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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1

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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of November 3, 2015

6:00 pm - Convene Regular City Council Meeting, Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA

The public is advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5 all writings submitted to the City Council are public records and will be made available for review.

Please note that minutes are not verbatim minutes and are meant to be the City's record of a summary of actions that took place at the meeting.

Notice: All Resolutions and Ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda are waived of all reading of entire resolution(s) and ordinance(s).

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

A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on October 29, 2015.

6:00 pm CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slayter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Mayor Slayter
	Vice Mayor Gurney
	Councilmember Eder
	Councilmember Glass
	Councilmember Jacob
Absent:	None
Staff:	City Manager-City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
	City Clerk Mary Gourley
	Building Official Glenn Schainblatt

Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
Finance Director Ana Kwong
Fire Chief Bill Braga
Planning Director Kenyon Webster
Superintendent of Public Works Richard Emig
Police Captain James Conner

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Members of the Local VFW led the salute to the flag.
PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:
The following was presented:
•Years of Service Award – Maria Pennacchio – 15 Years
• Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day and Honoring Veterans

Mayor Slayter announced:

- Sebastopol World Friends Friendship Dinner, November 7th
- Requested City Council support to send Sonoma West Medical Center a letter of congratulations on their opening. City Council was in support for the Mayor to send a letter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on items that are not listed on the agenda. This time is set aside to receive comments from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to City Council business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, however, the City Council cannot consider any issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Speakers are allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes so that all speakers have an opportunity to address the City Council. The Mayor has the authority to limit the time allowed for speakers dependent on the amount of speakers in attendance. It is the goal of the Council to conclude the public comments portion of the agenda within 30 minutes. If the public comment period exceeds twenty minutes, the presiding officer, typically the Mayor, reserves the right to reduce the time per speaker or carry over public comments to after all business items are completed.)

Colleen Fernald commented as follows:

- Stated she is tired of repeating herself
- Stated the City Manager and herself can only get so far without participation from the Council
- Discussed the murder of her daughter
- Discussed obstruction of justice or path to restore justice
- Discussed legacy of City Councilmembers
- Discussed helping to understand all the facts that were suppressed
- Discussed risk management and incarceration of people responsible for her daughter's death
- Discussed being an analyst and solutionist
- Discussed Office of Independent Auditor at Sonoma County
- Wants cities under the Office of the Independent Auditor
- Wants independent audit evaluation

Jose Hernandez commented as follows:

- Discussed cleaning leaves on Florence Avenue

- Discussed people walking and taking photos of the art on Florence Avenue
- Discussed Officer Jacque Levesque stopping them regarding their leaf blower being too loud
- Discussed the complaint call was made at 11:00 am
- Stated they were told it was above the noise control ordinance level which is 55 decibels
- Stated he spoke with Rich at Public Works and Chief of Police Weaver
- Stated they stated that the noise level in the ordinance was ridiculous
- Would like to see what can be done with leaf blowers and noise levels
- Requested guidance to see what he can do to keep streets clean
- Discussed keeping the sidewalks looking good

Mayor Slayter stated the noise ordinance is the most active ordinance for the City. He stated it is an ever evolving situation with certain items including leaf blowers, loud cars, construction, etc. that are items of complaint. He stated the only guidance or suggestion is to check in with City Manager at City Hall and follow up with concerns raised this evening.

City Manager McLaughlin stated he is aware of the situation and has responded to this issue.

Teresa Ramondo, Executive Director, Sebastopol Area Chamber of Commerce, commented as follows:

- Received completion of project for promotional use from money received from the City of Sebastopol
- Stated they were contacted by USA Today for placement of an ad
- Stated the Chamber partnered with the community on an ad
- Stated the ad is in the Go Escape winter edition of the USA Today travel magazine
- Partnered with Cittaslow and Downtown Association and other businesses and organizations such as Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Farm Trails, and Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
- Stated they hope to get good coverage from the ad - Page 126 of the magazine
- Ad that says Just Be - Unplugged Northern CA style
- Created own web site to track outcome from ad - Sebastopolusa.com
- Visitors Center will be responding directly to people who call for information

Lauren Taylor commented as follows:

- Program coordination of tomorrow leaders today leadership program (TLT)
- Stated the mission of program
- Discussed the overall program County-wide
- Discussed West County now has a class for TLT
- 36 students Analy and El Molino High School
- Stated the program offers 7 different industry specific and community centric activities
- TLT Government Day Tuesday February 9, 2016 in West County
- Asked Council to take part in government day

Laura Goldman commented as follows:

- Discussed the community apple press
- Praised the City by providing financial and other support to the apple press
- Second year – thousands of pounds of apples have been processed
- Saying thank you to the City Council
- Amazing gathering of people at the community apple press
- Of six apple trees she has, she has not had to peel, wash or do anything after making juice
- Offered apple juice to the City Council

Vice Mayor Gurney announced:

- Discussed that Sebastopol Walks conducted Ag History Walk last Saturday
- Stated the turn-around spot was Luther Burbank Experiment Farm
- Visited with community members and organizers of the apple press

Mayor Slayter stated there was a tentative agenda item that had been tentatively scheduled for tonight's meeting on the community bike route forum and stated that item is not on the agenda tonight.

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (This is the time for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflicts of interests for any item listed on this agenda) *There were none.*

Consent calendar items are routine matters or matters which 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. Items removed from the consent calendar will be taken up upon completion of action on the remainder of the items on the consent calendar.

Councilmember Eder questioned if Item Number 1 needs to be pulled from the agenda as he was not in attendance at the City Council meeting.

City Manager McLaughlin stated that although a Councilmember was not in attendance at a Council meeting, the Councilmember can vote on the minutes if the Councilmember read the minutes of that meeting.

Councilmember Glass requested item number 4 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Jacob moved and Vice Mayor Gurney seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 and 3 as listed below.
VOTE:

Ayes:	Councilmembers Glass, Jacob, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Slayter
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	Councilmember Eder

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the October 20, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Minute Order Number: 2015-162

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

City Council Action: Received Annual Performance Report on Sewer System
Minute Order Number: 2015-163

3. Approval of Conservation Easement and Related Agreements with Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for Skategarden Expansion Project (Planning Director)

City Council Action: Approved Conservation Easement and Related Agreements with Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for Skategarden Expansion Project
Minute Order Number: 2015-164

Mayor Slayter commented on Consent Calendar Item Number 3 and applauded staff for their efforts and success in obtaining grant funding for the skate park construction.

