to staff to support the following:

City Selection Committee Appointments:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Brian Barnacle of Petaluma). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Brian Barnacle, Petaluma

5-0

~~**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District** – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Gerard Giudice of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February.~~

~~Letters Received:~~

~~Gerard Giudice, Rohnert Park~~

~~Frank Quint, Petaluma~~

~~Recommend: Gerard Giudice~~

~~4-0~~

~~1 = Carter – No~~

Sonoma County Consolidated Oversight Board – 1 Seat (to fill vacancy of Chris Rogers of Santa Rosa). Term limit at the discretion of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Letters Received:

Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park

Stephen Zollman, Sebastopol

Recommend:

Zollman 5-0

Board of Directors Appointments:

North Bay Division LOCC, Executive Board – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Jackie Elward of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park

Recommend 5-0

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Mark Stapp of Santa Rosa). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Karen Nau, Petaluma

Marjorie Morgenstern, Cloverdale

Frank Quint, Petaluma

Alex DeCarli, Petaluma

Recommend: Alex DeCarli – 5-0

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission – 3 Seats. 4-year fixed term.

2 – SCTA appointments (members appointed must also be a city/town representative for the Sonoma County Transportation Authority) to fill the vacancies by Melanie Bagby of Cloverdale and Chris Rogers of Santa Rosa. These appointments will finish out the current terms of Bagby and Rogers that end in February 2027.

Letters Received:

Gerard Giudice, Rohnert Park

Janice Cader Thompson, Petaluma

Todd Lands, Cloverdale
Ariel Kelley, Healdsburg

Recommend: Ariel Kelley and Janice Cader Thompson 5-0

1 – Non-SCTA appointment (must be from a city/town on the rail line) to fill the expiring term of Debora Fudge of Windsor. This appointment will start a new 4-year fixed term beginning in February.

Letters Received:

Victoria Fleming, Santa Rosa

Chris Herrod, Healdsburg

Alex DeCarli, Petaluma

Sylvia Lemus, Cotati

Recommend: Sylvia Lemus

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

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the Following Recommendations for Appointments for Direction to Voting Delegate:

City Selection Committee Appointments:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Brian Barnacle of Petaluma). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Brian Barnacle, Petaluma 5-0

Sonoma County Consolidated Oversight Board – 1 Seat (to fill vacancy of Chris Rogers of Santa Rosa). Term limit at the discretion of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Letters Received:

Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park

Stephen Zollman, Sebastopol

Recommend:

Stephen Zollman 5-0

Board of Directors Appointments:

North Bay Division LOCC, Executive Board – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Jackie Elward of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park Recommend 5-0

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Mark Stapp of Santa Rosa). 2-year term starting in February.

Letters Received:

Karen Nau, Petaluma

Marjorie Morgenstern, Cloverdale

Frank Quint, Petaluma

Alex DeCarli, Petaluma

Recommend: Alex DeCarli – 5-0

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Letters Received:

Gerard Giudice, Rohnert Park

Janice Cader Thompson, Petaluma

Todd Lands, Cloverdale

Ariel Kelley, Healdsburg

Recommend: Ariel Kelley and Janice Cader Thompson 5-0

1 – Non-SCTA appointment (must be from a city/town on the rail line) to fill the expiring term of Debora Fudge of Windsor. This appointment will start a new 4-year fixed term beginning in February.

Letters Received:

Victoria Fleming, Santa Rosa

Chris Herrod, Healdsburg

Alex DeCarli, Petaluma

Sylvia Lemus, Cotati

Recommend: Sylvia Lemus

Minute Order Numver: 2025-054

MOTION:

Councilmember Hinton moved and Vice Mayor McLewis seconded the motion to approve Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Gerard Giudice of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February.

- Gerard Guidice

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

VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmember Carter

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: **Approved the Following Recommendations for Appointments for Direction to Voting Delegate:**

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Gerard Giudice of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February

Gerard Guidice

Minute Order Number: 2025-055

7. Fire Reorganization with Gold Ridge. Recommendation on City of Sebastopol Fire Service Reorganization to the Gold Ridge Fire District. The cost to the City's General Fund with reorganization will be approximately \$1.1 million annually, with the cost increased annually based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index. The annual increase will be a minimum of 2%, with a 5% maximum (Responsible Department: City Manager/Fire Ad Hoc Committee)

City Manager Schwartz provide the agenda item recommending approval on the Fire Reorganization with Gold Ridge. The cost to the City's General Fund with reorganization will be approximately \$1.1 million annually, with the cost increased annually based on the Bay Area Consumer Price Index. The annual increase will be a minimum of 2%, with a 5% maximum

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of staff from the City Council.

Mayor Zollman opened for public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

- Kyle
- Robert
- Oliver
- Melissa
- Michael
- Todd

Mayor Zollman returned the item to the Council for Discussion, Deliberations, and/or Direction to staff.

MOTION:

Councilmember Maurer moved and Vice Mayor McLewis seconded the motion to approve adoption of resolution approving the revenue sharing and property transfer agreement with the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District. annexing City fire services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, the District's attached reorganization application to LAFCO, and the Revenue Sharing Agreement with District and adoption of resolution approving the annexation of City fire and emergency medical services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District and the District's reorganization application.

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved resolution approving the revenue sharing and property transfer agreement with the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District. annexing City fire services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, the District's attached reorganization application to LAFCO, and the Revenue Sharing Agreement with District. Adopted resolution approving the annexation of City fire and emergency medical services into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District and the District's reorganization application.

Minute Order Number: 2025-056
Resolution Number: 6648-2025
6649-2025

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

There was none.

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

8. City Manager and/or City Clerk Reports: (This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)
9. City Council Reports/Committee/Sub-Committee Meeting Reports: (Reports by Mayor/City Councilmembers Regarding Various Agency Meetings/Committee Meetings/Sub-Committee Meeting /Conferences Attended and Possible Direction to its Representatives (If Needed) on Pending issues before such Boards. ((This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)
 - a. Report out from Attendance at the January 2025 New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy
10. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers)

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Zollman adjourned the February 4, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting at 8:20 pm to the Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary C. Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I WILL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. I WILL ASK THE CITY CLERK TO CONDUCT ROLL CALL.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. PLEASE NOTE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE IN ATTENDANCE. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. WOULD YOU JOIN ME WITH THE --

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. NEXT THERE WILL BE THE READING OF THE PROCLAMATIONS. I DO HAVE ONE, AND THIS IS TO RECOGNIZE THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE SERGEANT -- STAFF SERGEANT YUEN HOP. HIS PARENTS WERE CHINESE IMMIGRANTS WHO MOVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SEBASTOPOL WHERE THEY LEASED ORCHARDS AND PROCESS SOME OF THEIR OWN FRUITS. AND WHEREAS SERGEANT HOP, IN 1943, UPON FINISHING HIS SENIOR YEAR, ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY AND WENT OFF TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II. WHEREAS SERGEANT HOP'S PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER GERMANY OVER THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF THE BULGE DECEMBER 29th, 1944, AND WEARS -- WHEREAS SERGEANT HOP WAS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. 2013, RESEARCHERS INDICATED HE WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED AS PART OF WAR CRIMES BY THE GERMAN SS TROOPS AND WAS BURIED IN THE LOCAL CEMETERY. WHEREAS HIS LOSS REMAINS WERE RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN JUNE OF 2024, 80 YEARS AFTER THE WAR'S END, FORMAL MILITARY HONOR SO -- MILITARY SERVICE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETERY. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I STEPHEN ZOLLMAN ARE -- AM HONORED TO RECOGNIZE STAFF SERGEANT YUEN HOP IN HONOR OF HIS SACRIFICE IT TO THE NATION AND RECOGNIZING HIS CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL, THE CITY OF CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, THIS FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025. STEPHEN ZOLLMAN, MAYOR. YES. AS A VETERAN, YES, COMING FROM A FAMILY OF VETERANS IT IS MEANINGFUL. I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO WILL COME UP AND SHAKE THEIR HANDS FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY UNTO THE GENTLEMAN WHO WILL BE TAKEN THIS PROCLAMATION AND READING IT AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE. I THINK IT IS LATER THIS WEEK. THANK YOU. ON HONOR TO SHARE YOUR -- SHAKIR HANNES.

MAYOR ZOLLMAN, I THINK WE HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER ON ZOOM. DO YOU MIND IF I UNMUTE HER TO MAKE A COMMENT. JANICE -- OH, I AM SORRY. JANICE CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? HI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS?

I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL HOW THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL IS RECOGNIZING MY UNCLE'S BROTHER, 80 YEARS AFTER HE ENTERED INTO WORLD WAR II. SUCH AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR ALL OF US. I ACTUALLY DID NOT HAVE ANY IDEA THAT HE WAS MISSING IN ACTION. I AM ACTUALLY ON -- HOW SHALL I SAY IT? IT'S SO COMPLICATED. MY UNCLE MARRIED MY MOTHER'S SISTER. THE UNCLE WAS THE BROTHER OF YUEN HOP. BECAUSE THE FAMILY DID NOT LIKE TO TALK ABOUT UNPLEASANT THINGS WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT. ONLY THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY DID. ALL OF THIS IS NEW TO ME. I HAVE -- I AM THE MEDIATOR. I'M TRYING TO HELP THE FAMILY GET THE WORD OUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING THIS PROCLAMATION. IT WILL BE GREAT FOR KERRY TO READ AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE. IF I COULD SHOW MY VIDEO, I WOULD DO IT, BUT I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT.

THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, JANICE AND MAKE IN THE COMMENTS. WE WILL HAVE FAMILY AND REPRESENTATIVES COME FORTH AND SHAKE OUR HANDS. THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL GO AHEAD AND CALL FOR STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. AND I WILL TURN TO MY RIGHT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST. SEEING NONE. TO MY LEFT, AND A CONFLICTS OF INTEREST? NONE. WE WILL GO AHEAD AND MOVE TO THE PUBLIC, FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WHICH ARE NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA. DUE TO THE LENGTH OF READY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE WRITTEN COMMENTS BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY SENDING THEM VIA EMAIL TO CITY COUNCIL AT CITY OF SEBASTOPOL.GOV WITH PUBLIC COMMENT WRITTEN IN THE SUBJECT LINE. MARY, WOULD YOU TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. THE PROCESS IS PUBLIC, FOR TWO MINUTES. I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST, THEN GO OUT TO ZOOM, THEN BACK TO CHAMBERS AND BACK OUT TO ZOOM. THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS FOR 20 MINUTES. LAURA.

I WANTED TO NOTE THE COUNCIL ROOM IS ALMOST COMPLETELY EMPTY. THERE ARE SIGNS ON THE STREETS WARNING OF FLOODING, SO PEOPLE ARE OBVIOUSLY TURNING AWAY AND NOT COMING TO THE MEETING. JUST A LITTLE HEADS UP ABOUT THAT.

THANK YOU. YES.

I DID CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE THEM.

THANK YOU, MARY. HOPEFULLY THAT WILL NOT SURFACE TOO MUCH MORE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

LIPS. HAVE A FEELING IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE PLACARDS BECAUSE THE MEETING STARTED. I WAS GOING TO MAKE A COMMENT. I NOTICED YOUR TIMER ISN'T WORKING. ANYWAY, JUST MAKE SURE COMMENT THAT, I THINK, THE CITY HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THE LIBRARY ISSUE. THE BUILDING IS TOO SMALL, AND THE PARKING LOT IS INADEQUATE. I SUGGEST, IF THEY CAN AFFORD IT, MAYBE GOING WITH A PARTNER AND PURCHASED THE OLD CBS BUILDING. THEY DON'T WANT TO RENT IT, THEY DON'T WANT TO SPLIT IT INTO SMALLER BUILDINGS, THEY JUST WANT TO SELL IT. SPIRIT HALL, WE USED IT, NOT LAST YEAR BUT THE YEAR BEFORE. IT'S BEEN CLEANED UP SOMEWHAT SO THE BUSINESS COULD OPERATE. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD BUY, IT WOULD GIVE THE LIBRARY MORE SPACE, PUBLIC ROOMS, AND PLENTY OF PARKING.

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO THE CHAMBERS. KYLE.

I WANT TO REITERATE I THINK THE COMMUNICATION AROUND -- ABOUT THE ROAD CLOSURES IS PRETTY POOR. IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT WHILE YOU'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ANNOUNCE A ROAD CLOSURE YOU WANT AT THE SAME TIME ANNOUNCE ANY SORT OF CONSISTENCY ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THIS MEETING. THAT'S NOT WHAT I AM SPEAKING TONIGHT. I REALLY WANT TO EXPRESS THIS CONCERN OF THE DISMISSIVE APPROACH ON PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE CONTRACT AT THE LAST MEETING. RATHER THAN ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY CONCERNS, REPEATEDLY FRAMED OPPOSITION AS DISHONEST OR UNINFORMED. CALLING CRITICS LIARS, STIRRING UP TROUBLE. THIS IS NOT HOW PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD ENGAGE WITH CONSTITUENTS. THE VICE MAYOR

LANES PEOPLE SHOULD CLAIM EARLIER. IGNORES THE REALITY RESIDENTS ONLY BECAME AWARE LATE IN THE PROCESS. TRANSPARENCY ISN'T JUST ABOUT MEETING DATES. THIS IS ABOUT ENSURING THE PUBLIC HAS MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO WEIGH IN BEFORE DECISIONS ARE LOCKED IN. ADDITIONALLY SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION TOWARDS PERSONAL GRIEVANCES. WHILE I SYMPATHIZE WITH ANY PERSONAL ATTACKS, IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE TO DISMISS LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ABOUT COST, LABOR STANDARDS, LONG-TERM IMPACT. THIS DEFLECTION ERODES TRUST AND DISCOURAGES ENGAGEMENT. I URGE THIS COUNCIL TO SET A BETTER PRESIDENT, IN STEAD OF SHUTTING DOWN CRITICISM, CREATE MORE AVENUES FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHEN PEOPLE SHOW UP IN LARGE NUMBERS IT'S BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY. BECAUSE THEY ARE -- NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE STIRRING UP TROUBLE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC,. NEXT I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM. IF YOU LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF ANYONE CHAMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC, FOR ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR. CONSENT CALENDAR NUMBER ONE. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21st, 2025. TWO. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET FOR APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE. THREE. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE CITYS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE. THIS ITEM INCORPORATES REVISIONS TO THE CURRENT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE THAT INCLUDE NEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) WITH SEBASTOPOL POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR MEETINGS ON JANUARY 7, 2025 AND JANUARY 21, 2025 RESPECTIVELY. NUMBER FOUR, APPROVAL OF FEE WAIVER OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING, REQUEST IS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE CITYWIDE HOLIDAY EVENT HELD ON DECEMBER 24 -- 2025. I'M GOING TO LOOK TO MY RIGHT TO SEE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ONE OF THOSE FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

NO, I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THE AGENDA ITEM YOU JUST READ SAYS 2024.

THAT IS CORRECT. THIS IS FOR THE EVENT THAT WAS HELD THIS PAST EVENT -- DECEMBER. IT WAS A 2024 EVENT.

AS A READ THE ITEM HE SAID 2025.

I WAS HOPING WHAT -- I READ WHAT WAS HIGHLIGHTED. THANK YOU. SEE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR. SEEING NONE. CAN WE GO OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC, WE WILL DO IN CHAMBER FIRST AND THEN BY ZOOM. KYLE.

FURTHER TIME I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE FACT THIS COUNCIL HAS AGAIN DECIDED TO MAKE CHANGES TO SALARY SCHEDULES, TAKING RADICALS -- RADICAL CHANGES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WE'VE NOT SEEN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OR OTHER BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS THAT WERE MANDATED AS A RESULT OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE THAT YOU ALL ADVOCATED FOR AND HAD OUR VOTERS APPROVE ON. AGAIN, I AM ASKING FOR LET'S ACTUALLY SEE THE NUMBERS. WHAT OF YOUR -- HAVE YOUR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS BEEN SINCE THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. WHAT RATIO OF THOSE

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO SALARY INCREASES AS OPPOSED TO ANY OF THE OTHER MANDATES THAT SALES TAX INCREASE WAS SUPPOSED TO GET TO? BY MY ACCOUNT YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH GETTING TO A PLACE WHERE YOU ARE SPENDING A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THAT SALES TAX INCREASE ON SALARIES AT THIS POINT, WHICH IS NOT WHAT THE VOTERS -- FURTHERMORE, WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THERE'S OFTEN TIMES PUBLIC, BUT RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO PUBLIC, IT DOES FEEL LIKE, IN THIS PARTICULAR TERM, WE ARE NOT GETTING RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT. WHAT WE ARE GETTING IS IMMEDIATE MOVING ON, AND MEDIA CALLING FOR A MOTION AND MOVING ON. I AM AGAIN ASKING FOR THIS COUNCIL TO ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC. YOU NEED TO BE SOME SORT OF JUSTIFICATION ON HOW YOU ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT AND USING PUBLIC INPUT AS PART OF YOUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPARENT. IT NEEDS TO BECOME MORE APPARENT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO AUTISM. IF YOU LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

I THINK I SAW A HAND.

IF I CAN RESPOND TO THE PRIOR COMMENT. NOT ONLY HAVE WE NOT RECEIVE THE FUNDS FROM SALES TAX, NO ONE HAS PAID ANY OF THAT SALES TAX. IT DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL APRIL 1st. WE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE FIRST PAYMENT UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER JULY 1st. WE CAN INCLUDE THE APRIL THROUGH JUNE IN OUR BUDGET AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE AS THE BUDGET APPROACHES. WE HAVEN'T SPENT A TIME OF IT IN PART BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED A PENNY OF IT.

OH, SORRY. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

I WOULD LIKE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADDRESS THE RESOLUTION WHICH INVOLVES EMPLOYEE PAY AND BASICALLY WE HAD TO TAKE ACTION ON THAT AS THERE WAS AN EXPIRATION. DO YOU HAVE THE DATE?

OUR EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS THAT EXPIRED TO BE GOOD EMPLOYERS AND GOOD-FAITH NEGOTIATORS WE REACHED AGREEMENTS THAT WERE SATISFACTORY TO ALL SIDES AND ADJUSTING THE PAY SCHEDULE IS PART OF THE MECHANICS OF THOSE AGREEMENTS. WE WILL BE ADDRESSING SALARY CHANGES IN THE FORTHCOMING BUDGET DISCUSSIONS.

I WILL ADD TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT, AT LEAST I CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, I ALWAYS GIVE EMAIL ADDRESS AL AND I ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO INFORM PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN SUBMIT ANYTHING AT ANY TIME, AND IT DOES GET BACK. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ITEM TO BE AGENDA DICE -- WITH THAT, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

AS A NEW PERSON ON COUNCIL I DON'T KNOW WHEN I CAN RESPOND TO ANYBODY OR WHEN I CAN'T, OR WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE. IF YOU CAN JUST ADVISE ME ON THAT. ALSO, I DO WANT TO AUGMENT MAYOR ZOLLMAN'S RESPONSE AND SAY , ON THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND US EMAIL SO WE HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS AND ARE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THEM IN COURSE. OFTEN WE CAN BE PREPARED LIKE YOU ARE PREPARED. I APPRECIATE ALL THE LETTERS COMING IN WITH ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I CAN SIMILARLY -- HOPEFULLY ADDRESS

WHEN I SPEAK. BUT THEN -- YEAH, IF YOU CAN JUST REMIND ME WHEN I AM ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

YEAH, I THINK IT'S RESPONDING WITH BRIEF COMMENTS, OR ENCOURAGEMENT BACK TO STAFF, IN ORDER TO DO FOLLOW-UP.

THIS PARTICULAR COMMENT WAS ABOUT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, SO IT'S WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S ABILITY TO DISCUSS IT.

YEAH, IT'S ATTACKED. IT'S A PHONE.

[INDISCERNIBLE - LOW VOLUME]

I THINK WE ARE OKAY. YEAH.

YEAH, WAS SAYING THIS WAS A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MATTER THAT IS ON THE AGENDA SO THE COUNCIL IS FREE TO DISCUSS IT. IF DESIRED, WHEN COMMENTS ARE ABOUT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THEN THE CASE CAN -- THE COUNCIL CAN ONLY PROVIDE A BRIEF RESPONSE. WE CAN'T HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

THANK YOU, ALEX. IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

I WILL MOTION TO APPROVE.

I WILL SECOND.

THANK YOU. CAN YOU CONDUCT THE ROLL CALL?

THANK YOU, MAYOR, SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR McLEWIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONE THROUGH FOUR. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU, MOVING ON TO THE INFORMATION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS. NUMBER FIVE. THIS RELATES TO THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION. THE ITEM IS RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024. THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR THIS IS --

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THE PURPOSE TONIGHT FOR PRESENTATION IS FOR THE AUDITOR TO GO THROUGH THE AUDIT PROCESS. THE PRESENTATION IS NOT SO FOCUSED ON THE DETAIL NUMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT, BUT RATHER REPORTING OF THE SCOPE AND COMPLIANT PURPOSES. WITH THAT I AM GOING TO INTRODUCE THE AUDITOR. HE IS GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PRESENTATION FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, ANNA. JUST MAKING SURE I SHARE THE CORRECT SCORING. -- SCREEN. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. I'VE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR 2024. I WILL JUST BE COVERING THE DELIVERABLES AND THE SCOPE OF THE AUDIT, THE AREAS OF PRIMARY AUDIT RISK, THE AUDITOR'S REPORT, REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE AS THE AUDITORS. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE UPCOMING YEARS, AND IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM, TIME PERMITTING. IN TERMS OF DELIVERABLES, WE HAVE ISSUED OUR AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE CITY'S BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WITH THAT WE ALSO ISSUE INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS. WE LOOK AT THE CITY'S APPROPRIATION LIMIT SCHEDULE AND PERFORM LIMITED PROCEDURES ON THE APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE. ALSO WE HAVE A LETTER THAT COVERS THE REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS SLIDES AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION. IN ADDITION WE ALSO ASSIST THE CITY WITH PREPARING THESE ANNUAL STREET REPORT, AN ELECTRONIC REPORT SUBMITTED

TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. WE ALSO ASSIST WITH COMPLETING THE CITY'S STATE COMPTROLLER'S FINANCIAL

Translator: -- TRANSACTION REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. IN TERMS OF AREAS OF PRIMARY AUDIT RISK, OUR AUDIT IS PERFORMED ON A RISK-BASED APPROACH. THAT ENCOMPASSES PERFORMING A RISK ASSESSMENT, TALKING TO CITY STAFF, REVIEWING THEIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND LOOKING AT TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINING AND PLANNING OUR AUDIT PROCEDURES. WE HAVE A COUPLE SIGNIFICANT RISKS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED. THESE RISKS ARE INHERENT IN ALL AUDITS. THESE ARE NOT NECESSARILY RISKS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO THE CITY. THEY ARE MANDATORY RISKS WE HAVE TO ADDRESS AS PART OF OUR AUDIT. FIRST HERE IS THE RISK OF MANAGEMENT OVERRIDE OF INTERNAL CONTROLS. THIS IS THE RISK THAT MANAGEMENT MAY NOT FOLLOW THEIR OWN CONTROLS THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED OVER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. THEY DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SO. WE ADDRESSED THAT RISK BY ASSIGNING STAFF AND APPROPRIATE AUDIT RISKS, INCORPORATING A LEVEL OF UNPREDICTABILITY IN OUR AUDIT. WE LOOK AT THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS FOR ANY MANUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS. MANUAL ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS JOURNAL ENTRIES OR MANUAL JOURNAL ENTRIES. WE LOOK AT ANY MANUAL JOURNAL ENTRIES THAT LOOK ODD AND OBTAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THOSE ENTRIES AND ALSO DETERMINE THE PROPRIETARY OF THEM. WE ALSO LOOK AT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AS THOSE CAN BE MANIPULATED. IF WE IDENTIFY ANY TRANSACTIONS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S OPERATIONS, WE WILL LOOK AT THAT CLOSER. AND IDENTIFY ANYTHING -- WE DO NOT AND IT -- IDENTIFY ANYTHING THIS YEAR THAT WE WANT TO LOOK AT. WE DO OUR FRAUD RELATED INQUIRIES AROUND CITY STAFF. THE SECOND SIGNIFICANT RISK HERE IS THE RISK OF IMPROPER REVENUE RECOGNITION. REVENUE IS IDENTIFIED IN THE AUTO WORLD AS A VERY QUALITATIVELY IMPORTANT OR MATERIAL LINE ITEM IN YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AS IT IS RELIED ON MANY END-USERS AS TO WHAT IS THE TREND OF THOSE REVENUES. SUFFICIENT REVENUES TO COVER DEBT SERVICE, OR EXPENDITURES IN GENERAL. WE ADDRESS THE RISK OF IMPROPER REVENUE RECOGNITION BY DOING A LOT OF VALIDATION WORK ON THOSE REVENUES. CONFIRMING THE REVENUE AMOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECORDED TO A THIRD PARTY REPORTS, OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. WITH THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND ANALYTICS, LOOKING AT NONFINANCIAL -- IN ADDITION TO THE FINANCIAL TRENDS TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT. IN TERMS OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT, OUR AUDIT IS RUDE -- PERFORMED INTO TWO AUDITING STANDARDS. THE FIRST IS THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS. STANDARDS THAT BY THE AICPA, GENERALLY THESE ARE THE RULES WE FOLLOW. WHAT AUDIT PROCEDURES WE PERFORM, HOW WE PERFORM THEM. IN ADDITION WE PERFORMED THE AUDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS. GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS ARE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS. WE ALSO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL THINGS, SUCH AS WAYS SUCH AS ITEMS STATED IN THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS. WE HAVE ISSUED AN ON MODIFIED OPINION, WHICH IS REFERRED TO AS ALSO THE -- OPINION. WHICH MEANS THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FAIRLY STATED IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THEY ARE FREE OF ERROR, IT MEANS THEY ARE FREE OF ANY MATERIAL ERRORS. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES IN THOSE NUMBERS CAN BE APPLIED. THE ESTIMATES IN YOUR

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE REASONABLE. ALSO THE DISCLOSURES THAT ARE QUITE LENGTHY ACCOMPANY THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, I BELIEVE THOSE TO BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. GOING OVER REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS. I WILL TRY TO BE A BIT BRIEF HERE. THE SLIDE IS JUST TO SUMMARIZE AND CLARIFY OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE AUDITORS COMPARED TO MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES. IT BECOMES A BIT OF A MISUNDERSTOOD AREA, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ASSIST MANAGEMENT WITH PUTTING TOGETHER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WE LOOK AT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT COME OUT OF OUR OFFICE. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT, HOWEVER, OUR DOCUMENT. THIS IS THE CITY'S DOCUMENT. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OPINE ON THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PERFORM OUR AUDITING PROCEDURES AND DETERMINE THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBERS ARE FAIRLY STATED OR NOT. THAT INCLUDES LOOKING AT INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING THAT WE HAVE MATERIAL IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WE LOOK AT AND EVALUATE LAWS THAT HAVE A MATERIAL IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT. WE REVIEW THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ONCE THEY ARE COMPLETED TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE CLEAR. THEN WE ARE NOW DOING WHAT WE -- WE ARE COMMUNICATING WITH THE GOVERNING BODY. MANAGEMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WITH THAT THEY ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNAL CONTROLS, ALL THE UNDERLYING PROCESSES GOING INTO THE NUMBERS. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH THOSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, ESTABLISHING INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FRAUD. ALSO TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. WE DO HAVE AUDIT FINDINGS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS THE AUDITORS ALSO INCLUDES INDEPENDENCE. INDEPENDENCE IS WHY YOU HAVE THIRD-PARTY DO YOUR AUDIT AND NOT NECESSARILY SOMEONE INTERNALLY FROM THE CITY. AT THE END OF THE DAY THE USER OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IS LOOKING TO RELY ON THEM AND DETERMINE IF THAT'S ACTUALLY FAIR OPINION AS TO WHETHER THOSE NUMBERS ARE ACCURATE OR NOT. WE ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW RULES THAT ARE SET BY THE AICPA AND ALSO THE STATE BOARD. THIS WOULD MEAN WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PERFORM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ACTING AS MANAGEMENT, OR BEING INVOLVED IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY. OTHER THAN ASSISTING THE PRAYER -- PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO DO UNDER CERTAIN SUNDGREN STANCES -- CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT PERFORM ANY OTHER. WE HAD NO ISSUES WITH THE TIMING OF THE AUDIT, IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS, I MENTIONED THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS WE IDENTIFIED. AND ONE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR AND ADDRESSES ERROR CORRECTIONS AND ACCOUNTING CHANGES. MORE SLIDES HERE. I JUST WANTED TO LIST OUT THE SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES THAT ARE IN YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. CAPITOL ASSETS ARE -- RELIES ON AN ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG YOU WILL BE USING THOSE FOR. THAT IS AN ESTIMATE WE REVIEW AS PART OF OUR AUDIT. IN ADDITION, THE NUMBERS ON YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT RELATE TO YOUR PENSION PLAN AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, OR RETIRE HEALTHCARE PLAN, THOSE LIABILITIES AND OTHER RELATED AMOUNTS ARE PREPARED BY --. ACTUALLY DOES HAVE ASSUMPTIONS THEY MAKE AS FAR AS LIFE EXPECTANCY, INVESTMENT EARNINGS, AND SO FORTH, THAT ARE CONSIDERED VERY SIGNIFICANT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES PERFORMING THE AUDIT. PART OF THE AUDIT WE DO HAVE AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS WE PROPOSE TO THE CITY, AS WE IDENTIFY ITEMS. ALL OF THE IDOT

THEM -- ITEMS WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY MATERIAL WEAKNESSES IDENTIFIED AS PART OF OUR INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR THE AUDIT. PRONOUNCEMENTS THE CITY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING IN THE UPCOMING YEARS. IN 2025, THE CITY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING AN ACCOUNTING STANDARD THAT ADDRESSES COMPENSATED ACTIONS -- ABSENCES. COMPENSATED ABSENCES ARE YOUR RELIABLE -- LIABILITIES FOR VACATION AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF LEAVE THAT YOU OFFERED TO EMPLOYEES. THIS IS A CATCH UP TYPE OF ACCOUNTING STANDARD. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF NUANCES IN GOVERNMENTS AND THE TYPE OF LEAVE BEING OFFERED. AS THESE LEAVES HAVE BEEN OFFERED, DIFFERENT ENTITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THEM IN DIFFERENT WAYS. THE ACCOUNTING STANDARD IS TO MAKE THINGS CONSISTENT AND ADDRESS THESE, HOW TO TREAT THESE NEW TYPES OF LEAVE. IN TERMS OF STATEMENT NUMBER 102, THERE'S ADDITIONAL RISK DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS WHEN YOU HAVE SITUATIONS THAT MAY IMPACT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUCH AS, PERHAPS, A LARGE SALES TAX GENERATOR IN THE CITY MAY BE PLANNING TO CLOSE. THE CITY IS AWARE OF IT. SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE WOULD REQUIRE DISCLOSURE WHEN THE STANDARD IS IMPLEMENTED. IN 2026, THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME CHANGES TO THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS. THE INCOME STATEMENT REPORTING. GASB STATEMENT 103, AND ALSO THE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF THE REPORT. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE SOME ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPITOL ASSETS. IN STATEMENT 104. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES TO THE CITY. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM, TIME PERMITTING.

GREAT, THANK YOU. I AM TURNING TO MY COLLEAGUES. ARE THERE QUESTIONS? NONE ON MY RIGHT. QUESTION?

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR PROCESS. HOW MANY HOURS DOES IT TAKE TO DO AN AUDIT LIKE THIS?

JENNA LAWRY -- GENERALLY WE SPEND ABOUT, I WOULD SAY, ABOUT 300 TO 400 HOURS, DEPENDING ON THE PLANNING AND THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TESTING THAT IS NEEDED.

THANK YOU.

SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS, WE'LL GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THIS IS PUBLIC, AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT REPORT. IF YOU LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC,, AGAIN WE DO CHAMBERS FIRST AND WE GO OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE.

