

CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR

Meeting of March 19, 2019

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of _____.

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A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on February 28, 2019.

6:00 pm **CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hinton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Hinton
 Vice Mayor Slayter
 Councilmember Carnacchi
 Councilmember Glass
 Councilmember Gurney

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
 Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
 Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
 Finance Director Ana Kwong
 Fire Chief Bill Braga
 Police Chief James Conner
 Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of:

- Fire Engineer Jim Levy - Community Award Winner - 2019 Sebastopol Firefighter of the Year
- Officer Ben Schott - Community Award Winner - 2019 Sebastopol Police Employee of the Year

Reference Number: 2019-059

PUBLIC COMMENT (At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, unless otherwise permitted under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the merits of the matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration.)

Linda Berg commented as follows:

- EMF Linda
- Love this town
- Thanked the Council for all they have done for this town
- Special town
- Keep happy and healthy
- Live revolves around the avoidance of wireless radiation
- Start reducing exposure to that
- Simple and cheap alternative to wireless is wired
- Backlash going on right now – born out of Silicon Valley
- No tech houses
- Being killed inside out
- Conference all to stop Smart Meter
- Fire season coming
- Discussed analog meters
- Is smart the new stupid

Arlene Kallen commented as follows:

- Discussed the LANTERN library group
- Interested in expanding the library in Sebastopol
- Provided a brochure to the Council
- Your input matters – survey the community
- What want to see in a library, what is lacking
- Website – discussed more questions
- Directed people to the web site

Helen Baum, Pleasant Hill Road, commented as follows:

- State of Working Sonoma
- Read the introduction
- Structural inequality and working poverty
- Low wage workers seeking to form a union
- Rent control and just cause eviction for tenants
- Jobs with Justice
- Provided a petition
- Get \$15.00 an hour minimum wage implemented

Citizen of Sebastopol commented as follows:

- Discussed the skate garden and skate park
- Would like a discussion allowing bikes and scooters in the park
- Allow them to be there if they follow the rules

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

(This is the time for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflicts of interests for any item listed on this agenda). There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED:

- o 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.
- o The Mayor will read the consent calendar items; ask if a Councilmember wishes to remove one or more items from the consent calendar; and then open public comment to the members of the public in attendance. At this time, a member of the public may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion.
- o If an item or items are removed from the consent calendar, the item shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.
- o 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 or Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Carnacchi requested item number 5 be pulled from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Glass moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item Number (s): 1, 2, 3, and 4.

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2019 (City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019.

Minute Order Number: 2019-060

2. Approval of Resolution Appointing the Engineer of Work and Directing the Preparation and Filing of the Engineer's Report and Describing Potential Changes to the City of Sebastopol' s Lighting Special Assessment District for FY 2019-2020 (Finance Director)

City Council Action: Approved Resolution Appointing the Engineer of Work and Directing the Preparation and Filing of the Engineer's Report and Describing Potential Changes to the City of Sebastopol' s Lighting Special Assessment District for FY 2019-2020

Minute Order Number: 2019-061

Resolution Number: 6229-2019

3. Approval of Sub-committee Recommendation of the "Locals Who Make a Difference" Recognition Program Honoree (Superintendent of Public Works/City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved Sub-committee Recommendation of the “Locals Who Make a Difference” Recognition Program Honoree

Minute Order Number: 2019-062

4. Approval of Waiving of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1121 to Prohibit Use and Sale of Disposable Food Service Ware and Other Products Containing Polystyrene Foam (Engineering Manager)

City Council Action: Approved Waiving of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1121 to Prohibit Use and Sale of Disposable Food Service Ware and Other Products Containing Polystyrene Foam

Minute Order Number: 2019-063

Ordinance Number: 1121

5. Approval of Letter of Support for SB 5 (Beall/McGuire) Post-Redevelopment Funding Proposal Set for Hearing March 20 (Housing Sub-Committee)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OR PRESENTATIONS:

6. Ives Pool Presentation and Learn to Swim Program (2019) (Ricardo Freitas and Greg Jacobs)

Ricardo Freitas and Greg Jacobs provided an informational report to the City Council.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Treat at the end of the school year for students to swim
- Discussed discounts for students
- Motivates everyone to become a great swimmer

The Council thanked the presenters.

