

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MINUTES FOR Meeting of November 5, 2019**

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of November 19, 2019.

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The Sebastopol City Council welcomes you to its meetings that are generally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Your interest and participation are encouraged and appreciated.

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SB 751 Legislative bodies of local agencies must publicly report: (1) any action taken and (2) the vote or abstention on each action taken by each member present for the action at a meeting.

A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on October 31, 2019.

**6:00 pm**

**REGULAR MEETING:** CONVENE City Council Regular Meeting, Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA

**CALL TO ORDER:** vice Mayor Slayter called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Hinton (arrived 6:10 pm)  
Vice Mayor Slayter  
Councilmember Carnacchi  
Councilmember Glass (arrived: 6:06 pm)  
Councilmember Gurney

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley  
Engineering Manager Henry Mikus  
Administrative Services Director Ana Kwong  
Police Chief James Conner/Lieutenant Greg DeVore

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Vice Mayor Slayter led the salute to the flag.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** There were none.

Vice Mayor Slayter discussed Veteran’s Day and events and encouraged the public to thank a service person for their service.

**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 Collins commented as follows:

- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Community Church
- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm serving dinner
- Encouraged everyone to share that information
- Thanked Vice Mayor Slayter for keeping persons informed of being prepared for the PG&E outage
- Was better prepared for the outage

Rudy Seidler commented as follows:

- In attendance to speak on the sewer/water rates
- Discussed his experience with the City
- Discussed a gravel driveway issue
- Sidewalk ends at end of Mexican restaurant
- Driveway gravel and chewed up
- Can City do something to fix this

**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:**

- The consent agenda consists of items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or have been reviewed by the City Council previously. These items may be approved by one motion without discussion unless a member of the City Council requests that the item be taken off the consent calendar.
- The Mayor will read the consent calendar items; ask if a Councilmember wishes to remove one or more items from the consent calendar; and then open public comment to the members of the public in attendance. At this time, a member of the public may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion.
- If an item or items are removed from the consent calendar, the item shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.
- 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 Tern.

Vice Mayor Slayter read the consent calendar items. Vice Mayor Slayter questioned if any Councilmembers wanted to remove an item from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Carnacchi asked to remove item #4 and 5.

Vice Mayor Slayter asked to remove item #2.

Vice Mayor Slayter asked for public comment on the consent calendar items. There was none.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 1, 3 and 6.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Hinton

Abstain:None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 15, 2019 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 15, 2019**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-240**

- ~~2. Approval of Suspending the One Hour Parking Limit in the Sebastopol Downtown Association District during the period November 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020 (Requestor: Sebastopol Downtown Association/Responsible Department: City Administration)~~
3. Approval of Resolution for SB 2 Grant Application (Responsible Department: Planning Department)

**City Council Action: Approved Resolution for SB 2 Grant Application**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-242**

**Resolution Number: 6266-2019**

- ~~4. Approval of Authorization for Request for Bids for Contract 2019-01 ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades along SR116 (Responsible Department: Engineering Manager)~~
- ~~5. Approval of Budget Adjustment of \$88,000.00 for Fund 216 CDBG Funding Shortfall (Responsible Department: Engineering Manager)~~
6. Approval of Resolution Ratifying an Emergency Proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services (Fire Chief/City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved Resolution Ratifying an Emergency Proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-245**

**Resolution Number: 6268-2019**

**The Council discussed Item Number 2:**

2. Approval of Suspending the One Hour Parking Limit in the Sebastopol Downtown Association District during the period November 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020 (Requestor: Sebastopol Downtown Association/Responsible Department: City Administration)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the agenda item.

Vice Mayor Slayter opened for questions.

Vice Mayor Slayter questioned if there are any other parking spaces outside the SDA area that are one hour limited.

The Police Chief stated not that he was aware of. The other timed parking zones are two- or three-hour time limits.

Vice Mayor Slayter discussed potential confusion of the SDA zone and other parking areas.

Councilmember Gurney questioned if the suspension of time parking is just for street parking.

Police Chief Conner stated that is correct.

Rei Blaser, Representative of the Downtown Association, commented as follows:

- Discussed parking downtown for the holidays
- Idea came about a few months ago – shift one hour to two-hour parking in downtown core
- Good will of the City to suspend the parking enforcement for the holidays
- Discussed Gypsy Café reaching out to City staff to do no parking enforcement during a holiday period
- Great feedback in support from members
- Help customers stay downtown longer

Vice Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was none.

Council Deliberations:

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Supports the good will of the city
- Concerned this will be abused by people who will not be abusing it
- Not know how that would be dealt with

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Would like information as to what the business person experiences with the suspension of enforcement
- May be reducing clientele or customer base

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Excited about the change
- Discussed G&C not being able to do that parking program any more
- Sebastopol has the edge
- Promote this opportunity
- Bring shoppers to Sebastopol

Councilmember Gurney stated this would be a great holiday message.