4. Approval of Property Management Contract with Tombe Realty for Property Management of Village Mobile Home Park (City Manager)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the staff report recommending the City Council approve the Property Management Contract with Tombe Realty for Property Management of Village Mobile Home Park.

Councilmember Glass questioned how many tenants are at Village Mobile Home Park.

Staff stated they do not know the number.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this is calculated at a 20 percent increase to their monthly fee
- Stated this seems a lot especially when the City is looking to raising user fees for everyone else
- Discussed onsite payment for manager
- Stated as a member of the budget subcommittee, 20 percent increase is high for this agreement

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated the VMHP subcommittee met with Tombe Realty regarding City administration taking over the park
- Stated as the subcommittee heard, with the level of work that Tombe Realty does with respect to that park, it become apparent that it would not be possible for the City to take over administration of the management of Village Mobile Home Park
- Discussed this is like managing an apartment building times 20

- Discussed rights and regulations of tenants and the City
- Stated he believes that he does not know what the City would do for management of this park as the City does not have expertise in management of mobile home parks
- Conclusion of the subcommittee is that the City could not take over administration of this park
- Stated it is a continuing issue for this City regarding management of Village Mobile Home Park
- Believes increase is justified

Councilmember Jacob commented that when this item came before the Council originally he was an outspoken critic. However, as a member of the subcommittee he concurs that this is a good deal.

Councilmember Eder commented that it has been five years since the last increase.

Mayor Slayter discussed the duties performed and questioned if the City pays property taxes on Village Mobile Home Park.

Staff stated yes.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Eder moved and Councilmember Jacob seconded the motion to approve Property Management Contract with Tombe Realty for Property Management of Village Mobile Home Park.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Glass, Jacob, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Slayter
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Approved Property Management Contract with Tombe Realty for Property Management of Village Mobile Home Park
Minute Order Number: 2015-165

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION:
5. Information Report on FY 2015 2016 Financial Reports (Finance Director)

Finance Director Ana Kwong presented the informational report recommending the City Council receive the first quarter financial report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilmember Glass questioned why the State Board of Equalization only paid the City a portion of the revenues in August.

Director Kwong stated this is the year the triple flip was ending and when the State did a true-up, they did not inform anyone that they would be withholding some of the revenues from August. Director Kwong stated that the funds will be distributed by the end of the Fiscal Year.

Councilmember Glass questioned if the Successor Agency has not received the $250,000 for administration and questioned if the City accrues these funds.

Director Kwong stated that the City will receive the funds at the end of the fiscal year. The accounting method for quarterly update is on a cash basis. Accrual basis occurs at fiscal year-end.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated it seems like a lot of expenses are related to crosswalk lights
- Stated this seems to be an ongoing problem
- Questioned if there is any recourse
- Questioned if other communities have as many problems with crosswalk lights

Superintendent of Public Works Emig commented as follows:

- Stated these lights are out of warranty
- Stated not all of the lights were installed in ideal asphalt
- Stated it was noticed on Healdsburg Avenue that the lights do not stay firmly in place or adhere to the asphalt
- Stated one of the repair items had to do with the pedestrian button
- Stated the other item was the Joe Rodota trail crosswalk
- Stated it averages about $5000 for each repair
- Stated some of these items were left over from end of last fiscal year but were not paid for until this fiscal year
- Stated the same problem exists at Bodega and High Street

Councilmember Eder questioned if we have enough history with these lights to consider putting a certain sum of money in next year's budget for maintenance and upkeep for crosswalk lights.

Superintendent Emig commented as follows:

- Stated that could be considered for next year's budget
- Discussed looking at ways to place the lights better to avoid this happening
- Stated it seems like most of the lights are situated well in the center lane, one on the fog line and one in the middle lane
- Stated some do get traveled upon more frequently

Councilmember Eder asked if the lights have been upgraded since installation.

Superintendent Emig commented as follows:

- Not that he is aware of
- Stated the installation of these lights are not done in house
- Stated his staff is not trained to do that
- Stated there is a huge liability if the lights do not function properly
- Stated the lights are maintained quarterly by the City's contractor

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Thanked staff for the report
- Stated the report is clear, concise and easy to read
- Stated he appreciates staff's efforts in making it easy to understand
- Questioned if there is a sense that the occupancy rates in hotels and bed and breakfasts are up and questioned if that is a fair assessment

Director Kwong stated that there seems to be an uptick in that activity.

Councilmember Eder questioned if that one could conclude that there is spin off from this in other financial benefits for the City.

Director Kwong stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the City sees any correlation between these two activities.

Director Kwong stated the City will be meeting the sales tax consultant who might be able to provide that information. She stated she will be sending out the update to the Council after that meeting.

City Manager McLaughlin commented that food is the number one sales tax generator for the City.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Thanked staff for the report
- Stated it is important for Council and the public to be receiving these reports
- Suggested staff put these reports on the City web site
- Discussed that the City has a real interest in financial stability and can brag to the other cities that Sebastopol understands and lives within its means
- Stated the City has managed to get through tough times and staff has been keeping track of the money well
- Stated sharing this report on the City web site will help to address concerns of the public who may not know or understand what goes on with the budget
- Discussed the crosswalk issue and stated the lighted crosswalks are incredibly popular
- Stated the public appreciates those lighted crosswalks
- Suggested doing everything we can do to ensure that we keep those well maintained

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated the City typically receives a large portion of TOT during the summer months
- Stated the City normally would see a drop during the fall and winter months
- Questioned if the uptick that the City is seeing is from the quarter 2014 to this quarter 2015

Director Kwong stated that is correct.

Mayor Slayter questioned if the City is seeing any revenues from on-line or short term rentals.

Director Kenyon Webster stated that several people have come in to discuss homestay operations and have taken out businesses licenses but there are probably more out there that are not registered.

Mayor Slayter questioned if the City is getting TOT from these.