City Council Action: None Taken – Informational Only.

Reference Order Number: 2019-065

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

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

7. Discussion and Approval of the Annual GSA Fee Assessment resulting from Sebastopol joining the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Basin: Amount Not to Exceed \$119,000.00 (Engineering Manager)

Engineering Manager Mikus presented the agenda item recommending the City Council approve the Annual GSA Fee Assessment resulting from Sebastopol joining the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Basin: Amount Not to Exceed \$119,000.00.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Questioned what is the name of the State Agency that oversees this – Engineering Manager stated DWR (Department of Water Resources)
- Questioned if a representative from DWR could be in attendance to answer questions
- Stated he has asked for that previously
- Stated he initially voted against this
- So many questions not answered

- Wilson Grove Basin was re-prioritized what did it go from

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed Wilson Grove going from very low to medium priority
- Discussed potential issues with Wilson Grove
- Rating may drop down again in a few months

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated he spoke with a City of Petaluma Councilmember
- Petaluma pulled out of Wilson Grove
- Discussed reprioritizing

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed measurement of ground basin numbers
- Complicated
- Went to Sacramento
- Gave them data - Better way to do numbers
- Not know if this will change
- Discussed pollutants
- Wilson Grove has some chemicals that are not regulated by drinking water standards (black marks against Wilson Grove)

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- If we can get the State Water Resources (DWR) to come to a City Council meeting, then it will be the City Council and not staff challenging them
- Stated the Council can ask them questions and ask for more thorough answers
- Questioned what if if we go into holding pattern at this point and do nothing

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Time sensitive on GSA end and not the City
- GSA is in the midst of going through the process of establishing a rate study
- Need to true their numbers and need to know if the City is in or not
- Does not really see anything that would compel the City to jump

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed the City going into a holding pattern
- City staff can bring someone from DWR to a council meeting so that the Council can receive more information

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed her frustration
- Discussed the reclassification of Wilson Grove
- Asked staff to describe their efforts in interacting with GSA and DWR
- Understand that staff went to Sacramento to get a response

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Stated City staff was met by DWR graciously
- Stated DWR recognized there were issues

Councilmember Glass questioned if staff asked DWR to meet with the City Council.

Manager Mikus stated staff did not ask DWR to attend a Council meeting.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Council agreed to change the borders (September 2018)
- Discussed the Jurisdictional boundary

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Change boundary of basin to be part of Santa Rosa Plain
- Discussed challenges
- Discussed watershed boundary
- Adjust boundary to keep City whole

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed the City of Petaluma's action
- Discussed that they changed their boundary

Manager Mikus commented that the City of Petaluma and Marin did the same thing, moved part of Wilson Grove to another basin.

Councilmember Glass commented if they were part of a low priority basin.

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Stated no – that they had their own basin
- Made Wilson Grove portion part of the Petaluma sub-basin
- Discussed three sub-basins

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned if Novato pulled out.

Manager Mikus commented no, it was Main County.

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned how many acres or how much land this is.

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- One threshold ground water usage in basin itself
- Wilson Grove around 9000-acre feet and threshold was 2000
- Not remember number from Petaluma or Marin
- Discussed diversion of water

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Questioned if it would be to our advantage to find a consultant who understands these calculations to have them lobby for us or Wilson Grove
- Discussed thresholds

- Petaluma is out of the loop
- Would hiring a consultant be helpful
- Are there consultants that can help the City with this

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed the North Bay person for DWR
- Discussed a conversation he had with this person
- Stated it was sorcery
- Discussed comment from DWR – set of rules have to apply to whole state
- Give fair brush to everyone
- Done because of Southern CA and Central CA water issues

Councilmember Carnacchi commented that there are three wells into the Wilson Grove - if everyone exists from Wilson Grove does the County have to take it on themselves.