Mayor Hinton moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve the Resolution Suspending the One Hour Parking Limit in the Sebastopol Downtown Association District during the period November 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

City Council Action: Approved Suspending the One Hour Parking Limit in the Sebastopol Downtown Association District during the period November 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020

Minute Order Number: 2019-241

Resolution Number: 6265-2019

**The Council discussed Item Number 4**

4. Approval of Authorization for Request for Bids for Contract 2019-01 ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades along SR116 (Responsible Department: Engineering Manager)

Councilmember Carnacchi discussed the contract and wanted to ensure that the contract is specific to ensuring that the construction does not affect April 18<sup>th</sup> (Parade).

Engineering Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed the procedures for a contract and meeting to discuss dates for contract
- Discussed the preconstruction meeting
- Stated the issues will be handled in that manner

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed sheet number 8
- North Main and Healdsburg intersection
- Upgrading curb ramps
- Is that going to include audible signals
- Is Caltrans going to do that

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Project does not include audible signals
- Project started 3-4 years ago
- Drawings done two years ago
- Difficult process with Caltrans approval of permit
- Good idea to have
- Not sure smart thing to do over at this point
- Overriding purpose was to avoid electronics because of costs and liability

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed approaching Caltrans on this issue
- Questioned audibles not being part of the current project

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Not part of current project

- Can only encourage that with Caltrans

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed a person who is blind that uses that intersection regularly
- Important to have audibles at this intersection

Manager Mikus stated he would discuss this with Caltrans.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed also knowing someone personally who is sight impaired
- Important intersection for people who are sight impaired
- Voiced similar comments as Councilmember Carnacchi
- Audible signals will make a big difference
- Need to pound on Caltrans

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Jann, Gypsy Café, commented as follows;

- Baffled in this process
- Goes back to design/Design of these sidewalks
- Understand legacy of changes
- Going backwards again
- Needs comprehensive design that includes audibles, light posts, wider sidewalks
- Addressing how we can mitigate what we are putting into the storm drain
- Solutions in other towns
- Stated this is about Caltrans and money
- Do not let Caltrans walk over us again
- When opening up a sidewalk it does not get filled right away
- Need to consider rainy season coming
- Trying to be realistic
- Need to see design
- Need to get decent input

Council Deliberations: There were none.

Vice Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve Authorization for Request for Bids for Contract 2019-01 ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades along SR116.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action:** Approved Authorization for Request for Bids for Contract 2019-01 ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades along SR116.

Minute Order Number: 2019-243

**The Council discussed Item Number 5**

5. Approval of Budget Adjustment of \$88,000.00 for Fund 216 CDBG Funding Shortfall (Responsible Department: Engineering Manager)

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Seems like the engineering department coming back to Council asking for more money rather than other departments
- \$88000 not good for our budget
- \$60,000 – awarded then taken away
- What is covered prior to doing the work
- Make more sense and be better practice to make sure that whatever funds are going to be utilized that the funds are available in the future
- Large chunk of money

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There was none.

**Council Deliberations:** There were none.

Councilmember Glass moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve Authorization for a Budget Adjustment of \$88,000.00 for Fund 216 CDBG Funding Shortfall.

VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmember Carnacchi

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action: Approved Authorization for a Budget Adjustment of \$88,000.00 for Fund 216 CDBG Funding Shortfall.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-244**

**Resolution Number: 6267-2019**

The Mayor provided the following comments related to the Kincade fire and Evacuation of the City of Sebastopol:

**Mayor's Comments:**

"On Sunday morning, October 27<sup>th</sup>, I like the entire city, was shocked awake at 4am and told to evacuate. Talk about making history... never has Sebastopol been evacuated before!

As you are aware, this community and our surrounding neighbors have once again been impacted by events beyond our control. Not only did we have to deal and continue to deal with the continually PG&E PSPS events, we also had to deal with the threat of another wildland fire (the Kincade) which forced everyone in the City and surrounding areas to evacuate without much notice. What items to take, packing up pets and where to go were the questions we asked ourselves ...and all while in the dark because of the power outing the evening before!

I along with my fellow colleagues, City Administration, and our Public Safety personnel, understand the stress that these types of events put on everyone. On the other side of the coin, it is a time when we all come together - Strengthen our community and in many ways that starts by doing what we can in our neighborhood and our City! The ability for everyone to be taken care of and get out safe in this or any type of emergency in Priority Number One!

Not only as Mayor of this amazing City, but also as a concerned citizen, we want to jump in and assist those around us. As Mayor I reached out to our neighboring jurisdictions offering our support but also understanding and respecting the roles of our impacted Elected as well the all First Responders, it was time to stay out of the way! I continue to be supportive and one of the main messages we now need to get out is that Northern CA is no longer on fire and is open for business.