Director Kwong stated that the City is probably not receiving TOT from all of these.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comments.

Michael Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed the public crosswalks
- Suggest for budgeting that the City expend more in it
- Met with Police Chief who stated that it is common sense that once a crosswalk fails, it should go back to painted white stripes
- Suggested an initial budget increase to spend money to stripe those sidewalks
- More economically sensible to invest in striping those now
- Saving lives and saving a lawsuit
- If lights fails and people cross falsely, it could come back to land on the City

Colleen Fernald commented as follows:

- Suggested maximum allocation for crosswalks
- Keep everyone safe
- Discussed list of things discussed with the City Manager of other things to take care of
- Discussed Florence Avenue and stated this is a one way street
- Suggested funding in the budget for an independent citizens review committee
- Suggested funding for ways the public can come together with officials to solve problems with the police force

Mayor Slayter thanked staff and accepted the report with great admiration and gratitude.
City Council Action: No Action Taken. Received the Informational Report.
Reference Order Number: 2015-166

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

6. Public Hearing - To consider updates to the Comprehensive User Fee Schedule, which lists certain fees and deposits collected by City departments (Finance Director)

Finance Director Ana Kwong presented the staff report recommending the City Council conduct a public hearing and review and approve the Resolution approving amendments to the Comprehensive User Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Glass questioned if the staff analysis is included that shows how the fees are set and where the fee comes from.

Director Kwong stated the analysis is not included in this report.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated the Finance Department, with the other City Departments, conduct analysis of fees to determine the fees to be charged
- Stated the City cannot charge more than what something actually costs
- Stated these fees reflect the direct cost to the City
- Stated the City is not trying to squeeze public for more money
- Stated many of these fees are actually less than what it costs the City
- Stated when fees are increased, they are based on real financial analysis
- City staff puts a lot of work into figuring out costs

Mayor Slayter opened the public hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Slayter closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Glass moved and Councilmember Eder seconded the motion to approve the Resolution approving amendments to the Comprehensive User Fee Schedule.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Glass, Jacob, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Slayter
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Approved Resolution Updating the Comprehensive User Fee Schedule, which lists certain fees and deposits collected by City departments
Resolution Number: 6061

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

Mayor Slayter suggested that Item Number 9, 8 and 7 be taken in that order. The Council was in consensus to hear the items in the order as requested by the Mayor.

9. Consideration of KOWS Community Radio Proposal for Antenna Lease at Pleasant Hill Reservoir (City Manager/Planning Director)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the staff report recommending the City Council consider the KOWS Community Radio Proposal for Antenna Lease at Pleasant Hill Reservoir and authorization the City Manager to sign the application as the Property Owner and allow the applicant to submit an application for a Use Permit.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the items contained in the lease or materials provided are open for discussion tonight.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated the City has reviewed the lease conceptually, but that it is not before the Council tonight for discussion
- Stated the applicant is requesting that the City sign as the property owner on the application allowing KOWS to submit the application for a use permit

- Stated the applicant needs to first seek a use permit and then if that is approved, staff will bring back the lease in the spring for Council review

Councilmember Jacob questioned if this location is within City limits.

Director Webster stated yes, and that it is an island of City territory.

Councilmember Jacob questioned if this antenna is only for one radio station or are others associated with it and is there additional room on the antenna to expand if someone wanted to lease out room on the tower.

Laura Goldman, applicant and KOWS representative, commented as follows:
- Stated this is not a tower, but an antenna
- Stated it is low power and low profile
- Stated they are a nonprofit that is run by 80 plus volunteers
- Stated they are the FCC emergency alert station for West Sonoma County
- Stated this has nothing to do with other stations
- Stated in their proposal they mentioned they were looking for a studio in Sebastopol and stated they now have a studio in Sebastopol at the Methodist Church

John Parry, KOWS representative, commented as follows:
- Stated the design of this antenna is low power
- Stated it is two to three antennas to help channel the signal
- Discussed mitigation of radiation
- Stated they need the whole tower for this purpose

Vice Mayor Gurney commented that the City can control in the lease what might go onto the antenna and questioned if the lease can say that nothing more can be added to this antenna.

City Manager McLaughlin commented that is correct.

Councilmember Glass questioned how low is low power and how many watts is this.

Mr. Parry stated it is 3 watts.

Councilmember Jacob questioned what is the wattage KOWS is planning to extend to with the new antenna.

Mr. Levine, KOWS representative, stated it will be 35-50 watts.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment.

Arnold Levine commented as follows:
- Stated this is a wonderful opportunity for KOWS
- Stated he has been doing a show for 7 ½ years
- Stated there are over 80 show hosts

- Close to 50-60 live in Sebastopol or surrounding area
- KOWS is moving to 500 North Main Street in Methodist Church
- Welcomed the Council to visit the station
- Open November 27th
- Hopes the Council looks kindly with KOWS going through the process
- Wonderful community benefit
- No cost to City
- Done by volunteers
- High quality radio shows
- Subjects are local and international
- KOWS.FM

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Love KOWS
- Known radio station for long time
- Questioned if KOWs would be keeping the antenna in Occidental
- Not quite sure of EMF in this issue
- Heard EMF advocates concerned around Wi-Fi
- Stated the concern may be for stronger antennas
- First inclination was how much room is there to make on radio antenna to bring additional radio access to West County and Sebastopol
- Questioned if there is a way to create room and allow for future expansion and access for other radio stations
- Stated there is a long process going forward and stated he is looking forward to seeing how it goes
- Thanked the applicant for their efforts

Councilmember Eder questioned if this radio antenna falls under the Zoning Ordinance antenna section regulations.

Director Webster stated yes.

Councilmember Eder questioned if there will be the need for periodic reports of emissions from the tower.

Director Webster stated a report will be required as part of the application process and the applicant will need to provide the same kind of studies as cell tower applicants provide with their applications.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the requirement for studies would be the same as what is required for cell phone towers (every five years).

