

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### MINUTES FOR Meeting of August 4, 2020

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of September 1, 2020.

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\*\*\*\*GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20\*\*\*\*  
\*\*RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19\*\*

CITY COUNCL MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

*This meeting complies with the Sonoma County Health Officer's COVID-19 Order to Shelter in Place issued on March 17, 2020, and pursuant to California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.*

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5:30 PM Convene Special City Council Meeting (ZOOM VIRTUAL FORMAT)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slayter called the special meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Patrick Slayter – By video teleconference  
Vice Mayor Una Glass – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Michael Carnacchi – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Sarah Gurney - By video teleconference  
Councilmember Neysa Hinton -By video teleconference

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley  
Administrative Services Director Ana Kwong

1. Interview with Applicant(s) for SCTA/RCPA: City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives (Two-year term: June 2020-June 2022)
  - Application Received: Zeno Swijtink

The City Council conducted interview with Zeno Swijtink for opening on the City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives (Two-year term: June 2020-June 2022)

**City Council Action: No Action Required. City Council conducted the interview with appointment to be discussed later in the agenda.**

**Reference Order Number: 2020-165**

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM Convene Regular City Council Meeting (ZOOM VIRTUAL FORMAT)

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Absent: None

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Engineering Manager Henry Mikus  
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom  
Acting Police Chief Greg Devore  
Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

The following were presented:

- Proclamation Sister Cities International Bell Ringing Initiative for U.S.-Japan Sister Cities
- Proclamation: Women's Equality Day August 26, 2020

Councilmember Carnacchi provided an update on the flags.

- I've been working on getting those flags and the flag poles for on the 26th.
- These are three by five, and they're the suffrage victory flags.
- They're made by Gettysburg Flag Works.
- We have a hundred poles over at the yard, and we're going to be meeting with the Boy Scouts, the Scout troop leader tomorrow, about mounting the flags on the polls.
- Then on the 26th, we're flying them all throughout town.
- They've agreed to go ahead and help us by putting them up.
- We have a hundred of them and I think what we do with them afterwards, we could give them to non-profits to go ahead and raise money with that.
- They're really good quality flags.

Announcement:

Mayor Slayter announced that Agenda Item Number 7 will be pulled from tonight's agenda. It came to our attention that there were some inconsistencies in the language and in order to ensure complete accuracy, that item will be postponed briefly until we can get it on a very soon upcoming meeting agenda. Item number seven will not be heard this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During COVID 19 Virtual City Council Meetings, members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. At this time, a member of the public, when recognized by the Mayor, may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and/or request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to [mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org). 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. Please review procedures on how to make live public comment during a city council meeting.

Public Comments Received by Email Prior to the Meeting:

A copy of the emails submitted prior to the City Council meeting have been made a part of the public record. A list of emails received are as follows and were made available to the City Council as well as placed on the city web site from the following persons:

Jeff Sacher	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Chip and Loretta Castleberry	Morris Street Comments
Anthony Rosa	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Anonymous Caller	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Zack Azevedo	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Pam Granger	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Amritpal Hayer (American Petroleum and Convenience Store Association (APCA))	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Kate Haug	Article in Press Democrat (Sebastopol Inn)
Rei Blaser	Sebastopol Inn
Jill McLewis	Sebastopol Inn
Starr	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Brandon	Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Jaime Rojas	National Association of Tobacco Outlets/Agenda Item Number 7 Comments
Rick Brody	Sebastopol Inn
Sarah Vital	Sebastopol Inn
Gillian Haley	Sebastopol Inn

The following made public comment through virtual zoom platform as follows:

Honora commented as follows:

- A friend forwarded to me that the Black Lives Matter mural downtown was defaced.
- I wasn't planning on coming to this meeting tonight, but I just want to register my pain, that my hand print and my daughter's hand prints were, the spray paint went right near them.
- I had an interesting conversation with a woman during the painting demonstration and she expressed concern that her daughter might, her white daughter, this is a white woman, might feel like her life doesn't matter if we have Black Lives Matter written downtown.
- I had an interesting conversation with her and with our discussion about celebrating women's right to vote, I was struck with the concept that I don't think any of the men are thinking, "why are we celebrating all the women? That makes us not matter. How come women's right to vote matters? What about my right to vote?"
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- What about my right to vote?" So it just seemed like an interesting analogy that we've come so far that we can say that women matter.
- We still have further to go, but there's this element in our town, in our country, that fears that Black lives do matter.
- And it's hurtful.
- I want to offer, I'm totally willing to get out there with a paintbrush and paint all the little colors of the little hand prints that were spray painted on.
- I don't know if we've got gray paint as well, but I think that would be a really nice meditative activity for me and my family members to do.
- Maybe other people would want to do it.
- I want to redo my hand print where it got covered.
- So I appreciate the support from the city council and definitely, I support all the people who were out there supporting Black Lives Matter and making a really important statement in this town, and obviously a statement that needs to be made, if that beautiful mural is going to be defaced.
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David Cary commented as follows:

- I'm a city resident and voter.
- I much appreciate the new public art that was created in the city plaza.
- The Black Lives Matter pathway is even better in person than what I imagined from the proposal at the last city council meeting.
- I like that it's big and bold, bright, and they're standing at one end of the path that is somewhat challenging to comprehend all the words, let alone this message.
- I commend the city leaders who made that public art possible. Specifically, I commend the city leaders, Dezi Kai, Adanna and Okiwelu.
- I thank them for their insights and their courage and their creativity.
- Sebastopol would benefit from having more of that kind of leadership.
- That art is a tribute to what Sebastopol can accomplish and accomplish quickly with the right kind of leadership.
- I also want to thank all of those who supported this project, including the BLM Visibility Team, the Public Arts Commission and this city council.

- By itself, the statement that Black lives matter impresses me as being a simple, self-evident, uncontroversial observation, that few, if any, would disagree with.
- Kind of like saying water is wet and the sun rises in the East.
- Part of what gives those three simples their power is how different people illuminate it with different contexts and backgrounds, and as a result, see different meanings and consequences.
- It can evoke discomfort, frustration, hope, and fear, among many other reactions.
- One of my hopes for this art project is that it encourages me and others to learn, to talk more meaningfully about race, about racism, specifically about white supremacy, and about the complicity of silence.
- That we can learn to talk about those things more openly with our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and with community members that we might not know, and those we might disagree with.
- That we can foster a dialogue that is characterized by humility and compassion, a willingness to listen for the truths that others bear, an interest to learn new things, and to perhaps unlearn things that we never acknowledged or thought were certain things.

Adanna commented as follows:

- I'm part of the BLM Visibility Team.
- Our group organized the Black Lives Matter mural painting and hand print event in the Sebastopol Square a little over a week ago.
- We would love to thank the city council for approving and funding our project.
- We were lucky enough to see some of you at our event supporting us.
- We appreciate you so much for taking a stand and supporting us in our fight for justice and racial equality.
- The hand print event went well and we were astounded by the amount of people that came to show their solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. Over 400 people joined us.
- We helped so many amazing people of all ages and backgrounds make their mark on our mural, using different colors to symbolize the inclusivity of the movement.
- The support from the community was overwhelming.
- We had a Jamaican food truck, amazing DJs, a talented street dancer, and really wonderful photographers that helped us make our event as fun and inspiring as possible.
- We did our best to support as many people of color at our event as we could, because we believe that we need to lift up and support all people of color during this movement.
- We know that Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latinx and other people of color have been treated unfairly for way too long in America.
- Black Lives Matter supports justice and equality for all people of color.
- Indigenous and different POC groups are using BLM as a platform to be heard, not just Black people.
- This is welcomed and encouraged.
- Sadly, within the past few days, our mural was vandalized.
- If you haven't heard or seen it yourself, someone spray painted the word "all" over the word "Black." While the phrase "all lives matter" may seem harmless to some people, it discredits the experience of Black people, the experiences of people of color, and silences their voices.
- The statement "Black lives matter" has an implicit "too" at the end, and it's a cry out to be treated the same as our white majority.

