

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for Special City Council Meeting of January 15, 2020

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of February 4, 2020

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A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on January 8, 2020.

2:00 pm: Convene **Special City Council Meeting**, Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA to Conduct Interviews/Appointments for Applicants for Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Public Art Committee Openings

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slayter called the special meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, unless otherwise permitted under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the merits of the matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration.) There were none.

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)

Interviews for Openings on the:

1. Design Review Board
2. Public Arts Committee
3. Planning Commission (City Administration)

The Council conducted the following interviews:

Design Review Board

Open Seats:

Category A One Seat

Category C Two Seats

2:00 pm Christine Level

Category C

2:20 pm Lars Langberg

Category A

2:40 pm Ron Hari

Category C

3:00 pm Susan Fink

Category C

3:20 pm Marshall Balfe

Category A

3:40 pm Jeffrey Stucker (also applied for Public Arts)

Category C

[Reference Order 2020-017](#)

Mayor Slayter called for a break at 4:00 pm – 5:40 pm

Mayor Slayter reconvened the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Public Arts Committee (Three seats open)

5:40 pm Warren Arnold

6:00 pm Jennifer Vertz

6:20 pm Jeffrey Stucker

[Reference Order 2020-018](#)

Planning Commission (Four seats open)

6:40 pm Linda Kelley

7:00 pm Kate Haug

7:20 pm Luke Lindenbusch

7:40 pm Evert Fernandez

[Reference Order 2020-019](#)

Appointments for Openings on the:

4. Design Review Board
5. Public Arts Committee
6. Planning Commission (City Administration)

The Council discussed the following regarding appointments as listed above.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment.

Design Review Board Appointment Comments:

ila Benavidez-Heaster commented as follows:

- Need strength in skills
- Not bring what is needed
- Waste of time
- Work effectively
- Christine Level consistently made recommendations or forecasts
- Consistently on – predicts things right and left
- Group respectful of her
- Brings so much to the table
- Suggested keeping Christine on the Board
- Lars is exceptional – is an anchor
- Christine is an anchor
- Get architect on the Board
- Jeff brought something to the table
- Good working group now

Council deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Comfortable with reappointing Christine and Lars and Ron
- Exemplary in every way
- Infinitely professional
- Takes things seriously
- Tightening up the design standards
- Agree to put on agenda review as proposal for joint sub-committee
- Appreciated Lar's suggestion for opportunity sites and be proactive – community meeting and marketing brochure
- Ron – likes comments of not putting personal stamp on City
- Attract people are willing to invest in our community
- Enjoyed Susan's interview – do citizens academy
- Marshall – enjoyed interview- wondering of time available
- Top three were incumbents
- Like Jeff Stucker
- Suggesting moving him to Public Arts Committee
- Glad to hear from the public about the respect for Christine Level

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed feedback from public
- If it isn't broke don't fix it
- Everybody says DRB is so great – used to not be so
- It works well
- Likes Susan
- Excited of people coming here and wanting to get engaged
- Educational to hear Christine to talk of necessity of professional expertise in this realm
- Susan would be a great addition but we have a great working DRB
- Marshall sounded like he was so busy
- Jeffrey – suggest for Public Arts Committee

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Same comments
- Heard same comments about the Board
- Discussed letter endorsing incumbents
- Jeff – impressive – first choice
- Could do a lot in Public Arts
- Three incumbents – in favor of reappointing

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed discourse that used to happen – significant concern
- Interacted with body
- Getting involved – difficulty that body presented in different ways – lack of professionals- lack of licensure - difficulty for City
- Elevating that body – priority
- Hear from colleagues – a body that knows what they are doing
- Support reappointing three incumbents
- Looking forward to Public Arts Committee appointment

Councilmember Carnacchi moved and Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve appointment of the following members to the Design Review Board as follows (Two Year Terms):

Appointment(s) are for two years and the term ending date for appointment(s) made tonight will be December 31, 2021.

Christine Level	Category C
Lars Langberg	Category A
Ron Hari	Category C

VOTE:

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

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Christine Level	Category C
Lars Langberg	Category A
Ron Hari	Category C
Minute Order Number:	2020-020

Public Arts Appointment Comments:

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was none.