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed not being able to form a GSA
- Legislation states that County would take over first and if not then the State

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated when this came before the Council the first time, by joining the Santa Rosa Basin, did the City surrender its ability to bring legal action
- Stated that he read this in a previous staff report
- Questioned if this works in reverse too

City Manager McLaughlin discussed surrendering our legal powers to GSA if we joined GSA.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- What happens to the legal rights to Wilson Grove
- Stated we are drawing water from Wilson Grove

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed that it would be part of Santa Rosa
- City not have responsibility
- City not be responsible for Wilson Grove in terms of legal rights

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Questioned what is the risk if the City waits
- Discussed needing more investigation
- Discussed needing to be re-evaluated and then returned to the City Council

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Not know if there is a risk
- Not see one
- City will be put into position at some time to make a decision
- Still in negotiations with GSA now

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Proceeding to try to do something
- No near future downside to not taking action tonight
- Discussed potential consultant
- Discussed fee of \$119,000 as known
- Time to challenge designation has run a long time ago
- Not clear whether or not that it is worth the cost of a consultant
- Not sure where that direction would take us
- Questioned what is a fair assessment of fees

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Arena we are in is membership
- Other members of JPA making it hard for us to join
- Cost seems flexible
- Numbers based on other numbers
- Held hostage here

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- GSA started July 2017
- Discussed budgets and discussed assessments
- Not completely equal between everyone

Councilmember Gurney discussed looking at their annual budgets

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed budgets
- Discussed total over two years for most of the members with exception
- Discussed \$119,000 figure
- Per JPA those are reimbursable - They are going to get their money back
- When up and running – these funds – deposit to get this up and running and then reimbursed expenses
- No reason for money in budget – needs reason

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed language in JPA
- Stated they (GSA) do not think that reimbursement will happen

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Unaware this was brought before the Board at a public meeting
- Questioned if there is another agenda where this was brought to a public meeting

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Provided a letter of support when did boundary adjustment
- Informed the City that this was based on a vote of their board
- Discussed conversations with Andy Rogers
- Stated the Mayor was invited to a meeting in April to discuss this

- Stated he cannot attend a GSA staff meeting as it conflicted with a budget subcommittee meeting
- Stated this can be returned after he speaks with GSA

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed that this is still an open conversation
- Discussed staff report comments
- Discussed that this is done by staff not the Boardmembers
- Stated this should be appealed to the Boardmembers
- Discussed appealing this to the full Board
- Questioned how we do that
- Stated she has not received an invitation from the Board

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Will ask the question if this can be appealed to the Board
- Probably reason why staff was invited
- Will find out when the meeting is in April for the Mayor to attend

Mayor Hinton commented that this is not fair based upon a staff recommendation.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Discussed gallons per day of water by well users
- Responsible for 40,000-50,000 people
- Shop here - Do good business - Not being considered
- Still asking lots of questions
- Went to last GSA meeting – They do not know much more about this (Board) than the Council
- Discussed argument between Board
- Do not have an APN fee
- Discussed property taxes
- Cannot tell you when the plan is coming
- Not a fair deal
- Supervising Hopkins sitting as Sonoma Water Agency – not a rep
- Straddling two basins
- Have to make decision
- Be with us or be with them
- Fee is big

Michael Hilberg, unincorporated area, commented as follows:

- Following this very closely
- Chair of the advisory committee is cooking up the fee structure
- Wine industry paying less (lobbyist)
- Buying seat on the board
- Fee not finalized – active participant
- Full of Councilmembers to stick it to the people
- Santa Rosa Plain goes from the Laguna east

- Withdraw application
- Belong to Wilson Grove Area
- Separate GSA – not cost nearly that much
- Low priority basin
- Not have to do as much work as they are proposing to do
- Consider delaying this
- Postpone this
- Well has manganese in it
- Punish people for harmless mineral
- A lot of this does not make sense
- Contestable

Susan Baum commented as follows:

- Went to January town hall meeting
- At edge of Wilson Grove
- Keep asking questions - Not vote on it today
- Spent millions already
- Discussed dry farming
- Discussed winery water use
- Nothing thought of
- No sustainability in the program
- Discussed how the fee is set
- Came up with flat fee
- 40 gallons pays same as someone who uses 400 gallons per day
- 24% is saying rural homeowner usage - way high
- 35% that the vineyards and other use is way low
- Found lawyer that will be contesting these numbers

