



# *City of Sebastopol Proclamation*

## *Honoring Planning Director Kenyon Webster upon his Retirement*

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1996, Kenyon Webster began his service as Planning Director for the City of Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, Kenyon has been instrumental in helping the City Council, Design Review Board, Planning Commission, Public Arts Committee, Laguna Committee, Business Outreach Committee, and General Plan Update Committee in their discussions of planning, land use, environmental, economic development, art, and circulation issues that affect the City of Sebastopol, its residents, non-profits, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, some of the highlights of Kenyon's Sebastopol career include:

- Supervision of the processing of over 2,100 Planning applications;
- Management of the comprehensive General Plan Update, completed in 2016, and the subsequent Zoning Ordinance Update;
- Supervision of the creation of the City's first Economic Development Strategy, the first City web site, the first filming ordinance, the first City newsletter, and serving as managing editor of the newsletter;
- Overseeing design, funding, and construction of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve, Skategarden Park, and Tomodachi Park, and a needed restroom at the Town Plaza;
- Managing three Housing Element updates;
- Preparation of numerous Zoning Ordinance updates to implement Council policy, as well as updates to the tree ordinance, sign ordinance, subdivision ordinance, parks ordinance, cannabis ordinance, and other ordinances;
- Managing the initial 'Street Smart Sebastopol' community process that ultimately resulted in a number of crosswalk improvements;
- Performing a key role in development of affordable housing projects, including Petaluma Avenue Homes, Sequoia Village, Hollyhock, and several Habitat for Humanity homes;
- Playing a linchpin role in numerous other significant projects, including the O'Reilly office campus; the Gravenstein Inn; the Fairfield Inn; the

soon-to-be-developed Hotel Sebastopol; the Ceres project; and the Barlow development; and

WHEREAS in February 2000, in recognition of his service, Kenyon Webster was awarded the Outstanding Public Service award from the Sebastopol Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, due to his diligence and hard work and knowledge gained during his years as Planning Director, he was named as Employee of the Year in 2008, and was nominated for Employee of the Year two other times during his tenure with the City; and

WHEREAS, in good times, and in difficult times, Kenyon has dealt with a diverse range of people in, and out of City Hall, and provided courteous and comprehensive help to City officials, members of the public, and fellow City staff, and has always been patient and understanding; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a hard-working and dedicated public servant, at all times committed to helping his community and administering planning regulations with a sense of fairness; and has provided invaluable leadership and guidance on many significant projects; and

WHEREAS, Kenyon has built cooperative relationships with residents, other government organizations, community groups, local non-profits, Sebastopol businesses, design and development professionals, and other members of the community; and

WHEREAS, his colleagues know him as a steady, dependable co-worker and friend, who takes pride in his work and in this community, and who is always ready to lend moral support or a helping hand when needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Patrick Slayter, Mayor, City of Sebastopol, do hereby express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Webster's dedication and commitment to the City, and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Sebastopol, and wish him the best, and continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sebastopol to be affixed, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
Patrick Slayter  
Mayor

