AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1

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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of December 1, 2015

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

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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 November 23, 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 6:04p.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
	Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
	Fire Chief Bill Braga
	Planning Director Kenyon Webster
	Police Chief Jeff Weaver

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

- Community Tree Lighting, Thursday, December 3, Town Plaza
- Dining for Life at local establishments fundraiser Thursday December 3rd

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None
ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

- Message from Outgoing Mayor
  Mayor Slayter read a prepared statement as follows:

"Politics are like sports; you need to be smart enough to understand the game but dumb enough to think that it's important.

To be honest, this is a position I never envisioned myself holding; I was never involved with student leadership or held any other elected office; my community involvement always tended towards volunteerism and activities related to my profession rather than making policy, dealing with budgets and learning about the legal ramifications of every possible facet of city operations.

Over my five years on the council I've had the privilege of hearing the thoughts of three outgoing Sebastopol mayors; Guy Wilson, Michael Keyes and Robert Jacob; the first spoke of being good stewards of the City with a plea for future councils to work together as cohesive units. The second spoke of the structural strength of the City budget, albeit with little room for error, and the need to continually analyze and consider how every council action of today effects the outcome of tomorrow. The third spoke of how holding the office of Mayor allowed him to come to a deeper understanding of our community and to the realization that we are all inexorably linked. All three made excellent points in their own way.

2015 has been a good year for the City of Sebastopol: the General Plan update is on schedule and the public vetting process will begin in earnest next spring; the City budget is, as always, balanced and stable, but also as always, not large enough to take on all the desired projects or provide all the desired social services; 2016 will see the continued evolution of a couple of downtown development proposals that, if seen to fruition, will bring vitality and desired goods and services to Sebastopol. The City continues to work towards increasing walk-ability and bike-ability through the accelerated implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Through the efforts of City Staff and Caltrans, construction of our new eastern gateway in the form of the new Highway 12 Bridge is well underway. The City has recently been able to open a new park adjacent to the new bridge and will soon undertake the expansion of another, at the Skategarden. These are all signs that Sebastopol is a healthy, vibrant and capable community. But most importantly, I believe, Sebastopol continues to be an authentic and democratic small town; we govern ourselves in a way that is consistent with the majority opinion, we make decisions while listening to input from all, we respect the environment and, when appropriate, we speak out on issues of national and international importance.

Henry David Thoreau wrote: *"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."* Sitting in this seat, I see a community that is strong and resourceful. I see a City government that is responsive, frugal and professional. And I see volunteer and service organizations doing an immeasurable amount of good.

Every outgoing Mayor probably has a little burst of ego with the thought of, "now THAT was a good year". I, of course, am no different; I am proud of my work as Mayor, but I am more proud of the work of the entire council and the work of our City staff. No single individual, either elected or staff, regardless of position or title, can get anything substantive done without the knowledge, guidance and cooperation of the entire team.

The staff members the council interacts most with are the City Manager and the City Clerk and I would like to specifically note their remarkable efforts in assisting the council with every inquiry about policies, parliamentary procedure, public process, history lessons, bookkeeping, technology, municipal law and everything else you might, or might not, imagine it takes. We are a quite unpredictable group of five and the ability to stay a step-an-a-half ahead of us is practically an unfettered pathway to sainthood.

I extend deep appreciation to my coworkers seated at this dais; to the entire city staff who, day in and day out, provide Sebastopol residents with exemplary service and make the council's job much easier; to friends and neighbors who continue to be surprised by my elected position and who regularly provide me with alternate points of view to consider. But my deepest appreciation goes to my wife, Theresa, who doesn't keep me grounded, doesn't help me with my scheduling, doesn't keep the homefires burning and who is just as unique and amazing as everyone else. No, what Theresa does do is allow me space and time to grow and explore, and she inspires me through a quiet and dignified example coupled with remarkable resolve. Her unwavering moral compass is always navigating towards what is right and true.

The important things for councilmembers to always have in mind is that this job is much more important than sports or politics, although one does need to understand the game; this job is one of representation; following the Golden Rule and always respecting others regardless of divergent or synchronic opinions; doing what is in the best long term interest of the community; and, knowing that mistakes will be made, having the ability to keep an open mind, to listen and to learn."

- Election of Mayor (Vice Mayor/Mayor Pro Tempore will call for Nominations)

Vice Mayor Gurney called for nominations for Mayor.
Councilmember Eder nominated Councilmember Jacob for Mayor.
Councilmember Jacob stated he would need to turn down the nomination at this time.

Councilmember Jacob nominated Vice Mayor Gurney as Mayor.
Vice Mayor Gurney called for further nominations.
There were no further nominations.

Councilmember Glass moved to select Vice Mayor Gurney as Mayor.

Councilmember Slayter seconded the motion.
VOTE:

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

- Election of Vice Mayor/Mayor Pro Tempore (Elected Mayor will call for Nominations)

Mayor Gurney called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Slayter nominated Councilmember Glass as Vice Mayor.
Vice Mayor Gurney called for further nominations.
There were no further nominations.

Councilmember Eder moved to select Councilmember Glass as Vice Mayor.
Mayor Gurney seconded the motion.
VOTE:

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

- Presentation to Outgoing Mayor (Elected Mayor)

Mayor Gurney presented outgoing gifts to Mayor Slayter.
The Council thanked Mayor Slayter for his service as Mayor.

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.)

Ila Benavidez Heaster commented as follows:

- Discussed community being built and sustained
- Mayor Slayter did amazing job
- Discussed the homeless
- Discussed burning bridges and not being able to go home

- Questioned once the Council gets to the issue, when does that begin to be recognized as an item
- Concern – Chief Weaver and Chief Braga deal with homelessness all the time – what makes it different; how do we begin to provide for them
- Discussed churches handling this
- Is there a way the shelter-less can be provided for
- Discussed rehab as well as shelter
- Questioned if there are grants out there for this
- Discussed concerns of low income housing, low housing, concern about evacuating Village Park and the Laguna, but questioned where do homeless people go to and where are they dispersed to
- Address this shelter-less

JoAnna Ceder commented as follows:

- Speak of urgent matter
- Economic crisis
- Discussed legal cannabis cultivators and cultivation
- Discussed benefits of economic benefits
- Discussed State Law enacted
- Discussed local jurisdiction of cultivation
- What State allow or not allow is unclear
- Discussed permitting
- Community must protect small farmers
- Ensure patient access
- Maintain financial viability of farmers
- Clear pathway to obtain State license
- City retain right to regulate cultivation
- County has no such regulation
- Work with elected officials to share experience in enacting common sense permitting
- Help County to act now
- Honest legal cultivation

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Discussed the cannabis industry
- Stated Sebastopol has been exemplary on this issue
- Exert influence on other cities and County wide
- Discussed cultivation
- Discussed growers
- Stated growers want to be taxed and regulated

Tawne Logan, Executive Director, Sonoma County Growers Alliance, commented as follows:

- Thanked the City for steps taken in recent years
- Pleased to see leadership taking place with Mayor Gurney and Vice Mayor Glass

- Urged the Council for help on cultivation regulations for Sonoma County
- Discussed going from legal to illegal overnight
- Convince County of Sonoma in County best interest
- Discussed financial issues
- Discussed economy
- Discussed working with the city and County to ensure local control County wide represents the best interest for largest portion of region in the State

Councilmember Jacob asked audience members to stand who supported the comments on cannabis. Audience members stood who supported the comments on cannabis.

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

- Tree lighting, December 3rd, 6:30 pm
- Invited Mayor to light the tree with the Citizen of the Year
- Discussed the Holiday Grove of trees
- Invited the community to attend
- Discussed the arrival of Santa
- Thanked the Fire Department and Public Works
- Discussed Community awards – February 11th
- Nomination forms on Web Site

Michael Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Thanked Mayor Slayter for his service
- Discussed the Holiday Trees
- Discussed separation between Barlow and the Downtown
- Stated they had their own tree lighting
- Would like to bridge that gap
- Friday, 2:30 pm, Police will be escorting Analy High School football team down Main Street to their championship title

MAYOR GURNEY CALLED FOR BREAK OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REFRESHMENTS AT 6:45 pm
MAYOR GURNEY RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 pm

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Explained public comment process
- Discussed the shelter-less
- Discussed the services of the faith community
- Stated they do this on the quiet
- Discussed this as a connected network of faith community members
- Stated we can do much more
- Commented on issues upcoming as the incoming Mayor:
    - A year without controversy
    - Long term planning looking at the big picture

- General Plan
- Master Plan and Priorities for united Laguna preserve and parks
- Cement plant property
- Improved library facility
- Wayfinding Sign Program
- Create Office Hours
- Riding Local 24
- Hanging out at Farm Market
- Walks
- Travel out to Burbank Heights
- Farm
- Village Mobile Home Park
- Available to Boards of non-profits
- Understand their workings
- Market to our own community great services
- Available for events
- Job is fun and compelling
- Discussed time management

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Slayter requested Item Number 4 be removed from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Jacob moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 1, 2, 3 and 5.

VOTE:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of November 3, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes
Minute Order Number: 2015-173

2. Approval of Amendments to the City of Sebastopol Employee Recognition Program Policy & Procedures City Council Policy #70 (Addition of Separate Category (2015 Awards Sub-Committee/City Clerk)

City Council Action: Approved Amendments to the City of Sebastopol Employee Recognition Program Policy & Procedures City Council Policy #70 (Addition of Separate Category
Minute Order Number: 2015-174

3. Approval of Easement Deed and Agreement with County of Sonoma for Maintenance for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail Overlap (Planning Director)

City Council Action: Approved Easement Deed and Agreement with County of Sonoma for Maintenance for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail Overlap
Minute Order Number: 2015-175

~~4. Approval of 2015 Local Street Repairs – Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for Project Number 2015-02 (Various Repairs and Patch Paving) (City Engineer)~~

5. Acceptance of Report out of Update on Progress to Date on the City Web Site Upgrade (City Clerk)

City Council Action: Accepted Easement Deed and Agreement with County of Sonoma for Maintenance for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail Overlap
Minute Order Number: 2015-177

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION:

6. Semi - Annual Informational Presentation on Update of Activities of the Communications Outreach Coordinator (Holly Hansen)

Holly Hansen, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Gurney discussed the positive press the City is now receiving.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Great job
- Love all the improvements
- Looked forward to more happening
- Technical comment - watch video – sound quality is pretty poor
- Get direct feed from PA System to Camera System

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Suggested to have informational blurb on the formula business ordinance
- Pro-business
- Attach to approved plans a blurb for publicity
- Handout about formula business ordinance

City Council Action: None Required. Accepted the Report.
Reference Number: 2015-178

7. Semi – Annual Informational Presentation on Update of Activities of Cittaslow (Tasha Beauchamp)

Tasha Beauchamp, Cittaslow Representative, provided a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Gurney commented it is remarkable what a volunteer group can do.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Amount of work output, energy and exuberance is amazing
- Real tangible things accomplished
- Business directory will be good to have
- Efforts to get out walking and engaging
- Hope not to burn out
- Fast paced work that is being done

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Thanked Cittaslow for all their efforts
- Impressive
- Multimedia production company discussion she had
- Produced a lot of video of coastal trails
- Discussed walking program and Cittaslow and Tourism website
- Went to all the sites and was very impressed
- Interested in linking with our City
- Produced web site for Everybody Walks
- Underwritten by Kaiser

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

David Ore commented as follows:

- Discussed the occupancy tax
- Questioned if this is based on hotels and motels or does that include new ways people come to stay like air B&Bs

Director Webster stated to the extent they register with the City, they are subject to 10 percent TOT tax.

A member of the audience questioned how many B&BS are there in Sebastopol. Staff stated they did not know the answer. A member of the audience stated there are about 12 in the City.

Mayor Gurney stated a heartfelt thankful to the volunteers of Cittaslow.
City Council Action: None Required. Accepted the Report.
Reference Number: 2015-179

4. Approval of 2015 Local Street Repairs – Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for Project Number 2015-02 (Various Repairs and Patch Paving) (City Engineer)

Engineering Manager Mikus presented the staff report recommending the City Council accept the bids and award the contract for Project Number 2015-02 to Argonaut Constructors.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed clarification of this item
- Stated the Council is looking at item under base bid and going with lowest bidder
- Discussed bid alternate
- Stated base bid is for spot repairs and repaving
- Stated bid alternate is also for spot repairs and repaving
- The balance of the $450,000 then would be devoted to slurry
- Not looking at those locations tonight
- Will come back to the Council in the future
- Questioned if the list of streets come before Council prior to bid packet

Engineering Manager Mikus stated staff can return the list of streets to the Council.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated he would like staff to do that
- Stated it is his hope that the City can accomplish this
- Able to do significant repaving and spot repairs in base and alternate as well as doing strong effort towards slurry to protect streets that are in good condition to keep them that way

Engineering Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Discussed the CIP plan
- City is rated in good range
- Less than optimum for region for CPI
- In order for us to keep even on streets, spend $600,000 a year
- $240,000 with slurry contract, adds up to $595,000
- Good news for City target
- Discussed the temptation with spending a lot of money in one place
- Discussed doing spot repairs and preserving the streets in the long run

Mayor Gurney stated that is our strategy right now but stated there are other City streets that are deteriorating.

Councilmember Jacob discussed the concern of the Council taking time to pick which streets rather than understanding from our staff the review process and current condition of our streets and that staff has the process for reviewing the current conditions and providing recommendations to the Council.

Engineering Manager Mikus stated there is a list of streets currently established.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Thanked Sebastopol citizens for passing Measure R to allow the City budget subcommittee to find funds to pave streets
- Thanked everyone for making this happen

Vice Mayor Glass commented that badly paved and rutted streets are even more dangerous for bikes than for cars and maintaining our streets for bikes is important as well.

Councilmember Slayter moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for Project Number 2015-02 (Various Repairs and Patch Paving)
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Approved Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for Project Number 2015-02 (Various Repairs and Patch Paving)
Minute Order Number: 2015-176

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE
REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION):
8. Discussion and Action of Traffic Calming Measures (Police Chief)

Police Chief Jeff Weaver presented the staff report recommending that the City Council authorize the Department of Public Works to make the following improvements/modifications as detailed below in the Staff Report and as listed below:

Request #1 **Establish a No Parking Zone on the south side of Walker Avenue beginning at the eastern terminus of the existing sidewalk on the south side of Walker Avenue east of Petaluma Avenue, which is 21 feet west of the prolongation of the western curb of Eleanor Avenue.**

Mayor Gurney asked for questions of staff.

Councilmember Slayter questioned if this will be done with signs only.

Chief Weaver stated that is correct.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Jacob moved and Councilmember Glass second the motion to Establish a No Parking Zone on the south side of Walker Avenue beginning at the eastern terminus of

the existing sidewalk on the south side of Walker Avenue east of Petaluma Avenue, which is 21 feet west of the prolongation of the western curb of Eleanor Avenue.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Request #2 **Establish a sixteen foot Red Zone on the west side of Morris Street northward from the driveway between 420 Morris Street and 400 Morris Street and establish sixteen foot Red Zones northward and southward from the driveway between 400 Morris Street and 380 Morris Street.**

Mayor Gurney asked for questions of staff. There was none.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Vice Mayor Glass moved and Councilmember Jacob second the motion to Establish a sixteen foot Red Zone on the west side of Morris Street northward from the driveway between 420 Morris Street and 400 Morris Street and establish sixteen foot Red Zones northward and southward from the driveway between 400 Morris Street and 380 Morris Street.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Request #3 **establish a seven foot Red Zone westward from the driveway to 6790 Laguna Park Way and establish a seventeen foot Red Zone eastward from the same driveway.**

Mayor Gurney asked for questions of staff. There was none.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Jacob moved and Councilmember Slayter seconded the motion Establish a seven foot Red Zone westward from the driveway to 6790 Laguna Park Way and establish a seventeen foot Red Zone eastward from the same driveway.
VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Request #4 **Purchase and deploy static Speed Awareness Signs on Bodega Avenue, between Washington Avenue and Robinson Road, for east and westbound traffic.**

Mayor Gurney asked for questions of staff.

Mayor Gurney questioned as to the budget and questioned if approved, would there be any follow on to find the money.

City Manager McLaughlin stated if approved, this item would return to Council at midyear budget review with funding source identified but the Council would not be making the decision tonight for the funding of this item.

Mayor Gurney clarified if this was approved, it would need to come back in January or February when the mid-year budget review is looked at by Council.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned how long it would take to procure the signs.

Chief Weaver stated less than two weeks.

Councilmember Jacob questioned if this total cost includes the installation, electricity, piping, underground work, etc., or are there additional costs and questioned if these are solar powered.

Chief Weaver stated the City just installed one across from the high school and stated the total cost was about $6500.

Mayor Gurney discussed receipt of correspondence received from neighbors on this item.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Barbara Graves commented as follows:

- Concern of traffic speeds
- Discussed speed spy survey data
- Discussed how the neighbors experience that speed
- Discussed street crossing signs knocked down
- Stated caution signs are knocked down
- Stated hedges and trees are knocked down
- Stated it is a shocking situation
- All understand many people have to use Bodega Avenue
- Believe have choice as community and as neighborhood to control how traffic affects lives
- Priorities should not be on moving traffic as quickly as possible through town
- Signage not change situation
- Discussed larger coordinated effort to slow things down
- Stated Bodega Avenue is not only street in town

- Critical messaging point

Carol Otis commented as follows:

- Has two dogs
- Every day walks dogs and kids on that street
- Every day think when the tragedy is going to happen
- Never experience such violation of the speed
- Terrifying
- Sebastopol Avenue is not a freeway
- Please help us

Gina Lewis commented as follows:

- Speaking in support of speed control
- Large percentage of traffic during weekday is not cars – but commercial and large dangerous vehicles
- Sidewalks come and go in that area
- Urge to have it in both directions
- Not delay until January
- Discussed issue of momentum
- Stated vehicles coming up the hill, they are loud and speeding would be that much louder
- Discussed noise issue and vibration

Jonathan Greenberg commented as follows:

- When campaigning for City Council, walking door to door, single most common complaint was traffic
- Discussed the absence of speed bumps in town
- Discussed bump on Pleasant Hill Avenue North
- Discussed emergency vehicles and personnel stating they do not want to have speed bumps
- Consider and question that logic
- How many times has a fire engine made a difference in terms of life or death for ten seconds that it might have to slow down for a speed bump
- Consider that question
- Reflective on the comment from the fire department that no we can't have speed bumps because of fire engines
- Could use some speed bumps in this town
- Discussed issue of bike trails
- Discussed the Luther Burbank park

