

City Council Resolution No. 6155

Resolution Authorizing Application to Caltrans for Permits to
Install the Sebastopol Portal Public Art Project

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol supports the creative arts, which add to the special character of the community; and

Whereas, the Municipal Code includes a Public Art Ordinance, which among other provisions, establishes a public art requirement for specified development projects, and the ability to pay a fee in-lieu of on-site art; and

Whereas, use of the in-lieu fee revenue is restricted to public art-related purposes; and

Whereas, utilizing the art in-lieu fee fund, the City initiated a major public process for its first commissioned public art project; and

Whereas, such process included outreach as well as public meetings and hearings by the Public Arts Committee and City Council, including extensive public input; and

Whereas, at the conclusion of said process, the Public Arts Committee recommended, and the City Council approved the selection of the Sebastopol Portal Project by artist Ned Kahn, and later approved a site at the east approaches to the new Highway 12 bridge, which includes special concrete piers constructed by Caltrans at the City's request, specifically intended for the placement of aesthetic gateway features; and

Whereas, as a public art project in a prominent location, and with its unique design, the Portal Project embodies the artistic and creative character and values of Sebastopol; and

Whereas, the Portal Project has a design that will reflect and respond to the natural environment, and thus also expresses the environmental values of the community; and

Whereas, the Highway 12 Bridge is a major entry point to Sebastopol and the Sebastopol Portal will demarcate this entrance, enhancing the City's distinctive identity; and

Whereas, the project site is within the Caltrans right of way, and the City wishes to engage in a collaborative process with Caltrans to accomplish the Portal Project.

Now, therefore, the City Council does hereby adopt this Resolution authorizing City staff to apply for appropriate Permits from Caltrans and implement installation of the Sebastopol Portal Project.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED, APPROVED, and RESOLVED this 19th day of September, 2017.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Slayter and Mayor Glass

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: _____



Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST: _____



Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____



Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney