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**City of Sebastopol City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of July 19, 2016**

6:00 pm - Convene Regular City Council Meeting, Sebastopol Community Center, 390 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 July 13, 2016.

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

**Call to Order:** Mayor Gurney called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**

- Present: Mayor Gurney
- Vice Mayor Glass
- Councilmember Eder
- Councilmember Jacob
- Councilmember Slayter
- Absent: None
- Staff: City Manager-City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
- City Clerk Mary Gourley
- Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
- Fire Chief Bill Braga
- Police Chief Jeff Weaver
- Superintendent of Public Works Richard Emig

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

**PROCLAMATION(S)/PRESENTATION(S):**

The following was presented:

Certificates of Appreciation for Outgoing Members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee

- Geoffrey Skinner
- Deanne Thompson
- Jannike Allen
- David Ore

Years of Service Award:

- Margarito Roman – 10 Years – Public Works Department
- Edward Eastland – 10 Years – Fire Department

Mayor Gurney discussed the agenda format.

**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.)

Richard Hannan read a prepared statement from Mr. Jenkel discussing:

- Duty under oath and not treason
- Discussed former President Bush
- Discussed 9-11
- Discussed Enron and Chevron
- Discussed ending pay for play and treason
- Discussed undeclared war

A member of the audience continued reading the prepared statement discussing:

- Donald Trump
- Discussed Martial Law 107-243
- Discussed Congressman Pence
- Discussed Hillary Clinton
- Discussed Resolution 5529
- Discussed lynching, slaughtering, exploiting, squandering, etc.

John Jenkel commented as follows:

- Discussed Resolution of May 18, 2006

- Discussed blood deaths
- Discussed war crimes
- Discussed martial law
- Discussed President Obama
- Discussed IRAQ AUMF
- Discussed agenda item to repeal PL 107-243
- Discussed waiting ten years for this to be brought up
- Law now destroyed our country
- Bankrupt and collapsing
- Asked the Council to Consider agenda item to exam thoroughly for repealing law

Colleen Fernald commented as follows:

- Discussed paying \$140,000 of someone's mortgage
- Discussed loss of daughter
- Discussed meeting for law enforcement oversight
- Sebastopol does not have a just cause policy for eviction
- Discussed rents being raised
- Discussed employment of trying to help Mr. Jenkel
- Discussed Resolution
- Discussed being Peacetown
- Discussed having violence being brought to last meeting of the Board of Supervisors
- Stated she paid late and was evicted
- Requested a meeting with the City Manager and Mayor
- Discussed hunger strike for justice
- Discussed America being in distress
- Not set example of striking first
- Discussed obstruction of justice
- Discussed being Peacetown for real in Sebastopol
- Provided materials to the City Council
- Make America great again

Jim Coconas, 864 First Street, commented as follows:

- Discussed area between the Barlow and the movie theater
- Questioned what the plans are for that area
- Discussed need for one bedroom and studio apartments
- Suggested parking on ground level
- Discussed mistletoe in the trees in the Plaza area

**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.

Councilmember Slayter moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 and 2.

**VOTE:**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM(s):**

1. Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)  
**City Council Action: Approved the Minutes of the July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Minute Order Number: 2016-168**

2. Approval of Request for Proposals Willow Street Repaving Design and Bid Documents (Engineering Manager)  
**City Council Action: Approved Request for Proposals for Willow Street Repaving Design and Bid Documents**  
**Minute Order Number: 2016-169**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION:**

3. Annual Report on Sonoma County Library by Helena Whistler (Library Commission Representative)

Helena Whistler, Appointed Representative to the Library Commission, presented an informational item to the City Council. She introduced Vicki Terbovich, Library IT Department who was in attendance and helped to make the presentation.

Councilmember Slayter questioned if the percentage of five percent is being taken from reserves for overall operations.

Ms. Whistler stated that is not correct but that in the past money was taken out of reserves. She stated they do try to keep money in reserves for lean times.

Councilmember Slayter questioned how strong the reserves are.

Ms. Whistler stated they have been pretty strong but they have dipped into them pretty strong around 2012. She stated sometimes they have to dip into reserves because the tax money has not come in yet, but is repaid and stated there is also donated money in the reserves that is specific for certain items.

Councilmember Slayter questioned if there is a Board policy of percentage for reserves.

Ms. Whistler stated right now it is at 12 ½ percent and that if funding is taken out of reserves, there has to be a plan to pay it back by the end of the year.

Vice Mayor Glass discussed technology and discussed the Hoopla Service and questioned if this is jointly available to libraries statewide or regional wide.

Vicky stated it is a library company that provides a lot of books on CD. She stated this is a service that they have started and explained the services provided.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned if the library has the hardware for this.

Vicky stated this is not the reason for the upgrade, but stated they sort of have the infrastructure to support this. She also discussed the CENIC network being available for public libraries.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned how the library system is promoting and doing outreach to the public so that they know about these services.