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Not think to vote tonight
- Not vote to give gift of \$119,000
- Went to some of the meetings when the GSA was being formed
- Opaque process
- Not figure out what the point is here
- What is the expected outcome
- What are we paying for
- Where are we going with this
- Feel baffled and confused
- Staff making pronouncements but cannot figure out what is going on
- Supported staying with Wilson Grove – seemed like a good idea – had a low priority at that point
- Then State bumps us up by two levels
- No idea how they concluded that
- Black hole
- May be a little bit of a glimmer that something might change
- Petaluma out

- Being charged too much
- Do not understand this
- Scientifically not part of this basin
- Herded into making this decision
- If do not join this GSA will have to do Wilson Grove GSA and cost millions
- What are our choices
- Not see immediate downside
- In favor of let's see how this works out
- Call Senator and Assembly Member
- Need answers from DWR
- Explain their rationale
- Need answers from GSA board
- Look at all pieces
- Get assistance from representatives at the State

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- If Wilson Grove stays at current priority or backed down
- Why cost \$2-3 million to do our own group with the County
- Why does it cost all that much money
- Made up numbers

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- If goes back down- no expense
- Issue if State leaves us at this priority

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Hard to evaluate the costs of 2-3 million dollars
- Not purchased much work wise
- Wait and see how it plays out
- Not herded into this – same conversation now as we did earlier
- Have few more numbers – that is the difference
- Still in the same debate

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- State changed in the middle of the game
- Seems the City has no options

Councilmember Gurney questioned why this costs two million dollars.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed pay for staff personnel
- Discussed costs of reports
- Discussed costs for measurements
- Discussed reports required to be submitted to the State

Manager Mikus commented as follows

- Creating groundwater sustainability plan
- Research and collection of data – know where we need to go and where we are
- Data not there
- Doing rate study – spent money on consultants

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Partner in that is our County supervisor
- That person would represent more of the users
- We are finite circle of people
- Be the smaller player in all that expenses
- Have data available for analysis
- Expense shared not equally but proportionally that would relieve us

Councilmember Glass commented as follows

- Data about entire west county basin
- Other than individual well owners - not other entity

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed the previous agenda items
- Discussed April meeting invite
- Discussed why the decision was made
- Good deal to jump on board at that time
- Now not a good deal
- See if negotiable
- Now rethinking this whole thing

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed Wilson Grove
- Discussed changes in dynamics
- If stay with Wilson Grove numbers would go back in

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed lack of accountability
- Discussed lack of clear explanations
- Discussed rural property owners and well owners – exhibit frustration that everyone in this room is hearing
- Lack of openness to this process is troubling
- Ran his own calculations
- Not understand why smaller entities who are currently member of Santa Rosa basin did not push back on the \$119,000 over two-year startup fee
- Discussed population numbers - Ran numbers based on population
- Cotati: 7300 – \$16.30 per person
- RP – 42800 – \$2.78 per person
- Windsor 268000 – \$4.44 per person
- SR – 175,000 - \$.68 per person
- Nothing about this makes a whole lot of sense

- Reality is the wells are where the wells are
- Watershed is where watershed is
- Watershed is fixed
- Still going to draw City water out of wells from water formations that we have been doing for decades
- Crazy way calculated -Not make sense
- Never on public agenda in way that residents of Sebastopol can go and speak to joining the membership themselves
- False trust
- Not opportunity to weigh in on join up fee is extortion
- No item in their budget that requires this kind of funding
- Discussed equity
- Calculus needs to be redone
- Adding one member is not going to increase the cost
- 9 current members
- If Sebastopol joins – 10 members
- Start up fees the same – figure should be recalculated
- Sebastopol fees should go to reimbursing that fee for other members
- Making everyone equal
- Wait and let staff communicate with State and staff of the JPA
- If decide to go forward – heard in public at public board meeting

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed previous meetings
- Discussed disproportionate start up fees
- Discussed the ruling by the Water Agency counsel – questioned if this is correct that the ruling was done by the Water Agency counsel
- Something to do with way the law is structured

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed the fees from larger members
- Discussed different voting structure
- My way or the highway
- Talked with Cotati and Rohnert Park
- Feel like they were held hostage
- Resent the fact that Sebastopol had a choice and they did not

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Position clear
- Address Councilmember Glass idea of separate scientific data brought forward
- Good back-up for us as a reason for not taking action if at some point legal action happens
- Do at reasonable price

Councilmember Gurney discussed the GSA and DWR invite to the meeting.