- We would like to request a placard near our mural, explaining more about the mural and how it came about.
- We want to educate others about what it really means and why it's important.
- Right now, Black people are asking to be seen and valued.
- All lives can't matter until Black lives matter, until all POC lives matter.
- If someone really believes that all lives matter, why are they so offended by the statement "Black lives matter," and unsupportive of the movement that is justice for all?
- Our team is also working on a mural project that'll take place in the fall.
- And while we don't have a set plan yet, our goal is to make it inclusive of all people of color and support local artists of color to help us.

Anthony Rosa commented as follows:

- I've spent my whole life in Sebastopol and attended Analy High School from 2010 to 2012.
- I've always been attracted to nicotine as a coping mechanism for mental anguish.
- As a young teen, I smoked for just four months before quitting by my own accord.
- At 18, I took up smoking again before switching to vaping, which led to a noticeable improvement in my breathing.
- When the smoking age changed to 21, I reverted to smoking because cigarettes were easier to procure.
- I continued smoking until age 23 because I was addicted to the act, and the more powerful infusion of nicotine offered by cigarettes, compared with vaping.
- Last spring, I opted for hand-rolling unfiltered cigarettes for the cheaper and stronger buzz.
- By August 2019, I was struggling to breathe, and I was determined to quit.
- That month, I began vaping daily to quell my nicotine cravings, and more importantly, satisfy the oral fixation and habit of inhaling and exhaling visible vapor.
- I noticed an immediate improvement in my breathing.
- Within six months, I tapered down my vaping and supplemented my addiction with Final Step nicotine patches and gum.
- By March 2020, I quit vaping entirely, and by April, I no longer needed any gum or patches.
- I would never have overcome such a powerful addiction without the help of vaping.
- I fear that this ordinance will take away a necessary tool for smokers to transition away from tobacco addiction.
- Statistics claiming decreased teen tobacco and nicotine use after implementation of such laws are skewed by response bias.
- Teens are unlikely to admit such vices on a survey for fear of retribution.
- There is no reliable way to monitor teen nicotine usage.
- Troubled youth will experiment with drugs no matter what laws are in place.
- Further restricting the legal market is likely to strengthen the rebel youth culture and reinforce a black market of nicotine products and paraphernalia, placing such youth at an even more vulnerable position by forcing them to rely on potentially dangerous criminals.
- I can foresee the evolution of a complex supply chain of illicit and unregulated tobacco products marketed by word of mouth and distributed to youths through a network of untaxed and unmonitored organized crime, potentially leading to an increasing prevalence of gang activity in our schools as they move into compete over territory.
- Instead of targeting vices, we should be looking at mental health reform that focuses on compassion and understanding rather than authoritarianism.

- Authoritarianism is a slippery slope that can lead to a culture of paranoia and fear, exacerbating mental health problems and pushing young adults towards a life of crime.
- If this ordinance is passed, the City of Sebastopol would be sacrificing a long-term economic prosperity for a short-term influx of revenue by tax and license fees - - at the expense of the health and wellbeing of residents and future generations of locals.

Wst commented as follows:

- I just wanted to say about Friday's event with the mural in the square, it was beautiful.
- There was a line around the block for three continuous hours.
- Everyone wanted to be a part of the statement black lives matter, and many more people wanted to be there, but hadn't heard of the event in time and totally support it and it felt great.
- People came out to put their hand on the concrete for support of the BIPOC community in this town, BIPOC meaning black, indigenous people of color.
- Unfortunately, the mural was vandalized with...and thin white spray paint over the big, bold word, black by someone who is very tormented and confused.
- From this and other acts of confusion around BLM by our white supremacist culture...
- and liberal white people here are included in this, as we saw recently in the city council meeting when the woman who gave the thoughtful, caring presentation on vaping and her deep concern for our local youth when it to health and nicotine addiction commented later that when it comes to considering the youth who are affected by racism in the community, she wasn't with us. She and others centered themselves in the discussion that is essentially saying, "Well, what about me?" It's not unusual for the BIPOC community here, especially now with all this going on, to be actually yelled insults, out of people driving by out of their windows.
- They're actually yelling insults to people of color in this community right now, and this is something that I think that we really need to focus on.
- City council, how are we going to move forward to increase visibility, increase the discussion so that we can work with these people.
- The de-centering of the white male, straight, able-bodied, et cetera, et cetera, is always serving the order of things and the response by those unaware of their participation in keeping the structure can be scary and violent, and...
- I guess I just wanted to add that Surge is a great website with a list of white culture characteristics that I find embarrassingly resonant and interesting, and this caused a lot of reflection inside me and I encourage white people in this community to look at it.
- I think the first step is we need to notice our own and become conscious of our own whiteness and start to free ourselves from these unconscious belief systems that keep us limited and also keep the systems going that are harmful to other people in the community that are not white, and when I say black lives matter, I mean all lives matter.
- I mean, all black lives matter.
- I mean all lives will matter when black lives matter, and so I thank the city council for standing up for this important moment.
- This is like the women's right to vote.
- This is the civil rights movement, the gay rights movement.

Jill commented as follows:

- I just wanted to say most of you know me, but for those of you that don't, I'm a homeowner, a business owner, and a volunteer in the community.
- My son's in the public schools here.



- More importantly, I'm a voter in the city here, and I was just appalled to learn today about the possible plans for the Sebastopol Inn and turning into a homeless hotel.
- Having a business right in the parking lot at the Gravenstein Station, we already wrestle with the challenges that we have with the homeless population that hang out there every night.
- I'm there till 10, 11:00 PM many nights during the week, and you can confirm with the Sebastopol police that I have to call there frequently to ask them to either remove people from the stoop of the door or to escort me to my car because at times I don't feel safe, and the idea of adding a homeless hotel right in the middle of our business district...the businesses in the city are already struggling tremendously.
- What, is it about 50% of the city's money comes from taxes from businesses?
- We're facing a \$2 million deficit, and now we're going to be okay with giving up the TOT tax from a hotel, in addition to the other businesses that are in Gravenstein Station that will be heavily impacted if this does happen.
- I've spoken with all the business owners.
- I went to every business owner today in Gravenstein Station and called the management team that manages this, and none of us are happy with this.
- This is not something that should just be talked about secretly with the county, with Linda Hopkins.
- I've also spoken with her today.
- I'm just appalled that there isn't more transparency with us and very disappointed with the counsel who did not communicate or put this out to the community for a public discussion.
- More importantly, I'd like to know what's the plan?
- After placement, what services are going to be offered to these people here?
- Has any thought been given to all the businesses, all of us that are working very hard right now to just survive?
- And now we have to also put our efforts toward trying to deal with this decision that could be coming our way.
- I understand that people can sell their properties, but to read about it in the paper and to say that it's okay and city council hasn't heard anything from us.
- Well you haven't heard anything from us because none of us knew about it until the press Democrat told us about it, and I'm upset by that.
- I am in this community daily, working and volunteering and for all of us to hear about this, many businesses or just learning about this this evening.
- So I think that we need to look at why the lack of transparency.
- We've already dealt with this on the Joe Rodota trail.
- So what's the plan now?
- We're going to bring this into our downtown district.
- The one nice area that we do have in town, where we have all these businesses who really may not...some may not survive.
- I just don't understand this at all, and I urge you to take more public comment and have more transparency with the public with this, because I'm not happy with how it's being handled.

Nora commented as follows:

- My name is Nora and I just wanted to show my support to Donna and what she was talking about.
- I joined the BLM visibility team because I was so overjoyed and inspired by the mural and it hurts so much.

- And I think it's so awful how all lives matter was spray painted on there and used to beat down the black lives matter movement.
- So I know this is short, but I just wanted to voice how important I think it is, the support from city council to the BLM visibility team and how important I think that plaque is.

Kyle commented as follows:

- I just want to remind this council that on June 16th, one of the early special meetings Council Member Carnacchi asked Acting Chief DeVore to look at the REM software and specifically was asking for physical arrests with use of force.
- Acting Chief DeVore said it would take about two to three weeks to produce that report.
- As far as I know, that report has not been made public, it has not been discussed, and again, this is further reason why it's so important that we do independent investigation on our police force regularly if our counsel is not going to hold our chief accountable for the reports that he suggested he would be able to make within two to three weeks.
- It's way beyond two to three weeks.