Director Webster stated he is not sure and will review that section of the ordinance. He stated he does not recall if this would fall under the 5 year reporting requirement.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Seems as if this is a good antenna location, it is likely a cell phone company may come knocking
- Stated he does not know if that is a real possibility
- Questioned if the Council can provide a provision in the lease of a prohibition against cell phone towers being added at this location

Director Webster stated that could be included in the lease. He stated there has been cell phone company interest in this site as it is a good site for transmission.

Councilmember Eder would like to ensure that the Council addresses the concerns of constituents that have been previously discussed.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated at three watts not even talking of wattage of a dim light bulb
- 50 watts is still low power
- Not think the City has a lot of concern with emissions with this application
- Think as a City we want to limit using this tower specifically to a public purpose
- Stated she asked the other public station if they had an interest in this location and stated there was no interest
- Stated the City should be supporting this
- Stated public broadcasting is great for the community

Mr. Parry commented as follows:

- Stated KOWS has been trying to move this antenna for 2 ½ years
- Stated it is not an easy process and actually is very difficult
- Stated the rules to locate are limiting
- Stated they had to change frequency to move
- Single use sole lease only includes KOWS

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the process tonight as:
  - Property owner asked if he City would give permission to let someone other than themselves to apply for a use permit that will need to go through the Planning Commission
  - If problematic could be appealed to Council
  - Stated the lease will need to return to the City Council
  - Stated this is the first step the applicant has to take to begin the longer public process
  - Council ultimately decides
  - Limited nature of decision tonight

Vice Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Jacob seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the application as the Property Owner and allow the applicant to submit an application for a Use Permit for the KOWS Community Radio Proposal for Antenna Lease at Pleasant Hill Reservoir.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Glass, Jacob, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Slayter

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Authorized the City Manager to sign the application as the Property Owner and allow the applicant to submit an application for a Use Permit for the KOWS Community Radio Proposal for Antenna Lease at Pleasant Hill Reservoir.
Minute Order Number: 2015-169

Mayor Slayter departed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney reconvened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

8. Discussion and Action for Approval of Laguna Preserve Management Plan (Planning Director)

Planning Director Kenyon Webster presented the staff report recommending the City Council approve and adopt the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve Management Plan or provide revisions with specific direction.

Joan Schwan, Prunuske Chatham, provided a slide show presentation to the City Council.

Councilmember Eder stated this is a lot of information to digest and questioned if it can be presumed that this draft copy incorporates all materials and input from the public.

Ms. Schwan stated that all input was considered.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:
- Discussed the 1992 Laguna Park Master Plan
- Stated that plan is now 23 years old
- Questioned if there is a high likelihood that it will need updating to conform to this document or other issues not incorporated into this document

Director Webster commented as follows:
- Stated he thinks that this document is intended to be consistent with that plan
- Stated the activities and scope of projects are in context of the overall Preserve and are minor compared to the overall extent of the Oreserve
- Stated this is no dramatic departure from the 1992 Master Plan
- Stated there are things in the Master Plan that were envisioned that has not happened yet or may happen differently
- Stated it may be appropriate someday to update the Master Plan
- Stated the current plan is not in conflict with the 1992 Master Plan

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:
- Stated that he was one of the volunteers that worked on the blackberry removal in the Railroad Forest
- Stated he is familiar with the nightmarish scenario out there

- Questioned how likely is it that this document would have occurred if that event had not taken place

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the Open Space District did express concerns as well as other agencies of the activities that did occur out there and the aftermath of the event
- Stated the City Council was also concerned about the need for a management Plan
- Discussed disjointed set of properties and stated the City did not have a real management plan
- Stated the Council saw the need for a comprehensive look at how we are taking care of this Park and how can we do it better
- Stated this event may have pushed the District to have the City clarify how the City manages these properties
- Stated the Council did not have to include properties that did not have easements but chose to include those in the City's comprehensive review

Ms. Schwan stated it is also true that the Tomodachi Park matching grant agreement requires development of a plan that is independent of the Railroad Forest.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he wanted to clarify that this plan was not in the hopper waiting to be done
- Stated that it seems that he has heard both sides: one desire for public access and one desire to leave it as is
- Stated in his experience he has heard a lot of interest in the public for increased public access
- Stated it is ironic that the only people who are authorized to experience this environment are people who are homeless
- Stated if someone went into those areas it could be considered as engaging in an invasive public activity
- Stated he does not see a lot of connector trail expansion of any great degree for public access into these areas

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated there are two different things being discussed
- Stated there is no prohibition against people exploring anywhere they want to in the Preserve
- Stated this addresses formal trail development
- Stated she is not aware of any City policies that prevent people from wandering into the Preserve
- Stated they are only recommending two additional trail connectors
- Stated Meadowlark Field has a lot of non-asphalt trails and that the Ameri Corp trail is also non-asphalt

Councilmember Eder commented he is thinking of the Tomodachi Park and Railroad Forest area and stated this does not encourage people going off into off-trail areas.

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated this plan does not address that
- Stated this plan is not suggesting that the City prohibit that
- Stated this plan addresses formal trails and does not encourage the development of informal trails
- Stated this plan does not make any recommendations to stop people from exploring areas on the Preserve
- Stated at Tomodachi Park there is not a lot of room for trails but they are recommending an additional trail
- Stated there is already a trail north/south and a trail east/west near the Railroad Forest and stated some members of the public were interested in a trail next to the creek; however the consultant stated this would not be a smart move because the riparian habitat is already pretty fragmented
- Stated this is a small preserve, crisscrossed with paved trails
- Stated if they added a formal trail along the creek it would have negative impact on the wild life there
- Stated there is a formal trail south of it already
- Discussed the topic of uncovering the old railroad tracks for people to walk along and explore
- Stated that path similarly crosses through the riparian corridor in a way that would fragment it
- Stated some of those tracks would get uncovered in the process of restoration
- Discussed allowing people to explore the area without making it a specific walking trail
- Stated this has also been discussed with the Open Space District who indicated they also do not want to see additional fragmentation

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated in the area of the Railroad Forest, the blackberries are a nightmare there
- Questioned if any of the people who worked on the report have a historic record of success with long term blackberry removal of that magnitude

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated this has been done with success
- Stated the Laguna Foundation has done it with success as well
- Stated it has to be worked on, stalks have to be removed and it is labor intensive
- Not recommending use of chemicals
- Can be done with volunteer labor once above ground material has been cut back
- Have had successful projects
- Requires persistence and ongoing maintenance
- Discussed planting with natives
- Suggested working a small area once at a time

Councilmember Eder questioned if goats are a realistic solution.