Michael Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Stated he was one of those drivers who was yelled at for speeding
- Only took one time of being yelled at to pay attention
- Effective way of slowing down

Laura Goldman commented as follows:

- Suggested we all drive the speed limit
- Hard to do the speed limit when some big car/truck is behind you
- Slow down and do speed limit

Jim Wheaton commented as follows:

- Bumper sticker to slow down
- Stated he has been driving too fast
- Neighbors will pay attention if being yelled at by neighbors
- Suggested Sebastopol sticker

Rae Blaiser commented as follows:

- Put greeting on the road
- Get drivers attention that they need to be paying attention
- Discussed lack of sidewalks
- Stated no fun to look over your shoulder

David Ore commented as follows:

- Wife got speeding ticket about five years ago
- Stated neither has driven more than 25 on that length of road
- Noticed that there is not as much enforcement of the speed limit as there used to be
- Parking a car there is good way in the interim to keep people from speeding

Carrie Wheaton commented as follows:

- Discussed coming in on 116 past the hospital and stated it feels like a highway but is a neighborhood
- Wondering if there is some sign coming in saying highway ends
- Suggested a sign stating entering neighborhoods or residential area

Sherry commented as follows:

- Drive like your kids live here
- Makes a difference

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Summarized meeting with neighbors
- Did look at signs
- Talked of putting a car there
- Discussed slow down kitty
- Discussed strips as you enter town
- Stated this request is the preferred resolution
- Best one - drive like this is your neighborhood

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Discussed the Slow Down Sebastopol cat
- Moving it from place to place
- Discussed mobile speed awareness trailer
- Discussed enforcement
- Stated it is taken seriously
- Enforcement has gone up
- 2013 hit record but dipped this last year due to staff injuries
- Enforcement is discretionary time activity
- Less police presence due to less police officers

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Lived on Bodega Avenue
- Saw many cars coming down the hill and crash
- Understand the need
- Think traffic calming measures have unintended consequences
- Ensure the neighborhood considers those big flashing yellow lights
- Speed bumps unintended consequences
- Life and safety is important
- Support lights but recognize items to calm traffic

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Commonly deal with traffic issues
- Traffic is always zooming or stopped dead or both at same time
- Location commonly zooming and commonly stopped dead
- Theory cities exists to move traffic is a fallacy
- Cars are secondary to people
- Location for this reasonable request
- Discussed possibility of funding in City budget
- Questioned if the existing detectors and flashers easily located

Chief Weaver stated no, permanently mounted on poles.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Perceives as bad problem
- Freeway going through town
- Detracts from quality of life
- Not only place we have this problem
- Office on South Main Street
- Thinking every day when is someone going to mow into her office
- Accidents every day
- Straight away all along Main Street
- Same problem on Bodega
- Look to the bigger picture of how to fix all over the place

- Remind our friends not to speed
- People get annoyed at how slow she drives
- If all participate in slowing everyone else down will help
- Think in long run of how to deal with this problem

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Who actually has jurisdiction over that roadway – staff stated the City does
- Discussed speed control measures and questioned where do things stand legally with the photo ticket enforcement systems

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Never explored that
- Discussed potential legal issues
- Discussed vendors and appropriateness of the use of them
- Could research current status of legal issues related to that
- Warning system there now has had tangible effect
- Stated it will not stop everyone
- Stated it has had a positive tangible affect

Councilmember Eder commented as follows

- Actions may have unintended consequences comment is valid
- Discussed rumble strips
- Not care if damage cars with slow down devices
- Proven speed reduction techniques
- Seen radical approach of removing center line
- No problem with lights
- Can figure out funding
- People get immune to seeing those lights
- Come up with creative solution to alter road to modify behavior

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated the issue of methods that created noise was discussed
- Recommend these two lights be installed as long as we can have a successful suggestion in mid-year budget review in how to fund
- If cannot fund may not be able to support lights

Councilmember Jacob moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to direct staff to return this item to the City Council during Mid-year Budget Review.

VOTE:

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

Request #5 **Design, create and deploy signs at the entrances of Sebastopol that indicate to drivers they have entered the City Limits and, therefore, they need to obey all traffic laws, especially the speed laws, due to the increased presence of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicles.**

Mayor Gurney stated she likes the idea.

Councilmember Jacob questioned if there is additional work to be done with Caltrans.

Chief Weaver stated this can be done at staff level who can interact with Caltrans.

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated this is common knowledge
- Stated he supports the signs
- Stated he is not sure that anyone who drives through Sebastopol does not know to slow down in town

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Ila Benavidez Heaster commented as follows:

- Loves the concept of beginning to work people's heads to say entering town now slow down
- Guilty also of driving faster than the speed limit
- About orientation of getting people to recognize where they traverse
- Want to understand it is about changing behavior
- How do we do that
- You are my neighbor – you are valued
- It is about behavior

Geoffrey Skinner commented as follows:

- Would it be possible to drop the speed limit to 25 at the City limits in conjunction with the signs or bound by prevailing speed
- What control do we have

Michael Carnacchi suggested being creative with the signs.

Carrie Wheaton commented as follows:

- Suggested a Brain storm meeting for text of sign
- Capital of traffic stops
- Humor might help
- Welcome to town – slow down
- Welcome to Sebastopol – chill zone
- Chill out – speed limit 25
- Fun to brainstorm

Barbara Graves commented as follows:

- Discussed commercial traffic
- Suggested outreach to businesses and delivery folks
- Critical to quality of life

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- In favor of this
- Reasonable request
- Got plenty of signs around town
- Ask staff to see if we can remove an equal number of square feet of signs
- Take down an equal number of signs
- Improvement to aesthetics

Chief Weaver

- Number of traffic stops – 8000 stops - not write all tickets
- Are bound by State law in terms of setting speed limits
- If set artificially low cannot use radar and is defined as a speed trap

Councilmember Eder questioned if only a sworn officer can issue a ticket. Chief Weaver stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder questioned if on City streets jurisdictions erect signs that limit gross vehicle weight on that street. Chief Weaver stated yes, to an extent. He stated by law, the City has to provide the ability to travel and he would need to research the legality of doing this on Bodega Avenue.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Support signs going up
- Hope signs are readily visible while speeding
- Aesthetically pleasing and not Caltrans Special
- Nice Entry Signs to town
- Hope have some focus on aesthetics

Vice Mayor Glass moved and Councilmember Jacob seconded the motion to direct staff to Design, create and deploy signs at the entrances of Sebastopol that indicate to drivers they have entered the City Limits and, therefore, they need to obey all traffic laws, especially the speed laws, due to the increased presence of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicles.
VOTE:

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

Request #6 **Establish a 2 Hour Zone on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) adjacent to 7225 Healdsburg Avenue, the Marigold Indian Bistro.**
Chief Weaver requested this item be removed. He stated he received strong objection from two business owners and would like to do more research before acting on this item.
The item was withdrawn from this agenda item.
City Council Action: See actions above.
Minute Order Number: 2015-180

Mayor Gurney called for a break at 8:53 pm.
Mayor Gurney reconvened the meeting at 9:05 pm.