Council Deliberations:

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Warren Arnold and Jen Vertz interesting chemistry
- Different people
- Great artistic strength that they bring to the body
- Lucky both re-applied
- Jeff – felt hesitation for DRB but came alive for Public Arts committee – more passionate
- Wonderful addition to public arts committee
- In favor of all three

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Jen – rocker foundation
- Enjoy that she said more that there is that they can do
- Will ask for money
- Not for public sites only
- Looking forward to future from them
- Jeff – language change – more passionate speech
- Speaking more from the heart than brain
- Appreciated interview as DRB applicant
- In favor of all three
- This body might want to re-evaluate the ordinance and look at purpose
- Look at art
- Attract Art
- Be more expressive
- Bring back as agenda item

Councilmembers Carnacchi and Hinton both supported the following:

- Like idea of an application
- Like to see art from the street
- Support all three applicants
- Suggestion to agenda review committee look at bringing back ordinance

The Council discussed the following:

Gateway signs (where is the City at with the installation)

Could the Public Arts Committee review the entrance signs or sign program

Councilmember Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve appointment of the following members to the Public Arts Committee as follows (Four Year Terms):

Public Arts Committee (Three seats open)

Open Seats:

- 1) One member shall be an active member of a City of Sebastopol based, art focused, registered nonprofit organization, entity or facility (One Seat)
- 2) Two members shall be persons with experience in the public art field as either an artist, installer or designer. (One Seat)
- 3) One member shall be a member of the general public. (One Seat)

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Warren Arnold 1

Jennifer Vertz 2

Jeffrey Stucker 3

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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Warren Arnold 1

Jennifer Vertz 2

Jeffrey Stucker 3

Minute Order Number: 2020-021

Planning Commission Appointment Comments:

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez Heaster commented as follows:

- Discussed Colin leaving

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- Discussed Gerry as alternate leaving
- Linda and Evert have such integrity
- Do their research
- Hold the line
- Concerned of well-being of town
- Luke brings dimension
- Likes Kate – alternate position
- Luke has deepened since interviewed last
- Will benefit from the board and will bring something to the Board
- Not create any more artery links

Council Deliberations:

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Will recognize Colin and Gerry at a future City Council Meeting
- He was appointed to PC on same night with Colin
- Colin on DRB one term ahead of him
- Served City for long time in volunteer capacity
- Institutional knowledge loss will be felt
- Acknowledge Colin's service
- Does his homework

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- May want to agendize discussion of alternate seat/role of alternate
- May want to consider two seats for 95472 community member
- Suggesting as agenda item
- Procedure of managing their agenda
- Discussed work plan with Parks and Recs opportunity
- Discussed lack of meetings
- Discussed of Planning Director and Chair to review agendas
- Work product to keep coming forward

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Shocked no agenda review for PC
- Discussed Chairs setting agendas
- Not leave up to staff
- Feel strong about incumbents
- Advocating for Luke for permanent position and Kate for alternate position
- Want more people to be involved in process
- Not feel like not filling alternate role tonight
- Promoted it - Interviewed
- Applicants strong enough – we should fill it
- Like both new applicants
- Like diversity

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- Brings more lively discussion

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Advocate for two incumbents
- Awesome incumbents
- Beyond excellent
- Institutional memory
- Advance great policies
- Part of General Plan update
- Good watch dogs
- Luke has grown a great deal since first application
- Kate has interesting questions/wrestling with same questions as City Council
- Fellow traveler in wrestling department
- Make Luke permanent position – Kate as alternate – great new additions

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Hard decision to put as alternate
- Linda Kelley will be person who has that institutional memory and integrity
- As we lose Colin - there she is
- Great confidence in integrity and ability to hold the line and commitment to affordable housing
- Value held
- Evert – constant for us – important
- Important for him to be there and bring that thoroughness
- Discussed enforcement work to be done – staffing issue
- Kate – Luke – two people who are academic and intellectual about this
- Value that work
- Luke -offers different voice and perspective of the future challenges we have as a community that he might live with every day
- Appreciated awareness of housing laws
- Kate – liked questions on application – were revealing
- Specific challenges in front of the planning commission and land use issues
- Choose Kate as permanent and Luke as alternate and have them both at the meetings

Councilmember Carnacchi supported the following:

Linda Kelley

Evert Fernandez

Luke Lindenbusch

Kate Hag – Alternate

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Luke – long relationship with this community – elevates his application above that of Kate
- Appreciate the urban perspective that Kate brought to discussion
- Land use and General Plan
- How to find right it and balance

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- Luke- stronger application for permanent seat due to longevity in community
- Support two incumbents

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Linda Kelley

Kate Haug - alternate

Luke Lindenbusch

Evert Fernandez

VOTE:

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Linda Kelley

Kate Haug - alternate

Luke Lindenbusch

Evert Fernandez

Minute Order Number: 2020-022

The Council discussed agendaizing the following:

- Discussion of updating the DRB guidelines
- Reach out to PC chair of joint meeting

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING:

Mayor Slayter adjourned the special meeting at 9:08 pm.

Meeting was adjourned to the next City Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:00 pm for a Closed Session followed by the regular City Council Meeting of 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted:



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