ONE OF THE DIFFICULT THINGS ABOUT ONE OF THESE ANNUAL AUDITS IS THAT I THINK IT GIVES THE PUBLIC SOME SORT OF EXPECTATION THAT THIS MEANS OUR BOOKS ARE GOOD. ALL THIS MEANS IS THE BOOKS UP AND LOOKED OVER BY A THIRD PARTY. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, HISTORICALLY YEAR AFTER YEAR, IS RADICAL CHANGES BETWEEN WHAT WE END UP USING AS OUR BUDGET ESTIMATES AND WHAT THE ACTUAL CZAR. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE, THE ESTIMATED REVENUE WAS CLOSE TO, IT LOOKS LIKE, HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. LESS THAN WHAT THE ACTUAL WAS. AN AUDIT DOESN'T CHECK FOR THAT. HISTORICALLY WE HAVE SEEN THAT. WE HAVE SEEN, HISTORICALLY, THAT WE'VE BEEN USING THESE ESTIMATED REVENUE VALUES THAT ARE LOW. AND THEN WE END UP USING THOSE ESTIMATED VALUES TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT PRIORITIES FOR OUR SPENDING AND BUDGET EACH YEAR. THEN, LOW AND BEHOLD, HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR WE FIND OUT WE NEED MORE MONEY AND WE -- THEN WE ACTUALLY DID PICK SINCE THE BUDGET HAS BEEN SET WE HAVE THIS EXTRA

MONEY WE CAN MAKE DECISIONS ON THE FLY OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGETING PROCESS. THAT'S WHY YOU SEE THESE LAST-MINUTE PITCHES BY COUNCILMEMBERS TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL HIGHER AT THE 11th HOUR DURING BUDGETING PROCESS, HAPPENING CONSISTENTLY YEAR AFTER YEAR. THOSE THINGS ARE HAPPENING BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MONEY NOW, RIGHT? THAT DOESN'T GO THROUGH A REALLY GOOD LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHERE WE ARE THINKING THROUGH WHAT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS SAID AND MAKING GOOD INFORMED DECISIONS THAT WAY. AGAIN I'M AUDIT PROCESS DOESN'T SEEM TO CATCH THAT, RIGHT? WE HEAR THESE THINGS ARE UNBIASED, WE HEAR THESE THINGS ARE FAIR. AT WHAT POINT DO WE DECIDE ON AUDITING PROCESS SHOULD BE MAKING SURE OUR ESTIMATES ARE WITHIN REASON TO WHAT OUR ACTUAL CZAR FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR. CURRENTLY WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT. WE HAVEN'T HAD A FOR MANY YEARS.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO TO ZOOM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT -- MELISSA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

I WONDER IF THE AUDITOR -- APOLOGIES IF I MISSED THIS. YOU MENTION THE RISK AT THE TOP OF YOUR PRESENTATION, SAYING -- TALKING ABOUT JOURNAL ENTRIES. DID YOU DISCOVER ANY JOURNAL ENTRIES OR ANYTHING THAT WAS UNUSUAL IN YOUR REVIEW?

WE CAN DEFINITELY --

WEIGHT. WE WANT TO HAVE A BACK-AND-FORTH RIGHT NOW, MELISSA, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS BEFORE WE COME BACK?

NO, JUST A QUESTION, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS. ANYONE IN CHAMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GREAT, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

UP LITTLE, ON THINGS I SAW LaMOTTA REPORTS. I AGREE WITH KYLE. WHILE AUDIT IS IMPORTANT FUNCTION TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO MALFEASANCE GOING ON, ONCE WE GET PAST THAT THE AUDIT REPORT IS 670 PAGES AND IS LOADED WITH INTERESTING FACTS AND DATA THAT GO WELL BEYOND THE NORMAL BUDGET WEEKS WITH -- WORKSHEETS. SOME OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND THERE WERE PRETTY ASTOUNDING. ONE THAT STOOD OUT FOR ME WAS THE FACT WE'VE GOT A 26% INCREASE IN OPERATING EXPENSES VERSUS LAST YEAR. THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WHATEVER THAT WAS. THAT WAS ATTRIBUTED, IN LARGE PART, POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS -- AND SALARY EXPENSES AND BENEFITS. AS WELL OF OF COURSE THE LEGAL EXPENSES WE HAD. WE CAN'T SUSTAIN AT 26% INCREASE YEAR-OVER-YEAR. IF WE ARE DRIVEN BY VERY LARGE INCREASES IN SALARIES -- THAT DIDN'T COME OUT IN THE BUDGET PROCESS SOMEHOW. I AM WONDERING IF YOU ARE LOSING THE PERSPECTIVE BY APPROVING SALARY INCREASES PIECEMEAL THROUGH THE YEAR. JUST AN OBSERVATION. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO THE CHAMBERS. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE 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 FOR DRILLING. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSE ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU. MARY, WE USUALLY, IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEND THEM TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FOLLOW-UPS FROM ANY OF THE STAFF. IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT IS CORRECT. THE STAFF COULD ALSO RESPOND TO IT IF THEY HAD AN ANSWER AVAILABLE.

OKAY. AND A, DO YOU HAVE THE ANSWER AVAILABLE TO THE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC?

THE 26% THAT WAS REFERENCED. I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT. ONE THING I KNOW WHEN IT'S IS PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT INCREASE QUITE A BIT BECAUSE OF THE FIRE TRUCK THAT WAS PURCHASED. THERE WAS A \$300,000 DEPOSIT FOR THE FIRE TRUCK. THERE WAS A, I BELIEVE 40 OR \$80,000 FOR THE FIRE TRUCK. THERE WAS SOME CAPITOL OUTLAY THAT WAS ON EXPENDITURE FOR THAT YEAR. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR, 2023-2024. AS FAR AS PUBLIC WORKS HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THAT ON TOP OF MY HEAD RIGHT NOW.

GREAT. IF YOU COULD -- YEAH. ON THE PUBLIC TO SEND THE QUESTION TO STAFF, TO MARY AND SHE WILL SEND IT TO THE RIGHT DEPARTMENT. CONFIDENCE THERE WILL BE A RESPONSE. ALSO THERE WAS ANOTHER QUESTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC RELATED TO RISKS. IF ANYONE --

THAT QUESTION -- I CANNOT SAY -- THERE IS NO JOURNAL ENTRY I MADE THAT IS LOOKING FUNNY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I WILL LET THE AUDITOR ADDRESS WHETHER HE HAD SEEN ANY JOURNAL ENTRY FROM THE PUBLIC THAT LOOKS WEIRD.

OKAY. SIR?

EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS. REGARDS TO UNUSUAL JOURNAL ENTRIES WE LOOK FOR KEYWORDS SUCH AS -- OR ANY KINDS OF DESCRIPTIONS IN THE RECORDS THAT AREN'T VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THOSE WOULD BE LOOKED AT CLOSER WE ALSO LOOK AT ANY AMOUNTS THAT ARE MAYBE AROUND IT, FOR EXAMPLE. FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU HAVE A JOURNAL ENTRY THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY -- THE NUMBER IS COMPLETELY ROUNDED TO THE THOUSAND OR 10,000, WE LOOK AT THAT. IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR JOURNAL ENTRIES THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY WE IDENTIFY RIGHT AWAY AS UNUSUAL, BUT HOWEVER IF WE DID I -- IDENTIFY ANYTHING -- WITH THE AUDIT. EVERYTHING WE LOOK AT WILL CLARIFY WHAT IT WAS FOR. ANYTHING FURTHER WE NEED TO CONSIDER TO REPORT ON.

THANK YOU. IF THERE'S ANY TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AGAIN, PLEASE SEND THEM IN EMAIL FORM TO MARY AND SHE WILL MAKE SURE THE RESPONSIBLE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT RESPONSE. I THINK THAT WAS MY RUNNING LIST OF QUESTIONS. IS THERE BACK UP TO THE DAIS FOR DISCUSSIONS, DELIBERATIONS?

I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT TALKED ABOUT OUR BUDGETING PROCESS. OCCASIONALLY WHEN THE BUDGET COMES TO FULL COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE, I GUESS THE WORD PITCHED IDEAS, OR ADDITIONAL THINGS. I WANTED TO REMIND THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WE HAVE A BROWN ACT BODY HERE. ONLY TWO PEOPLE CONSERVE ON BUDGET. ALTHOUGH MANY OF US FOLLOW THE PROCESS. IF WE ARE NOT ON THE BUDGETS OF THE -- SUBCOMMITTEE WE ONLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN PUBLICLY WHEN

THE BUDGET COMES TO THIS FULL-BODY. I FEEL THAT IS A PROCESS THAT MANY CITIES USE, INCLUDING OURS. I WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER -- HINTON? ANY OTHER DELIBERATIONS, QUESTIONS? LOOKING TO MY LEFT.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH MY SHARE OF AUDITS BEFORE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOUR WORK. THESE AREN'T EASY. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY IT TAKES A YEAR. BUDGETING PROCESS IS SUPER DIFFICULT. FORECASTING IS NOTORIOUSLY AN ART, YOU KNOW. I FEEL RATHER CONFIDENT YOU GOT ALL THE MISSED PLACE ZEROS AND DECIMAL POINTS. EVERYTHING MATCHES. WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THIS IS BASICALLY ABOUT THE AUDITING PROCESS, AND WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY DISCUSSING THE INS AND OUTS OF THE BUDGET BECAUSE I HAVE PROBABLY A WEEK OF QUESTIONS AS FAR AS THAT GOES. DO I UNDERSTAND WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE BUDGET AND HOW WE CAN IMPROVE IN THESE KINDS OF THINGS LATER, YES.

THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. LATER IN THE YEAR.

YES, FOR THE BUDGET IT'S LATER. THIS IS JUST FOR THE COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I'VE GOT ONE MORE SILLY REQUEST. -- THAT'S A THING. THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THE COMMITTEES ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE THING.

OKAY, GREAT.

OKAY.

ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

3 TO 400 HOURS IS QUITE A HEAVY LIFT IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT NUMBERS. I AM SURE OUR FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR FOR QUITE A LOT OF TIME IN THIS, TOO. I HATE TO BE NITPICKING. THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO READ THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT ON PAGE 33 OF 184 THAT THIS LANGUAGE BE CLEANED UP SO IT'S REALLY REFLECTIVE OF THE GENERAL FUNDS. WHEN I LOOKED AT THESE NUMBERS, THEY DIDN'T MATCH. I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THAT AND WAS TOLD THAT IS THE GENERAL FUND PLUS SOME OTHER FUNDS. MY REQUEST IS, CAN THIS LANGUAGE BE CLEANED UP SO IT IS PURELY REFLECTIVE OF THE GENERAL FUND WITH AN EXPLANATION OF HOW WE WENT FROM 1.2 MILLION DEFICIT TO A 300 K DEFICIT. HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? TO ME THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I THINK OUR PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THESE THINGS. AND WHAT IT SAYS HERE IS THAT THERE WAS -- THE CHANGE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAPITOL PROJECTS PENDING, WHICH IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. I AM ASKING THAT THIS BE CLEANED UP BEFORE IT'S MADE PUBLIC SO THAT IT REALLY REFLECTS JUST THE GENERAL FUND, NOT THE OTHER FUNDS. THE OTHER THING IT SAYS THAT THE BUDGET WAS INCREASED BY 957 FOR GARBAGE FRANCHISE STUDY, WHICH IS THAT IS NOT ACCURATE, EITHER. IF I CAN BE CLEANED UP, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT SO THAT'S REALLY REFLECTED OF WHAT IT WAS. IF MY COUNCIL PEOPLE HERE AGREE WITH ME, I WOULD MAKE THAT REQUEST.

RESPONSE.

I AM GOING TO HAVE TO DISCUSS WITH THE AUDITOR. THIS WHOLE FINANCIAL STATEMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED THROUGH THE GFOA. THE DEADLINE WAS JANUARY 31st. I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW THE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS CAN BE REVISED AT THIS TIME. BUT I WILL SPEAK WITH THE AUDITOR AFTER THE MEETING. OFF-LINE.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, THANK YOU FOR THE RESPONSE. OTHER QUESTIONS? MARY THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY, RIGHT? BEFORE

I MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM, ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? TO MY RIGHT, TO MY LEFT. SEEING NONE WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER SIX, WHICH IS PART OF OUR REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS. THIS IS THE DISCUSSION OF DIRECTION TO VOTING DELEGATE AT THE SONOMA COUNTY MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSOCIATION MEETING. THIS IS IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY IT'S UNDERLINED. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. AND THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT IS CITY CLERK. MARY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. AS YOU STATED THIS ITEM IS TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BOARD AS WELL AS CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE ASSOCIATION IS MADE UP OF ALL NINE CITIES IN SONOMA COUNTY. AND VARIOUS REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE A MULTIPLE -- DIFFERENT MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT,. IN THE STAFF REPORT YOU WILL SEE THE OPENINGS FOR THE CITY SELECTION APPOINTMENTS WHICH ARE THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT BOARD, GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, SONOMA COUNTY OVERSIGHT BOARD. FOR THE BOARD APPOINTMENTS YOU WILL SEE THE NORTH BAY EXECUTIVE BOARD. SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SONOMA AREA RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION. AND THE NON-APPOINTMENT TO THAT. THE COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED -- ALL SONOMA COUNTY MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED -- THE ACTION TONIGHT IS TO REVIEW EACH OF THOSE APPOINTMENTS ON THE LETTER SUBMITTED AND PROVIDE DIRECTION. I WOULD RECOMMEND GOING THROUGH EACH ONE OF THEM INDIVIDUALLY AND DO THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN. IF THERE IS SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY TO DO A MOTION AT THE END. IF NOT THERE'S -- DO INDIVIDUAL MOTION WE NEED A CONSENSUS ON.

THANK YOU. OTHER QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE PROCESS? ANY QUESTIONS?

TWO QUESTIONS. ONE IS, SOME OF US, I ASSUME MANY OF US HAVE RECEIVED PHONE CALLS. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GOING THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN, I ASSUME IF WE ARE NOT UNANIMOUS WE WILL GO BACK AND BE ABLE TO MAKE COMMENT ON WHETHER WE SUPPORT CERTAIN CANDIDATES. I FEEL THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE PROCESS. SECOND, AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN DISCUSS THIS TONIGHT, BUT SINCE THERE WAS A RECENT EMERGENCY MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND OUR PROTOCOLS, CURRENTLY, DO NOT ALLOW FOR OUR MAYOR TO VOTE ON EMERGENCY MEETINGS WITHOUT IT BEING A GENDERIZED -- IT'S A QUESTION FOR ALEX. IT WOULD SEEM LIKE, AND I READ THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, IS THAT SOMETHING WE CAN TALK ABOUT TONIGHT OR DO WE HAVE TO BRING THAT BACK AS A SEPARATE ITEM BECAUSE IT INVOLVES PROTOCOLS?

WE HAVE TO BRING THAT BACK. IT'S A SEPARATE AGENDA THING. THE COUNCIL SHOULD PROVIDE COUNCIL TO THE STAFF.

I WOULD LIKE THAT ADDRESSED. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES HERE. I THINK THAT SHOULD COME BACK FOR FULL DISCUSSION.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. YES, THAT ACTUALLY -- AGENDA ITEM REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. IT WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT AGENDA REVIEW. THANK YOU FOR THAT. ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS FOR MY COLLEAGUES? LOOKING TO MY LEFT. TRYING TO GO BACK AND FORTH. SEEING NONE. OVER TO MY RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. JUST FOR COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, YES, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING EACH OF THE APPLICANTS AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THOSE.

THAT IS PART OF THE PROCESS. SORRY IF I WAS NOT CLEAR ON THAT. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE APPOINTMENTS. RECOMMENDED FOR THE LETTERS OF INTEREST RECEIVED FOR THE BOARD AS WELL AS THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE LETTERS OF INTEREST THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, I WILL COME TO CHAMBERS FIRST. PLEASE.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL. I WILL DO MY BEST TO FOLLOW THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. MY NAME IS ALEX. CITY COUNCILMAN. I HAVE APPLIED FOR TWO POSITIONS. I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD SPEAK TO BOTH NOW OR JUST ONE. OF. OKAY. I HAVE APPLIED --

BOTH, YES. THE CLERK IS INDICATING BOTH.