Mayor Hinton stated the Board may want to discuss the fee – will go and listen to what they have to say and will report back.

Staff stated that Mr. Rogers has not reached out to the Mayor, but staff will get the information to the Mayor.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented that there is an April 11th meeting GSA Board meeting.

The Council was in consensus to:

- Wait – no decision tonight on money
- Contact DWR and GSA – officials to visit and speak at a Council Meeting
- Ask for discussion at GSA board
- Confirm invitation to Mayor
- Pursue consultant or not – wait on that

City Council Action: The Council was in consensus to:

- Wait – no decision tonight on money
- Contact DWR and GSA – officials to visit and speak at a Council Meeting
- Ask for discussion at GSA board
- Confirm invitation to Mayor
- Pursue consultant or not – wait on that

Minute Order Number: 2019-066

8. Discussion and Appointment of a Council Member and Alternate to represent Sebastopol on the GSA Board resulting from Sebastopol joining the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Basin (Engineering Manager)

Due to the decision of Item 7, this item is tabled to a future City Council Meeting.
Item tabled.

City Council Action: Due to the decision of Item 7, this item is tabled to a future City Council meeting.

Minute Order Number: 2019-067

9. Discussion and Consideration of City Council Paperless Agenda and Purchase of I Pads for Official City Business (Mayor Hinton)

Mayor Hinton presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Discuss and Consider City Council Paperless Agenda and Purchase of I Pads for Official City Business.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Councilmember Glass commented if either I pads or Tablets could be used if some Councilmembers chose I Pads and other Councilmembers chose tablets.

Staff stated they have not researched this item in detail until such time as it was the Council consensus to move forward on purchase of electronics.

City Manager McLaughlin stated if the Council chose to move forward, City staff would need to return to the City Council with electronics use policy.

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned if the City was using post recycled paper.

Staff stated that is correct.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez-Heaster commented that she would like to make sure that the library receives a paper copy of the council packet.

Mayor Hinton stated that is proposed and stated in the staff report.

Douglas Emory commented as follows:

- Came out school district that did this
- I pad for K through 12th -
- Expect lots of money - Lots of repair - Lots of oversight
- Public records requests
- Like way Vice Mayor puts his pad down
- Stated he is with and connected to the public
- Use now – not connected to public
- Not interactive
- City way is currently– kinds of things going on – not sure buy I pads until get people living back in stores
- Not appropriate time to purchase these

Council Deliberations:

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed the estimate costs for packets and cost of I Pad
- Less cost to the City to do this
- Familiar with use of I pads
- Discussed similar use of Council cell phones for Council communications

Councilmember Carnacchi commented on Councilmembers being able to opt out.

Mayor Hinton commented that it would not make sense for Councilmembers to opt out due to the cost of paper packets.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Likes the comments that if I pad are used the Council is not being personable with the public
- Stated he has had his own experience with that
- Agree with member of the public

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed public records act
- If use phone now – same thing would happen

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated anyone of us who want to take the paperless route can do so
- Not sure why we need to go all out and create a policy and purchase I pads to do our work on a device
- Individually have not had to have the City buy something in the past - extravagant
- Highly doubted they are only used for official business
- Agree that it is impersonable
- Disrupts the relationship
- Familiar with school roll out
- Policies that we have passed - personally violate those police s- human nature
- Hard to work on one of these devices if it not your personal style
- May opt out of the purchase if this pass
- Not make sense – labor to make copies would be same for one or ten
- Working at highest level – that needs to be addressed with staffing if that is being done
- Better chose to leave up to individual

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Not extravagant
- Proof in the pudding
- Need packet on something
- Cell phone too small to work on
- Attend conferences
- Do other things
- Not asking City or government to buy it
- I pad save money

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Agree with Mayor
- Is less expensive
- Spending money on paper – Copying - Labor
- Own two laptops and 4 computers
- All are big
- Vice Mayor Slayter uses his at council meetings
- Nice and small
- Contemplating to buy a new one - Fair amount of money to spend
- Is demonstrably true would be less money if using electronic devices
- Most cities and Counties using electronic devices
- Agree having that thing in front of you not looking at public is obnoxious
- Depends on how use the device
- Our responsibility to respond to the public
- Choose to do in a good way
- Be mindful of how they are used
- Like to have device – n other hand – paper oriented on taking notes
- Still have to take hand written notes