9. Discussion and Action for Consideration of Direction to Staff Regarding Capital Improvement Budget Items:
   a. Report out of MTC Grant Application for Bike Lane Project (Engineering Manager)
   b. Bike and Pedestrian Community Forums (Planning Director)
   c. Reprioritization of Capital Improvement Budget (Engineering Manager)

9a. Engineering Manager Mikus presented the report.

Mayor Gurney asked questions of staff.

Mayor Gurney asked if the City was reapplying.

Engineering Manager Mikus stated yes.

Mayor Gurney questioned if the City has looked at how to improve the application and get winning score.

Engineering Manager Mikus commented as follows:
- Discussed that the grant cycle is in the spring
- Grant cycle runs for five years
- Not an annual recurring grant

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:
- Attended presentation at League of CA cities a couple of months ago
- Talking of three different pots of money
- Directed at more rural areas and scoring is different

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:
- Discussed list of evaluators
- Stated seemed skewed towards list of municipalities

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:
- Received score – lower 1/3 of 104 grant applicants

- Well away from even being in the running
- Ironic that two highest funded projects were for Class 1 off road multi use trails
- Received six and five million dollars each
- Two of Six projects on contingency list are also allocated to multi use trails
- Wondering if we are wise to continue moving forward
- Highway 116 bike lanes came before Council and the Council was easily seduced and ponied up a small amount of money to get engineering studies; simple way to solve unanswered call
- In hindsight he questions the wisdom of that decision of Highway 116 bike lanes and if voted now would not support it
- Knowing what he knows now, it is not a facility that would be used by a lot of people
- If not experienced cyclist, run high level of risk in that area
- Pursuing Sebastopol's own version of bridge to no where
- Not sure if staff time should be spend pursuing million dollar project
- Not fully aware that matching funds for grant had gone from $100,000 – $200,000
- Not know how much transparency and public discussion occurred in that local match issue
- Probably not willing to support the Highway 116 bike lane project moving forward

Mayor Gurney stated this is an informational item only.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned that the City states 90% is complete regarding this matter and questioned how much has been spent to date.

Engineering Manager Mikus stated $81,000 has been spent and that included grant preparation.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated she was at an event and spoke with Phillip Sales, applicant for Napa project (6.3 million)
- Discussed the application and process
- Clincher was in application tied to economic development
- Huge amount of tying the grant to investment in job preparation and not just transportation
- Discussed economic impact of investment of the trail

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- $81,000 – 80 percent was grant that was received by the City
- Actual City investment is smaller than $81,000

Mayor Gurney asked for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed ways for the project to be successful

- Right project for right grant
- More information helpful as a small City
- Need financial help

9b. Planning Director Webster presented the report.

Mayor Gurney questioned the process if the Council were to work with some kind of consultant, how would that be solicited.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Professional services if compensation involved
- Not need to go through formal bidding process
- City does routinely use RFQ or RFP process
- Can select who that goes to
- No mandatory required process

Mayor Gurney clarified if the service provider is volunteer, the City does not have to do any of the bid process, is that correct.

Director Webster stated that it would probably not need to go through the bid process.

City Manager McLaughlin commented there is no requirement for a particular process whether volunteer or paid and that the City typically does use a RFP process, but does not need to use one in this case.

Mayor Gurney clarified that the Council was talking of the process tonight.

Councilmember Eder discussed that the Bike Ped Master predates his tenure on the Council and asked staff to describe the process used to establish priorities.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Project of Engineering Department not the Planning Department, so he may not be aware of all the processes
- Priorities were established and after the plan was adopted, the City Council agreed to a couple of feasibility studies to look in more detail of bike route and lane projects
- Funding was allocated for that
- Staff came to Council and asked for priority setting of projects
- Big ones were local street bike lane plan and Highway 116 plan
- Between those Council directed Highway 116 be priority project
- City working on those now
- Number of other projects identified in bike/ped plan such as sidewalk gaps

Councilmember Eder questioned if it would be accurate to say that the two bike projects are the major projects.

Staff stated that would be accurate.

Councilmember Eder questioned if professional feasibility studies were conducted for the plan.

Staff stated yes.

Councilmember Eder questioned if staff knew the cost of those studies.

Staff stated they did not know the exact amount.

Councilmember Eder questioned if it would be fair to assume that if the Highway 116 project cost a million dollars today, the City would have to keep increasing the amount of the grant request to keep up with construction cost.

Staff stated that has been the experience of past construction projects.

Councilmember Eder stated this is the lowest price now.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- City is Participating with small contribution with County on trail that is to go from Petaluma to here
- City has contributed financially to that study
- County obtained major grant to do feasibly study of this route
- City as part of grant process offered more than its share to contribute to that grant
- County is awaiting a signed contract from Caltrans to start study process
- Take about two years
- Objective to bring route to Sebastopol
- Looking for route that serves Sebastopol best

Vice Mayor Glass questioned where is the likely mix of funding that is going to go into the project likely to come out of – MTC or Caltrans.

Staff stated whichever grants are available at the time and the City is looking at every possible source.