I APPLIED TO ADD AN OPEN SPACE AND. I COME FROM AN AGRICULTURE FAMILY IN SONOMA COUNTY FOR OVER HUNDRED 50 YEARS. I KNOW THE BUSINESS WELL. I HAVE WORKED IT VERY WELL, TOO. I KNOW ALL THE RANGES, OWNERS, THE STREETS LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND. I'M VERY CONNECTED TO IT ALL. I APPRECIATE HAVING SOMETHING LIKE AG AND OPEN SPACE TO HELP PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF SONOMA COUNTY AND OUR HERITAGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, TOO, MANCHIN GRATT -- MATCHING GRANT PROGRAMS HELP OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. I WANT TO SEE THOSE THRIVE, TOO. BEING THE LIAISON, I THINK, YOU KNOW, THAT'S IMPORTANT, AS WELL. I HAVE ABOUT A DECADE'S WORTH OF EXPERIENCE IN RAILROADING. I UNDERSTAND -- I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL AND AM PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. I REALLY WANT TO SEE PASSENGER SERVICE TO CONTINUE TO GROW. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACHILLES' HEEL IS FREE FOR THE RAILROAD. FREIGHT IS ACTUALLY CRUCIAL TO S.M.A.R.T.. THEY ARE COMMON CARRIER. THEY RETAIN THAT PERMIT AND THEY NEED THE FRAY ON THERE AS PART OF WHO THEY ARE. WITH MY BACKGROUND IN --

ALEX YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

BUSINESS. I'M AN ENGINEER, AS WELL. THAT'S THE LENS I LOOK AT EVERYTHING THROUGH. I WANT TO SEE THE ECONOMY IMPROVE AS A WHOLE IN SONOMA COUNTY. WHAT I'M WORKING ON AND I WANT TO SEE I CAN DO THAT WITH THE RAILROAD HERE, TOO. YEAH. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, ALEX, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS. NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. IF YOU LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE LETTERS OF INTEREST SUBMITTED PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING THEN I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN TIMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

AS BARRY INDICATED WE WILL GO INTO ORDER. POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. THE FIRST BEING THE BAY AREA QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD. THERE IS ONE SEAT. IT DOES APPEAR WE HAVE ONE APPLICANTS. ARE THERE QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. OKAY WE ARE GOING TO DO A -- THUMBS VOTE WHILE WE ARE DOING THIS PROCESS. I SEE ALL THUMBS TO MY RIGHT, ALL TO THE LEFT, THUMBS FOR ME. WE ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND RECOMMEND BRIAN FROM PETALUMA. THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT. THERE IS ONE SEE OPEN , AND THERE ARE TWO -- THERE HAVE BEEN TWO LETTERS RECEIVED. ONE BY GERARD, AND ONE FROM FRANK OF PETALUMA. DISCUSSION ON THAT. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

WELL, I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER FROM PETALUMA SPEAKING ON THIS AND PUTTING HIS LETTER AND I WOULD HAVE TO SAY I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING

GERARD MAINLY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN ON THIS FOR 2 1/2 YEARS. NOT AN EXTRA LONG TIME, BUT ENOUGH TIME TO GET SITUATED IN IT. I HAVEN'T ALWAYS AGREED WITH ONE OF HIS VOTES REGARDING IT, HE IS JUST STARTING TO GET ON SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEES WITH GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. I HAVE A LOT OF CHALLENGING ISSUES COMING UP. I DO THINK WITH A BIG APPOINTMENT LIKE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE SEAT SO THEY CAN WORK ON OUR BEHALF FOR BIT OF TIME. THAT'S THE REASON I WOULD BE SUPPORTING HIM TONIGHT.

GREAT. I AM LOOKING -- OKAY, I AM THE -- SEEING A THUMB TO MY LEFT. SHOULD I CONTINUE ON? ALSO THUMBS UP. THUMBS DOWN. NOT FOR -- OKAY. AND THEN I SEE ONE FOR COUNCILMEMBER HINTON . VICE MAYOR? OKAY. AND I AM AS WELL. SO THERE'S THREE. YEAH I WAS -- ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HOW THEY DID THEIR THUMB ACTION, PLEASE CHIP IN.

I AM HAPPY TO SAY. I OFTEN LIKE TO CONSIDER FOLKS WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR NAME IN FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING YOURSELF ON THE COMMITTEE AND BECOMING COMFORTABLE IN IT BEFORE YOU -- IT TAKES A WHILE BEFORE YOU CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. THAT IS WHY AM SUPPORTING GERARD.

I WILL HAVE TO SAY THE SAME. I FOLLOW WITH THE COMMENTS. IT DOES TAKE A WHILE TO GET FULLY UP TO SPEED AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCESSES. SO YOU CAN CONTINUE MOVING UP AND HOPEFULLY DOING EVERYTHING FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. SEEING NO OTHER INDICATION FOR COMMENTS, SO THERE IS THUMBS UP FOR GERARD GIUDICE . I BELIEVE WE CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE. SONOMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED OVERSIGHT BOARD. THERE IS ONE POSITION AVAILABLE, AND THERE ARE TWO APPLICANTS. ONE, JACKIE ELWARD FROM ROHNERT PARK AND STEPHEN ZOLLMAN FROM SEBASTOPOL. OTHER COMMENTS?

SURE, I WILL LEAD. I AM ALWAYS GOING TO SUPPORT OUR AREA AND COLLEAGUES FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT OUR MAYOR, STEPHEN ZOLLMAN , TONIGHT.

TO MY LEFT?

I DON'T KNOW, I FEEL WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE. [LAUGHTER] I AM JUST KIDDING.

ANYWAY. OVER TO MY RIGHT?

JUST TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR YOU. THUMBS UP.

GREAT, THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES. IF I GET IT, I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN FOR EVERYONE OF US. AND ALL OF THE COUNTY. THEN MOVING ON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS. THE FIRST BEING NORTH BAY DIVISION LOCC. THERE'S TWO -- ACTUALLY ONE APPLICANTS. JACKIE ELWARD FROM ROHNERT PARK . DISCUSSIONS ON THAT APPLICATION. I SEE A THUMBS UP TO MY RIGHT. MY LEFT. YES. THE NOMINEE WILL BE FROM US FOR JACKIE ELWARD. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE POSITION IS ON SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THERE IS ONE SEAT AVAILABLE. YES. ONE SEAT AVAILABLE. THE LETTERS RECEIVED ARE ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. THERE IS KAREN NAU FROM PETALUMA. MARJORIE MORGENSTERN FROM CLOVERDALE. AND FRANK QUINT FROM PETALUMA AND ALEX DECARLI FROM PETALUMA. I'M GOING TO LOOK TO MY RIGHT TO SEE FOR COMMENTS.

NOT KNOWING MANY OF THE FOLKS I AM JUST GOING TO ASK PRESENT MY SUPPORT FOR ALEX. WE'VE GOT DISCUSSIONS, I GOT TO KNOW HIM WHEN HE WAS RUNNING. I GOT TO KNOW HIS COMMITMENTS. THAT'S WHERE MY SUPPORT IS.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS TO MY LEFT?

I ALSO APPRECIATE YOU SHOWED UP. I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOUR COLLEAGUE FROM PETALUMA, FRANK. HE IS ALSO A STRONG ENVIRONMENTALIST. I APPRECIATE THAT A LOT. THANK YOU.

OTHER COMMENTS? I SEE ANOTHER THUMBS UP. I AM LOOKING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO MY RIGHT FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, THOUGHTS, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I HAVE SERVED ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR SIX YEARS. JUST IN THE PAST. IT'S AN IMPORTANT COMMITTEE. THEY DO SAY THERE'S A LOT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH. IT'S INTERESTING TO HAVE THREE COLLEAGUES FROM PETALUMA THROUGH LETTERS AND FOR THE SAME POSITION. I WILL GO AHEAD AND TELL YOUR WAY BECAUSE YOU SHOWED UP, AND I DIDN'T HEAR FROM ANY OF THOSE OTHER GUYS.

THAT'S OKAY. JUST COMMENTS UP HERE FOR THE DAIS, BUT THANK YOU. I SEE AN INDICATION TO GO WITH ALEX DECARLI. I AM FINE WITH THAT AS WELL. WE WILL MOVE THAT FORWARD. THE NEXT POSITION IS SONOMA AREA RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION. THERE ARE THREE SEATS. AND THERE ARE FOUR APPLICANTS. GERARD GIUDICE OF ROHNERT PARK . JANICE CADER OF PETALUMA. TODD LANDS FROM CLOVERDALE. I'M GOING TO OPEN IT UP FROM DISK -- FOR DISCUSSIONS.

I AM LOOKING AT -- WE'VE GIVEN POSITIONS TO PEOPLE FROM ROHNERT PARK AND PETALUMA ALREADY. THERE IS CLOVERDALE AND -- SOMEONE NOT ON THE MAIN CORRIDOR BEYOND THE SMART COMMISSION. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THOSE SHUTTLES INTO THE TOWNS ON THE CORE DOOR. ANYWAY. I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY -- I DON'T REALLY KNOW EITHER OF THESE TWO PEOPLE, BUT I GUESS I WOULD VOTE FOR ARIEL FOR THIS COMMISSION.

I GUESS I WILL GO BACK OVER ON THE SIDE. LET'S GO TO COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

THANKS. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO LET COUNCILMEMBER KNOW WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE S.M.A.R.T. BOARDS. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE BEEN VERY LOUDLY ASKING FOR MIKE McGUIRE AND CHRIS ROGERS TO CHANGE THAT FOR US, BUT THAT IS THE CURRENT RULES. WITH THAT SAID, BECAUSE WE HAVE -- GERARD IS GOING TO BE ON GOLDEN GATE, I AM -- IN THE NEXT STOCK IS HEALDSBURG WHERE THE SMART TRAIN IS GOING. I AM GOING TO BE SUPPORTING ARIEL KELLEY TONIGHT, AND JANICE CADER FROM PETALUMA. I SERVED WITH BOTH OF THEM. THEY'VE BEEN ON THERE, I BELIEVE, WELL. I FEEL THEY HAVE THE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE TWO SEATS ON THIS BOARD ANYWAY.

OKAY. VICE MAYOR?

I AM SUPPORTING THE SAME, JANICE AND ARIEL. I KNOW -- KNOWING BOTH OF THEM I KNOW THEY WILL SERVE AS WELL.

GREAT. ANY OTHER THOUGHTS TO MY LEFT? COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

IT WASN'T SURE IF WE WERE PICKING THREE OR TWO. IF WE ARE PICKING TWO, JANICE AND ARIEL, BUT THE THIRD WOULD BE TODD.

IT'S TOO. I HERE YOU FOR JANICE CADER AND ARIEL KELLEY. I AM GOOD WITH THAT AS WELL. THE NEXT ONE IS THE NON-SCTA APPOINTMENT. THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS WITH THAT. THERE IS ONE POSITION, YEAH, SORRY. I BLEW OVER THE ONE. THERE'S ONE POSITION AND THREE LETTERS RECEIVED. VICTORIA

FLEMING FROM SANTA ROSA. CHRIS FROM HEALDSBURG . ALEX DECARLI FROM PETALUMA. AND SYLVIA.

I AM GOING TO BE SUPPORTING SYLVIA. I AGREE WITH THAT. SHE IS A WOMAN OF COLOR. A CITY OF OUR SIZE. I APPRECIATE THAT AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS.

YES. I WILL JUMP IN, TOO. YES FOR THAT. US SMALL CITIES NEED TO STICK TOGETHER, AND ALSO AS INDICATED, SHE'S A WOMAN OF COLOR. I'VE SPOKEN WITH HER, SHE HAS APPROACHED ME. THIS WOULD BE THE VERY FIRST TIME FOR SOMEONE FROM HER CITY TO BE IN THAT TYPE OF POSITION. I AM 100% SUPPORTING HER. LOOKING FOR YES. I AM SEEING THUMBS UP. IT SEEMS WE ARE IN AGREEMENT. WE WILL PUT FORWARD SYLVIA LEMUS FOR THIS ONE. MARY IS THERE MORE -- DO WE NEED TO DO ALL OF THAT AND EMOTION?

YES, WHAT I WOULD DO IS DUE TO SEPARATE MOTIONS AS THERE IS ONE THAT DOES NOT HAVE CONSENSUS. I WOULD RECOMMEND MOVING TO A POINT AS RECOMMENDED. I CAN GO BACK THROUGH ONCE I GET A FIRST ON A SECOND. WE CAN COME BACK FOR THE ONE.

OKAY. CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH WHAT YOU HAVE?

CAN I GET A MOTION -- ACTUALLY, LET ME READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I WILL COME BACK AND ASK FOR THE RECOMMENDATION. THIS WOULD BE TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE MEETING FOR THE CITY SELECTION APPOINTMENT FOR THE BAY AREA QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF BRIAN BARNICLE. THE SONOMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE NORTH BAY DIVISION EXECUTIVE BOARD, JACKIE ALWARD. THE OPEN SPACE, ALEX DECARLI. THE RAIL TRANSIT SMART COMMISSION, ARIEL KELLEY AND ALEX DECARLI -- JANICE CADER. AND THE NON-SCTA APPOINTMENT TO THAT WOULD BE SYLVIA LEMUS. IF I CAN GET A MOTION ON A SECOND TO APPROVE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE DIRECTION.

SO MOVE.

SECOND.

THANK YOU. SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR McLEWIS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR ZOLLMAN. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. VICE MAYOR McLEWIS. MAYOR ZOLLMAN. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE GOLDEN GATE RIDGE AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT.

YES. WE WERE NOT ALL IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT. I THOUGHT I HEARD -- THERE WERE 44 GERARD AND ONE NO.

FOR THE PERSON WHO SAID NO, WHAT THEY LIKE TO SPEAK?

I DON'T HAVE A STRONG -- BUT I DO KNOW THE PERSON IS STRONG IN BUSINESS, AND HE'S AN EXPERT. THAT'S WHY I WOULD BE SUPPORTING HIM. BUT IT'S NOT SERIOUS.

OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT. DOES THAT CHANGE ANYONE'S THOUGHTS? LOOKING TO THE RIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I THINK WHAT COUNCILMEMBER HINTON SAID , THE FACT HE'S BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, THAT, FOR ME, MAKES ME WANT TO KEEP HIM ON THAT BOARD RATHER THAN SWITCH. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. IT SEEMS WE ARE LEANING, AND WE PROBABLY DO NEED A MOTION. IS THERE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GERARD GIUDICE?

I WILL MOVE WE MOVE FORWARD AND SUPPORT GERARD GIUDICE FOR THE GOLDEN GREAT -- GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR. ROLL CALL?

SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR McLEWIS TO SUPPORT GERARD GIUDICE FOR GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES, 4-1, WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS HINTON, MAURER, VICE MAYOR McLEWIS AND MAYOR ZOLLMAN AFFIRMATIVE, AND BUS TO IN OPPOSITION.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER SEVEN. FIRE REORGANIZATION WITH GOLD RIDGE. RECOMMENDATION ON THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FIRE SERVICE REORGANIZATION TO THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT. THIS PART IS ALWAYS UNDERLINED IS IMPORTANT. THE COST TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND WITH REORGANIZATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$1.1 MILLION ANNUALLY, WITH THE COST INCREASED ANNUALLY BASED ON THE BAY AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. THE ANNUAL INCREASE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 2%, WITH A 5% MAXIMUM. THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY IS CITY MANAGER.

THANK YOU. LET ME BRING UP THE SCREEN SHARING. I NEED THE SHARING TURNED ON. THERE WE GO. JUST A MOMENT. OKAY, THERE WE GO. GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS ITEM TO YOU. IT HAS BEEN A LONG LABOR. I FIRST WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE FOLKS WE HAVE BEEN COLLABORATING WITH WITH THE GOLD RIDGE TEAM. WE HAVE THEIR DIRECTORS, CHRIS, DAVID, AND I THINK CHARLIE IS IN THE HOUSE. HE IS. WE HAVE CHIEF, AND ASSISTANT DAVE, WHO'S BEEN ACTING AS A FIRED CHIEF IN SEBASTOPOL FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE LAST YEAR. WELCOME, IT'S BEEN ASKED -- AN EFFORT. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON AND VICE MAYOR McLEWIS. WE HAVE BEEN GATHERING FOR SOME TIME . THE SLIDESHOW, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW, SLIGHTLY UPDATED WITH A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL SLIDES AT THE END TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS OF -- FROM THE PUBLIC. I WILL COVER THOSE WHEN WE GET THERE. TRYING TO MOVE ALONG HERE. OKAY. THE BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT IS THAT WE WILL, WITH THE DECISION TO REORGANIZE, ALSO KNOWN AS CONSOLIDATE OR MERGE, WITH THE GOLD RIDGE DISTRICT, WILL BE GETTING SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER SERVICE FOR \$1 MILLION A YEAR OR LESS IN GENERAL FUND DOLLARS THEN IF WE REMAIN INDEPENDENT. THE PRICE, IF YOU WILL, OF THE OPPORTUNITY COMES WITH A PARCEL TAX OF ABOUT \$265 PER HOUSE, PER SINGLE-FAMILY HOME PER YEAR. OUR ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT FOR HIGH QUALITY FIRE SERVICE WE ARE GOING TO NEED THAT PARCEL TAX ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE ARE GOING TO END UP WITH 1 MILLION A YEAR IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS AND BETTER SERVICE IF WE CONSOLIDATE THEN IF WE WERE TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT. FINANCIALLY AND OPERATIONALLY WE THINK THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A GOOD DEAL. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS OF DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, SO I'VE BEEN TOLD. LAST APRIL WE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH GOLD RIDGE. IN JULY WE HAD GOOD -- NEGOTIATED -- INITIATED NEGOTIATIONS. IN OCTOBER WE ADOPTED RESOLUTION -- WHICH WE NOW HAVE YOU BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING. TONIGHT WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FOR COMMISSION, OR LAFCO BEFORE WE GO TO THE VOTERS. THE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH THE GOLD RIDGE AND SEBASTOPOL AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR QUITE OF FEW -- MANY TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HIRED CITYGATE TO COMPARE REORGANIZATION. WE DID THAT IN APRIL AND WE DECIDED THAT