Rei commented as follows:

- I was just listening to Jill chime in her thoughts about the consideration of the Sebastopol being purchased by the county and just wanted to second what she shared and share my own comments on what I learned from Elise at Linda Hopkin's office today and how apparently the closed session today is just the first step and several steps involved, and looking at that as an idea, but secondly, there apparently is a health survey that's put out by the county that talks to organizations to talk to the public, and I just want to share how disappointed I am in that our city government didn't help our media soften the blow to the public about the process and how it unfolds.
- I feel that the government should have provided the public the information of how these steps work, so that they were more transparent and showing their constituents that they care about their citizens, about our residents, about our small town, small businesses, and to care about their wellbeing.
- That article that went out today basically just blew up a lot of confusion, a lot of anger, a lot of frustration that could have been avoided that really needs to be taken into thought in the future when these kinds of situations are presented.
- So it would be nice if the city made a statement to counter what the press Democrat said and how there is a process that the citizens and that businesses will be reached out to.
- And speaking from the Sebastopol Downtown Association, I have not been contacted yet, but I will at least inform you that I will be, so that I can put out a survey to the businesses for their feedback.
- So that's critical information that needed to have been shared before our local media puts out the comment about a closed session happening.

Jann commented as follows:

- I just want to second what Rei had just seconded and further this comment on the disturbing article this morning.
- Jill was absolutely right on in her comments and scope of what she's seen, and I think Rei dictated that perhaps maybe we missed a step here, but as our mayor was quoted in the article.

- I think it really hit everybody by surprise, and oddly enough, I was on the street of Main Street today in front of the building doing some little cleanup moments because we're going to reopen, and the thing is, boy, everybody was flabbergasted, and that's a very light word.
- I would recommend, and I don't often do this, but that article in the PD this morning...
- are succinct, they are disturbing, and they are not just free-range lunatic comments that you often get on an article.
- They're very sincere, and my big concern is...
- I mean, this is the third hotel this hotel group has thrown in front of county supervisors.
- First the Palms and now the Azure, I believe, in Santa Rosa, and now this is also owned by that group in San Francisco, I would imagine.
- So it's not good and it will kill downtown.
- The weird thing is people are not against helping the homeless.
- Let's have a plan.
- What is that plan?
- And I think that...and everybody that I spoke with...
- I mean I spoke with 12 business owners today, and they are just freaked out because there's no plan.
- We only have two hotels in Sebastopol.
- That means our TOT tax is limited and also limits our attractiveness to tourists, and if anybody's going to pull us out in the long run, it's going to be tourism, and I think we need to get our heads around it.
- I'm sure you will hear from the residential community and so on but thank you very much.

Suzanne commented as follows:

- I think that we need to hear the plan from the board of supervisors, especially hear from Linda Hopkins, hear it in detail.
- I don't think...in my opinion, it's not my choice to immediately veto it.
- I believe that we need to come up with something that's not just ruining things for the downtown.
- My understanding is the owner of Sebastopol Inn approached the board of supervisors with the offer to sell it for that purpose.
- Anyway, I can't say I'm in favor without hearing more details from the board of supervisors, but I do not believe we should just automatically veto it.
- We need to hear the full plan.

Alex commented as follows:

- So is regarding the nicotine topic.
- So I'd like to start by introducing myself.
- I'm a very proud resident of Sebastopol and I've lived here most of my life.
- I'd like to preface my statement by expressing gratitude for being fortunate enough to live in an awesome community that preaches and practices unwavering diversity and inclusivity across all aspects of society.
- Personally, I think it's unfair to hold tobacco retail shops responsible for children acquiring products that are intended for and by law strictly sold to adults.
- Blaming retail shops for the accessibility of these products is much like holding a firearm shop accountable for a child being found in possession of a firearm.

- When this happens, the question is not which store sold the weapon, rather it is from whom the gun was acquired.
- The real issue is individuals on school campus who are selling these products to their classmates.
- I personally have family that attends Analy High School who have described how the vast majority of these products are purchased and sold by peers who use their parents' credit card details to purchase large quantities of tobacco vaporizers with the intent to resell to their fellow students at school.
- Mandating that retailers no longer sell flavored tobacco products will do nothing more than eliminate the majority of sales on which these businesses survive, and furthermore deny adults for whom these products are intended the opportunity to purchase tobacco products should they so choose.
- In summary, I think the city should focus on better educating their children and on the negative long-term effects of tobacco use, as well as targeting individuals rather than outlets that lead to these products finding their way into children's hands.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- The grab and go event, which is in lieu of the Gravenstein Apple Fair, which we would normally be ramping up for and having family come into town for and all those great things, but instead the organizers are doing an event called grab and go, which is going to be just that.
- You can get your grabs and you can go
- I'll ask council member Gurney to fill in the specific dates, but it is going to be an event at the parking lot of the Sebastopol Community Center, and all manner of items that one might normally get at the Gravenstein Apple Fair are going to be there available for pickup instead.

Councilmember Gurney announced the dates/information on Farm Trails Web site.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- That's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and it may be only two of those days, Saturday and Sunday, but information will be available on the farm trail's website, the Gravenstein Apple Fair website that folks can check in on there.
- Fresh Gravenstein, locally grown.
- address some of the questions and concerns regarding the article that was in the press Democrat this morning about the real estate sale, this is what public outreach looks like.
- There's no way that the city council or the vice mayor and myself...you say something and it immediately has been said.
- I'm not sure how we would have couched this or ramped into it or anything else.
- We have had exactly one informational meeting and that was late last week.
- That was the first any of us had heard of it, and I say any of us, that is myself, the vice mayor, and the city manager, and we were the only three people that were contacted by the county and that is due to limitations within the Brown Act, and other communities have had zero outreach.
- They've had no communication from their supervisors.
- So in this case, we received the courtesy of a phone call requesting this online meeting, which we held, and that's when any of this was learned of, and the action that the board of supervisors did or did not take, I do not know the outcome of their closed session today.
- It's a property sale, and that by law is convened and discussed in closed session, and that is to protect the interests of the public so that property owners do not artificially inflate their values or

their ask or their sale price when they know that a government entity is in communication with them about that.

- So the board of supervisors had it agendaized and they could not discuss it amongst themselves, and our supervisor, supervisor Hopkins, could only communicate with two council members within the city of Sebastopol, otherwise it becomes a...
- I'm not sure this is the exact term, but a wagon wheel meeting with a hub and then connecting all the different spokes.
- So this is all within and according to the laws that we have in place and the public outreach.
- This is step one, and we had a community member during public comment who stated I'm willing to listen and I'm willing to learn, and that's what I ask of everybody, is to...it seemed to...
- I'm willing to listen.
- I need to listen, I need to learn, and I need to have an open mind about this, and the fact that the homeless situation is only getting worse.
- We continually are getting communications from community members who state that there are issues with homeless, why don't we do something about homeless?
- And here's something that maybe can be done about homeless.
- I'm not saying this is the only thing.
- It can't be the only thing.
- The need is too great, but the law has been complied with, and I'm not sure how to explain it in a way that that is softer or easier because this, honestly, according to the way the law reads, is the public process, and that is where we are, and the board of supervisors today had a meeting.
- I don't know the outcome of that and the initial step, well maybe the shoes are just now sort of starting to be laced up.
- I mean it's not even a step.
- It's early in the process.
- So I do trust that we have been assured by the CDC, the Community Development Commission, and the Board of Supervisors that appropriate outreach will be made, and that we will be well-informed and able to have a voice in this.
- So please, I just would ask everybody to not jump to an immediate conclusion.
- You're certainly willing, and I encourage everybody to have opinions about this, but leave just a sliver of skepticism in your position.
- That's all I would ask.

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned does the public outreach come before or after they make the purchase?

Mayor Slayter commented as follows I'm not sure where they are in the process, but clearly the public outreach has begun.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I just want to encourage the public to think about not immediately going ballistic over something when it's just a piece of information.
- As the mayor said, we didn't find out about this until very late last week.
- We were grateful that our supervisor actually called us to give a heads up, because what happens is it's illegal, like the county can't give that information out when it's a closed session property purchase, and so she gave us a heads up because she knew that a reporter might actually look at

the address and go, "Hmm, what's going on here?" And that this kind of article that came out might come out.

- We did encourage the county to put out information stating things like this is actually very close to our park village development or trailer park, which is also a low income housing and a very special place that has taken a number of people off the street and converted them into being able to have a home, and that's been very successful.
- We've partnered with West County Community Services and they have social workers, they have a manager, they have a lot of services that has made that a very successful project.
- So when we were told this by the county, they told us they were going to do similar kinds of services.
- We only found out about this a few days ago.
- We could not convey it to the public because that would not have been legal for us to do so.
- The county assured us that they would be...once they through this decision-making process, where they were going to decide whether they were even going to pursue this.
- I mean, you can't do public outreach about something that hasn't even been decided if they want to pursue it, and we're going to find out about that probably tomorrow, because they were discussing that at the supervisors today.
- If they want to pursue this, then they have assured us they're going to do public outreach, they have assured us that they have plans that when the county does something like this, they partner with nonprofits as we have done with West County Community Services, to have social services, health services, et cetera, to support the people in this kind of facility, which is called supportive housing.
- We've seen it successful already in Park Village.
- This is adjacent to there.
- We'll see what happens next.
- But just getting all upset, we can't put out a press release about something that hasn't occurred and we don't even know if it's moving forward yet.
- That's the scoop with that and I would ask everybody to not jump in there with being overly judgmental about things until we actually hear things.
- We were actually very pleased that Supervisor Hopkins did contact us ahead of time because that is not what's gone on in other districts.
- Now we're going to move forward.
- We'll see what happens next, and hopefully there will be something positive that comes out of it for the whole community.

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.

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

2. Consideration of Direction to Council Liaison for Recommendation of Appointment of City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives (Two-year term: June 2020-June 2022)

Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council discuss and consider the Appointment of City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee

(CAAC) to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives (Two-year term: June 2020-June 2022).

Mayor Slayter opened for questions. There were none.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Considerations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I'm very much in favor of Zeno being appointed to this position.
- I appreciate the whole council wanting to interview him and speak to him.
- I think other cities may just appoint directly from the rep to the board.
- In our case, we all had the opportunity to interview somebody very professorial.
- I really like that and I enjoy the way Zeno can see the big picture, and then make the connections right down to the lifestyle choices of a citizen.
- I think that's going to be important.
- You notice he's also a convener.
- He's somebody who brings people together to discuss issues and he's very good at that.
- One of the e-mails that he put out about e-bikes, for instance, had about 20 questions.
- Think about all this before we get to the meeting.
- He's very well networked, not just in Sebastopol, but also through the county.
- He mentioned Pete Gang in Petaluma, other climate activists, and other people who are involved in their community, in their climate action committee, and with the regional climate protection authority as well.
- I'm very much in favor of his appointment.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I am also very enthusiastic about Zeno joining the team there.
- He has a tremendous amount of background and thought about climate issues.
- He's a critical thinker, he's collaborative, and I'm so grateful that we have so many people in our community that are thoughtful about these issues that we have.
- We can draw on the kind of resources that enable us to really make contributions to an authority like this, and to the other kinds of boards and commissions we have.
- Anyway, very grateful for Zeno being willing to step up and participate, and I'm very supportive of him being appointed.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to Recommend and Support Zeno Swijtink as the City Council Liaison For Appointment - City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives for a term ending June 30, 2022).

Discussion:

Mayor Slayter commented as follow:

- I would like to publicly acknowledge Bill Mattinson, who has sat in this seat and would have been an incredibly strong candidate for re-application, had he not decided to step aside from the seat, and Mr. Mattinson has represented this community in an exemplary way over the years.
- And he also continues to with the Summer Clean Power Community Advisory Committee.
- So Mr. Mattinson' s knowledge and enthusiasm towards environmental issues is profound and deep.
- And I personally thank him, and the city of Sebastopol thanks him for all of his incredible work over the years in protecting our environment.

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

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Recommend and Support Zeno Swijtink as the City Council Liaison For Appointment - City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives for a term ending June 30, 2022).**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-167**

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 Tem.

Mayor Slayter read the consent calendar.

Mayor Slayter questioned if any Councilmember(s) wanted to remove any item(s) from the consent calendar.

Mayor Slayter asked for Public Comments: There were none at this time.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- On item number five, I have a quick question procedurally for staff, and I'm not sure if this will be our engineering manager or the city manager.



- In that item it talks about providing an assurance that there's going to be funding for the project and that we need to make sure that the process is followed to make sure that the grant funds are available to actually pay for the work.
- And I just want to make sure that we do this in a way that a staff records and acknowledges either that, that's according to the will of the council, if one way or the other, but it's not really specified in the report.
- In the paragraph above the recommendation it says, "Staff is recommending the project plans and bid package be approved and proceed with the bid."
- Just with the bid process authorization for work to commence would only occur once the funds have completed the CDC approval process and are available for reimbursement."

City Manager McLaughlin commented we would not put it forth and initiate the actual bid process procedurally until we have been assured that the grant funds are in hand.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 3, 4, 5, and 6.

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Slayter  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstain: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 21, 2020 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 21, 2020**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-168**

4. Approval of Receipt of Annual Performance Report on Sanitary Sewer System (Public Works Superintendent)

**City Council Action: Approved Receipt of Annual Performance Report on Sanitary Sewer System**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-169**

5. Approval of Notice of Bid for Park Village Apartments (Responsible Department: Engineering)

**City Council Action: Approved Notice of Bid for Park Village Apartments**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-170**

6. Approval of Letter of Support to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on the Proposed Adoption of Ordinance of an Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Urgency Ordinance. Sonoma County Board of Supervisor is scheduled to discuss adoption at their August 6, 2020 Board Meeting (Responsible Department: City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved Letter of Support to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on the Proposed Adoption of Ordinance of an Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Urgency Ordinance.**

**Sonoma County Board of Supervisor is scheduled to discuss adoption at their August 6, 2020 Board Meeting**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-171**

PUBLIC HEARING(s):

7. Public Hearing – Waiving of First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance of the City of Sebastopol Adopting a Tobacco Retail License Ordinance to Regulate the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products to Protect Minors of the City of Sebastopol (Responsible Department: City Administration/Police Department)

*This item was pulled from the agenda and will be heard at a future City Council Meeting.*

**City Council Action: No item taken. Item Continued.**

**Reference Order Number: 2020-172**

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

8. Discussion and Consideration for Request to Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Recology: Request is to eliminate Saturday Customer Service call-in availability (Responsible Department: Engineering)

Engineering Manager Mikus presented the agenda item recommending the City Council discuss and consider approval of the request for Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Recology: Request is to eliminate Saturday Customer Service call-in availability.

Mayor Slayter asked for questions.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- I just want to verify what you said, Henry.
- So you're saying that everyone has agreed to this change in Sonoma County and we are the last one to ask for it?

Manager Mikus stated that is correct.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment.

Kari Svanstrom commented as follows:

- Resident
- And I actually, as a resident and have had an experience where I just want to make a suggestion to Recology of they do have an online request form, but there's no way of getting a response back from them if dates change for bin replacement and things like that.
- So I just wanted to make that as, since contacting people is difficult, but perhaps they could look at some improvements on that as well, but I support the hour change.
- I don't have any issues with that.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- I just like to discuss it just for a minute, at least make a statement.
- I mean, I'm a working person that works really long hours during the week.
- And I do use Saturday to pay my bills and take care of business like this.
- So considering that we just funded a new truck for them.
- When I saw this agenda item, I was like, "Wow, we just raised our garbage prices, and now we're being asked for less service." So I would feel remiss.
- I guess I personally don't like, I understand they, I guess are trying to cut their expenses.
- And there's no public to comment tonight.

- So if the whole council's in favor of it, but when I saw this, it did cause me pause, I guess I would say.
- It is in our agreement.
- We did cut a contract that goes through the 23rd.
- We just amended that contract to change our prices that we're charging our residents, and now they're asking us for no Saturday service.
- I can understand that they're adding weekday service, but those hours are probably going to get as little responses, maybe even less than Saturday service.
- So I really want to just throw that out there, because maybe we do want to approve this, because there's no objection, but we're getting less service.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- I thought the same thing.
- Of course, I had voted against the garbage rate hike in the first place.
- And now I'm just affirms that in the sense that we are getting, we're paying more for less.
- So I'm just going to second what Neysa said there.