Here at home, I want to thank the efforts of our city staff and public safety volunteers, but especially our City Manager, Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief, and Public Works Superintendent who did an incredible job to ensure that our City stayed safe and that we continued to provide the necessities for our community. Once again in an emergency, due to the efforts of our City Staff, First Responders and assistance from other Cities, the City was able to ensure that everyone was evacuated and protected while Sebastopol residents were away from home.

Although our property was thankfully saved, what about our businesses, families, individuals who face serious decisions of how to proceed due to people who could not go to work, businesses closed, or parents having to take time off due to schools being closed? Our local merchants have been hit hard and have much rebuilding to do again.

We need to advocate to help businesses and people who suffer during these types of events. I think I speak for many when I say we will continue to lobby our State representatives to ensure all communities impacted from this past disaster and future events receive support.

The Kincaid Fire event for me and others is a time to reflect on moving forward, what we can do better next time and how to help others not just in a time of emergency, but every day. To embrace what is truly important.

I challenge you to do the same. I am moving forward to become a MAP Your Neighborhood Community Leader in my section of town. My plan to team up with another neighborhood friend (a guy with tools) and together we will MAP our neighborhood and be better prepared both in advance and during the next emergency. I challenge everyone to participate in this City-wide program! It is important to remember that being prepared before and after a disaster helps protect and save lives. Being active in our neighborhoods and knowing what help our neighbors may need is critical. Another important action is to embrace Zero Waste... this latest emergency certainly shows us how Climate Change is impacting not only the world, but each of us every day. As I was dumping my frozen food into my Green Compost Bin last night and opening every food package individually, it really hit close to home that this is one of the most important things each of us can do to make a difference.

To close..., I am proud of what our City staff did and continues to do in the wake of these events. Moving forward, our council will be working with the City staff to review the actions of this event and discuss with



what actions can be taken and what items still need to be purchased so that the City can continue to be prepared for the next emergency.

Thank you to our residents of Sebastopol for all you did as well. Prior to last Sunday, we talked about an emergency as wide-spread as this one – now we know what it feels like and more importantly, how to better prepare for the next one!”

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION:** There was none.

**PUBLIC HEARING(s):**

7. Public Hearing – To conduct a Public Hearing on the Water/Wastewater Rate Study/Prop 218 Notice Results (Administrative Services Director/Consultant) – **This Public Hearing will be continued to a future City Council Meeting.**

City Council Action: None Taken. Item continued to future City Council Meeting.

Minute Order Number: 2019-246

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

8. Discussion and Approval for Authorization to Re-Mail Prop 218 Notices (Responsible Department: Administrative Services Director/Consultant)

Administrative Services Director Kwong presented the agenda item recommending the City Council discuss and approve authorization to Re-Mail Prop 218 Notices.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Questioned if the mailing and postage costs are paid from the water sewer funds – Staff stated that is correct
- Questioned who would pay for the second mailing – Staff stated the consultant will be paying for the second mailing and there is no cost to the City

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Requested an estimate of what it would cost to large users of water (such as apartment complexes)
- Stated he would like to see that estimate
- Would like to see examples of estimates for costs of other users such as properties with multiple residences, apartment complexes
- Would like to see the average proposed cost per month

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There was none.

Council Deliberations: There were none.

Vice Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve authorization to Re-Mail Prop 218 Notices.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action: Approved authorization to Re-Mail Prop 218 Notices.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-247**

9. Discussion/Update of Morris Street (RVs) (Requestor: Mayor Hinton; Responsible Department: Police Department)

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Number one issue heard about as Council members
- Number of speakers on this issue
- Attended session at League of CA cities on this item

Police Chief Conner presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the update from the Police Chief and provide any comments or direction on this item.

City Manager McLaughlin provided additional comments as follows:

- Discussed court cases on this topic
- Discussed legal opinions on this issue
- Read part of the court case in question (Boise)
- City has about 20-25 vehicles to deal with- if the City was to take action on these RVs, the City would need to be prepared to demonstrate we have alternate locations to take those RVs to
- Discussed earlier discussions on potential ordinance for RVs
- Discussed moving them from residential neighborhoods (do ordinance throughout the city)
- Discussed last conversation on this item (oversized vehicle ordinance)
- Staff reluctant advice tonight - to do nothing
- Proactive steps taken
- Cannot expect any vehicle tow yard to take away an abandoned RV at no cost to the City – City has to cover the fees
- Tow yards are reluctant to tow

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Heard a lot from merchants on Morris
- Questioned if it makes sense to have one three-hour parking on one side and the other side of the street maintained for parking
- Move them to one side
- Merchant side of street to be parking more for customers
- Feels like we can accommodate more on the east side

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated City staff did consider that issue
- Leads to the probability of more legal research that needs to be done

- Even if that amount of parking area can accommodate RVs what happens when the next half dozen or more RVs arrive in this area
- They could not park there – no room
- Would probably go into residential neighborhood