REORGANIZING MADE SENSE. THERE WERE GOING TO BE SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS. THE ANALYSIS THE CITYGATE DID WAS MUCH MORE IN DEPTH. THEY HAVE GREATER FIRE EXPERTISE THAN WE HAD IN APRIL AND IT REINFORCED THE WISDOM OF THAT DECISION AND AMPLIFIED THE BENEFITS ARE STRONGER THAN WE HAD DISCUSSED LAST SPRING. WE ALSO HAD COAR DESIGN DO AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR FIRE STATION . THAT LED, IN PART TO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WOULD ESSENTIALLY GIVE THE FIRE STATION TO GOLD RIDGE WITH THE RIGHT OF RETURN. AND ALSO, SINCE APRIL, PARTICULARLY WITH THE FUNDING WE HAVE EXPANDED STAFFING WITH THE STIPEND PROGRAM CHANGES AND WE ARE IN THE HIRING PROCESS NOW FOR CAPTAINS. WHAT A LOT HAPPENED IN THE FIRE WORLD. AS A STAFFING COMPARISON, I AM GOING TO SHOW -- I BELIEVE THIS IS IN THE REPORT. FUTURE REORGANIZE STAFFING HAS A SHARED FIRE CHIEF INSTEAD OF ONE DEDICATED JUST TO SEBASTOPOL. THREE SHARED BATTALION CHIEFS, ANOTHER FORM OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT, FIRE PREVENTION CAPTION -- CAPTAIN. AND THEN THREE CAPTAINS ENGINEERS AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND THREE OF EACH. HUNDRED AND 70 VOLUNTEERS. YOU CAN SEE WHAT THE COMPARISON IS TO STANDALONE. THIS IS THE CONFIGURATION WE FEEL WE WOULD NEED. I WILL CALL OUT AS AN EXAMPLE, WE BELIEVE OUR CITYGATE RECOMMENDED WE HAVE ONE ADMIN PERSON OUR SELF AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. OURSELVES PLUS AT LEAST HAVE A POSITION COULD BE WELL CLOSER TO A FULL-TIME POSITION IN CITY HALL TO DEAL WITH THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COME WITH HAVING MORE EMPLOYEES AND A LARGER OPERATION. THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE. THERE'S OTHER BENEFITS, AS WELL. THE SHARED FIRE CHIEF, THAT POSITION, IF WE WERE TO STANDALONE WOULD BE CLOSE TO \$300,000 A YEAR. THREE SHARED BATTALION CHIEFS WILL PROVIDE 24/7 COVERAGE WITH SENIOR LEADER RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES WHEN NECESSARY. I MENTIONED THE LOWER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COSTS. ANOTHER REALLY IMPORTANT ONE, WHILE EACH COMPARISON SHOWS THREE CAPTAINS, ENGINEERS AND FIREFIGHTERS, IF WE WERE RUNNING THIS OURSELVES AND HAD AN ABSENCE WE DON'T HAVE ANYBODY WE CAN DRAW ON TO STEP IN FROM ELSEWHERE ON OUR STAFF. WE WOULD TRY AND MAYBE BE SUCCESSFUL AT HAVING A VOLUNTEER STEP IN, BUT IN GOLD RIDGE'S SEPP -- SITUATION, IF SOMEONE IS HURT OR ILL, THEY HAVE MUCH GREATER DEPTH THAT EACH OF THOSE POSITIONS AND CAN SUBSTITUTE SOMEBODY AND THAT WE CAN'T. I THINK THAT'S SIGNIFICANT VALUE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF IMPROVED SERVICE AT A LOWER COST. TO ME THAT IS THE DEFINITION OF BEING COST-EFFECTIVE. TURNING NOW TO APPARATUS, THE FIRE INDUSTRY'S TERM FOR ENGINES AND TRUCKS. WE WOULD TRANSFER ALL OF OURS TO GOLD RIDGE IN THE CONDITION THEY ARE IN. WE HAVE A FIRE ENGINE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY PARTIALLY PAID FOR. THERE'S TWO REMAINING PAYMENTS OF ABOUT \$240,000. WE WOULD SPLIT THOSE BETWEEN US. IN THE LONG RUN, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE WE HAVEN'T QUANTIFIED, A LITTLE SPECULATIVE TO DO, WE DO THINK IN THE LONG RUN WE WOULD NEED TO PURCHASE FEWER ENGINES AND TRUCKS WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE OR GOLD RIDGE IS ABLE TO SHARE A LARGER POOL OF THEM. I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO PAUSE. IF ANY OF THE AD HOC MEMBERS WANT TO JOIN IN, I INVITE THEM TO FEEL FREE TO DO SO. SO FAR WE ARE GOOD. OKAY. ON THE STATION, THE COAR ASSESSMENT, ONE OF THE REPORTS IN THE PACKAGE, IT INDICATED THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE EXPANDED STAFFING. IT'S 50 YEARS OLD, WHICH IS ABOUT THE LIFESPAN OF THE BUILDING AND THAT GENERATION. AND IT NEEDS SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT. THAT'S THE BOTTOM

LINE. MORE AVAILABLE THAN MATERIALS. WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING IS THAT GOLD RIDGE WOULD ASSUME FULL OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STATION. THEY COULD SELL IT, AND THE PROPERTY, BUT ONLY IF USED TO BUILD A REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL. IF THEY EVER WANT TO USE IT FOR SOMETHING NOT FOR FIRE STATION PURPOSES, THEN THE CITY COULD RECLAIM OWNERSHIP. JUST TO BE CLEAR, THERE IS NO PLAN TO SELL THE PROPERTY AT THIS POINT. THIS IS A VERY LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO INCLUDE THOSE PROVISIONS FOR THE DAY THAT PERHAPS THEY DO. TURNING TO THE FINANCES, RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TWO MAJOR SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. ONE IS THE CITY GENERAL FUND, WHICH IS ABOUT 1.5 MILLION A YEAR. THAT IS A REQUIRED AMOUNT, CAN'T GO BELOW THAT RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE TO GET THE MEASURE H MONEY, THE FIRE SALES TAX THAT WAS PASSED LAST YEAR, WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF GENERAL FUND SPENDING ON FIRE. IT'S AROUND 10 TO 11% OF OUR GENERAL FUND. THAT IS WHAT THAT 1.5 MILLION REPRESENTS. THE OTHER MAJOR FUNDING SOURCE FOR FIRE IS MEASURE H, THE SALES TAX PASSED LAST YEAR THAT I MENTIONED, AND THAT GENERATES FOR SEBASTOPOL, ABOUT 1.4 MILLION ANNUALLY. THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A PARCEL TAX FOR FIRE. IF WE WERE TO REORGANIZE WE WOULD HAVE THREE MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES. ONE WOULD BE THE CITY GENERAL FUND, BUT INSTEAD OF THE 1.5 MILLION A YEAR NUMBER, WE DON'T HAVE THAT REQUIREMENT ANYMORE BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BE RECEIVING MEASURE H FUNDING BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENTS GO DOWN. THE ANNUAL ESCALATOR WE ARE PROPOSING, OF THAT 1.1 MILLION WOULD BE TIED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IN THE BAY AREA. WE WOULD BE INCREASING THAT AT LEAST 2% A YEAR TO GOLD RIDGE. BUT NO MORE THAN 5% A YEAR TO GOLD RIDGE. THERE IS PROTECTION REALLY FOR BOTH THEM AND US TO ENSURE THERE SOME KIND OF COST INFLATED IN THE AGREEMENT. NONETHELESS, FOR TODAY, IT'S ABOUT 1.1 MILLION IS WHAT WE WOULD START WITH. MEASURE H, AGAIN, THE 1.1 MILLION WE WOULD RECEIVE WOULD ALSO BE GOING TO GOLD RIDGE. IF YOU APPLY THE GOLD RIDGE PARCEL TAX OF ABOUT \$265 FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOME, THAT ALSO TOTALS 1.1 MILLION. YOU GET 3.3 WHEN YOU ADD UP THOSE THREE 1.1'S, THE FUTURE REVENUE SOURCES THE CITY WOULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO OR PART OF. FOR THE COMPARISON, AND THIS IS A TABLE THAT IS OUTDATED, BUT OUT OF THE CITYGATE REPORT. YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE FEES, THE MEASURE H FUNDS, THE CITY PARCEL TAX AND THE GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION, HOW THOSE AT UP UNDER THE GOLD RIDGE SCENARIO AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE UNDER THE SEBASTOPOL STANDALONE SCENARIO. THE ONE DIFFERENCE IS THE FIRST YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED DOLLAR AMOUNT IN THE MIDDLE IS NOW 1.1 MILLION NOT 1.2 MILLION. WE NEGOTIATED A LITTLE AFTER THE SLIDE -- THIS TABLE WAS PROVIDED. DROPPED THE COST TO THE CITY BY, ROUND NUMBERS, \$100,000. YOU SEE THE SALARY AND BENEFIT ANOTHER EXPENSE ITEMS THERE. TO DO THIS BY OURSELVES WOULD BE ABOUT 4.4 MILLION A YEAR, AND TO DO IT WITH GOLD RIDGE IS ABOUT 3.4 MILLION A YEAR. THAT'S WHERE YOU GET THE SAVINGS FROM THE ECONOMY FOR SCALE. AGAIN, THE SERVICES BETTER WHEN WE CONSOLIDATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE GREATER DEPTH OF STAFF AND 24/7 BATTALION CHIEF COVERAGE. THIS IS PART OF WHY WE ARGUE FOR MERGER REORGANIZATION IS SO COMPELLING. WE KNOW THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE IDENTITY AND THE FIRE STATION IS A CORE PART OF THE COMMUNITY. HAS BEEN A LONG TIME WITH OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS. WHAT WE WOULD HAVE IS GOLD RIDGE, THE FIRE

STATION, YOU SEE AN EXAMPLE ON THE RIGHT, WOULD HAVE THE GOLD RIDGE NAME ON IT, AND ESSENTIALLY IN SMALLER FONT IT WOULD HAVE A SEBASTOPOL IDENTIFIER WITH IT. SAME THING WITH THE FIRE ENGINES AND TRUCKS. YOU SEE A COUPLE EXAMPLES IN THIS PHOTO OF HOW GOLD RIDGE DOES IT. IT'S ONE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE THE GOLD RIDGE TITLE. BUT THE HOME STATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE TRUCKS, AS WELL. OUR CURRENT SEBASTOPOL FIREFIGHTERS, IF THEY WERE INTERESTED, WE COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH PINS THAT THEY COULD WEAR AS PART OF THE UNIFORMS THAT IDENTIFY THEM AS SEBASTOPOL AS THE HOME STATION, IF YOU WILL. WE DO RETAIN SOME SENSE OF LOCAL IDENTITY WITH THE FIRE STATION, WHILE SHARING THAT WITH GOLD RIDGE, AS WELL. HAVE ONE DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATELY THEY WANT TO HAVE THEIR IDENTIFIERS ON -- AND STATIONS ON THE EQUIPMENT, AS WELL. THE NEXT STEPS IN THIS PROCESS, WE WOULD SUBMIT THE APPLICATION -- GOLD RIDGE WOULD DO THAT. THE APPLICANT TO LAFCO. THEY WOULD HOLD THE HEARING ON THE FIFTH OF MARCH. A COUPLE OF MONTHS -- ABOUT A MONTH FROM NOW. IF THEY APPROVE THE APPLICATION THEY WOULD ISSUE A NOTICE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROTEST. WE WILL DO SOME PUBLIC EDUCATION WORK DURING THE PROTEST PERIOD. AND THEY WOULD HAVE A HEARING ON MAY 7th. THE CONDITIONS ARE THERE. IF 25% OR MORE FILE A PROTEST WE WOULD HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. IF NOT THEN THE REORGANIZATION WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1st. I AM GOING TO GO NOW TO A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT HAVE COME UP, AND ONE OR TWO I QUIT -- NEGLECTED TO MENTION BEFORE. FIRST THE QUESTION HAS COME UP ABOUT A BETTER RESPONSE TIME, AND IMPROVED SERVICE THAT WOULD COME WITH THAT. THE CHIEF FROM GOLD RIDGE COULD SPEAK TO THAT BETTER THAN I CAN. IN TERMS OF OUT THE DOOR TIME RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE VOLUNTEERS TO GET TO THE STATION BEFORE THEY CAN GET ON THE ENGINES AND HEAD OUT. IF WE HAVE THE STAFF AND COMPLEMENT WE EXPECT THAT THE STATION, THEY CAN BE OUT THE DOOR IN A MINUTE OR LESS. ALSO A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FOR THEM WHEN YOU HAVE MORE STAFF ON THE ENGINES TO GO, YOU CAN BACK EACH OTHER UP MORE RAPIDLY. WITH APPROPRIATE BACKUP SUPPORT. THOSE ARE EXAMPLES OF BETTER SERVICE WITH EXPANDED STAFF INVOLVED. OTHER QUESTIONS THAT HAVE COME UP, AND ONE PROPOSED CHANGE. THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE WE ARE PROPOSING TO CHANGE IS CURRENTLY IN THE DOCUMENTS WE WOULD MAKE ONE PAYMENT, THE 1.1 MILLION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE AGREED WITH GOLD RIDGE AT THE END OF DECEMBER WORKS FOR BOTH OF US. IT GIVES US A LITTLE BIT BETTER HANDLE ON OUR CASH FLOW, AND THAT IS ADDRESSED -- THE CHANGES WE MADE ON THOSE PAGES, 23 AND 47 OF THE PACKET. DISCUSSED THIS WITH BOB, HOWARD ROOF FINANCIAL ADVISER, AND HE THINKS DOING THIS IN DECEMBER IS BETTER THAN DOING IT IN SEPTEMBER. WE CAN MAKE IT WORK EITHER WAY, BUT HE SUPPORTS MAKING THE CHANGE A LITTLE LATER IS BETTER. ANOTHER CHANGE. THIS HAS COME UP -- PRIOR THAN THIS ONE HAS COME UP IN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. THIS LANGUAGE IS LITERALLY CUT AND PASTE OUT OF THE -- WE WOULD INCLUDE IN THE PACKAGE. WHETHER GOLD RIDGE WOULD RETAIN HISTORIC PRACTICES FOR REPLENISHING WATER. VIA THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY. THEY AGREE THERE GOING TO LINE UP OUR TRIP -- THERE TRUCKS AT OUR HYDRANTS TO REFILL REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY OPERATE. THEY WILL CONTINUE CURRENT PRACTICES. WITH THAT, I AM HAPPY TO TURN THIS OVER TO --

COULD YOU GO BACK TO THAT ONE SLIDE WE WERE ON. THE PARCEL TAX SLIDE THAT TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

DID I -- I DID MISS THAT ONE, I AM SORRY. THANK YOU FOR CALLING THAT OUT. THE GOLD RIDGE PARCEL TAX, ON PAGE 40 OF THE PACKET, THIS SHOWS HOW YOU GET TO 265. THEY HAVE THREE OF THESE INDIVIDUAL TAXES. THIS IS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS. THE YEARS ARE LAID OUT. THEY REVIEW THIS EACH YEAR ANNUALLY. THEY GET A REPORT IN JULY. PUBLICLY AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE. THERE IS A TAX AMOUNT FOR EACH PROPERTY. MIGHT BE TO 65 IF YOU HAVE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. MIGHT BE SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT. IN AUGUST THERE IS A PUBLIC HEARING. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CORRECTION. IF SOMEONE SAYS I TOOK AWAY THIS -- YOU DIDN'T QUITE GET IT RIGHT, YOU CAN SAY YOUR PIECE IN FRONT OF THE GOLD RIDGE BOARD AND THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THAT, AND APPARENTLY DO MAKE CORRECTIONS EACH YEAR. THANK YOU FOR CALLING THAT OUT. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE OVERSIGHT.

THANK YOU. DEFINITELY SAY RESPONSIBLE PARTY CITY MANAGER, BUT IT ALSO SAID FIRE AD HOC. I'M GOING TO TURN TO MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PUT IN HOURS ON THIS. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FIRST, THEN ALSO TURNED TO BOTH OF THEM TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED. LOOKING DOWN.