Mayor Slayter questioned if **Recology** has the data about number of calls across, I suppose, Sonoma County or the North Bay region, Marin, Sonoma County, whatever data you have, you might be able to share.

Celia Furber commented as follows:

- I don't have all of that data at my fingertips, but we do have for five consecutive Saturdays in June and July, we only received a total of five calls from Sebastopol residents over the course of five Saturdays in a row.
- So that Saturday service isn't utilized very frequently by Sebastopol residents.
- And it costs us around \$25,000 a year to staff that call center on Saturdays, because we need to have a supervisor available as well as at least two customer service representatives.
- So it's a costly service to provide and it's not very well utilized by Sebastopol residents and Sebastopol is currently the only remaining city in Sonoma County that has that Saturday service mandated in the contract.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- So if it saves \$25,000 a year, then shouldn't you be reducing the rate to, and the contract be brought back for a \$25,000 reduction if we're the only one that's holding that up?
- Why should we be the ones that save you \$25,000?

Celia commented as follows:

- That would be, I guess, open for discussion, but it's just not, it seems like a, it's just not a service that's well utilized by Sebastopol residents, it's costly to provide.
- If we elongate our Monday through Friday hours, that seems to be when the majority of customers actually do call in.
- And so it's a net value add for Sebastopol residents, because they'll get actually when you, because we're proposing to stay open through, I believe 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday.
- So it ends up being about a half hour, additional hours per week for residents to call in.
- It's a value add in our opinion.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- I don't want to belabor the point, but if I'm on Council in '23, I will be looking for a discount for our residents, let's just put it that way.
- I understand Recology is looking to cut corners and it sounds like you've sold this as we're adding hours, although it's not equal on weekdays.
- And I would ask if I wanted to belabor the point really, how many calls are you getting during those hours, because I would suspect it's the same as Saturday.
- So it's a cost savings.
- I just want to see that passed on to our rate payers when we come up for renewal.
- And I want to clearly state that, because it's a few years down the road, but it sounds like in the last couple of agenda items, we've done a new truck and now we're letting our Saturday hours go, and in good partnership with Recology, I just want this on the record.
- So I'm willing to vote for it tonight, and we're on Zoom, but I'm looking at you, telling you, I will not forget when we come up to contract renewal in '23, because the way I see it is we are saving you in the next three years, \$75,000 by the vote tonight.
- So just to be clear, I think partnerships need to work both ways.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Are these people who are calling about their bill or calling about how do I recycle, or what kind of calls are being received of the five calls?
- I'm curious, so what kind of calls are these?

Celia commented as follows:

- This is just our customer service call center.
- So residents could be calling for any reason.
- They do call for a wide variety.
- It could be to schedule a bulky item pickup, or it could be a recycling question.
- So it's just our call center that they call into for any question.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated these could be billing questions
- So Recology is actually a regional organization.
- So your call center is only for Sonoma County, it's not for Marin and San Francisco.
- It's just if you only have a call center that applies to Sonoma County?

Celia commented as follows:

- That's correct, yes.
- We operate in Sonoma and Marin Counties as Recology Sonoma Marin, and our call center based in Santa Rosa just serves our customers in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned if Marin has to unanimously agree to eliminate Saturday calls.

Celia commented as follows:

- We have four franchise agreements in Marin County and those did not have Saturday hours mandated to begin with.
- So we haven't gone to those jurisdictions to request, to remove the Saturday service hours.

- We just had a few contracts in Sonoma County that we've requested to eliminate the Saturday hours, because they're not well utilized.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Sebastopol would be only holdout
- So I guess I'll support this, but actually I am at premed with Council Member Hinton that, I work all the time and I do my bills and I'm always making the phone calls about, "Hey, wait a second. There's this long thing on my bill." And I'm doing that on a Saturday.
- I don't do it during the week because I'm working, and I worked from home, but I don't have time to do it.
- So okay, I don't want to be the only city that's causing you a \$75,000 expense, but I kind of see some issues here.
- So I'll go along.
- Like I like Recology, it's a great company, but work around and all that kind of stuff and yes go team

Celia commented as follows:

- We're so grateful to service the city of Sebastopol and we really appreciate working with all of you.
- It's been a great partnership over the last two and a half years.
- We've even enjoyed working with staff of course as well.
- We work very closely with staff.
- So we want you to feel comfortable with this.
- And of course working together on, when the contract is up at been '23, we want it to be a positive process.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- As long as we're going to be getting the new trucks that we're helping pay for.
- I really hope they say serving Sebastopol or something on them.
- Please paint our name on your trucks.
- That'd be enjoyable.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve the request for Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Recology: Request is to eliminate Saturday Customer Service call-in availability.

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

VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmember Carnacchi

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Council approved the Recology request to eliminate Saturday call-in hours, on a 4:1 vote with councilmember Carnacchi the lone dissenting vote.**

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Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- One final thought on the trucks.

- I've been thinking about that since we did that a month or whatever it was ago.
- And for me the item, I begin to think of it as an exercise of transparency, where businesses and commercial entities are in business to make a profit, honestly, unless they're a B Corp.
- And even then, they need to turn something in order to stay in business.
- And oftentimes businesses are not as transparent as that.
- And they just raise the rates and they don't say why they're raising them.
- In our case, we know exactly what the benefit was going to be to our residents and to our ecology.
- It was an interesting question for me.
- And I continue to think about the way that that was framed and that's the way that I came to understand it, was that it was an exercise and in overt transparency.
- For whatever that's worth, that's all I looked at that item.

9. Discussion and Approval of Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference (Virtual Platform) (Responsible Department: City Administration)

Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council discuss and consider approval of Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference (Virtual Platform).

Mayor Slayter asked for questions.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- When registration opens, what is the difference in the fee structure as opposed to in person and virtual?
- Is it cheaper to join, I mean, to register this year?

Staff commented as follows:

- I'm going to assume it's going to be cheaper since they will be paying for staff time for the virtual part of the conference.
- The amount has not been known yet.
- So I do not know what that amount is.
- It has not been sent to the cities yet.
- It is not on their website, but I do anticipate that that is going to be a less, a reduced fee.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was none.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I'm wondering if, who amongst us is planning on going.
- Because you have to be in attendance virtually to vote.
- Are there people who do want to go virtually that we know?

Mayor Slayter stated he was planning on attending.

Vice Mayor Glass and Councilmember Hinton stated they may be attending.

Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Gurney seconded the motion to approve Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference (Virtual Platform).call-in availability.

1. Mayor Voting – Voting Delegate
2. Vice Mayor – First Alternate
3. Councilmember Hinton – Second Alternate

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

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference (Virtual Platform).call-in availability.**

- 1. Mayor Voting – Voting Delegate**
- 2. Vice Mayor – First Alternate**
- 3. Councilmember Hinton – Second Alternate**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-174**

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

10. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports (Continued):
  - o Update on COVID 19 Response to Pandemic. The City Manager will provide an update on status of activities related to COVID 19 Pandemic.
  - o Morris Street Update

City Manager McLaughlin reported as follows:

- First thing I'd like to report on briefly is to let you all know that Jerry Threet's work begins tomorrow morning.
- So Jerry's underway.
- His work starts tomorrow.
- Secondly, in the COVID update, just a word or two of clarification on item you actually had agendaize this evening.
- And that is a letter of support that you're sending for the County's perspective enforcement ordinance.
- The city attorneys have had a number of meetings on this with County council.
- The ordinance has gone through several drafts.
- And honestly, we won't know for sure exactly what it's going to provide until the board of supervisors adopts an ordinance, presumably they will, at their meeting this Thursday, August the sixth.
- A number of cities have adopted their own ordinance.
- In the present draft to a way the ordinance works right now, city individual cities do not need to adopt their own ordinance.
- The ordinance that the County I'm assuming will pass allows the cities to utilize it and do their enforcement off of a County ordinance.
- The reason that some cities might adopt their own runs the gamut.