Mayor Hinton commented agreed that it was probably that they could spread around town.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- City would have to be able to accommodate the RVs
- Can be problematic
- Need to get a second attorney opinion
- Give more concrete advice of that being challenged if enacted
- Staff discussion of utilizing Morris street (one side)
- Morris Street is an industrial zone

Chief Conner commented as follows:

- Stated if you build it, it will come
- If we restrict vehicle camping throughout the rest of the City and allow it on Morris Street, once the City does that, the word will spread quickly
- City will be inundated with folks who are not already here

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Hearing a lot about this
- Only discussing one side of Morris
- Hearing the sky is falling tonight
- Many other cities believe that doing something like this is legal
- Need second opinion
- Move to one side of the street
- Do three-hour parking
- Accommodating everyone
- Not eliminating it from neighborhood
- Addressing concerns

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- City will get a challenge to the ordinance
- RVs will be parking residential neighborhoods
- Discussed a uniform ordinance throughout the City
- Could not go into residential neighborhoods
- Potential legal challenge

Mayor Hinton stated she was not in favor of a uniformed ordinance.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Heard a number of complaints

- Lack of sanitation
- Human waste in bushes
- Abundance of garbage
- Threat to security of businesses customers
- Is there an update/improvement to these items

Chief Conner commented as follows:

- Not have ability to quantify if there is an improvement
- Not typically a complaint to the Police Department
- Best place for answer would be Public Works
- Other than specific issue/incident areas, have not heard as much of feeling of personal safety or security as compared to a year ago
- Not heard complaints from Barlow

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated the City has not addressed the issue
- Questioned if anyone from the City has reached out to sympathetic private property owners who may provide parking for RVs
  - Churches
  - Cement plant lot
- Questioned if there was any action in that regard

Chief Conner commented as follows:

- Not that he is aware of
- Discussed the previous safe parking program at churches
- Discussed the churches experiences with running program and providing staffing
- Churches no longer offer that

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed Community Center impacts
- Discussed security of staff and personnel
- Discussed security for clientele and property itself

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed smell of human feces
- Cotati Police department will rap on an auto or RV door if sleeping in vehicle
- Have ordinance
- Persons generally leave
- Seems to be getting away with enforcing a non-enforceable ordinance
- No legal action again Cotati from advocates
- See legal action if we just put up no overnight parking on Morris Street
- Suggested a permit to park in residential areas
- Suggested registering to park in residential areas

Chief Conner commented as follows:

- Aware of court case decision – will not go against what the courts have interpreted that to be
- Goes against civil rights
- Why another jurisdiction takes enforcement actions he cannot comment on
- Not discussions that he has been privy to
- Discussed steps per outside Counsel
- Council rescinded ordinance that the City had previously that was unconstitutional

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Discussed direction based on advice from outside counsel
- Case is clear
- Got outside advice from counsel
- Discussed applicable law
- Will ask Cotati City Manager
- Need to have alternate camp location or else it is illegal

Councilmember Carnacchi discussed if the City has control over regular parking time limits on City streets.

City Manager McLaughlin commented yes, but that the Constitution prevails over local ordinances and discussed interpretation based on protections.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed alternate locations
- Stated the City is offering the entire city for parking

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- There are cities that have massive restrictions
- Discussed going to see daughter at college – did not allow overnight parking on streets period
- College town - Suburban in nature
- Every time visiting daughter -musical chairs
- South Pasadena needs permit – get permit from the police department to park for 72 hours
- Not sure that is what Sebastopol wants to do

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Staff not prepared to go into analysis of other cities
- Number of laws that we cannot legally enact
- Discussed other cities having ordinances that were challenged and reversed

Councilmember Gurney questioned what the consequences is if the City was sued and lost.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Issue has to be researched
- Discussed statutes
- Discussed it being challenged on a constitutional challenge by a citizen
- Provide for award of attorney fees in some cases – multiple award of attorney fees

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Award potential to plaintiff
- May have to pay both sides

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Questioned if the count was formally done once – staff stated that is correct
- Questioned if anecdotally, this is a pretty stable number – staff stated that is correct
- Questioned if the City knows how many humans are there – Staff stated he did not know

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Jann, Gypsy Café, commented as follows:

- Sebastopol unique
- Crossroads/Hub
- During evacuation and repopulation, watched parade – log jam – surreal
- RVs after RVs - Giant machines
- Watched population cruise through town – astonished
- We are not alone in this
- Several communities that have this problem
- Need to reach out to them
- Discussed Supervisor Hopkins comments
- Opportunity to set up something permanent year round
- Moving them down the road not a good idea
- Come up with something

Linda Collins commented as follows:

Speaking as person not a representative of the Chamber

- We treat our homeless very well
- Feel bad for them
- Feel compassion
- Deal with them on daily basis
- Showing them where they might be better fit would be in their best interest

Speaking as Chamber representative:

- Discussed the City parking lot
- Police Department has been good when they call them
- Van out there – three individuals
- Difficult to deal with
- Problem – need to go to the restroom – use the parking lot
- Not be subjected to that
- Joe Rodota Trail – proud and fortunate to have that trail
- Discussed comments from visitors
- Need to find another place
- Fear for self and staff and visitors
- Do not like that feeling

- Closing office early
- Not want to go to car when dark
- Not fair

Rebecca, Community Center, commented as follows:

- Worked here 7 years - 40 hours a week
- Used to enjoy surroundings
- Do not enjoy surroundings anymore
- Street loaded with RVs
- People left due to the flood and evacuations
- Now they are back
- Saw a new one today
- Concern of how many there are each Monday when she goes to work
- Block sidewalks
- Dogs tied up to side of RVs
- Trash and loose dogs in parking lots at night
- Instructors scared
- People sleeping in cars
- SCCC broken into
- Walls spray painted
- Money stolen
- Ransacked
- Violation
- Endure a lot
- Scary to be here
- Trash has to be endured
- Porta potties
- Attracted more people
- Lock them but people break in
- Scared
- Do not like to be alone
- Homeless population has exploded

Lindsey, Community Center, commented as follows:

- Discussed Community Center being broken into
- Terrible feeling to feel like she has to quit her job
- Worry of safety
- Read a prepared statement
- Impact of RV parking and homelessness
- Create safe atmosphere
- Needs of everyone are important
- Needs of RVs and homeless not addressed
- Hierarchy of needs of safety

- Cannot do jobs when feel unsafe
- Cannot engage the community
- Cannot concentrate
- Cannot be productive
- Community members feel unsafe
- People will stop coming if they feel unsafe
- Find solution
- Limited parking
- Plan to manage address housing and security in Sebastopol
- Pledge to community address issue

Alex, Community Center, commented as follows:

- Working here for a year half
- Discussed issues with people sleeping in cars
- Issue is complicated
- Address homelessness as issue that is growing
- Need to find place to support them
- Need a place for them – Morris Street does not work
- Need place for people who are homeless and have RVs
- Discussed need for services and restrooms
- Cannot ignore the problem that is growing
- Too big to say it is just this one city or one county
- Need to approach on a small level
- Not sure how often garbage cans are being emptied
- Garbage cans are stuffed at the Community Center
- Discussed RV trash
- Will see worse type of homelessness causing more problems

John, Community Center, commented as follows:

- Been here for well over 16 years
- Seen tremendous change in community
- Out late at night cleaning up
- Felt safe
- Seen transition
- Realize in recent times tremendous amount of people displaced
- Trying to make area that people can come to find solace and relax
- Difficult to do
- Need to provide alternatives
- Reach out to other communities and resources
- Develop alternatives
- Help the situation
- Hate to see it continue to go down from lack of ability to do something
- Not a lot has been done to improve the property and facilities



- Shame to see it deteriorate

Cordelia, Community Center, commented as follows:

- Understand the Community Center is in an industrial zoned area
- Think of the Community Center as in a recreational area
- Stated this is part of the problem
- Understand the issues with homeless and campers
- Community Center is the defector Park and Rec department
- Entertainment and enrichment
- 70 classes - 1300 children enrolled in classes now
- Little League and trail - Recreational hub
- Discussed events at the Community Center
- Trying to market with the Barlow
- No one is buying it – No one wants to take the sidewalk to the Barlow
- Problem here
- Recreational hub and Barlow are suffering
- Not able to drive economic vitality that we could be doing
- People are afraid
- Visual cues of RVs and campers are unsettling
- Allowing camping on Morris Street does not improve the lives of the homeless population
- Cannot provide services
- Lowers quality of life of everyone trying use the recreational hub and Barlow
- Feeling lucky that nothing worse has happened
- Look to County and State to find solution
- Make Community Center as recreational hub

Jill, Community Center Board member, commented as follows:

- Sad and frustrated to be here to be talking about this
- Have employees that are frightened
- No solution
- Encourage Council to find solution
- Safe working environment for employees - cannot do that
- Change work hours and processes
- Discussed police interaction since moving here
- Appalled to hear about break in
- Discussed parking tonight and finding safe spot
- Not want to feel frightened
- Duty to provide citizens with safe environment
- Not sure what that answer is
- Duty for people to feel safe
- Discussed interactions with homeless people
- Frightening

ila Benavidez-Heaster commented as follows:

- Huge problem
- Trying to address it from the bottom
- Discussed senator McGuire's comments
- Discussed personal experience
- Listen to what we cannot help
- No one knows where to go
- Address on multiple levels
- Provide services - If we do that it will bring them here
- Appreciate what is being said
- We have huge problem
- How do we address it
- Thank you for bringing it up
- Discussed peoples fear
- That is not acceptable
- Bigger problem
- Where can we begin to get assistance
- Multiple ways to address this
- Not use parking on Morris Street
- Greater than that