Vicky stated meetings like this is one way and also discussed speaking at organizations. She stated they are doing press releases, web site, sharing it with NORTHNET, attending meetings in Lake and Sonoma County, etc.

Ms. Whistler stated the new director has really tried to improve outreach to the public.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed what the library is to the community
- Refuge for a lot of people
- Quiet time in middle of day to relax and refresh
- Valuable time spent in library
- Community appreciates it
- Wider community appreciates it
- Appreciates Helena's long term of service
- Proud our commissioner is the Chair

**City Council Action: None Required. Received the informational report.**

**Reference Order Number: 2016-170**

4. Informational Presentation from Clare Najarian, Cittaslow Sebastopol representative, attendance and speech at the Cittaslow International conference in Portugal Representing the City of Sebastopol (Cittaslow Sebastopol)

Councilmember Eder questioned if from this visit, is there any segway into Sebastopol that has been learned.

Ms. Najarian commented as follows:

- Discussed the education process
- Stated they do not do it like we do
- Keep doing what we are doing
- Stated we are listening to people

Mayor Gurney stated that the steering committee had to figure out how to do this work in the American way and make it a model for Sebastopol.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment

Janice Gendreau, (sp?) 1007 Ragle Road, commented as follows:

- Discussed time when she visited Mendocino Art Center
- Stated they had a list of all homes in village that had places to stay
- Discussed Air B&Bs
- Discussed having a list for visitors
- Help local economics
- Discussed having friends that were made from staying at Air B&Bs

Ms. Najarian commented as follows:

- Discussed home stays
- More connections are made with local people
- More you experience the culture, art, products, language
- Bond that gets created that will never go away
- Will always have that

ila Benavidez-Heaster commented as follows:

- Thrilling to see what this little town does and how it branches out
- Discussed Takeo City sign
- Wondering what it was like to visit Portugal
- What is the world view for them
- Discussed the view of relationship with themselves and the culture

Ms. Najarian commented as follows:

- First few days there were difficult
- No one speaking English
- Listened to the language
- At night put television and put English with Portuguese language underneath
- Saw sentence structure
- Went to televised soccer game
- English translation
- Learned the language
- Important to learn key phrases

- Great to learn

Ms. Najarian thanked Tasha Beauchamp and Teresa Ramondo for their help and support.

The Council thanked Ms. Najarian for the presentation and other members of Cittaslow.

**City Council Action: None Required. The City Council received the informational report. Reference Order Number: 2016-171**

Mayor Gurney called for a break at 7:31 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:43 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING(s):**

**NONE**

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

5. Traffic Calming Measures (Police Chief)

- Establish a Compact Vehicle Only Parking Space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue South of Walker Avenue
- Establish Two (2) Two Hour Parking Spaces on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) fronting the Marigold Indian Bistro at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue
- Consider modifications to the Intersection of Jewell and Willow Avenues

Police Chief Weaver presented the staff report recommending the City Council discuss and provide direction on the proposed traffic calming measures.

The Council discussed each item separately.

- Establish a Compact Vehicle Only Parking Space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue South of Walker Avenue.

Councilmember Eder questioned if we have other compact only spaces in town.

Chief Weaver stated no, that this would be the first.

Councilmember Eder questioned the enforcement of such spaces and questioned if it would only be enforced if an officer sees it or a resident phones it in to the police department.

Chief Weaver stated the latter would be most common.

Councilmember Eder questioned if there is any excess parking in this area. He questioned if a space was lost to a red zone for safety issues, would it put the residents in the position of not having a parking space.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated it would not be an issue right now, but that this area is identified for future bike lane usage which will require some loss of parking in the future
- Stated this is an intermediate measure
- Stated he is not recommending losing a parking space

- Stated the complainants are acceptable to this recommendation
- Stated if there is a problem, staff can visit going to the next step

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Understood east side of Petaluma Avenue is likely potentially to lose parking
- Infrequently see cars there now
- Questioned if anyone further down the west side of Petaluma Avenue (down the block) is anyone parking there

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated that area is pretty impacted
- Stated north of this area is residences
- Stated people park in front of their home

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Four units on this corner are brand new
- Stated there is adequate parking as it would have been required
- Stated there may be more off street parking in the driveway
- Questioned if the physical space is still the size of one regular space, but that the signage would state compact

Chief Weaver stated that is correct.

Mayor Gurney stated the sign would allow enforcement.

Councilmember Eder suggested that in addition to the sign, that the pavement be painted indicating the space is for a compact vehicle only.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated Public Works would like to get away from painting things on the road
- Discussed the need for repair and repainting
- Stated a sign will last for decades
- Stated a sign is clear and readable
- Stated a sign will be adjacent to the single space

Councilmember Slayter questioned if there is any accident history due to a large vehicle being parked there or any other reason.

Chief Weaver stated no and that there are no collisions at this intersection that are related to sight distance issues.

Councilmember Slayter questioned if there is a legal definition of compact vehicle.