- They just, some of them don't feel comfortable using an ordinance that's not in our own city's ordinance, or they may have some differences in wording.
- They might even conceivably have a differing fine structure.
- But one thing is clear.
- The intent of the County ordinance is to have a one phone number hotline available for all COVID related complaints.
- So one way or the other, the County expects to be answering the dedicated phone line and hearing complaints across the entire county.
- And then we'll have a mechanism in place with staff to convey those complaints immediately to the cities in question.
- The way this differs from typical police enforcement, police persons, will cite someone for a criminal violation.
- This will not define it as a crime.
- It is an administrative civil penalty procedure.
- The most similar type of procedure that way or is already in most cities is code enforcement.
- So public nuisances, some violations of uses of property, those kinds of things in cities are typically done through an administrative process and you cite the person similar to a crime, but cities have to arrange for, or hold their own hearing process.
- So the person who's been cited gets their notice and opportunity to be heard by decision maker.
- So it's not a criminal case, but it has similarities because a hearing is actually having to be held and determine whether the person was in real violation or not.
- Napa's experience with that is that as long as the fines are substantial enough, they have found virtually no, last time I checked absolutely no, individuals or businesses that wanted to have a hearing.
- The fine is so steep that when businesses have had their violation and brought to their attention in every case, over in Napa, they have corrected whatever they were doing wrong.
- Typically, that would be a business that's open when it's not allowed under a public health order.
- Frankly, it is not necessarily directed at mask violations, which I would have to say as ours continues to be our number one complaint received in our city is of mask violations.
- No city really has sufficient staff, whether it's a code enforcement officer or a police officer to respond individual masking complaints.
- However, if it turned out that the business was involved in a large number of those types of complaints, that would be a different story.
- That could be a business violation because it's apparent that they were not enforcing the masking rules in their own business.
- And that would be something that we would use conceivably utilize the ordinance for.
- We do not have present ongoing code enforcement with our own hearing process set up.
- Why? Because frankly, we have managed to get voluntary compliance in almost every code enforcement matter that's brought to our attention.
- We, however, are doing more active building code enforcement in the sense that we are actually looking out for and not just responding to complaints.
- If we had a number of issues arising for COVID enforcement and or if we can get a number of code enforcement issues in the future, we will look to having our own hearing process.
- You do that typically with traveling individuals, usually a lawyer, who comes to your city and holds a hearing.
- I had a family member did that for a number of years, traveling code enforcement officer, so to speak, to conduct hearings and we might look to that.



- But as regards to this particular ordinance that the County supervisors are going to consider this Thursday, our position will be that we would like to either utilize the County resources to hold these hearings, or we may use our police to do the citations.
- It depends on how many complaints we get and what type of complaints they are.
- But I do think overall the public will feel like they are better listened to by being able to have one dedicated number to call, getting the phone answered right away and being able to air their complaint, and they would know that it's being transmitted to the city.
- So we're continuing to monitor that.
- Right now, I don't feel the need to have Sebastopol pass its own ordinance.
- We will see what the County board of supervisors passes this Thursday.
- Whatever they do pass is intended to be an urgency ordinance and take effect immediately.
- So there'll be no waiting period and we'll examine that ordinance carefully once it's passed by the board this Thursday.
- Now the main thing I wanted to talk with you a bit tonight, and this is a city manager report, not a formal agenda item, but I wanted to give the council an update on the situation on Morris Street, with regard to trailers and RVs, health safety issues, and issues that might affect our local businesses.
- Preparatory to this report, I had the police chief do a memorandum for me, that I sent out to the council.
- It's a two-page memorandum.
- We will make it available, if it isn't already, to the public.
- But what it is, it's a factual rendition of what are the current conditions factually.
- What are the current conditions on Morris Street, which I'll summarize in just a minute, and what is law enforcement's involvement with Morris Street been?
- I can tell you that this item's been before the city council and at least two prior occasions without resolution, really.
- It's also been vetted by our outside legal counsel who did an analysis for us, what our legal options were.
- And those reports came to the council when these prior agenda items came to the council.
- But in brief, if you have, you cannot cite a person for doing and otherwise legal activity such as camping or living in a vehicle overnight.
- We cannot single out those people.
- If you have an ordinance that is seen as doing so, even indirectly, your ordinance is invalidated by the current court decisions.
- So that's been the problem since day one.
- Other problems with past councils dealt with and were unable to successfully resolve were that a number of these camper type vehicles had moved into residential neighborhoods where there's much more size constraints, much more difficulty in taking up existing parking and small often crowded city streets.
- We fear and the councils of the past to voice their concern that actions taken on Morris Street might conceivably result in more issues involving trailers and RVs moving into neighborhoods.
- But legally you cannot have the effect of forcing these campers to move unless you have provided under the court decisions.
- Unless you have provided an alternative camping spot sufficient to accommodate all those who are presently camping there now.
- So to get a feel for that, we've had the police chief do a current count.
- That was in the memo that I sent around.

- Generally speaking, there's two types of vehicles on Morris Street that are being presently used for overnight camping.
- There are RVs both currently registered and not currently registered both operational and not operational.
- And they're also trailers.
- These trailers, believe it or not, in some cases have mysteriously arrived on Morris Street.
- We don't actually know where they came from or who moved them on to Morris Street.
- The information that I have is that they were moved there sometimes in an empty condition and then occupied afterwards.
- These are trailers that cannot be moved very easily.
- It's extremely expensive to tow them away.
- And as I alluded to with the court decisions, you cannot tow an occupied trailer away.
- It was being occupied by somebody with who was camping there, living there, without providing a meaningful alternative and the opportunity to move there.
- So on the other hand, we have had situations where trailers and RVs have not, are not registered and have been abandoned, completely abandoned, verified.
- Nobody lives there.
- Those we do tow.
- So we made that decision at staff level.
- Last week we towed two such trailers away from Morris Street.
- They were unoccupied, they were unregistered.
- They were abandoned and in poor condition.
- In fact, health violations.
- When we have health violations, we attempt to ascertain who caused them.
- And if we were able to identify who caused the actual health condition on Morris Street, such as gray water, or even sewage spills and similar things with garbage or other unhealthy situations.
- We do attempt, the police do attempt, to ascertain who was responsible for that and well cite, if they can identify the persons involved.
- Person or persons.
- But what has happened on Morris Street is the occupants of the homes have become more savvy.
- They will not open the door to knocks or inquiries.
- They will not show themselves when any police are around.
- They will not answer door knocks.
- They will not enter into any conversation with anybody or even show themselves.
- So we have reason to believe that they are occupied, presently occupied, but we have not been able to have conversations with them.
- And our police and public works, both, have been very good at outreach to the occupants of these homes, both on Morris Street and on the trails in terms of providing information of other services available and what other alternatives would be available to these campers.
- We've been successful with that on the trailer, having interaction, direct interaction with campers on the trails.
- We have not been successful by and large in doing any of that kind of thing on Morris Street as I just alluded to.
- However, it is a serious problem on Morris Street.
- At the present time, we have a total of 29 vehicles on Morris Street associated with camping.