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Spoke to a woman (Nancy Prebelich) about goats
- Can remove above ground material
- Not remove root stalk
- Is one step in the process
- Need to prevent them from eating any desirable vegetation
- Best suited where there is not desirable vegetation
- Stated this is a heavily travelled area and the goats would need to be managed closed
- Discussed tethering or being fenced in
- Logistically challenging but in theory could potentially be used to bring down above ground vegetation
- Not sure the cost is cheaper to do it that way

Councilmember Eder discussed concern with goats leaving seeds and other items behind through waste.

Ms. Schwan stated that there is a lot of seed on that site and it comes in from various forms, such as birds, from upstream, etc.

Councilmember Eder questioned what areas do you think are most intensively used currently and what areas would be most intensively used if restored with these measures.

Ms. Schwan requested clarification whether for use by walkers or joggers.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated in general, overall in response to Ms. Schwan's request for clarification
- Stated there is a concern of public access and public use
- Stated if an area does not require a lot of restoration at this point and is most popular, it may be a lower cost item to complete
- Questioned if more people walk north of Highway 12 than south of Highway 12

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated a lot of the Preserve area is really well used
- Stated the area around the ponds is heavily used
- Stated the Ameri Corps trail and the Tomodachi Park get little use

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she senses a lot of community interest in public access for people walking on a dirt trail
- Discussed east/west paralleling the bike trail to get a connector in Tomodachi Park
- Possible location where that foot path could go for more public enhanced use that would not damage or further fragment the Preserve
- Stated she would like to see a route on the south side of VMHP

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated it is very narrow between the back side of VMHP and the creek

- Stated they did look at that area
- Stated this would not work
- Discussed concern with privacy issues for residents
- Place where pinches down to maybe 10 feet between their back fence (VMNP) and channel and is steep in between
- Stated they could not fit a trail on that side

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney questioned if a path could be done without a lot of work.

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Discussed permitting required and potential impacts to the channel
- Stated it would need to be negotiated with regulatory agencies
- Discussed maintenance of something that crosses the channel

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney suggested a bridge or boardwalk.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed thinking of connectivity for both public access and the habitat
- Discussed thinking of this plan in how it fits into the big picture
- Think of in terms of how to connect habitat
- Think of in terms of connecting to other surrounding properties
- How is it connecting to our town
- Public access standpoint – yellow connector trails shown on slide – how is that going
- Discussed being able to walk downtown Sebastopol to the Preserve then to the learning center
- Thinking of this in a big picture

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Discussed working with Regional Parks, Open Space District, City of Santa Rosa, Fish and Wildlife, etc.
- Stated there is great importance to do the most to maintain the Preserve
- Discussed coordinating with local agencies towards the potential of restoration further up the Laguna to the north and beyond the City's zone of control
- Stated coordinating with these agencies would be valuable
- Discussed connectivity to town – part of the reason why they suggested that entry arbor
- Places that are already parks but not getting used
- Stated there are opportunities with trails that are already in place to make more enjoyable
- Use existing resources
- Increase the public view and awareness of Morris Street view of Laguna
- Develop brochure of the Preserve to raise awareness
- Coordinate with groups that are doing walks such as Sebastopol Walks or the Historical Society
- Stated there are a lot of access points already

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Questioned if the management practices are consistent with what other agencies and other property owners in the surrounding areas are engaging in
- Questioned if the practices recommended for blackberry removal or invasive species are practices that would be used by other agencies in the area or by the Laguna Foundation
- Questioned if the City is being consistent with everyone else

Ms. Schwan commented as follows:

- Stated for the most part, yes
- Potential difference is that some other landowners are using herbicides
- Based on City policy, not recommending to use herbicides
- Discussed talking with Mosquito Abatement who works on that land a lot, and has offered to help with the Himalayan blackberry control
- Stated they do that kind of work
- Partnerships that can be made to help the City

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney opened for public comment.

Lynn Deedler commented as follows:

- Stated he is disappointed with the plan
- Stated he is disappointed with items that have been left out of the plan
- Stated in hidden parcels are valuable hidden resources
- Discussed hidden railroad track
- Discussed Calder Creek which is buried and hidden
- Discussed the lake-like Laguna channel that is almost inaccessible
- Many examples of things that are not in this plan
- Plan had a contract to identify opportunities for enhancement and public access
- Stated this plan does not do that
- Stated the consultants have given us what they think is appropriate for us
- Stated their view is to treat this like a remote animal preserve that does not have humans around it
- Stated these properties are nestled right up against the community and tied to the center of town
- Stated humans are to be accommodated as well
- Stated humans would love to get away from the noise and traffic and the Laguna is a five minute walk away
- Discussed relishing that in the community
- Stated there are no significant plans to restore the things mentioned before
- Discussed no plan for access to the Laguna channel
- Stated it would be wonderful to have a kayak launching spot
- Stated the railroad tracks are intriguing
- Nothing is in the plan to clear the tracks
- Stated the tracks disappear into the woods

- Stated this is part of the history of town
- Stated it is an important part of town
- Beautiful, scenic, serene are words that are not in the plan

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney stated that Lynn Deedler's email was received and is part of the public record.