Council Deliberations:

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Needs to be more than just us talking about a street
- Does not get to root
- Not even one leaf on the tree
- Needs to be blanket over all of us as society and as civilization
- Sebastopol cannot be the only provider of services
- Will become the magnet
- Needs to be everywhere – not ignore need for equal access for people suffering in need of services
- Some people will not avail themselves of services
- Discussed being a mobile active white male – being more aware of the privilege that brings
- Employees frightened - Not know if come under attack due to gender
- Office closes early - Not okay with that
- Thoughts generally not have for myself - Becoming more aware of that
- Need for all of us to be more compassionate and aware of position and ability to do something of the problem
- Little we can do without having additional assistance outside the boundary of Sebastopol
- If pushed to allow for people to live in vehicles in curb spaces in public comments, that is too far
- We cannot go there
- Cannot live in RVs and autos along every curb in the City

- Needs to be place legally where cities can protect public interest for all property owners, residents, business owners to provide a quality of life that people have become accustomed to
- Agree with City Attorney
- Narrow view appropriate one
- Cannot accommodate hundreds of homeless to be in vehicles that are used for sleeping
- Discussed the trail - Appalling
- Acutely aware of privilege
- Rode bike through it a number of times - Not feel unsafe - Think of that every time
- Keeping it at status quo
- In touch with elected
- Advocate for a share of additional funds for services

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Want to do something
- Came back from League conference
- Need to live together in peace and harmony
- We should do something - Not know what that is
- Not an attorney
- Homeless advocate - Not about banning people
- Trying to figure out what we can do in our little community - Even if baby steps
- Within jurisdiction and within the laws
- Provide a place for people to park
- One side of Morris street
- No sidewalk on merchant sides
- Sidewalk near Laguna
- Need support of colleague to move forward
- Not informational item – she proposed action
- Opportunity to discuss this issue

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed strategy when parking to come to these meetings
- Public Works parking lot - Going to be okay – many cars there
- Many women look at the world when approaching time of way or location of feeling insecure
- That is how we live
- Big issue
- Need to work on a grander scale than small city
- Concern as landlord for the community center
- Tenants in building who are saying they feel unsafe
- Discussed the City as the landlord and landlord obligation
- Look at security concerns
- Need to be addressed
- Chain/gate across driveway at night – Cameras - Different security measures
- Staff to work with Community Center to take affirmative steps

- Make sure they can go to work, relax, do job and then go home
- Reality – much of east side is park land or public facility
- Offices – Restaurant – Gym - Facility
- Reality and zoning do not match
- Obligation to make sure public has safe access to public park facility
- Go out and enjoy that
- Responsibility as City
- Rodota trail lost to whole lot of riders
- Tent encampment on both sides
- Huge amenity lost
- Threat to personal security
- Not sure police can step up their patrol
- Discussed Park Village - Falling short
- Discussed unoccupied vehicle on Pinecrest Ave
- Is a definite reality to the concern if put pressure in one area it will escape to another area
- Facility that people can go and be able to live where their personal safety is appreciated as well
- Sanitation – Compassionate - Humane response - Not take away minimal housing from needy people
- Pubic wants us to find answers - Do not know what they area

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Agenda items are driven by certain perspective
- Which complaints are the forefront at the time
- Barlow complaints
- Residential complaints
- Gym complaints
- Currently hearing concerns of the Community Center
- Plenty of things we can do for the Community Center
- Can provide lights and cameras - Can put chain across parking lot - Addressing agenda item tonight as directed
- Discussed trail - No one has been able to find the solution
- Discussed resources being used elsewhere (power outages, fire, etc.)
- Dealing with problems to our community

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Gym did show up to speak earlier
- Did not show up tonight as they do not believe the City will do anything
- Community Center talked of safety and of corridor safety

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Homeless situation here is actually minor compared to other places
- Massive problem throughout California
- Wonder if people are ignoring this because this will cause civil unrest

- Public is scared
- Public is saying what can be done
- People are getting reactionary
- No resources to deal with it
- Makes society more polarized
- Discussed City of Los Angeles (60,000 homeless people)
- Discussed cities kicking the can down the road
- Huge massive society problem
- Think of what can we do here
- Are we talking of the homeless problem or bad behavior problem
- Not every single one of the homeless people are bad
- Discussed bad behaviors/illegal behavior
- That is the problem
- Met with homeless people in Ives Park
- Some of the homeless have their own leaders
- Complaining of bad homeless people moving into town
- Countywide county-wide task force
- People do not want to live in shelters
- Restrooms - Trash receptacles - Place to take shower - Lockers (might not be a good idea)
- Conveyed how they like Sebastopol
- Do not want to be hostile
- Think of bad behavior versus homeless
- Need to use laws enforcement to enforce the law
- Need to contact and report this to the police
- Need to call the police every single time
- Bad behavior is not acceptable in this town
- Discussed focus on how to get people into the shelters and how to get more funding for shelters but no one addressing people living in RVs or living outside – no funding for that
- No resources to deal with the problem
- What can we say to our County about people living in RVs and living outside
- As City Council we need to write to CDC about RVs on street
- Why isn't the county looking at creating something
- Discussed alternate trailer park (Cotati)
- Do in various areas - Close to transit and services
- Send letter to the County
- Ask for the assistance of members of our community that are homeless advocates
- Cannot be involved as homeless management organization
- Health Action - WCCS
- Ask them to start putting together a group that can be meeting with the homeless
- Work with the homeless people that are not a behavior problem
- Discussed homeless cleaning trash in areas - Need to make that happen
- Enforcement of bad behavior - Call the police department
- Instigate local group to work with homeless