Vice Mayor Glass discussed if it would go to the Class 1 trail.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated not necessarily
- May be different segments
- Other parts may be Class 1 trail
- Look at how to get from there to here

Vice Mayor Glass questioned the community process for that particular study.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Several community meetings
- Outreach opportunities
- Not know full process of County
- Community input, explore alternatives and identify issues

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Discussed $10,000 for the community meeting
- Discussed having a consistent way of doing a feasibility study
- Discussed having community input into the study findings
- Questioned the pricing of $80,000 is a reasonable number for a feasibility study for Class 1 trails

Director Webster stated that the $80,000 is in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Jacob questioned why we are funding $10,000 first before engaging a feasibility study.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Council direction was to include funding in the budget
- Stated the discussion acknowledges and appreciates that there is a lot of interest in bike and ped improvements in Sebastopol and are things that are the upmost importance to the community
- Discussed community meetings help to identify priorities
- Discussed input on what is workable and what our priorities should be
- Put out to community for input
- Provide information/education
- Use that information in the budget process

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Facilitator in community forum might be able to summarize the community input that may provide particular direction
- Stated they are not doing any feasibility study or route study or any project specific work
- Outcome of community forum could be to go forward with some particular project
- Discussed sense of timing would be over a six month period
- Over a time long enough to capture members of the public comments to ensure they all are included

Staff stated they are looking for input from the Council for the process and a sign of how the meetings would be conducted.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment but requested that the comments be directed and focused on the community forums and process and that this is not about East/West trail but is about what are these meetings going to be about and how to conduct the meetings.

David Ore commented as follows:

- Chairman for Complete Streets Advisory Committee
- A lot of time has spent on trails at the meetings
- Complete Streets Advisory Committee charted to give Council input on best ways to facilitate bike/ped across town
- Re-up request to be go to group for coordinating these forums
- Discussed outrageous comments heard in the public of what trails will look like
- Urged the Council to ask the committee to conduct the forums

Josh commented as follows:

- Local resident and homeowner
- Speaking on behalf of Sebastopol families
- Multi use bike trails/ ped paths will be a solution to a lot of things
- Help with congestion in town
- Keep City green
- City is progressive
- Discussed due process
- Support people who have put in the time on the trails
- Time to urge City Council to act as quickly as possible on making more bike friendly paths
- See City Council push for this
- Discussed cross town trails

Gary Helfrich commented as follows:

- City is at a great point
- Part of problem seen is loads of good ideas and energy and loads of people that want to do things to make Sebastopol a better place to bike and walk
- Exciting opportunity
- Discussed money to move things forward
- Heard from supporters and people who do not support it
- Discussed having community support
- Discussed representing the vision of wide spectrum of people in Sebastopol
- Important to identify a few projects of regional significance
- Seb-Pet trail more likely to receive grant funding
- Urge to go forward with planning process and hearings
- See great ideas come out of this

Ms. Davis commented as follows:

- Discussed map received
- Stated this has been discussed already
- Stated here we are again
- Rode bike on City streets to meeting
- NIMBY – mean and hurts feelings
- Not live by the bike path
- Not lay in bed on hot summer nights listing to people on the trails
- Not keep police on speed dial
- Single mom
- Do not let the people with the colored lines be in charge of what the City decides
- Not speaking for all of us
- Son suggested we should put first aid at bottom of hill
- Cars kids bikes dogs cats and squirrel all can get hit

Geoffrey Skinner commented as follows:

- Member of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee
- Supports community meetings

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Roads never good
- Worse now
- Do town loop three to five times a day
- Much rather walk kids to school
- Rather ride bike with kids to school
- City streets are not safe
- People texting
- Not have solutions
- Not want bike trail in back yard
- Work mile from home
- Kids go to school half mile from home
- No solution seen
- See skilled forums being used
- See skilled facilitators in forums
- Not that hard to make solutions for town

John Cruz commented as follows:

- Dejavue
- Discussed multi use trails across town
- Good for a lot of people
- Good for community process to get input
- Misconceptions are out there

- Hear what all objections are
- Appreciate Councilmember Eder's comments about Highway 116 bike lanes
- Not highly ranked proposal
- Look forward to working in community forums
- Make progress on trails

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Spoke at City Council meetings previously
- Observing on Eleanor Avenue a lot of cyclists
- Friend told her this item was happening tonight
- Courtesy to give notice to the neighborhoods to know their neighborhoods are being discussed at Council meetings
- Eleanor Avenue is a one block street
- Urge Council to walk down that street and see danger that happens on corner of Walker and Fannen
- No parking on Walker
- Urge City to go down that street
- In order to put bike trail down Eleanor Avenue the City would have to take down fence
- Discussed issues of noises at night
- Trail is not policed sufficiently
- Feel public safety is at issue
- Opening that fence would create an unsafe area
- Attempted rape incident a week ago at Joe Rodota trial
- A block half from her house this happened
- Open trail – will open street to a lot of danger
- Feel City Council should respect our privacy but our safety as well
- Supporting Trish Davis and neighbors on Eleanor Avenue
- Written in the past on this issue
- Urging to pay attention to please
- No NIMBYs
- Interested in public safety

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Not talking of specific route
- No trail has been agreed upon
- Subject is community forums
- Important to recognize anxiety
- Keep focus on issue – not route of trail
- Not yes or no on trail

Nancy Prebelich commented as follows:

- Last General Plan had feasibility study in regards to bike/ped trails

- Why have priorities in existing General Plan
- County of Sonoma has grant for two year feasibility study including community forums and outreach
- Discussed people wanting $10,000 to do community forums without any approval of feasibility study
- Full study includes community forums
- Two signs were approved at the last meeting for $13,000 for people to slow down
- Questioned how the City will come up with that money
- Things it is a waste
- Stated the City has a feasibility study
- Includes community outreach
- Have one for next two years by County
- Suggested a more comprehensive transportation alternative plan to include small municipal bus or train transportation connecting up to SMART
- Just talking of riding bikes and walking – not a good idea
- Don't understand with all this energy and support for bike and ped that in last year since this room discussing this item she has not heard a peep from anyone
- Know who key stake holders are in particular plan subject of hot topic
- Not understanding energy why it is so hard to send out email
- Discussed the correspondence regarding her private property

Vicky Smith commented as follows:

- Discussed neighbors who are already making their own forums
- Keep trail from being developed on old train railroad
- People here working bikes for long time
- People want people to come to Sebastopol
- Goes to Amsterdam to ride bikes
- Why not developing bike trails and bike alternatives like crazy
- Discussed this being the land of the car and that we keep polluting
- Want there to be trails and community input
- Live on railroad easement
- Want trail
- Worst part of day when have to drive
- Best part of day when get on bike
- Hope forums happen
- Getting people out of their cars is important

Simon commented as follows:

- A lot of emphasis on bike trails
- Stated this is not just a bike trail
- Walking on them for transportation and pleasure is an important thing
- Sebastopol is way behind on this
- Discussed Boulder premier City for bike trails

- Need to get this thing moving in terms of forum
- Trying to get consensus
- Like to have multi use trail
- Move forward on this

Ed Baum, owner of West County Bike Service, commented as follows:

- No idea for best place for trail
- Encourage use of bikes
- Discussed walking routes
- Why not have bike routes
- More bike = less cars
- Better for kids to be on bikes
- More bikers the safer it is for bikers
- Create awareness for everyone
- Look at global warming
- All in this together
- Discussed CO2 and cars
- Have to come to point to make net C02
- Advocate for having these bike trails happen
- Understand safety concerns
- More use of bike trails, less concern
- More can have civil conversation better for all

Ila Benavidez Heaster commented as follows:

- Understand what people are saying
- Do we spend $10,000 for this
- Last Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting – being there and being heard and having Chair say we can look at that
- Need to get to that point
- A lot of passion and energy
- Need more than consensus
- Stated this is about compromise
- How to meet one another's needs
- Begin to listen and get out of consensus – subtle power plays – move to compromise – good investment
- Do money and know what we got
- Have meetings
- Begin to come to place where we can figure out how to make it work

Lynn Deedler commented as follows:

- Something town really needs and wants
- Discussed cars at schools and how many kids are driven
- Stated this is important

- How to get there – not know
- Turn over to Complete Streets
- Put together project and present to subcommittee
- Take $200,000 and get professional study
- Move this along
- It is a most valuable thing to Sebastopol
- Put money into it

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated in his opinion, a full feasibility study conducted sooner rather than later to include community forum and to get plan to continue process is appropriate
- Agree with Councilmember Eder's comments with Class 1 being more fundable
- Community forum now may get basic data
- Discussed conducting a full Feasibility study
- Theoretically there may be more opportunities
- Rather wait to have full feasibility study rather than spend $10,000 with no product at end
- If not have money for feasibility study, he would be interested in hearing of benefits of spending $10,000 to get more feedback

Mayor Gurney questioned is this was for the east/west trail or a specific project.

Councilmember Jacob stated it would be for Class 1 trails.

Mayor Gurney clarified if it would be for general trails in town.

Councilmember Jacob stated it could include east/west and north/south on Class 1 trails and stated getting families from home to school is a specific priority for any Class 1 trail system.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Feel a lot of talking across each other – a lot of mis-information is out there
- People not understanding where pots of money are
- What stages things are in
- Felt there was not enough money to do full feasibility study when working on budget
- Felt good idea to keep momentum going for finding out what community wants and keep community input going on what do we want for trails, pedestrians opportunities, etc.
- Not a lot of people against Class 1 trail
- Where do we put it and do we have the money
- Community forum idea to serve several purposes
- Are engaged already in process of north/south trail with County
- How get jump on process

- How does our town get information to County
- Get what we want out of that feasibility study
- Do we want study dominated by Cotati or Petaluma
- If have forums will be gathering information from town and community
- Discussed making connections and sharing information
- Good impact on study and how it turns out for our town
- Other purpose to get input on how to budget priorities
- How spending and prioritizing our CIP budget for next year
- Educational process
- Hearing a lot of people not know what the process is
- Educational opportunity for our community to engage in
- Where we are right now
- What financing is available
- What is feasible in 5-10-20 years

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Eliminate sidewalk completion and other small projects from master plan
- Discussed Highway 116 bike trail; lanes on City streets and potential of multi-use trail for forum
- Questioned if according to staff report, if feasibility study found routes workable, two of those three major bike related things have already had feasibility studies performed

Staff stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder commented the only thing left is the multi-use trail and questioned if the traffic impact fund is a legitimate source for funding a multi-use trail feasibility study.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated that fund has been used in the past for that purpose
- Stated it was done with on street bike lanes and Highway 116 bike lanes

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Choices are to spend $10,000 on community forums or spend $80,000 a full professional study of multi-use trails
- Suggestion as initial step take this evening to task the Complete Streets Advisory Committee with crafting proposal and presenting it to Council
- Given them that charge of being the Council advisory committee
- Give opportunity to do that
- Suggested giving the County a target to shoot for in their endeavors to link up with us
- Stated there is a big push for connectivity and economic development and alternative transportation
- Advocate for charging Complete Streets Advisory Committee to craft a proposal

Mayor Gurney questioned if they crafted a proposal, what is the subject of that proposal.

Councilmember Eder stated it would be how to accomplish the public process.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed public input
- Stated the comments he has heard has not helped the Council understand what the community wants out of the forums
- Stated there is a lot of good information, but not a lot of specifics
- What are we doing here – nuts and bolts
- Have feasibility study for bike/ped plan
- Bike Plan was amended in 2011
- Construction of forums – not clear what they would be
- Have completed feasibility for master plan that had forums
- Jump on County process – good thought
- Lead the County down the path we want
- North/south route – skirts Laguna route that has significant possibilities
- Could piggy back on with County
- Need both – cannot do all or nothing
- Discussed staging
- Bike Ped Plan is vetted and it works
- Move forward with bike/ped plan
- Looking at realistic way to move plans forward
- If forums lead us to that, probably want to see them held and facilitated by a completely neutral professional facility
- So much emotion of Class 1 proposal
- Not see difference between Sebastopol Trail Makers and Complete Streets Advisory Committee
- Forums would need a neutral third party
- Contact facilitator and find out how to propose to conduct forum
- Professional who does this for a living
- Pay to do this
- Reach a compromise

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Suggested wrapping up this item and continuing Item Number 9c to a future meeting
- Disappointed not get grant
- Main roads are important access roads
- Need to keep pushing to get that
- Necessary to put bikes there
- Routes key
- Bike Ped Plan written 2005 revised 2011

- Street still same streets
- Streets create wonderful network for families
- Had tremendous resurgence of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Change culture
- Want Class 1 trails
- Struggling tonight with idea of forum
- No clear idea or perception
- Engagement of a hungry community and discussed outreach
- If useful – suggest neutral facilitator
- Great discomfort with Complete Streets Advisory Committee and Trail Makers being identified as one
- What need is work that can be done with credibility to accept all points of view
- Stated that is lost now with Complete Streets Advisory Committee- whether fair or not
- Look for someone with transportation background
- Question if the meetings are worthy
- Get professional facilitator
- Discussed if $10,000 would allow for that or get feasibility study for Class 1 trails
- Stated is not before the Council tonight and is a budget issue