Michael Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Idea could potentially address homeless issue
- Discussed creation of a small company, Laguna Preserve Preserves
- Discussed having the homeless encampment either be in the program or be run off
- Suggested having the homeless clean the park or pick blackberries
- Suggested creating a means to help the homeless encampment
- Bring attention to our community
- Addressing issues in one shot

Colleen Fernald commented as follows:

- Discussed Sebastopol Salon
- Discussed Watershed Protection
- Getting involved since 2002
- 2004 – Russian River Watershed Council
- Possibility that this would not have happened if the City stopped and did the work all those years ago
- Discussed pepperweed and ludwigia eradiation that was a disaster
- Discussed environmentally sensitive dredging
- Takes five years to get plans through
- Discussed blackberry eradication
- Would like to see goats in there
- Discussed poisoning of the Laguna during the Railroad Forest clean up
- Stated the City did not listen to her
- Have to have management Plan
- City is ending up paying the price
- Protect native habitat

John Cruz commented as follows:

- Discussed the slides shown tonight
- Discussed a kayak launch
- Connectivity north/south – no such good connectivity right now under route 12 – excellent resource for community
- Let people walk through there
- Stated if the trails were used more it would help with the problem of illegal camping
- Thanked the Council for their attention

Peter Schurch commented as follows:

- Asked if the Preserves names could be changed to POMO names and questioned how that can happen
- Discussed potential POMO names
- Make areas accessible
- Laguna has suffered greatly in the last 200 years of human overuse due to commercialization
- Reflected on the history of the Laguna (cattle grazing, harvesting of the Oak forest for charcoal use)
- Discussed straightening of the creek for the railroad
- Discussed draining of lakes
- Stated the damage is huge
- Discussed not allowing commercialization will allow the habitat to recover

Geoffrey Skinner commented as follows:

- Married to Joan Schwan
- Has a familiarity with the plan
- Discussed access
- Reiterate points heard
- Reduce blackberries
- More visual access
- More public access
- Reduce camping – more access
- Connector trails – more access
- More dirt access
- Great to have non paved trails
- Allow much closer connection to earth
- Better maintenance of trails encourages more access
- Bridge work done – give more year round access again
- Wonderful to have off road access over the Laguna
- Opportunity to look at connections
- Access under bridge during the summer months
- Engaging public
- A lot of access already in Preserve overall
- A lot of people do not know how to get there
- Plan does not prohibit that informal access
- Places to go out there even with blackberries

Evert Fernandez commented as follows:

- Participated in the first clean up
- Stirred the pot a little bit and got people's attention
- Unfortunately the City of Sebastopol was criticized unfairly and how has to create a maintenance plan
- Stated organizations do nothing and let the garbage collect there
- Discussed the clean-up of Calder Creek from Petaluma Avenue to the Laguna Bridge
- Hauled out sleeping bags, tents, wood, bottles, etc.

- Stated they were told how to clean out the creek and were careful not to disturb anything natural
- Discussed creation of damning by garbage and questioned if that is natural
- Stated when people stopped after it was cleared out they were in awe
- Stated they worked all the way up to the bridge
- Stated when the rain came, it clogs and then clears out
- Stated they were criticized for creating the flooding
- Stated ordinances are in place to protect the Laguna
- Stated they are not being informed (illegal camping, illegal dumping)
- Urged the Council to consider doing more than just one small piece
- Take years to see how that goes
- Have momentum now
- Volunteers will come to help with maintenance issues
- Easier to do now than come back down the road and try to work out
- Not sure simply putting it in the plan is a reasonable way to do this
- Fence on north of the railroad area that is near tow company
- Careful not to expose that

Eric Wycoff

- Participated in clean up and interpretative walks
- Active member of the community
- Stated he would appreciate having more discussion on this item
- Discussed getting a wider forum than what is in attendance tonight
- Stated there needs to be more consideration than the half dozen people who are already invested
- Stated camping is not what is going on out there
- Discussed human excrement and toilet paper scattered widely
- Stated the area is 15 feet from the path
- Stated Sebastopol Police does not go out there
- Discussed mentally ill people living out there
- Stated he saw evidence of a mental disturbance
- Discussed shrines, floating garbage, observed a number of people talking loudly
- Stated this is not camping
- Stated he rejects the notion that any use of herbicide is irresponsible
- Stated there are lots of examples of it being used in a responsible manner
- Stated he takes offense that it would take $600,000 to do this
- Discussed the 1992 Master Plan
- Stated putting this off every two to three years is absurd
- Stated this is a long document and needs more discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney discussed the possibility of conducting a further meeting on this item and delaying the decision tonight or the Council can move forward.

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated he supports the notion to take more time and come back

- Thanked the original volunteers who removed the blackberries
- Stated because of those efforts the City was stimulated to create this plan sooner
- Stated he remembers when this event happened and the City had to stop the clean up
- Stated he would like to honor those people
- Thanked Mr. Deedler as well
- Stated his emails and communications are very helpful
- Stated he may not always agree with Mr. Deedler but his communications are helpful and opens his eyes to other concepts
- Stated there needs to be a balance between public access and wildlife
- Stated humans have taken too much and pushed too far into the Laguna
- Stated humans want access for themselves
- Stated the City needs to take a step and see how we are connecting land to the waterway
- Pushing trail to break apart is concerning
- Watching wildlife corridor is gratifying
- Preserving wildlife over human access needs to be in a plan
- Looking for right balance to be struck
- Preserving wildlife over additional public space is reference
- Concerned with homeless topic not represented well by consultant tonight
- Reference or undertones and negativity
- Society pushed homeless into those areas
- Nowhere for them to go
- Stated it feels we are chastising that population
- Stated Sebastopol police do not harass the homeless in the Laguna
- Stated we need to be much more sensitive around the homeless issue
- How engage and support those populations
- Idea of kayak launch site amazing
- Continue to have more time to study the issue

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated she has looked at the comments provided and listened to the people and the issue that keeps coming up is the idea of the notion of preserve versus park
- Stated she has heard it referred to as a Preserve and also as a Park
- Stated a park has a more active use and there is one that is adjacent to the passive use Preserve
- Questioned what our goals here are
- Stated the original Laguna Master Plan talks of the primary goal of being preservation or preserving and restoring our natural environment
- Stated we have to think of when we have a piece of land that is severely degraded how we heal that land
- Stated it is like protecting a wound while it is trying to heal
- Discussed supporting that healing process in a way that is not further degrading or preventing the healing process of the area that is degraded
- Discussed creating a space for a natural habitat and natural ecosystem that can begin to heal