SURE I WILL MAKE A FEW COMMENTS. THIS HAS BEEN A -- FOR ME, A LONG PROCESS. EIGHT YEARS SINCE I FIRST SAT ON THE FIRST AD HOC COMMITTEE. LET'S SEE, ONE OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS IN THE ROOM THAT REMEMBERS WHEN WE SAT DOWN AT THE TABLE. I JUST FEEL, LIKE, THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WHEN WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS, IT'S BEEN A REALLY COLLABORATIVE APPROACH, AND WE HAVE WORKED REALLY CLOSELY WITH THE GOLD RIDGE BOARD ON THIS AD HOC. I FEEL, LIKE, IT IS SUCH A DIFFERENT FEEL IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE OBJECTIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST WHEN THIS DISCUSSION HAS COME UP. I THINK WE DID THE RIGHT THING BY TAKING THIS BACK AND SPEND A LITTLE MONEY. EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A FAN OF CONSULTANTS TO GET EXPERTS AND CONSULT ON THIS. IT IS A VERY LONG CONTRACT WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS WITH REORGANIZATION. AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE COMMUNITY WAS ON BOARD. JUST BUY THE ROOM TONIGHT, HE FEELS, LIKE, -- AT LEAST MOST OF THE COMMUNITY IS ON BOARD. I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, WHO HAS WORKED ON THIS WITH ME.

THANK YOU. VICE MAYOR?

THANK YOU, I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING. WE WENT INTO THIS ON OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM, I THINK.

I WANT TO SAY I WASN'T COMPLETELY -- I WAS UNSURE. YEAH. YEAH. RIGHT. WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER VERY WELL.

AND WE DIDN'T NECESSARILY ALWAYS HOLD THE SAME THOUGHTS. IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU SPEND TIME AND REALLY -- I FEEL LIKE THIS HAS BEEN AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR ME. IT'S BEEN A LONG ENDEAVOR. WHEN I CAME INTO THIS I WAS VERY SKEPTICAL. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I RAN FOR OFFICE BECAUSE I WAS SKEPTICAL BALL -- ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. I AM PLEASED WE ARE HERE TONIGHT. YOU KNOW, I HAVE WANTED TO SPEAK TO A FEW THINGS JUST BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN COMMENTS AND SOME CONCERNS. AS FAR AS THE PARCEL TAX, I CAN TELL YOU, DURING THIS PROCESS, I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO ATTEND GOLD RIDGE BOARD MEETINGS JUST SO I COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND

WHO WE WE -- WOULD BE HITCHING OUR WAGON TO AND HOW THAT WORKS. I EDUCATED MYSELF ON THIS PROCESS. I CAN TELL YOU WHEN THE TIME DOES COME AROUND FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE CONCERNED OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT PARCEL TAX, YOU DEFINITELY CAN ATTEND THE MEETING. THEY ARE ALL VERY NICE. I ASSURE YOU THEY ARE MUCH SHORTER MEETINGS THAN WE HAVE HERE. NEVER FEAR. YOU DO HAVE A VOICE. I READ SOME -- A COMMENT OR SOMETHING THAT SAID RESIDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE REPRESENTATION. THAT WILL OCCUR, YOU KNOW, OVER TIME, YOU KNOW -- I DON'T WANT TO MISSPEAK, BUT THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SEBASTOPOL RESIDENTS TO RUN FOR THOSE BOARD POSITIONS WHEN THOSE SEATS TO OPEN UP AND THE TIME COMES. THERE WILL BE PROPER REPRESENTATION, GIVEN PEOPLE ACTUALLY WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. I DID WANT TO MENTION THAT. LET'S SEE, I AM TRYING TO THINK HERE. SORRY, I AM JUST -- THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I CAN TALK ABOUT FOR SO LONG. MOST OF ALL, JUST, AS I MENTIONED IN THE BEGINNING, I CAME INTO THE SKEPTICAL. WE ALL FEEL VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR FIRE, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, I MEAN, IT'S BEEN A REAL COLLABORATION WITH GOLD RIDGE AND ALL OF OUR MEETINGS. SOMETIMES IT FELT WE DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE, AND SOMETIMES IT FELT WE WENT THROUGH THESE TOPICS QUICKLY. IT'S BECAUSE WE ALL PUT IN THE TIME TO RESEARCH THIS. AS YOU CAN SEE WITH THIS PACKET. IT IS QUITE A LOT OF INFORMATION. IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IF WE HAVE MORE QUESTIONS OVER THIS. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY, JUST -- I MEAN I AM JUST SO COMMITTED. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE RIGHT STEP FOR US. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE HERE AND THE COMMITTEE AND WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUE. SOMETIMES WE DIDN'T ALWAYS SEE EYE TO EYE, AND I JUST APPRECIATE THAT I WAS ABLE TO LEARN FROM EVERYONE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. SOMETIMES WHEN YOU GO INTO SOMETHING YOU HAVE ONE IDEA BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SPEND THE TIME AND BE EDUCATED, SOMETIMES YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND. AND SO HERE WE ARE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY FOR NOW. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN TO BOTH. ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

AND I JUST MAKE --

OH, SORRY.

QUICK COMMENT. I WANT TO CLARIFY. SORRY. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE FIRE HOUSE. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE ARE AND HAVE -- ALEX CAN MAYBE ADDRESS THIS. THERE'S GOING TO BE A CLAUSE ON THE DEED THAT STATES THAT IT CAN -- IF IT'S NOT USED FOR FIRE ICE -- HOW'S IT WILL REVERT BACK TO THE CITY. IF THEY USE THE PROCEEDS TO BUILD A NEW FIREHOUSE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, THE NEW FIREHOUSE WILL ALSO HAVE THE SAME CLAUSE. WE REALLY WANTED TO PROTECT THE FIREHOUSE. I JUST WANT -- I WASN'T GOING IN DEPTH THERE.

I AM SEEING ALEX NOD. EVERYTHING YOU SAID -- YES. OKAY, GREAT. SORRY.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT MY QUESTION WAS. I THINK IT'S ON PAGE 55 OF 166, IT IS CALLED THE RIGHT OF REVERTER. MY QUESTION WAS, LIKE, SO IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED, YOU KNOW, THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO HAPPENED, WITH THE CITY RECEIVE NOT ONLY THE PROPERTY AND THE BUILDING, BUT THE EQUIPMENT AS WELL? SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS IN THE LANGUAGE, THAT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE LAND OR THE BUILDING, BUT THE TRACKS, THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT. IS THAT INCLUDED WITH THIS RIGHT OF REVERTER?

NO, IT IS ONLY THE BUILDING.

OKAY, I HAVE A CONCERN WITH THAT BECAUSE -- I THINK GOLD RIDGE IS GREAT. THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU. THIS IS IN CASE OF CATASTROPHIC FAILURE FOR WHATEVER REASON. THE CITY IS PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE, NOT THAT WE JUST DON'T END UP WITH THE BUILDING, WE END UP WITH ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS NEEDED TO HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE WE ARE GIVING ALL OF THAT AWAY. WE ARE GIVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT, WE ARE GIVING IT AWAY. I WANT TO BE SURE IF THERE WAS, YOU KNOW, SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED, THAT WE WOULD HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT FULLY FUNCTIONAL. PROBABLY COST A LOT OF MONEY TO PULL IT BACK TOGETHER BUT THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BUY EVERYTHING AGAIN, RATHER THAN JUST THE PROPERTY. CAN WE INSERT SOME LANGUAGE IN THERE, IF MY COLLEAGUES ARE GREAT, THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, IN CASE OF, YOU KNOW -- I'VE ALREADY SAID IT.

GENERALLY WHEN A REORGANIZATION LIKE THIS HAPPENS, LAFCO ORDERS ALL ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW AGENCY. HERE, LAFCO WAS WILLING TO TREAT -- DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR THE STATION, AND THE STATION ALONE. THAT IS CAPTURED IN THE RESOLUTION THE COUNCIL ADOPTED BACK IN OCTOBER SAYING EXACTLY THAT. ALL ASSETS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO GOLD RIDGE, EXCEPT THE PARTIES COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT REGARDING THE STATION. I GUESS THE SHORT ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS LIKELY NO, THAT IS NOT SOMETHING WE COULD ADD INTO THIS.

CAN I ADD TO THAT?

SURE.

ALSO, THE MOST LIKELY SCENARIO I'VE -- IF SOMETHING DID GO SOUTH WITH GOLD RIDGE IS THAT WE -- ESSENTIALLY. THEIR SERVICE AREA WOULD BE ABSORBED BY ONE OR ANOTHER DISTRICT. SONOMA COUNTY FIRE, FOR EXAMPLE. ALL THE REASONS THIS MAKES THIS A COMPELLING MOVE FOR US TO MAKE NEW -- SINGLE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE. WITH ALL THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, STAFF REQUIREMENTS, DROPPING VOLUNTEERS. ALL THE DYNAMICS WOULD STAY THE SAME. I WOULD THINK -- AGAIN, THIS IS ALL HYPOTHESIZING, BUT OUR BEST MOVE WOULD BE TO MERGE, JOIN WITH ANOTHER REGIONAL FIRE AGENCY INSTEAD OF RECONSTITUTING OUR OWN. I THINK THAT'S THE MORE LIKELY SCENARIO SHOULD SOMETHING GO WRONG. THEY ARE IN BETTER FINANCIAL SHAPE THAN WE ARE.

JUST ADD, TO RE-ESTABLISH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK THROUGH THIS LAFCO PROCESS, BUT IN REVERSE. AS PART OF THAT NEGOTIATION, AT THAT TIME, THERE MAY BE A PROCESS TO NEGOTIATE GETTING SOME OF -- SOME ASSETS TRANSFERRED AT THAT TIME THE -- AS HEART OF THE PROCESS.

OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT? TO MY RIGHT? NO. TO MY LEFT? NO. MARY, PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DECISION ON THE FIRE REORGANIZATION AND APPLICATION AN AGREEMENT TO LAFCO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC -- PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN OUT TO THEM. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. CNN I WILL GO TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

YES, I CAN.

THANK YOU, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

NO, BUT I WON'T BE TWO MINUTES. I AM URGING COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION. THE CONSULTANT FOR PARKER PARTICULARLY -- VIABLE OPTION BUT IT'S CONCLUSIONS ARE BASED MORE ON OPINION THAN FACT. FIRST, THE CLAIM THE SERVICES ARE UNSUSTAINABLE IS VAGUE AND UNSUPPORTED. MANY SMALL CITIES SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE INDEPENDENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND WE HAVEN'T EXPLORED ALTERNATIVES LIKE HYBRID STAFFING OR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS. SECOND THE REPORT INFLATES THE COST OF A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT PROJECTING 4.4 MILLION ANNUALLY WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY CLAIMING 1.2 MILLION UNDER ANNEXATION WILL SOMEHOW PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE. IF ONE .5 MILLION IS CURRENTLY INADEQUATE HOW DOES GOLD RIDGE DO MORE WITH LESS? THE MATH DOESN'T MATTER. THIRD, ANNEXATION IS AND COSTLY -- COST SAVINGS. IT SHIPS EXPENSES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT 265 ANNUAL TAX. THIS ISN'T ABOUT LOWERING COSTS, IT'S ABOUT OFFLOADING RESPONSIBILITY. MEANWHILE WE PERMANENTLY LOSE CONTROL OF OUR FIRE STATION AND ASSETS. FINALLY, THE CLAIM THE CITY WILL SAVE 3.7 MILLION BY 2035 IS SPECULATIVE AT BEST. IT ASSUMES STABLE COSTS WHILE IGNORING POTENTIAL TAX INCREASES UNDER GOLD RIDGE'S CONTROL. THIS RUSHED PROCESS LACKED TRANSPARENCY AND RESIDENTS DESERVE A REAL DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVES BEFORE WE GIVE UP LOCAL CONTROL OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. I URGE YOU TO SLOW DOWN, EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS AND PRIORITIZE THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF SEBASTOPOL'S RESIDENTS OVER AN EASY POLITICAL SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU KYLE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM. RUBBER CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR ME, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

OH ED, PLEASE.

FIRST OF ALL, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS I SENT TO -- GOT INCORPORATED. THEIR SIGNS -- THERE'S EVIDENCE PUBLIC COMMENT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, I THINK, ACKNOWLEDGED MY COMMENT, WHICH I'M STILL NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT. I WILL SPEND A MINUTE OR SO ON THAT. I GOT INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE FOR FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN IT ALL HIT THE FAN. I HAVE FOLLOWED IT EVER SINCE. I THINK THIS IS -- POORLY IT'S BEEN MANAGED BY THE CITY FOR YEARS AND YEARS. THIS IS NOT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION. THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS DOING MUCH BETTER. WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE FUTURE? NO CONSISTENT WAY FOR THE SMALL CITY TO PUT MANPOWER AND SUPERVISION TO MAKE THIS WORK THAT I CAN SEE. CONSOLIDATION MAKES SENSE. REPRESENTATION. I THINK TO SAY SOMEONE CAN GET ELECTED ON THEIR BOARD DOESN'T MEAN WE WILL EVER HAVE REPRESENTATION. EVEN IF WE DO WE MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYBODY THAT KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT FIRE SERVICE OR PUTTING OUT FIRES OR WE MAY HAVE NO ONE CONNECTED TO THE CITY. SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CITY'S ISSUES ARE. ESPECIALLY WITH THE CONSOLIDATION. THE TRANSITION IS GOING TO BE THE MOST CRITICAL TIME. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE BOARD RIGHT NOW. OR WHEN THIS IS APPROVED. MY SUGGESTION WAS TO POSITIONS. 20% OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE WE SHOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BASED ON THAT MONEY, WE ARE GETTING \$1 MILLION FROM THE

CITY BUDGET EVERY YEAR. I THINK THAT NEEDS REPRESENTATION. MY SUGGESTION AND MY COMMENT WAS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, WHICH IS THE CITY MANAGER, WHOMEVER HE OR SHE SHOULD BE, AND THE SECOND REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOU PROBABLY SHOULD BE APPOINTED RIGHT NOW, BUT COULD BE ELECTED IN THE FUTURE. THAT MIGHT HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM. KIND OF SOUNDS THIS IS A DONE DEAL. SO PROBABLY --

THAT'S TWO MINUTES, ROBERT.

THANKS.

THEY GIVE HER YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS. CNN I WILL GO BACK OUT. OLIVER CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? ALL OF HER -- THEY GO. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

RIGHT INTO THE TIMER, YEAH.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

YEAH. VERY HARD TO GET THIS INTO TWO MINUTES. THE FIRST THING I WILL SAY IS THERE'S NOBODY ON THIS CALL IN THIS COUNCIL MEETING. WE HAD A COUNCIL MEETING WHERE THERE WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY. HIGH NOON. I SUSPECT IN THE SPRING IT WILL BE SIMILAR. A COUPLE OF POINTS INITIALLY. THE SLIDE DECK, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE SLIDE DECK RECONCILED WITH ACTUALLY 166 PAGE DOCUMENT. I AM LOOKING AT SLIDE TWO. THERE IS, I THINK I'LL MENTION THIS EARLIER, THERE'S A STATEMENT OR ASSERTIONS THAT AREN'T REALLY HELP -- IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THIS WAS BACKED UP WITH SEE PAGE 17 OF THE DOCUMENT, FOR EXAMPLE. WE DEFINITELY NEED VERY CLEAR COMMUNICATION AROUND THAT. THE TYPICAL \$265 A YEAR FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME IS HERE. I KNOW IN THE CITY YOU HAVE A LIGHT -- LOW INCOME HIGH DENSITY HOUSING, WHICH DOESN'T PAY ANY PROPERTY TAX. SO I'M NOT QUITE CLEAR HOW MANY HOMES WOULD BE HAVING TO PAY THE TAX EVERY YEAR. SKIPPING TO THE END OF THE PRESENTATION, OR ACTUALLY THE SLIDE THE CITY MANAGER TACKED ON AT THE END, HE DOES ACTUALLY SAY THE GOLD RIDGE PARCEL TAX, DISCUSSED APPLICATION PAGE 40 OF THE PACKET, IT WOULD BE REALLY GOOD, AS I SAID, DIZZY ALTHOUGH WAY THROUGH THE DOCUMENT TO SEE THIS PART OF THE MAIN DOCUMENT. THE ONLY OTHER THING I WOULD SAY IS, YOU KNOW, AS I JUST SAID, A MINUTE AGO, THERE'S HARDLY ANYBODY IN THIS MEETING. NEXT STEPS WILL BE IN MAY WHEN ALL MAY BREAK LOOSE. WE NEED TO REALLY UP THE QUALITY OF CITY COMMUNICATION, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, BRIEFINGS, EXPLAINERS, SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON OH WE WILL HAVE A REPEAT OF THE EMBARRASSING COUNCIL MEETING WERE NO ONE UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE GARBAGE CONTRACT AND GOT ANGRY. THAT'S MY TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I WILL GO TO MS. ZOOM -- BACK TO ZOOM. MELISSA.