- Send letter to county to address issues of those living outside and in RVs and not going to shelters

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Tired of sitting here talking about the problem and doing nothing
- Need to lay it to rest and be done with it if not doing something
- Heard from public – want us to do something- have to try something
- Short Term:
  - Sebastopol homeless went up 47% in Sebastopol
  - No overnight parking nears parks and schools
  - Public safety for children
  - Overnight RV parking permit city wide
  - For those who cannot afford a permit provide a safe place to park on Morris Street on east side between Highway 12 and north side of cement property and put porta pottie
  - Park Village – Create one or two 72 hour revolving parking spots
  - Balance of Morris street no overnight parking
  - Discussed the Joe Rodota trail person/homeless – not a regular
  - Seeing uptick in town of homeless
  - Discussed personal interaction with person
  - Police need to enforce public intoxication
  - Stop creating homeless people as a society
  - Vocational education back into the schools
  - Do something tonight
  - Bring back idea of actually concrete measures of what to do to address these issues
  - No overnight parking near parks or schools
  - Permit only city wide

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Read article - HUD spending on housing in 60s compared to now
- 20% of what it was back then
- Spending more back in the 60s
- Creating public housing
- Seen massive decline
- Actions have consequences
- No housing for poor people
- Low income housing does not make a profit people do not build it
- Need continue to have investment in public housing

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Interested in staff going back and exploring City permit program
- Both unoccupied and occupied
- Could be a free permit
- Tell them where they can park and not park
- Block section on Morris Street – park further down
- Do not know if this is legal or not

- Need second opinion
- Have staff explore more
- Time to explore options or not

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Helpful to have staff explore the number of ideas and suggestions discussed tonight
- Such as permit process
- Second legal opinion
- Draft letter (Councilmember Glass)
- Request for funding in letter
- Give direction to law enforcement to do the enforcement on bad behavior

Police Chief Conner commented as follows:

- Discussed current operations
- When receive complaint address immediately
- Calls not always about bad behavior
- Do enforce public intoxication
- Part of current operations

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- City controls culture of community
- Need to get message of discussion tonight out to the public
- Call and report something that is illegal/bad behavior
- Want people to be more engaged with the police department in terms of bad behavior
- Less tolerated in compassionate way
- Need to message that out

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Requested clarification of suggestions from Councilmember Carnacchi
- Questioned no overnight parking

Councilmember Carnacchi discussed not occupying a vehicle overnight.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed the suggestion of a 72-hour safe parking zone
- Not sure we can provide 2 spaces as constitutionally allowable for 20 odd mobile residences

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- If parking overnight, approached by police, if no permit, need to go to police department and get a permit
- If cannot afford a permit, option is to have two revolving parking spots at Park Village
- May be a waiting list
- Trying to provide space for alternate parking
- Buffer for court challenges

Mayor Hinton stated these are all ideas at this point.

Vice Mayor Slayter stated he would be interested to see the research on the suggestions.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Need to check with WCCS
- Under contract with the City
- May be outside scope of their contract
- Investigate that issue
- Refer proposed actions to staff to come back
- Support letter written by Councilmember Glass to the County

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed RVs at park village
- Supportive housing
- Social worker
- Not want changing population

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Understand and agree
- Suggestions only tonight
- Asking staff to review and provide responses to the suggestions or to work with WCCS for their comments

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed effort of creating space at Park Village
- Discussed enforcement of public intoxication
- Discussed getting that message out to the people on the trail
- Not go to Sebastopol – will go to jail
- Sebastopol will get you
- Urged the police department to step up enforcement

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- People on the trail came from Santa Rosa
- Santa Rosa kicked them out
- Moved them to our direction
- Illustrating dealing with this in a regional way rather than as a whack a mole

The Council was in consensus to have staff review the suggestions/recommendations and return to the Council at a future meeting.

**City Council Action:** Council was in consensus to have staff review the suggestions/recommendations and return to the Council at a future meeting.

**Minute Order Number:** 2019-248



Mayor Hinton called for a break at 8:45 pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:00 pm.