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Go to meetings with other representatives – variety of techniques
- Experimented with it at council meeting – I pad
- Happy to have the paper copy – I pad not always work at Council meeting
- Has a paper packet every time – like to scrawl comments on the paper copy
- Started using electronic device at Sonoma Clean Power meeting
- Easier to stay connected with fellow boardmembers and members of the public due to proximity
- Chose to use small device
- Able to use newer version – has keyboard – works well
- Needs to be personal preference
- Many communities are furnishing devices for the councilmembers
- Amount of paper – not been a new councilmember that does not have the question- what to do with all the paper
- End up with stacks of paper
- No problem with City provided electronic devices
- Proven method to waste reduction if used properly
- Needs to be policy
- Public Records Act Request
- Would be discoverable
- Routine items in agenda packets – comfortable having on PDF
- Discussed lighting assessment district
- Do not need that to do our job
- Fine with staff doing more exploration
- Benefit to catching on to that new thing
- Use appropriately and benefit of City
- Could go with staying with paper or going electronic

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Would feel comfortable to upgrade what staff has rather than what we use as volunteers
- Staff is on the job every day
- Often 24 hours a day
- See that they may need greater use to make more sophisticated and mobile
- Planning might benefit
- Larry
- Ana
- Henry
- Look at staff – they are the people who need professional upgrade rather than Council
- Invest in something more suitable
- Need professional work setting and equipment

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- City Manager should make sure that the staff has quality equipment
- Discussed the comment that this feels like it is extravagant
- Cost saving expense
- Volunteer with small stipend
- Discussed health insurance coverage – not taking it

- Saves the city money
- This is a tool

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Gurney seconded the motion to direct staff to investigate in further details the cost and policy to purchase and use electronic devices as discussed.

Discussion:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Investigating good thing to do
- Worthy inquiry
- Apologize if feel extravagant
- No harm in finding out more information
- Look at actual costs
- Look at what policy may be
- Look at options to opt in or opt out

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved directing staff to investigate in further details the cost and policy to purchase and use electronic devices as discussed.

Minute Order Number: 2019-068

10. Discussion and Consideration of Amendment to the 2019 Approved City Council Meeting Date Schedule (Mayor Hinton)

Mayor Hinton presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Discuss and Consider Amendment to the 2019 Approved City Council Meeting Date Schedule.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions. There were none.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There was none.

Council was in consensus to change the meeting date from October 1st to October 29th.

- Councilmember Gurney stated she may not be available on the 29th
- Stated Councilmembers use those months that the Council has approved for meeting dates to set vacations and plan trips
- May likely not be in attendance
- Discussed the Vice Chair running the October 1st meeting

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated the regular meeting of October 1st is being proposed to be cancelled
- Stated the October 29th meeting would be a special meeting if rescheduled
- Stated the November 5th meeting would be a regular meeting

Council Deliberations:

There were none,

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to cancel the October 1st City Council Meeting and scheduled a special City Council Meeting for October 29th.

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

City Council Action: Approved cancellation of the October 1st City Council Meeting and scheduled a special City Council Meeting for October 29th.

Minute Order Number: 2019-069

5. Approval of Letter of Support for SB 5 (Beall/McGuire) Post-Redevelopment Funding Proposal Set for Hearing March 20 (Housing Sub-Committee)

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed proposition 98
- Went to the West Sonoma County Unified High School District Board Meeting
- Stated 20 teachers are bring cut
- Basic A district at most risk
- Get backfill from state
- Language not in the bill
- No mechanism for that to happen
- Add language to letter
- Hold schools harmless from any loss of funding

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Vice Mayor Slayter questioned what the language means.

Councilmember Carnacchi stated that there is no mechanism for schools to get money.

Councilmember Glass stated this is a matter of course and it is not needed to put in that language (line 24).