THANK YOU. MY CONCERN IS WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING FACILITIES THAT ARE IN ADEQUATE -- AND ADEQUATE. I'M NOT SEEING A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE FACT WE DO HAVE A 50-YEAR-OLD FIRE STATION THAT HAS SERVED US WELL THAT IS DEFINITELY OUTDATED. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE TURNED THIS FIRE STATION. THERE ISN'T ACTUALLY A GREAT SCENARIO. IT'S A BUNCH OF VERY TINY BEDS THAT FOLD DOWN. THERE'S NO PRIVACY. THERE'S NO CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS. THERE'S NOT A PLACE FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS TO ACTUALLY TAKE OFF DIRTY GEAR. IF THEY COME BACK FROM A RESPONSE, THEY ARE DOING THAT IN THE

CLEAN AREA OF THE FIRE STATION. THERE REALLY NEEDS TO BE A SEPARATE AREA FOR THEM TO DO CLEANING. HAVE CLEAN ROOMS FOR THEIR TURNS. THE FACILITY ITSELF IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF AN UPGRADE. I AM NOT SEEING PROVISIONS TO ACTUALLY MAKE THE FACILITY UP RATES AS PART OF THIS. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LACK OF VOLUNTEERS. HOW CAN YOU PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE THAT OR ATTRACT NEW VOLUNTEERS WHEN OUR FACILITIES ARE OUTDATED? I HOPE PART OF THIS IS GOING TO SET ASIDE SOME FUNDS TO IMPROVE THIS IS SILLY ABSCESS FACILITY AND GIVE THE FIREFIGHTERS WHAT THEY NEED. THANK YOU, MELISSA, FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT. MICHAEL CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I AM UNMUTE IT. HELLO.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW WE DID AN RFP FOR THE WATER MASTER PLAN. WHEN THAT COMES BACK YOU ARE GOING TO SEE EVERY FIRE HYDRANT IN THE CITY IS GOING TO BE LOOKED AT AND DETERMINED WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AS FAR AS THE PRESSURE GOES WITHIN THE CITY. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S GOING TO BE SUGGESTED THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I WOULD SAY THAT IN THIS CONSOLIDATION, THE FIRE IMPACT FEES CONTINUE TO GO TO THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL TO USE TO UPDATE THAT INFRASTRUCTURE. THE OTHER THING I WOULD SAY CONSOLIDATION WOULD BE THAT IN THE CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE, AND OUR ABILITY TO REPLENISH OUR TANKS, THERE ARE TWO 3 MILLION GALLON PLANKS -- TANKS ON PLEASANT HILL AND 1.5 MILLION GALLON TANK ON FIRST STREET. IF WE ARE TAKING OUT FASTER THAN WE CAN DEplete OR IF WE ARE TOTALLY INCAPACITATED AND CANNOT REPLENISH THAT TANK WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT WATER, WHICH IS FOUR DAYS FOR OUR RESIDENTS ON FIRE SUPPRESSION. THE QUESTION WOULD BE WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR THAT? I THINK THAT IS WORTHY OF SOME DISCUSSION. AND TO COMPARE, IN THE CASE OF A WILDFIRE EVEN, WHAT IS THE RATE OF REPLENISHMENT TO THE RATE OF RETRACTION FROM THOSE TANKS? WERE TAKING AWAY FROM THOSE TANKS AND MAKE SURE WE DON'T, YOU KNOW, AND UP FIGHTING THE FIRE ON THE WESTSIDE OR COMING IN FROM THE WEST AND PART OF THE GOLD RIDGE AND END UP WITH OUR FIRE HYDRANTS WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE WHEN IT GETS HERE. OTHER THAN THAT I WOULD SAY THAT THE CHIEF, HE IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB. I REALLY APPRECIATE AND RESPECT HIM. I THINK THAT ALL OF THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE INTERIM, HOPEFULLY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS. ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. TODD, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES, GOOD EVENING, CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? I SURE CAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS AS YOUR PAST FIRE CHIEF. FIRST, IN TERMS OF LOCAL CONTROL, AND THIS IS NOT A REFLECTION OF CURRENT COUNCIL AND CURRENTLY NOT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT HAS WORKED ON THIS TEST -- TASK. LOCAL CONTROL HAS BROUGHT SEBASTOPOL TO WHERE IT'S AT NOW. WE HAVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE ON THE HORIZON. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOLD RIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR NOT LOSING SIGHT OF WHAT IS TRUE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION IS ABOUT, WHICH GOES BEYOND THE CITY BOUNDARIES. AND THE COMPREHENSIVE FIRE PROTECTION APPROACH THEY HAVE FOR BOTH SUBURBAN AND RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS OF OUR COUNTY. IN TERMS

OF COUNCIL, CONGRATULATIONS FOR GETTING THIS FAR. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN AN ARDUOUS TASK . I CAN ASSURE YOU, LOOKING FORWARD IN A POSITIVE LIGHT, YOU WOULD FIND YOURSELF IN LINES WITH THE PAST FIRE CHIEFS AND CONSULTANTS AND CONSULTING FIRMS. I HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR CITYGATE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PREMIER FIRE SERVICE EVALUATORS THAT I KNOW HERE IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. LASTLY, TWO QUICK POINTS, JUST A COUPLE MINUTES LEFT, THE LEADERSHIP OF CHIEF AND -- OUTSTANDING. VISIONARY. YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HOMEGROWN AND THE FUTURE OF THEIR COMMUNITY. LASTLY, GOD BLESS THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF SEBASTOPOL THAT HAVE HELD THIS TOGETHER WITH THEIR TENACIOUS ONGOING RELENTLESS SUPPORT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT FINANCIAL OR POLITICAL ISSUES ARE IN THE WAY. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE. THANK YOU, SEBASTOPOL FIREFIGHTERS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. I YIELD MY LAST 10 SECONDS BACK. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM. IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU. BACK UP TO THE DAIS, COUNCILMEMBER, FELLOW COLLEAGUES TO MAKE A COMMENT OR MOTION. VICE MAYOR?

I KNOW THERE WERE A NUMBER -- A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HIGHER ABSCESS FIREHOUSE. I DIDN'T KNOW IF ANYONE WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT. FROM STAFF OR FROM GOLD RIDGE. BUT I DID WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, WITH THIS FIREHOUSE IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY. AS FAR AS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FIREHOUSE TO GO TO GOLD RIDGE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S THE \$5 MILLION IN TERMS OF MEASURE H. IT REQUIRES A BOND. WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF FINANCIAL ISSUES GOING ON IN THE CITY . THE THOUGHT OF TRYING TO ALSO GET A BOND FOR THAT TYPE OF THING WOULD HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING FOR US. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT. A FEW OTHER THOUGHTS, BUT I AM DRAWING A BLANK RIGHT NOW. GO AHEAD.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

THANK YOU. JUST SOME THOUGHTS IN TERMS OF WHY I AM GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS TONIGHT. MY THOUGHTS ARE THAT I THINK IT'S TRUE THE ENVIRONMENT HAS CHANGED AND THE DEMANDS FOR EMERGENCY AND FIRE SERVICES HAS GREATLY INCREASED, PUTTING MUCH MORE DEPENDS ON A VOLUNTEER MODEL. IT HAS STRAINED THE VOLUNTEER MODEL. I THINK THAT THE CITY HAS CHRONICALLY UNDERFUNDED OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, LEAVING OUR VOLUNTEERS FRUSTRATED AND UNDEREQUIPPED. THE CITY HAS -- SORRY. I'VE GOT ALL THESE NOTES. I DON'T THINK THE CITY GOVERNANCE MODEL IS A GREAT MODEL FOR A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THESE CURRENT CONDITIONS THAT WE ARE FACING TODAY THE CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE REALLY -- I REMEMBER LARRY SAID THEY SKYROCKETED AT ONE POINT. THE DEMANDS REALLY INCREASED. I BELIEVE THAT GOLD RIDGE HAS A MUCH BETTER GOVERNANCE MODEL, AND THAT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE BETTER SERVED UNDER YOUR MODEL OF GOVERNANCE. SEBASTOPOL REALLY HAS NEVER HAD A PARCEL TAX FOR FIRE SERVICES, AS FAR AS I KNOW. BUT IN EXCHANGE WE WILL BE GETTING A VERY ROBUST FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, WHICH IS REALLY NEEDED. I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT -- STILL AN INDEPENDENT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE PAYING ABOUT 4 1/2 MILLION PLUS A YEAR FOR THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT. JUST GIVE ME A SECOND. THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY LONG

PROCESS, AND I REMEMBER TWO YEARS AGO IT WAS A FIASCO. THERE WAS SO MUCH UPSET. THANK YOU TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, THE CITY STAFF, TO THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE TO -- VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF SEBASTOPOL. TO ME IT'S A MIRACLE. HOW THIS HAS TURNED AROUND IS JUST A MIRACLE. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOU, AND FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED ON THIS. FOR EVERYONE WHO RAISED THE FLAG. I REMEMBER JACK. WAVING THE FLAG ABOUT WE'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS HERE AND YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THEM. I THINK THIS ADDRESSES THEM. FOR THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE INVOLVED AND TO ALL. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

I AM REALLY NEAR THE AREA. I MISSED A LOT, I SUPPOSE, BUT I TRY TO DO MY HOMEWORK THE BEST I COULD AND MET AS MANY AS MANY OF THE WONDERFUL FIREMEN THAT COMMIT THIS KIND OF THING. I FEEL THIS IS A WIN WIN SITUATION, THANKFULLY. I STEPPED INTO SOMETHING NICE FOR A CHANGE. I AM PROUD OF WHAT THESE GUYS ARE DOING. I TALKED TO MELISSA. THEY ARE HAPPY. I JUST DON'T FEEL WE CAN REALLY EXPECT OUR CITY TO MANAGE EVERYTHING IT HAS TO MANAGE. THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS. THIS IS WHAT THEY DO, LET THEM DO THEIR THING.

I WILL CHIP IN WITH COMMENTS. FIRST I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED, ESPECIALLY THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. IT'S BEEN A VERY ROCKY ROAD, AND I KNOW WITH SOME OF MY PAST COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE DAIS, YEAH, I AM SURE THEY WERE WELL RECEIVED. I REALLY WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE THEM BEARING WITH ALL OF US AS WE WORKED OUR WAY THROUGH ALL OF THIS. YES, MANY PROPS AND DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS. I SEE SOME OF THEM. YES. I SEE YOU AND MUCH GRATITUDE. FOR ME, WHAT I REMEMBER WHEN WE STARTED THIS PROCESS WAS VICE MAYOR SAYING RESPONSE TIMES ARE EVERYTHING AND IT IS STILL VERY TRUE. I TALKED WITH A LOT OF OUR ELDERS AND THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED. I THINK RIGHTFULLY SO. WE ARE GETTING -- WE DO HAVE A POPULATION THAT KEEPS GETTING ON THE OLDER SIDE. THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT MEDICAL. THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING SOMEONE TO THEIR HOUSE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY. WITH CLIMATE CHANGE BEING WHAT IT IS, CONCERNED ABOUT HOW FAST THEY CAN GET WHEELS OUT. I REMEMBER A FIGURE OF 5.6 MINUTES AND I WAS AGHAST. I WAS, LIKE, WOW, THAT'S A LONG TIME TO GET FROM OUR FIRE STATION TO SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY, CONSIDERING THE CITY IS PRETTY SMALL. AND THEN WITH OTHER DISCUSSIONS IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING THE WHEELS OUT, IT'S ABOUT BEING PROPERLY MANNED FOR PERSONNEL WHEN IT RULES OUT. IT'S NOT ABOUT GETTING THE TRUCK OUT. WITH THIS MODEL IT ACCOMPLISHES GETTING THE TRUCK OUT, WHEELS OUT QUICKLY, AND HAVING THE PROPER AMOUNT OF PERSONS DOING THE JOB HOPING THEY ARE GOING TO DO. LASTLY BECAUSE IT TIES INTO THE BEGINNING PART OF THIS IS APPRECIATING ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND OUR PAID VOLUNTEERS IS TO KEEP THEM SAFE. WE HAVE ALL SEEN IT IN LOS ANGELES. YOU'RE WALKING INTO SOMETHING THAT IS COMPLETELY UNRESTRAINED, AND A LOT OF THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO FIREFIGHTERS. MAKING SURE THEY HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, THEY ARE WELL TRAINED, THAT -- ALL OF THAT MATTERS. I DO THINK ALL OF THIS MAKES SENSE AND DEFINITELY VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS REORGANIZATION. LOOK TO ANYONE ELSE FOR OTHER COMMENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME FINAL COMMENTS. I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT IS SAYING THIS IS RUSHED. I JUST HAVE TO SAY THIS

IS ABOUT THE FURTHEST THING FROM RUSHED. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THIS AS A COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME. THERE STILL IS A PROTEST PERIOD. I WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT. I WANTED TO ADDRESS THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT TALKED ABOUT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. THAT IS WHY WE INVESTED IN THAT STUDY. WE INVESTED IN NOT SO THAT BOTH GOLD RIDGE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE WALKING INTO AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF SOMEHOW WE CAN DO THE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE BOND THROUGH MEASURE H, AND IT REALLY JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE. I KNOW GOLD RIDGE, WE ALREADY HAVE A PLAN NOW, AND THERE WILL BE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE BUILDING THAT WILL HELP, MAYBE NOT BRING IT UP TO TODAY'S STANDARDS, BUT WILL IMPROVE IT AND HELP US HAVE LONGEVITY ON IT FOR THE NEXT 5 TO 10 YEARS, I THINK IS WHAT WE DISCUSSED IN SUBCOMMITTEE. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE ADDRESSED THAT. AND THEN I WANTED TO ADDRESS GOVERNANCE. ONE OF THE THINGS I ALWAYS FELT WAS, HERE WE ARE IS A CITY COUNCIL, AND I COULD SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON FIRE, AND I AM NOT A FIREFIGHTER. I AM NOT A CAREER PERSON THAT REALLY IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO MAKE THE BEST FINAL DECISIONS, AND SO THE GOVERNANCE -- AND WE DID ALSO DISCUSSED TO ADDRESS IT WITH THE GOLD RIDGE BOARD. THEY ARE A SEVEN MEMBER BOARD. THEY DID CONSIDER OUR REQUEST OF COULD WE HAVE A SEAT. HE DID ASK FOR IT. I WILL POINT OUT THAT SOME SEATS JUST CAME UP. THREE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, IN DECEMBER. THE NEXT TIME FOR SEATS, UP IS DECEMBER 26 -- 2026. OUR CITIZENS, SEBASTOPOL, CAN RUN FOR THIS -- THOSE SEATS AND SIT AND BE PART OF GOVERNANCE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE GET INVOLVED IF THAT SOMETHING GOOD -- THEY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO. LASTLY, WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING AT THIS, WE, BOTH SIDES HAVE REALLY GREAT FIRE DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE GOLD RIDGE AND WE HAVE -- WE DID START THESE TALKS TALKING TO BOTH PARTIES BECAUSE WE WANTED TO EXAMINE EVERYTHING. SOME OF OUR SEBASTOPOL FIREFIGHTERS TELL ME THEY ALL ARE AT THE FIRE TOGETHER. THEY ALL BACK EACH OTHER UP, THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, THEY DO TRAININGS TOGETHER. MUTUAL AID. I JUST THINK, BY THE SHOW OF WHO IS HERE OR NOT HERE -- ALL RIGHT. I FEEL OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR VOLUNTEERS, MAYBE NOT 100% OF THEM, BUT WE HAVE SPOKE TO THEM. I THINK THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE. THAT IS WHY, YOU KNOW, I AM REALLY SUPPORTIVE. WE HAVE VETTED THIS. I THINK THIS IS THE WAY TO GO FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE CITY, AND TO MAKE SURE WE ARE DELIVERING. THANKS. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, VICE MAYOR.

I JUST WANTED TO EXPAND ON THAT. WE DID -- FOR THOSE WHO -- OVERTIME WE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT VERSUS THE, YOU KNOW, GOING WITH GOLD RIDGE. AND WE DID EXAMINE IT. WE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, WE SPENT MONEY ON IT. IT WAS REALLY, REALLY INVESTIGATE THE -- INVESTIGATED DEEPLY. WE LOOKED AT BOTH OPTIONS. AGAIN, WHEN YOU HIRE THE EXPERTS WHO KNOW THIS WELL, AND THEY PUT IT IN FRONT OF YOU AND SHOW IT TO YOU, IT IS TIME TO BELIEVE THEM, AND THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE AFTER READING ALL OF THAT. IT IS TRULY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR RESIDENTS HERE TO HAVE OUR -- US DO THIS MERGER. I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF IT. I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF EVERYONE. I JUST ALSO WANTED TO REITERATE THAT WE DID EXPLORE QUITE EXTENSIVELY HOW WE COULD GET SOMEONE REPRESENTING US RIGHT NOW ON THE BOARD. WE PUSHED AND WE PUSHED AND

ASKED AND ASKED. THERE ARE JUST SOME LEGAL CONSTRAINTS IN THERE. THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO. EVERYONE AT GOLD RIDGE WAS VERY ACCOMMODATING. I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW WE DID TRY TO FIND SOME SORT OF REPRESENTATION. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE JUST CONSTRAINTS WITHIN THE LAWS. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT. YOU KNOW, I FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT. I WAS JUST GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE -- BUT --

I WAS GOING TO MAKE A MOTION. CAN I DO IT? I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVENUE SHARING AND PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNEXING CITY FIRE SERVICES INTO THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. THE DISTRICTS ATTACHED REORGANIZATION APPLICATION TO LAFCO, THE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT, AND TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CITY ON FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES INTO THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND THE DISTRICTS REORGANIZATION APPLICATION. DID I GET THAT RIGHT?