10. Consideration of Request for Reduction in Fees for 2019 Peacetown Summer Concert Series  
(Requestor: Jim Corbett/Responsible Department: Administrative Services Director/City Administration)

Assistant City Manager Gourley presented the agenda item recommending the City Council consider the request for a reduction in fees for 2019 Peacetown Summer Concert Series.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions. There were none.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed Mr. Music as the City's department of music
- Suggested this be a line item in the budget
- Sponsors concerts similar to the Community Center
- Discussed funding for varied items through the community benefit grant program
- Proclamation of Peace town
- City should own this more and make it a line item
- Suggested trying it for three years

Councilmember Glass questioned the line item budget for all of the items for Mr. Music or just the fees.

Councilmember Gurney stated that he has other sponsors for the events, and this would support and provide recognition to Mr. Music.

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned if Mr. Music was in the City budget, would he be open to being audit.

Administrative Services Director Kwong commented that if it was a line item in the city budget it would fall under the City audit.

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed Apple Blossom
- Stated this would be a slippery slope
- Suggested keeping it in the community grants program

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated there is a distinction
- City is identifying as Peacetown
- Mr. Music does this event successfully
- Not a membership paid organization

- Are short events which are successful
- Does not take up the park for four days

Mayor Hinton moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve the request for a reduction in fees for 2019 Peacetown Summer Concert Series.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action:** Approved the request for a reduction in fees for 2019 Peacetown Summer Concert Series.

**Minute Order Number:** 2019-249

**Agenda Item Added:**

**\*11. Discussion of Request for Signature on California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Coalition Letter on Customer Ownership of CPUC (Requestor: Vice Mayor Slayter)**

Vice Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council consider the request for Signature on California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Coalition Letter on Customer Ownership of CPUC.

Mayor Hinton asked for questions.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented on the proposed letter and suggested that it be edited to be more from Sebastopol than a boiler plate letter.

Councilmember Gurney stated there are reasons why letters are identical.

Vice Mayor Slayter stated the language came from Sonoma Clean Power.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated is this what is being asked of the CPUC to be considered
- This is not the only option we want
- Need to expand the view and consider this as a potential option
- Not want this to be the only consideration

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed the Mayor of San Jose
- Very vocal
- Events of a week ago have changed the conversation more
- Electricity is like water and sewer
- Three base utilities

- Should not be owned by for profit corporations
- Discussed local municipalities
- Lower rates for electricity
- Decade long safety track records
- Publicly owned utility direction that is the future
- Going to be line in sand – enormous project to move into that model
- Every single day we spend in that old model gets to be larger projects down the road
- Have to cut the cable/cord
- Move to new model
- Enormous lift
- Payoff come down the road

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Do generators sell it as a discount
- Do they not maintain the network

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Sale price for generator is fixed in multi-year contract
- Price assurance

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned who the City would write the check to.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- No one knows yet
- How to transition
- Discussed PG&E bankruptcy

Councilmember Carnacchi stated he would like to know more about what he is supporting.

Vice Mayor Slayter stated the letter is to ask to investigate a variation of options.

Councilmember Glass and Gurney both stated they support the idea.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. None

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated this is the same letter for all cities
- Should be tailored more to Sebastopol
- Would be received differently
- CPUC liaison – reached out to the City – would like to speak to the County - Explain what they do
- Opportunity to ask questions about PG&E

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Signing onto coalition of communities and individuals supporting this
- Modifying the letter for Sebastopol would slow down the response

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve the request for Signature on California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Coalition Letter on Customer Ownership of CPUC.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action:** Approved the request for Signature on California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Coalition Letter on Customer Ownership of CPUC.

**Minute Order Number:** 2019-250

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

12. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports: None

13. 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 Carnacchi announced the following:

- Would like the Council to crash other City Council meetings
- Speak during public comment
- Eat there, speak during public comment, fun thing to do

Mayor Hinton announced the following:

- Sebastopol Walks
  - Old eats and new favorites
- Sushi opening
  - Thursday night
  - Barlow
- Sebastopol family pharmacy
  - Ribbon cutting

Vice Mayor Slayter announced the following:

- Discussed activities during the fire storm
- Made several visits to national guard (Ghilotti yard)
- Fairgrounds (firefighters)
- Social therapy dog
- Selflessness of individuals
- Lesson need to take to heart

Councilmember Gurney announced the following:

Discussed the SCTA/RCPA Meeting

- TIES Report
- FASTER
- Movement in Bay Area to put a 1% sales tax on the ballot
- Legislative action would be needed to allow the increase State wide
- Review and submit a list of projects that could be one of the marketing elements for political campaign
- Sebastopol has three projects on the list
- Water bill saving program BAYREN
- Windsor in pilot program
- MTC ABAG – Looking for more utilities
- Put in to have program here
- Public have same opportunity to invest in homes

14. Council Communications Received: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Mayor Hinton adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm. The meeting was adjourned to the next Regular City Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted:

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