- Living there, in other words.
  - Yes, RVs, we have seven of these trailers I talked about earlier.
  - We have 12 cars or trucks involved with RVs, and we have three vans which are being lived in.
  - That is a total of 29 vehicles on Morris Street that are being used by our transient population.
  - So the chief of police's memo also alludes to the health problems with the attempts for outreach, the frustrations in that regard and what we are able to do in terms of towing vehicles when they are truly abandoned.
  - The last time the council considered this item was in November of last year.
  - According to my notes of that item, the council did not reach any resolution or give staff any direction other than one, better police enforcement on illegal activities.
  - Two, security measures be taken to assist the community center.
  - Three, the County should help cities in developing camping areas.
  - And fourth, proposals to potentially establish a place to park with permits, possibly utilizing the community center's parking lot.
  - The latter proposal was discussed with the community center, but they did not want to have that.
  - County has not to my knowledge really provided us any alternative camping areas to utilize.
  - Plus, the court cases in question say that camping area must be within the city limits.
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- So this would have been an informal arrangement anyway.
  - You cannot cite people without having an alternative for them to stay in the city they're living in.
  - We did provide the security measures to assist the community center as was noted last November.
  - So, that has been accomplished.
  - And to the extent possible we have done better or as much police enforcement, as I think is possible on Morris Street.
  - Given again, the fact that the residents will not show themselves or interact with police or other efforts of outreach.
  - And given the fact that it is difficult to connect the individual person with the health-related problems over there.
  - You don't catch them doing it.
  - You can't get them to admit they did it.
  - There was nobody to really cite.
  - So, that is the present situation on Morris Street.
  - I wanted to provide the council with this update.
  - If I had a good answer for Morris Street that would satisfy everybody, including not creating problems elsewhere in the city, then I would certainly suggest that, our police chief was certainly a suggested it.
  - Three police chiefs have dealt with this issue.
  - It's not resolved yet.
  - So, that's the present status.
  - This is not an action item.
  - This has not been agendaized this evening as an action item.
  - I'd be happy to answer any questions council has or listened to any council comments on this item.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- just related to the law, when I read the newspaper article this morning about the Sebastopol Inn, is it possible that if that were to become a shelter that that would satisfy the alternative beds that would be needed to change the situation on Morris Street?
- I want to preference it.
- I've not been part of any discussions about what it will be.
- So with an open mind and community outreach, and we don't know what it's going to be, would if it takes vulnerable population?
- And now you could answer that question.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- It's not a shelter.
- anything's possible
- As an associated parking lot area, it could be that it'll be utilized more widely.
- As the mayor alluded to earlier, we really do not know what the County plans are.
- This was not something as the public may have imagined.
- It did not happen this way.
- There was no kind of discussion about how it works or input sought or anything like that on the County is seeing the funding to do this.
- There is a real estate matter right now, as the mayor alluded to.
- It's in a closed session.
- I do understand, as I think the mayor also mentioned, that there will be efforts similar to what has taken place in Park Village.
- Efforts to provide supportive services for individuals beyond just a shelter.
- It's not a shelter.
- It would not be proposed as a homeless shelter.
- It is to provide supportive housing.
- That from that means services.
- It's very possible the County, I believe, would put out an RFP to get supportive services.
- It's theoretically possible an organization like West County Community Services could apply to provide those services.
- They are literally almost next door already at Park Village.
- They also have the Morris Street issue right across the street.
- If you can communicate with people, talk to them one on one, then you can learn what supportive services they need because every person's situation is different.
- And what West County Community Services has done and Park Village is it makes the services available particular to the actual individuals that they're working with because each person needs varies.
- So they do a case work up for an individual.
- They see what that individual needs.
- If they can place them in another housing that works better for them and better meets the individual goals, then that person may no longer be a resident of Park Village.
- And they may go on to something they like better.
- You communicate with people and work with them.
- And that's what's meant by supportive housing.
- There may be an opportunity at the Sebastopol Inn.
- It remains to be seen.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I'm wondering if there'd been conversations in these two regards.
- At first, as to the old cement plant property, is there any chance that County would be interested in buying that to provide some kind of campground location parking lot facility that might have the assistance as does Park Village?
- Second question.
- What about other locations in town?
- I was thinking of the frontage along the O'Reilly parking lot that long straightaway on Gravenstein North, where the neighbors to the East would be basically an empty parking lot at night, and then the O'Reilly campus buildings and neighbors to the West are a few businesses.
- A church that's basically, I think, helpful to provide some homeless services already.
- I mean, it seems to me either of those locations in town might mix things up a little bit to give some relief to the businesses on Morris Street so that they're not the one and only location.
- Is the chief working on this or is there been conversation about other locations?

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- we will certainly bring that up with the County.
- Again, I'm very familiar with the former concrete plant.
- We've had a lot of proposals and discussions about that.
- Most of the discussions have been in what way could it be you...
- I mean, I don't mean we initiate these, but most discussions have been what kind of commercial or profit-making enterprise could go there.
- And we've had a many, many different types of suggestions from the current ownership about that.
- If it turns out to not be feasible for that type of development, that would present an opportunity.
- Right now, every such discussion has been an idea for some kind of commercial development or a profit-making development.
- And our response to that versus us saying could we use it?
- It's seen as a more valuable property is the issue that I'm sort of sideways alluding to here.
- It's used as or seen as more commercial in nature right now.
- It's not seen as something that is like surplus property.
- But it's been sitting empty probably for 10 or 13 years or more.
- I know that and I would love it if there was an opportunity to present itself because I used to keep that cement clamped property on my desk at all times in full view, it's still over there.
- We've tried to take advantage of those as they presented themselves, as far as up at O'Reilly.
- That as you may know, is proposed for possible housing.
- That idea or that proposed development needs to continue to be looked at as long as they have the interest there, I don't know that we can designate highway 116 parking as an alternative camp site.
- I know why the trailers are on Morris street that is seen by the occupants as working better with their particular lifestyles because it's near to the amenities of the downtown area.
- That's why they're there initially, I don't know.
- It's something we can look at.

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Since it's not agendized, I don't want to get into all the details, but on the very last, on the approved minutes from November 5th of 2020.
- The direction that is given.
- It says, and I'm reading it right from the minutes, the council was in consensus to have staff review the suggestions, recommendations, and return to council at a future meeting.
- So there are several, I mean, I had a whole bunch of different suggestions that have never been reviewed by staff and brought back to council, like was suggested that was going to happen.
- In fact, Larry, I had called you and said that I would like to be part of that process when staff reviews these different ideas, because I had them so clear on how it could actually work.
- So I think that it's really essential that we get this back on the agenda and we go over those suggestions and recommendations and redirect staff to come back to see if those are viable.
- Also, a question for you, Larry.
- You said you had stated that we have to provide parking or an alternative space for every single one of those campers according to the court ruling, but that did not happen on a Joe Rodota Trail.
- Santa Rosa did not provide shelter for all of those persons that were on The Joe Rodota Trail.
- They only did a portion of it.
- The judge actually said that was a good enough effort and that he wasn't going to hold the city in violation of the court order.
- I think that you're wrong in that.
- I don't think that we have to provide for every single one of those people that are camping there, an alternative space.
- I think if we provide a space and it's on a first come first serve basis, that once that's filled up, we've provided a space.
- "We're sorry, we don't have any more for you.
- You'll have to go elsewhere." Until we try something, we don't know, we're only speculating on whether those trailers and those campers are going to move into our residential area.
- I don't think that, I think that will move out of Sebastopol altogether and go somewhere more into West County.
- We don't know that because we haven't tried it.
- So again, I think I'm getting too much into the nuts and bolts in this one, but I think we need to bring it back again to the counsel.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- I'll just mention that Santa Rosa is operating off an existing court order, not an idea of what is case law, what it provides, and how can we make sure we're in compliance with that.
- They're satisfying a judge with an existing court order. I haven't reviewed that order. We don't have a court order. They have a court order. So I'm not sure whether you're right.
- The judge apparently did not find fault with that, but we've been advised by our outside counsel.
- You have to provide a viable alternative for those existing displaced campers.
- As far as coming to the agenda. The agenda setting committee has not agendized this item.
- Then as you observed the items that were suggested and noted in minutes from the previous meeting last fall - A number of those require more than a little bit of staff time.
- I'll communicate with staff and get a time budget and a potential schedule.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Number requires more than a little bit of staff time

- Agenda committee will communicate with staff for time, budget and potential schedule

City staff announced the following:

- Special City Council Meeting Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Regular City Council Meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled
- Council Candidate Nomination Period Closes Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>
- As of today three council candidates have been qualified to run for Office of the City Council in the November 2020 Election

**Minute Order Number: 2020-175**

11. 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 Hinton reported as follows:

- Just related to the Wednesday COVID meetings, it should be noted that Vice Mayor Glass and I have a budget subcommittee meeting next Wednesday, the 12th from 8:30 to 11:30.
- A COVID meeting will not be possible on that date for us.
- We might as well note that now as canceled just for everybody's scheduling purposes.
- I also attended since our last council meeting a Russian River Water Shed meeting on the 23rd, for a few hours.
- The most interesting thing to report is that Sonoma County is a test market for a mail in meds program.
- So anyone can request a mail envelope because it is hard to return medication to, especially during COVID, or to our pharmacies and our police department.
- I can forward that information to our clerk and maybe it could be included in one of our newsletters to our public, but that's a great service and they're not doing it, unfortunately in Marin County where I work and could use that program.
- It's pretty pricey and they're testing it in Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
- I also completed the Sebastopol walks.
- I walk, I eat local, too, on the 25th, which was a virtual and self-guided highlighted restaurant talk.
- I think that we got more participation than ever.
- I think I had a total of 12 restaurants participate.
- Unfortunately, because of COVID and trying to do a Zoom meeting and trying to do a self-guided walk.
- Well, actually we had approximately 30 to 35 people still participate in the combo.
- I had hoped for more, but I think considering that was the first Sebastopol walks that we've attempted since COVID, I feel like a lot of people weren't on the schedule in it.
- It still went well.
- All the restaurants, I think we're pretty happy with the additional focus on their businesses.
- Then lastly, Vice Mayor Glass, and I have been on budget subcommittee meetings both yesterday morning, till 11:30, 8:30 to 11:30, and this morning from 8:30 to 11:30. Budget subcommittee meetings

Councilmember Gurney reported as follows:

- A special thank you to the budget subcommittee.