- Discussed the notion of looking at a limited area and trying to restore that and allow that area to heal but putting or purposing resources on that area first and allow that area to preserve will make that area stronger
- Stated it is like having a degraded immune system and allowing germs to get into the whole system
- Stated a healthy area gets more healthy
- Suggested creating an area that is healthy and trying to spread that out
- Discussed the purpose of having a Master Plan
- Stated the plan does not completely preclude all public access to the entire Preserve
- Stated we need to think of the more active part of this area that will support more public access
- Stated it needs to be specific in the Preserve where we are going to focus our healing strategy
- Questioned how are we going to allow public access to the entire Preserve that will not interfere with the healing strategy
- Stated she is in the business of public access
- Stated that does not mean that we want hordes of people out in the middle of an environmentally sensitive habitat
- Make sure those areas are healthy enough to withstand some public access
- Create a healing space
- Allow enough public access so that they can actually see the area
- Create a balance between public access and not allowing access to a point where it does not heal this severely degraded areas
- Can't believe how bad it was 20 years ago and it is now better than it was
- Understand everyone concern for public access and supports a way to make that viable
- Stated we should respect the people that are here that have worked on this report that have scientific credentials and the education to tell us how to fix things
- Stated they have been studying these things for years
- Here to educate us
- Listen to them and some of their ideas of how to restore this habitat and be part of a bigger solution to the whole Laguna eco-system
- Rohnert Park to Russian River and how to be part of the solution

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney questioned if Councilmember Glass favored deciding this issue tonight or continuing it for more conversation.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this item needs more conversation
- Stated she is hearing a broad variety of points of views
- Mayor not in attendance tonight and she would like him included in the process

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he is in favor of additional discussion on this item
- Stated there is a whole alphabet soup of agencies that are responsible and they were maintaining a dump

- Stated that area was disgusting
- Stated there is a lot of truth to Councilmember Jacob's comments of the homeless population in Sebastopol
- Stated it could be said that the money could be better spent on the homeless population and could be a better use of money
- Stated it was scary to be in the thicket of blackberries
- Stated he was in fear of being struck with a syringe
- Stated that the human areas were scarier than any rat, snake, etc.
- Stated they cleaned out underwear, sleeping bags, food, etc.
- Stated it was disgusting
- Discussed trees across the bank were built up with plastic bags caught in the branches and stated this causes damage to the creek and stops the flow of water and fish and damages the water way
- Stated it was a slap in the face to say that they were degrading the environment
- Stated those things were harming the environment
- Applauds the idea of paying homage to natives (POMO)
- Discussed being inclusive of all
- Stated he is hearing that there is some not-so congenial consensus of what it is that people of Sebastopol want in terms of access and activity
- Questioned if there is a way for the City to put together a list of things that could occur in these areas with the idea not do at harm or risk of these areas
- Suggested a Council sub-committee to meet with representatives from other agencies to discuss activities that can be accommodated and still be considered not to harm the environment
- Stated then the blackberries where removed, people said it looked amazing
- Women said they felt much safer
- Stated people felt on edge
- Stated the easements were crafted twenty years ago
- Questioned if there is room for dialogue between the City and other agencies to come to a middle ground approach to give everyone what they want
- Stated the City has no intention to do harm to the area
- Stated the volunteers certainly did not have that intention when they went out there
- Discussed charting some course with agencies that have authority over these areas
- Allow some of the things that have been asked for and desired to meet all regulatory requirements

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she concurs with everything she has heard tonight
- Stated she appreciates the different ways things have been said tonight
- Discussed the clean-up of the Railroad Forest
- Stated the City learned two valuable lessons:
- Extent of garbage, mis-use and people problem
- When people see into that area they see how much they appreciate it
- Security of the area

- Discussed being reminded of the trail on Laguna and Highway 12 and stated if they build it they will come
- Well used and appreciated trail
- So many people know where Laguna is
- Can't see it in town
- Stated we need to work on it and clean it up and create more visual and physical access
- Stated the community will own this and appreciate it and love it more deeply
- Stated it is more difficult to love if not get the experience and not see it
- Stated the numbers (dollars) are not deflating
- Stated a small City project can take years (such as the Library City Hall Landscaping Project)
- Stated that projected had to be divided out
- Stated there is now a discussion of Phase 5 for that project
- Stated she did not think it would take that long or be so persistent in activity; however, having a plan and something that the community can engage in with small steps can be successful for the community
- Discussed the need for a parks foundation
- Figure out how commit and how phase in and how keep going
- People who started with the clean-up will come back and work again
- Generation behind us is trained to carry on
- Time will heal area
- Know have commitment
- If the City has a plan, then work the plan and plan the work
- Excited to have this document
- Grateful for work behind it
- Priorities go for public access areas
- Suggested a connector trail Tomodachi to Rodota
- Make dirt trail
- Clear our Ameri Corps trail
- Supports another meeting to discuss this item
- Helpful to reach out to people
- December or January meeting
- Reconcile different points of view
- Find pivotal place to balance and take those first steps
- Enjoy a natural resource
- One City of the Laguna
- No other city has boundary
- Need to claim and take care of the Laguna
- Let's make this work for the community and be successful
- Appreciates everyone being here tonight

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated when this was originally discussed he requested that a matrix be created of what agencies had domain over what area

- Stated this way the City knows what agencies the City needs to get permission from to do things in certain areas
- Stated this way the City will know who the players area

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney commented as follows:

- Suggested the Council come back with our practical suggestions for additions or changes
- Discussed having items to prioritize
- Discussed what the Council would like to see for the next step
- State the Council would welcome public comment at next meeting
- Spread word to come and provide comments
- Council and staff is available by email
- Number of emails helped in thinking out this item

The Council was in consensus to have this item return to a future City Council Meeting.
City Council Action: Item continued.
Minute Order Number: 2015-168

7. Review of Public Arts Committee Recommendations for Expenditure Plan for Use of Art In Lieu Fee Revenues (Planning Director)

Planning Director Kenyon Webster presented the staff report recommending the City Council approve the Expenditure Plan for Use of Public Art in-Lieu Fee Revenue and direct staff to include appropriate funding in the FY 2016-2017 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney questioned if the RFQ would be handled by the Public Arts Committee.

Director Webster stated yes and that it would come back to the City Council once the RFQ has been developed.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney opened for public comment.