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated this bill does not say that
- Discussed backfill

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed Senator McGuire
- Stated he is a teacher advocate

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Suggested adding language to the letter
- Important

- Advocating for that point
- Teachers want this
- School funding need to remain whole or be increased

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Mr. Emory commented as follows:

- Like idea of adding the paragraph to make it clear
- Schools cannot withstand another hit
- Discussed the topics of plastic bags
- Discussed the ordinance to eliminate plastic bags as well as the dark bags with the smiley face
- Those cannot be recycled
- End the plastic cycle
- Cannot afford that here
- Cannot afford that here

Council Deliberations:

The Council discussed language for the letter such as it is the concern of the City Council that any legislation ensures that funding to schools remain whole or preferably be increased.

Councilmember Glass moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve a Letter of Support for SB 5 (Beall/McGuire) Post-Redevelopment Funding Proposal Set for Hearing March 20 with the amendment as listed:

- it is the concern of the City Council that any legislation ensures that funding to schools remain whole or preferably be increased.

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

City Council Action: Approved a Letter of Support for SB 5 (Beall/McGuire) Post-Redevelopment Funding Proposal Set for Hearing March 20 with the amendment as listed:

- it is the concern of the City Council that any legislation ensures that funding to schools remain whole or preferably be increased.

Minute Order Number: 2019-064

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

11. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:

City Manager McLaughlin reported as follows:

- Discussed CASA Compact
- Incomplete/lack of information
- CASA may be on April 11th MC Board Agenda but that has not yet been released
- Do not know the title or subject matter of that agenda item
- Utilize for April 2nd meeting should the mayor require direction from this Council or could be placed on April 2nd meeting if placed by the Agenda Review Committee
- Discussed other cities position or not taking a position

- City of Sonoma registered opposition
- Provided handout from the League of CA Cities
- MTC/ABAG staff will be providing a study session on the CASA Compact along with a legislative update – March 26, 2019 – 2:00 pm – City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers

Update on challenges of recent flood.

- Working with community center
- Discussed insurance policies/emergency repairs/items not covered by insurance
- Met with WCCS and evacuation of Park Village – gold star for evacuation
- Status of mobile homes yet to be determined

Budget Sub-Committee Meeting resume tomorrow

Number of Public Records Act Request

Doing an assessment of what took place at Barlow

Discussed emergency procedure place

Focus on getting businesses up and running

Assessing City losses from sales tax revenues

Discussed media outreach – working on getting information out on City social media – emphasizing all Sebastopol businesses (not affected by flood) are open and that Barlow is working or reopen

SCT programs to assistant individual business has to be done through the Chamber of Commerce

- City Selection Committee Appointments
 - ABAG MTC CASA Legislative Task Force, two positions. The CASA Legislative Task Force is expected to meet during the current legislative session in Sacramento. Due March 29th
- Reminder: Parks Measure “M” Citizens’ Oversight Committee Applications Due to the County by April 10th.

12. 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)

Councilmember Gurney reported as follows:

- SCTA RCPA Report
- Bus Buddies
- Sebastopol Walks

Vice Mayor Slayter reported as follows:

- Now hosting May walk
- SCP working internally with SCCC on additional funding for improvements that relate to flood related damage – rebuilding in more sustainable way

Councilmember Glass reported as follows:

- Bus Buddy Training
- Sebastopol Documental film festival – March 28th – 31st
- Internationally known film festival
- Mosquito abatement district meeting
- Housing subcommittee meeting
- Report on status of HEAP Funding – looking good for Sebastopol

Vice Mayor Slayter reported as follows:

- Discussed HEAP Funding and stated the new governor was looking to continue that funding for perhaps another two years
- SWF students – 12 days - Friendly City
- Modest ribbon-cutting for new bench in Plaza
- 25-year relationship with Ukraine- one of our two sister cities
- Continues to impress much larger and more international cities
- Active exchanges

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Attend MC Legislative committee
- CASA subject
- Unanimously agreed that the legislative committee would send a letter opposing CASA
- Attended City of Sonoma council meeting
- Likes on their agenda the dedication of meetings
- Open public comment for consent calendar
- When motion made and seconded – roll call

13. Council Communications Received: None

14. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See Agenda Below and City Web site for Up to Date Meeting Dates/Times)

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Hinton adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 10:07 pm to the next City Council Meeting. The Next Regular City Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm. at the Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted:

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