I WILL SECOND IT.

ROLL CALL.

DID WE MOVE FASTER THAN WE -- YOU THOUGHT WE WOULD?

SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAURER AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR McLEWIS TO -- WITH GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ADVANCING THE CITY FIRE SERVICES INTO THE FIRE DISTRICT. TO LAFCO IN THE REVENUE SHARING WITH THE DISTRICT AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR THE ANNEXATION. CITY FIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. REORGANIZATION APPLICATION. I ASKED THE ATTORNEY -- OKAY. I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD.

THE COUNCIL KNOWS, THIS IS INCORPORATED INTO THE STAFF REPORT IN THE RESOLUTIONS. THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY MANAGER AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE -- IF LAFCO --

THANK YOU.

THINK YOU ARE ONE OF THE CLARIFICATION.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS. YES, GETTING A PAUSE. AND A BREAK FOR HOW MANY MINUTES? FIVE MINUTES? FIVE MINUTES TO WRAP UP THE REST OF THE AGENDA. FIVE MINUTES. WE WILL BE BACK AT SIX AFTER THE HOUR. CODY, WE ARE GOING TO GET READY TO START STERN -- SOON, IS I.T. GOOD?

SAM COMING CAN YOU START THE RECORDING, PLEASE?

OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO GET BACK TOGETHER. BECAUSE WE ARE ALMOST DONE WITH EVERYTHING.

SAM, CAN YOU START THE RECORDING, PLEASE?

ALL RIGHT. WE ARE GOING TO RESUME, CODY, SO I.T. IS GOOD? OKAY, MARY SAID WE ARE GOOD. OKAY, WE ARE GOING TO GET BACK INTO THE AGENDA. WE HAVE THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. MARY, COULD YOU HELP US WITH PUBLIC COMMENT?

THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. IF HE DID NOT SPEAK DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL COME IN CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANY PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE I WILL GO OUT TO THEM. IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOOM WHO DID NOT MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SO NOW PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE, THERE'S NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MARY. WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY STAFF REPORTS. AND TURN TO CITY MANAGER FIRST.

THANK YOU. FIRST I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW FOR THEIR WORK TODAY DURING THE FLOOD. THEY WERE OUT. SOME OF THEM ARE STILL OUT HELPING TO CLEAN UP. THERE COULD BE A LITTLE MORE COMING AS THE PEAK TIDES AND RUSH IN RIVER. BUT I THINK WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. THEY DID A FINE JOB. I DO WISH WE HAD MORE WARNING AND COULD'VE DONE A BETTER JOB ON SOME OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR. REALLY APPRECIATE CHIEF NELSON IN PARTICULAR FOR STEPPING IN FOR EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER TO BRING EVERY T -- EVERYBODY TOGETHER. IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM SHOWED UP STRONG. THANK YOU TO THEM. AS A PREVIEW IN THE COMING MONTH, THEREABOUTS, WE WILL BE TURNING OUR FOCUS MORE AND MORE TO THE BUDGET. UPDATING OUR LONG-TERM PLAN NOW. GETTING INTO MEASURE U. LIKELY OUTCOME OR POSSIBLE OUTCOMES. WE ARE TURNING OUR FOCUS IN THAT DIRECTION TO THE TEAM. MORE TO COME IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS ON THAT.

GREAT. THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. CITY CLERK REPORTS.

JUST A REMINDER, NEXT WEEK IS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DINNER. WE HAVE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS GOING AND TWO STAFF GOING. JUST A REMINDER TO BE THERE.

YES, I UNDERSTAND OUR POLICE CHIEFS HAVE BEEN INVITED.

HE IS GOING, AS WELL.

COMING TO OUR TABLE, AS WELL.

CORRECT.

NO OTHER REPORTS ON THAT WE WILL MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER FIVE, CITY COUNCIL REPORTS. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS. WHICH ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO START?

THANK YOU. I MET WITH OUR NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT ISSUES RELATED TO THE GARBAGE CONTRACT. ISSUES ABOUT THE RESERVE, WHICH I WON'T REITERATE SINCE I TALKED ABOUT THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO. ACTUALLY IT WAS A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. BUT I ATTENDED THE SOCIAL SERVICES CLUB MEETING. THEY DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A POLL TO ASSESS RESIDENTS TOP PRIORITIES FOR SEBASTOPOL, AMONG OTHER THINGS. THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS, THE EASTERN STAR IS HAVING CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION ON MARCH 15th AT 5:30 AT THE MASONIC CENTER. THE LIONS CLUB, THEY ARE PLANNING FOR THEIR CHILI COOK OFF. THE ROTARY IS HAVING A CRAB FEED ON FEBRUARY 15th. STICK -- TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 7:30 DINNER. 5:00 IS SOLD OUT. SOME SAD NEWS COMING FROM THAT GROUP IS THE 2030 CLUB IS SHUTTING DOWN. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE BUT THERE IS ONLY THREE MEMBERS LEFT. THEY ARE CLOSING. THE GROUPS GAVE REPORTS ON ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS THEY ARE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING. I APPRECIATE -- I AM THE ALTERNATE. I APPRECIATED BEING THERE. LASTLY, I AM CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE PROPOSED APPLE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND THE TRAIL DESIGNER. WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO VERIFY THE PROPOSED ROUTE IN PREPARATION FOR POTENTIAL DESKTOP FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH THE CITY ENGINEER, TONY. THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU. AND TO MY RIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

SURE, I CAN GO. I THINK I REPORTED OUT LAST TIME, I CAN'T QUITE RECALL, ON THE GSA MEETING, THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WHICH I

REPRESENT US ON. IT WAS THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR AND THEY HAD SOME BUDGET ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SUPER MAJORITY TO ATTEND, SO I DID ATTEND. THERE WAS NOTHING REALLY THAT STICKS OUT TO REPORT ON, BUT I ATTENDED THAT ON THE 16th OF JANUARY. AND THEN I HAD A LITTLE VACATION, WHICH WAS GREAT, BUT I DID ATTEND A ZOOM MEETING FOR FIRE DURING MY VACATION. I ALSO, LIKE COUNCILMEMBER MAURER, MET WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEAD, MARK. HE WILL SIT ON THE TECH COMMITTEES FOR BOTH THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, AS WELL AS ON -- FOR REPRESENTING SEBASTOPOL. NOT ONLY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BUT THE TECH COMMITTEE MEETINGS. WE ARE GOING TO -- WE AGREE TO COORDINATE BACK AND FORTH. AS A BOARD MEMBER HE CAN UPDATE ME ON THINGS THAT FEET ON THE GROUND GUYS ARE WORKING ON. THAT WILL HELP ME IN BOARD MEETINGS. OTHER THAN THAT, I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO HEAR FROM THE THREE ATTENDINGS THAT WENT OUT TO SACRAMENTO. I WILL LOOK FOR TO HEARING FROM YOU GUYS. THANKS.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER. VICE MAYOR. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

I WILL JUST HER QUICKLY BECAUSE I ACTUALLY BOYCOTTED THAT MEETING. I AM JUST KIDDING. I WAS ABLE TO GO, UNFORTUNATELY. I REALLY WOULD ENJOY BEING ABLE TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT YOU LEARNED AND GATHERED AND ALL OF THAT. OTHERWISE, I HAVE SPENT TIME WITH THE CLAIMANT ACTION COMMITTEE TRYING TO HELP. BUSINESSES GET USED TO WHAT THEY CAN DO MAKE TRANSITION TO THE NEW TRASH AGENCY. DID SOME OUTREACH AS FAR AS THAT GOES. OF COURSE, BEEN WORKING ON OUR BIKING NETWORK. I WILL JUST LEAVE IT TO YOU GUYS TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAD.

VICE MAYOR, DO YOU WANT ME TO GO? VICE MAYOR.

SURE, I CAN START. LET'S SEE, SINCE LAST MEETING I ATTENDED THE FIRE MEETING.

I SUBMITTED A STATEMENT AND THEY READ A.

HAPPENED TO BE ON A WEEKEND WERE ALL OF US WERE OUT OF TOWN. I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THEIR BED -- EVENT. I DID ATTEND THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA -- I'M TRYING TO THINK OF THE OFFICIAL NAME. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ACADEMY. IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE, IT REALLY WAS. I REALLY HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE THAT AND HAVE EVERYONE GO. THEY REALLY DID HAVE NEWER STUFF THIS TIME. THEY SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA ISSUES THAT ARE COMING TO LIGHT. A LOT OF FORWARD THINKING THOUGHTS ON HOW TO HANDLE THAT. NOT JUST -- IN THE PAST THEY SPENT A FEW MINUTES ON THE OR BRIEFLY MENTIONED IT. BUT NOW THEY SPENT THE WHOLE SESSION ON THAT, DIRECTLY RELATED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITIES ON THE CHALLENGES PEOPLE ARE FACING. I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE. ALSO HEARING FROM OTHER CITIES -- I'M JUST GOING TO READ VERY QUICKLY THE TOPICS. EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE CITY AND ISSUES. DEVELOPING CITY MANAGER TEAM. FINANCIAL RESULT -- RESPONSIBILITY. CITY WORKSHOPS. WE HEARD FROM CITIES WHO HAD FINANCIAL ISSUES AND HOW THEY HANDLE THEM AND HOW THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO PULL THEMSELVES OUT OF THAT. THAT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE. AND THEN ALSO POLICY RULES AND LAND USE. I MENTIONED -- UNDERSTANDING PERSON -- PUBLIC SERVICE ETHICS. ALSO THE HARASSMENT TRAINING NEEDED. ALSO YOUR LEGAL POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS. I'VE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR GOVERNANCE TRANSPARENCY AND LABOR RELATIONS FOR CAL CITY. I DID ATTEND THAT ALL DAY FRIDAY FOR A NUMBER OF HOURS. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, IT IS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, BUT ALSO A

VARIETY OF DIFFERENT STAFF FROM ALL OVER THE STATE THAT GET TOGETHER. ONE OF THE BIG KEY ISSUES THIS YEAR IS REALLY TRYING TO MODERNIZE THE BROWN ACT THAT CAME UP QUITE A BIT. WE ALL LOADED ON THE TOPICS. WE WILL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS WE ARE GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON. IT WAS NICE TO REPRESENT SEBASTOPOL THERE BECAUSE THE QUESTION CAME UP ABOUT DISTRICTS. I FELT REALLY HAPPY I COULD REPRESENT A SMALLER CITY IN THAT PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF SMALLER CITIES ON THE COMMITTEE. IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE THAT VOICE. ANYWAYS. I HOPE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE BUDGET IN THE FUTURE WE WILL TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF US TO GO BECAUSE REALLY THERE WERE A LOT OF CITIES THAT HAD EVERYONE THERE, ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS. EVEN THOUGH SOME HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. IT WAS A GOOD WAY FOR ALL OF US TO CONNECT. WE DID SEE A LOT OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT WERE THERE AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. THAT'S MY REPORT.

NOW I HAVE TO DITTO ALSO VICE MAYOR SAID. YES, I DO HOPE WHEN WE GET TO THE BUDGET THAT WE DO. I THINK I HEARD FROM COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, THE FACT THAT WE SHOULD, BECAUSE NOT ALL OF US CAN , GIVEN THE TIMING OF THINGS. I THINK EVERYONE OF US SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO BECAUSE, SOME OF THE GENERAL TOPICS I'VE SEEN BEFORE. TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I GOT IN AND WENT THERE, BUT EACH TIME WE GO YOU GET A DIFFERENT NUANCED VIEW ON DIFFERENT POINTS, AND THE SLIDES ARE AMAZING. THANK YOU, MARY, FOR SENDING THEM ALL OUT. EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT NOT HAVE ALL BEEN THERE, THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT THINGS IN THERE, ESPECIALLY THE FINANCES. FINANCES ARE HUGE FOR EVERYONE, AND THEY NOT ONLY HAVE ONE SESSION BUT TWO SESSIONS. THE STUFF ON FINANCIAL POLICIES, IT'S 100% STUFF THAT -- ANYONE WANTS TO SUBMIT AN IDEA TO OUR WONDERFUL PEOPLE ON BUDGET. WE NEED ALL OF THOSE. ALL OF THE ABOVE WHEN IT COMES TO THE FINANCIAL BUDGETS. YES, THIS -- THE REST OF IT, THE SOCIAL MEDIA PARK, THE LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SOCIAL MEDIA, I DON'T THINK ANY OF US CAN LEARN TOO MUCH MORE ABOUT THAT. YES, JUST FOR EVERYONE, THERE ARE FIVE DIFFERENT POLICY COMMITTEES WITHIN CAL CITY. I STARTED OUT FOR A YEAR ON TAX. IT WAS AMAZING. LEARNED A LOT THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE LEARNED JUST ON THE CUFF GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS. AS A RESULT OF GETTING THAT EXPERIENCE, GONE TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE, AND NOW I'M COMING INTO MY SECOND YEAR ON THAT. WHAT WE DO IS BASICALLY ALL OF THE THINGS TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS FEELING SAFE IN ONE WAY SHAPE OR ANOTHER. WHETHER IT'S PHYSICAL SAFETY, EMOTIONAL SAFETY, WHETHER IT'S DEALING WITH DISTURBANCES AND WHAT WE CAN DO AROUND MENTAL HEALTH, THAT IS AMAZING TO SIT IN A ROOM WITH 25 TO 30 OF US THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AS THE VICE MAYOR SAID, IT'S NOT JUST ABSCESSSES THE FINANCE PEOPLE, IT'S PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF GOVERNMENT TO PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH THE BEST SOLUTIONS AND THE BEST PRACTICES MOVING FORWARD. 100% WORTH IT. AS VICE MAYOR SAID, IT'S NOT JUST NETWORKING AMONGST US. WHEN YOU ARE IN SACRAMENTO YOU ARE THERE WITH EVERYONE. RECONNECTED WITH ONE SENATOR, MET ANOTHER SENATOR. YOU KNOW, SPENT TIME WITH OUR NEW ELECTED ASSEMBLY MEMBER. ALL OF THOSE COMMUNICATIONS OF NETWORKING, THAT'S HOW THINGS, AS THEY SAY IN THE POLITICAL WORK, GET DONE. VERY GRATEFUL FOR MY COLLEAGUES -- THE LAST THING, ABOUT THE COUNCIL. THAT PRESS RELEASE IS GETTING TRACTION ABOUT HOW TO INCREASE FEDERAL

FUNDING FOR OUR HOMELESS AND FOSTER CARE YOUTH. THAT IS MY REPORT OUT. THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW -- HAS VISITED ABOUT 120 BUSINESSES, THUS FAR, IN THE COMMUNITY. I ASKED FOR SOME OTHER TALKING POINTS. THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY, SCRR IS REFINING AND TAILORING SEBASTOPOL PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO BRING SERVICES TO OUR COMMERCIAL SERVICES WORKING ON THAT. LET'S SEE. FEBRUARY, THIS MONTH, THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE REST OF THE BUSINESSES AND MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. IN MARCH THEY ARE PLANNING TO VISIT ALL THE HIGHER GENERATOR COME -- CUSTOMERS. THEY WANT TO CONDUCT SOME -- AND ALSO DISCUSSED THE DIFFERENT SERVICE LEVELS AND PROVIDE SOME OPTIONS TO EVERYONE. FINALLY, IN MAY, THEY WILL INITIATE THEIR FORMAL OUTREACH FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO CONFIRM ALL OF THAT. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING WE HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH THAT. THERE ISN'T THAT INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, THERE ARE WEEKLY MEETINGS THAT GO ON CITY AND SCRR . EVERYONE, PLEASE, CONTINUE TO REACH OUT AND TALK TO THE FOLKS. SORRY I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT.

IT'S ALL GOOD. VERY EFFICIENT. I WILL JUST GO AHEAD AND ADJOURN THE MEETING. YES, ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. [Event Concluded]