Councilmember Jacob moved and Councilmember Eder seconded the motion to:

- Direct staff to return to the Council with a plan for a feasibility study of trails with costs
- Directed to nix community forums

Discussion:
Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed the meeting of November 18, 2014
- Stated the same item has returned to the City Council in a different forum
- Questioned the county proposal

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Discussed bringing the route to the heart of Sebastopol
- Stated there will be discussions of how to bring that route to downtown
- Stated the County is aware that everyone would like to see that

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- North/South covered by County plan
- Plan on how to connect to South and West
- Feasibility study by independent consultant
- Say getting from downtown south is left up to the county plan or program
- Not cover downtown west
- Creating safe access to schools

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Questioned if the Council is voting on an east/west feasibility study
- Not see how viable until know what feasibility study by the County looks like
- How do study that has to link in with something else if that is a moving target

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Joe Rodota trail will not be moving
- See Class 1 feasibility study
- Commented on by the public for the need for a Class 1 trail for the City
- Stated the Council is micromanaging
- Suggested putting a feasibility study out to the community

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Get out in front of County
- Feasibility study would do that
- Provide leadership in local domain

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:
Does not want to nix the idea of a community forum
Discussed a feasibility study of Class 1 trails with no specific location

Councilmember Jacob stated this was discussed last year at a cost of $80,000.

City Manager McLaughlin stated this was discussed in May during the budget process.

Mayor Gurney questioned what is different about the motion.

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Stated it was processed through the budget subcommittee
- Priority to fund in June
- Stated it was one process, paid for once to completion rather than do $10,000 ow
- Fund complete package to get it all done
- Suggested directing staff to bring back and review again with budget subcommittee review
- Stated we are Re-agenizing a staff item that has already returned about feasibility study for Class 1 trails in town

Councilmember Jacob amended his motion and Councilmember Eder seconded the amended motion to:

- Direct staff to return with an agenda item for Council to consider the $80,000 feasibility study again as a fully agendized item
- Directed staff to research funding sources if approved (suggested traffic impact fund; CVS fund; Fundraising)

- Stated the priority is to have an engaging process
- Staff to return with a proposal for Council review

Discussion:
Mayor Gurney commented as follows:
- Not nix the community forum
- Feasibility study to come back to Council
- Stated this does not resolve the issue of community forums and process

Vice Mayor Glass suggested directing staff to bring back information about the Council doing a feasibility study item of multi-use trails in town.

Mayor Gurney suggested as a fall back, to conduct community forums.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:
- Use multi use trails and not Class 1
- Question if part of that bringing it back as an agendized discussion would be whether to continue to encumber the $200,000 that is currently tied up for grant matching funds for Highway 116

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:
- Concerned that Complete Streets Advisory Committee is not a safe place for citizens to vet issues
- Stated the Chair has used derogatory or dismissive remarks
- Presented information in ways that is degrading to members of the public
- Concern CSAC is not safe for public to vet their opinions
- Suggested Complete Streets Advisory Committee not be involved any way with this project

Councilmember Eder questioned if the Council is considering an RFP.

Councilmember Jacob stated it would not be considered until during the budget process.

VOTE:
Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action:
- Direct staff to return with an agenda item for Council to consider the $80,000 feasibility study again as a fully agendized item
- Directed staff to research funding sources if approved (suggested traffic impact fund; CVS fund; Fundraising)
- Stated the priority is to have an engaging process

- Staff to return with a proposal for Council review

Minute Order Number: 2015-181

The Council continued Item 9c to a future City Council meeting.

10. Discussion and Consideration of Request for Waiver of Fees for KOWS Radio Station (City Manager)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the report recommending the City Council discuss consideration of KOWS Community Radio Request for Waiver of Fees for City Processes.

Mayor Gurney asked questions of staff. There were none.

Mayor Gurney opened the public comment period.

Laura Goldman, KOWS, commented as follows:

- Invited Council to come by KOWS on Fridays
- Wants the Council as part of KOWS
- Stated this item shows that kind of community cooperation and collaboration can make the difference
- Give bang for the buck
- So much more than fees would be in terms of coverage
- Suggested covering of City Council meetings and being part of the civic process and civic engagement
- Investment in community
- Broadcasting from church

John Parry, KOWS, commented as follows:

- Forum to discuss bike trails
- KOWS is that forum
- Voice of the community
- Tremendous asset

Vice Mayor Glass suggested that KOWS could do by weekly PSA announcing Council meetings.

Councilmember Eder stated initially it was hard to justify; however, the decision maker was that KOWS is the FCC designated emergency alert station for Sebastopol and their role is adjunct to public safety.

Mayor Gurney stated it is also community based in Sebastopol.

Councilmember Slayter moved and Councilmember Eder seconded the motion to approval waiver of fees for KOWS.
VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Jacob, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
City Council Action: Approved Waiver of Fees.
Minute Order Number: 2015-182

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

11. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:
    - ***Report out of Applications Received for Upcoming Openings on the Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Public Arts Committee***

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:
Diana Rich invite Council to stop by the Community Center to take a look at the remodeling work done

City Clerk Gourley stated the following applications were received:
Separate day for interviews

Design Review Board: 3 openings
Alexis Persinger
Lynn Deedler
Bill Shortridge
Lars Langberg
Kathy Oetinger – withdraw per Kathy Oetinger – 12-7-2015

Planning Commission: 3 openings
Paul Fritz
Geoffrey Skinner
Evert Fernandez
Colin Doyle
Linda Kelley

Public Arts Committee: 3 openings
David Gordon
Alexis Persinger
Robert Brent
Warren Arnold
Jennifer Vertz
City Council Action: None Required. Informational Only.
Reference Number: 2015-183

12. City Council Reports/Committee/Sub-Committee Meeting Reports: (Reports by Mayor/City Councilmembers Regarding Various Agency Meetings/Committee Meetings/Sub-Committee Meeting /Conferences Attended and Possible Direction to

its Representatives (If Needed) on pending issues before such Boards). There were none.

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

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gurney adjourned the regular City Council Meeting of December 1, 2015 at 10:45 pm to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Gourley, CMC, City Clerk