Lynn Deedler commented as follows:

- Discussed budgeting money for public art
- Stated that the art work in town gets tired and faded after a while
- State the art work needs to be cleaned up and brought back to life
- Stated it would be good to include some budget to hire people once a year to bring the art back to life
- Stated that Patrick Amiot's wife goes out and refurbishes art

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney stated that Mr. Amiot's wife does come and repaints art work, but believes there is a cost involved.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated a jury of artists should determine that is the best art
- Stated he is not qualified to do that

- Stated the City has a lot of pathetic art in town
- Stated some of this art is amateurish
- Discussed art as a temporary installation but stated it has been allowed to languish for years
- Stated his reasons for saying this is that he has been to places that have art work that stops you in your tracks
- Stated the City does not get much of that here
- Stated he loves Patrick Amiot's art work
- Discussed art pieces in the plaza but not a lot around town
- Stated he hopes the bar is raised on public art in Sebastopol

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Stated she is not all that thrilled with the idea of qualified artists limited to California and stated she is more supportive of a notion for it to be more local
- Discussed spending public funds on a team of builders who are building something in Bakersfield yet not have jobs available here
- Discussed the art community locally
- Stated there are a lot of artists in this area
- Have internationally known artists here in this community
- Stated as she read through this, there is a lot of good information and ideas but nothing of it being a permanent installation
- Stated that the way it reads it sounds like it is talking of sculptures or murals, but questioned what about art in public buildings such as City Hall or the Youth Annex
- Suggested art that is nice looking be placed in public buildings or indoor buildings as well and not just outdoors
- Stated there is already a lot of art that is centered around the Downtown Plaza
- Stated she likes the idea of doing more for our entryways

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated he likes all the comments heard tonight
- Stated art is art
- Stated art is an expanding thought
- Stated part of that is adding art from other cultures
- Stated art should expand the minds and not maintain regional thought on art
- Discussed maintenance in the program is key
- Loves how the City is spending money on art
- Thanked everyone for their work on this

Mayor Pro Term Gurney requested clarification on the logistics for tonight and questioned if the Council was expected to edit and change the program tonight.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated staff is looking for Council direction
- Stated there is no time line if the Council wanted to continue this item and take more time to review the program

- Stated if the Council just wanted to modify the geographic area it could be approved tonight
- Stated the Council could make simple changes tonight and staff could continue to work with the Public Arts Committee on the next step

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she would like to dispatch with this item tonight
- Discussed the text of the plan
- Discussed locations and selection of artists whether local or regional
- Stated she is interested in indoor art
- Stated she is interested in art in Government Owned Buildings

Councilmember Eder stated he would like to see the art chosen by a jury of artists.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney stated that the Public Arts Committee will be recommending the art and that the Council appointed these members to this committee.

Councilmember Jacob suggested letting the Public Arts Committee make the recommendations and decide on the art. He questioned why the art would need to come back to the Council.

Director Webster stated it is a significant expenditure of funds and the community has different feelings on art and the Council may be held responsible for the selection of art.

Councilmember Jacob suggested a soft agreement between the Council to not redesign the art.

Director Webster stated there would be time to change the process if the Council wanted to revise the art work selection later.

Councilmember Glass stated she would prefer limiting this to more local artists.

Councilmember Eder stated the idea is to not exclude local artists, but stated he would hate not to be able pick from another area if it was good art and preferred the California region.

Councilmember Jacob stated he would be okay either way.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated this is not about the management of the project
- Stated this is about how far you can cast the net
- Stated she had a preference for local, but would limit it to California
- Stated that local would be too limiting

Councilmember Glass commented that part of what we want to evoke with art is a sense of place.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve the Expenditure Plan for Use of Public Art in-Lieu Fee Revenue and direct staff to include appropriate funding in the FY 2016-2017 budget.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Glass, Jacob, and Mayor Pro Tem Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Slayter
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Approved the Expenditure Plan for Use of Public Art in-Lieu Fee Revenue and direct staff to include appropriate funding in the FY 2016-2017 budget.
Minute Order Number: 2015-167

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

10. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 is a City Holiday (Veteran's Day) and City Offices will be Closed.

- **Report out from Pine Grove Sub-committee meeting 2015-170**
  City Manager McLaughlin provided a report out on the subcommittee as follows:
- Discussed that the subcommittee met with a potential candidate
- Stated the person will be interviewed again
- Stated the subcommittee feels strongly that this is an item worth pursuing at this point
- Stated the City owns the site and developing it will enhance the vitality of the other sites
- Stated it is likely that the subcommittee will be bringing back to Council for City review a contract to move forward
  Mayor Pro Tem Gurney stated she is excited about this and seeing the work up and understanding better the potential

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)

City Manager McLaughlin stated these items are items that do not require a full staff report, but can be discussed and acted upon by the Council.

Councilmember Jacob stated he has been asked to re-apply for the Public Safety Committee for the League of CA Cities and he has done so.

- ***Discussion and Follow Up on Report from Mayors and Councilmembers Meeting of October 8th, 2015 (Items of Topics for M&C Consideration/Discussion)***
  Councilmember Glass provided an explanation of this item and stated that at the next Mayors and Councilmembers Meeting the Mayor or his representative will

be asked to participate and represent what topics the City would like the Mayors and Councilmembers to review.
City Manager McLaughlin stated that topics can be discussed tonight but recommended staff return with an agenda item to direct the Mayor or his representative to represent the City's recommended topics.
City Council Action: Staff to return agenda item at a later date
Minute Order Number: 2015-171

- ***Discussion of Consideration of Cancellation of November 17, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting (Agenda Review Committee)***

Mayor Pro Tem Gurney moved and Councilmember Eder seconded the motion to cancel the City Council meeting of November 17th, 2015 unless needed to conduct City business.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Glass, Jacob, and Mayor Pro Tem Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Slayter
Abstain: None
City Council Action: City Council Meeting Cancelled.
Minute Order Number: 2015-172

12. Council Communications Received: There were none.
13. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See Agenda)

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Slayter adjourned the regular City Council Meeting of November 3, 2015, at 10:00 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol. The City Council meeting of November 17, 2015 has been cancelled unless otherwise noticed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Gourley, CMC, City Clerk