- You guys are putting in really long hours and the rest of us, I appreciate your workup.
- This is a report on the Measure M Ad-Hoc Committee from the SCTA-RCPA.
- We had an emergency meeting because we were notified of opposition from several big business groups in the County who are opposing all new taxes, all tax extensions.
- I think there's been plenty of publicity about that.
- The ad hoc itself was in favor of moving forward with Measuring M.
- If you were reading the updates to today's news from the board of supervisors, they're going forward with the mental health tax issue, as well as extensions in Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Cotati, Cloverdale, Sonoma, and Healdsburg.
- It's our six cities and potentially two County tax measures on the November ballot, that's a lot.
- The full board is going to be considering decisions on Measure M, I believe next Monday again.

Vice Mayor Glass reported as follows:

- I attended the first meeting of the new Gravenstein Health Action Alliance, which is a new 501(c)(3).
- As I've been reporting to the council, the Gravenstein Health Action used to be a program of the Pal Drive healthcare district.
- The Palm Drive Healthcare District, as everybody knows, the long and drawn-out saga is dissolving.
- So, Health Action had been providing quite a number of really important and critical services to our community, including foot care for seniors at the senior center, and at Burbank Heights.
- They helped fund some of the trailers and the community building at Park Village.
- They helped to fund some, like a worker to facilitate and help with the kids at the skate park.
- They've done a lot of really good work.
- Just the dissolution of The Healthcare District.
- I felt it was very important to keep the action of Health Action, continuing to act.
- I approached a number of leaders that had to do with mental health services, health services and a policy that had to do with wellness etc., around the County and also talked with people that have been...
- The volunteers who have been making Health Action, do this incredible work over the past several years.
- We pulled together a team of people to hopefully take over some of these programs and form a new independent 501(c)(3), that is how sprung from, basically the long-term work of the Gravenstein Health Action Chapter.
- So you may know there's Health Action Chapters around the County.
- It's a mandated activity.
- I don't know if that's quite the word, but it's a state concept.
- So the really big one in the County is called Corazon, which is up in Healdsburg and they're a very large Health Action Chapter.
- They do a lot of health and wellness and public health policy and promotion and activities in North County.
- So we're thinking it's time that West County get a little attention in these areas.
- We just formed this new board.
- It includes supervisor Hopkins.
- It includes Tim from West County community services.
- It includes Sandra Bodily, She was, quite a number of years ago was on that Palm Drive board.



- It includes a number of people.
- The West County community clinics have been participating in these meetings, including Ellen Bauer, who actually used to work for the County in public health, also Jason Cunningham, who has attended some of the meetings also.
- We just approved our governance structure and the bylaws of the organization.
- So I'll be providing that to the council shortly so that you can see what it's all about.
- In the bylaws, it specifically says the governance structure needs to include representatives from the County, the city, mental health nonprofits, wellness nonprofits, medical clinics, and representatives from the business, representatives from the faith community and representatives of minority communities.
- So we get a broad, it's right there in the bylaws.
- It has to include a broad group of people to help with policy.
- So really, the bottom line is we're trying to create a coalition of organizations that have to do with health, wellness, mental health, and general wellbeing in West County.
- So we can act and coalition and attract funding and attract the attention of the County.
- As everybody who's worked with the County knows, often everything is very one-on-one centric.
- It's like West County out here doesn't even exist.
- The idea behind this is to get stakeholders together, keep us in communication and keep stuff happening.
- Right now I am your liaison to Health Action.
- Health action has been a program of the healthcare district.
- Now it has turned into a 501(c)(3) and I am, as a citizen right now, sitting on that board.
- I will be agendaizing appointing someone to the board, I'm hoping it's going to be me.
- I'm agendaizing whether our city council is interested in having a role and would appoint someone to this board and I will be sending out the governance structure.
- So we're going through this wacky transition, where we were one entity, and now we're something a bit different.
- So you all need to know that, and you all will have to agendaize something to make this all legal so that we can have a representative.
- I've been participating in this for months, but we finally got to the point where we actually have a governance structure and we have a board.
- Wanted everyone to understand that.
- I also see this as something where the city can really benefit, because we're going to be working with these other providers that will help us as a city deal with issues like homelessness, mental health issues, family disputes, those kinds of things.
- I think that this coalition could be really helpful as a partner with our city.
- If anyone has any questions about that, I guess they could ask, but probably everyone's sick of me talking about it and wants to go home, even though you're already at home.
- So then the second thing I just wanted to mention was that I did attend the mural, the hand print painting of the BLM muralists in the Plaza.
- I did want to say...My hand prints on there. It's yellow, it's strategically located.
- I like it, but this is the first event I have gone to in probably five months.
- I masked up, I had double masks.
- I was suited up, I was maximally protected, but I thought it was important because I have received a number of letters from the public critical of this but most of them actually don't live in the city limits.

- In fact, almost all of them don't.
- I just wanted to point out the inclusiveness of this whole idea because I put my yellow hand print in the middle of that thing.
- They had hundreds of people come by and put their hand print and they were all the colors of the rainbow.
- As somebody in public comment said today, this art concept is about being inclusive.
- It's saying, "Hey, there's been really a big problem.
- Like black lives have been violated there.
- Black people and black people's children are being killed at a massively disproportionate rate, incarcerated in a disproportionate rate.
- We have a problem here.
- We're just saying black lives matter.
- But our mural in Sebastopol also includes all these hand prints of all the colors of the rainbow and that's about us supporting that community, bringing it along at being inclusive." I just want to say that message was so clear from these kids that made this activity happen.
- From some of these, very mean letters I got from people about this issue.
- My immediate reaction was, "Oh, I'm just mad about this." But I kept thinking about John Lewis and about what he had to say, his posthumous statement that was read to the public.
- That was about reaching out to people and doing things from a standpoint of love.
- I just think as we get this criticism, we need to engage with people in a positive way to talk about what the messages is here and the message is positive.
- The kids are great and thank you to all of them, for their leadership too.

Councilmember Carnacchi reported as follows:

- Discussed term all lives matter We're talking about the mural.
- One of my best friends in Sebastopol, actually lives in the city limits, and he is black.
- So we've had a lot of conversations about this and there's a couple of things that I didn't really understand.
- So the term all lives matter, which I never used.
- That is when somebody says black lives matter and then you say, all lives matter.
- The way it was put to me is that's like, if I say to you, "Hey, you know what?
- I have been diagnosed with cancer." And you say, "Well, lots of people have cancer." That was their way of putting it that I didn't really get.
- Then we talked about my comment when I had said, "No, we have to be careful when we distinguish between racism, prejudice, and discrimination." My friend pointed out, he says, "Yeah, well, when you're the subject of it, it's all the same.
- It doesn't matter."
- My conversation has not stopped on this whole thing.
- So that was just a couple of insights that I share with people when they have anything derogatory to say, I just try to put it in a way that they can see it a little better because it helped me to see a better, but it took me really going deep with my friends.

12. Council Communications Received

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

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Slayter adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm and said thank you to the youth activists in our community, thank you for getting into good trouble; and this meeting is adjourned in memory of John Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

- This meeting was adjourned to the City Council Special Meeting/Study Session of August 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm (VIRTUAL ZOOM PLATFORM).
- Following the Special Meeting of August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Next Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm. (VIRTUAL ZOOM PLATFORM)

*The Regular City Council Meeting of August 18, 2020 has been cancelled.*

Respectfully Submitted:

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