Chief Weaver stated there is not a legal definition. He stated that overwhelmingly, the parking rules are complied with voluntarily.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Eder moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to direct staff to establish a Compact Vehicle Only Parking Space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue South of Walker Avenue.

Mayor Gurney thanked Chief for responsiveness to residents.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Approved directing Public Works to direct staff to establish a Compact Vehicle Only Parking Space on the west side of Petaluma Avenue South of Walker Avenue.**

**Minute Order Number: 2016-172**

- Establish Two (2) Two Hour Parking Spaces on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) fronting the Marigold Indian Bistro at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue

Mayor Gurney questioned if the property owner of the building is requesting this or the restaurant.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated this at the request of the land owner on behalf of the business owner
- Stated the business owner is seeing people park in their lot and then leave to other businesses
- Stated they would rather have this two hour parking space rather than to chain off or have cars towed from their parking lot

Mayor Gurney stated people also park at the dentist business and walk to other places.

Councilmember Eder questioned if on that side of the existing red and green zone, are there two green spaces by the dental office that are two hours.

Chief Weaver stated yes.

Councilmember Eder stated it makes logical sense that the only other parking on that whole stretch would be similar or the same to what currently exists that is not a red zone.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated he is not proposing to reduce the red zones
- Stated there is a demarcation point where you leave the downtown and exit into the outer environs
- Stated it stops at the nearby dental office area

Councilmember Eder questioned if it was fair to assume that there is a large black suburban that parks there all the time.

Chief Weaver stated he did not know.

Councilmember Eder stated he sees this vehicle there all the time and is a constant presence in those spaces.

Chief Weaver shared his personal bias that employees/employers should park nowhere near their business within reason to allow access for customers.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated there is a ton of unused parking on Pitt Avenue behind Safeway
- Stated this is in line with park once and walk strategy

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- In agreement with this
- Stated it is a no brainer not to park near where your customers should be
- Questioned if there is any program in town that is encouraging business owners to make sure their employees park far away
- Suggested sending a flyer out to businesses that the City is encouraging this
- Stated this can ensure that more customers have parking spaces

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated this has been done in the past with the Chamber
- Have tried educational campaigns
- Stated it comes down to business owners who want to park close or want to allow their employees to park close to their business

Mayor Gurney stated the Sebastopol Downtown Association did an educational campaign.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed the downtown business district
- Stated these businesses are not located in the downtown business district and probably did not receive the education

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Mr. Ruddick commented as follows:

- Seems a no brainer that the space be restricted to short term parking
- Ample parking immediately adjacent to that area
- Not see how business owners can defend the position of parking in front of their stores
- Support Council decision to restrict that little space to two hours

- Curious if people are parking in this parking lot like they do with the Rite Aid parking lot downtown
- Does this parking lot have signage saying that cars will be towed
- Support restriction of parking

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Think the parking lot is signed
- Will go look to make sure
- Stated the business owner not want to enforce the towing because it could create bad PR

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated he is in favor of making it limited
- Discussed the short amount of time needed to walk across the street or down the block
- Concerned what we may be doing is pushing commercial business day parking into our residential zones

Councilmember Eder moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve the Establishment of Two (2) Two Hour Parking Spaces on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) fronting the Marigold Indian Bistro at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue.

Discussion:

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the walking times from across the street
- Discussed the street smart crosswalk in the area
- Stated it is a very doable walk
- Culture is that everyone is entitled to park in front of wherever they want to go when they want to
- Businesses on South Main have the same problem
- Hopeful the message will get out to the Chamber and Downtown Association
- Start educational campaign to keep spaces for customers for turn over
- Employees go to untimed parking spaces and avoid local neighborhoods

Councilmember Eder questioned if when people park for two hours and those two hours are up, they had to leave the block.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated the City does not have that ordinance
- Stated to have that ordinance, the City would need photographic GPS
- Stated to do that now, the officers would need to make written notes

**VOTE:**

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

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Approved the Establishment of Two (2) Two Hour Parking Spaces on Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) fronting the Marigold Indian Bistro at 7225 Healdsburg Avenue.**

**Minute Order Number: 2016-173**

- Consider modifications to the Intersection of Jewell and Willow Avenues

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Discussed the paving project previously approved tonight
- Did not realize that the radius section of this area was included in the repaving
- Stated he thought it was for the straight-away section

Mayor Gurney stated she thought the paving stopped before the island.

Engineering Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Stated he wanted to see how far the paving could go depending on the money
- Stated whatever the City does, there is the opportunity to do painting

Vice Mayor Glass questioned if there is data on how many cars go in this direction.

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Stated staff has the ability to do this, but does not know the information tonight
- Surprised a single collision in decade
- Ives Pool and Park very popular
- Church well attended on Sundays
- Use as bypass
- Fairly heavily used street

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Mr. Ruddick commented as follows:

- Near and dear to heart
- Live on that corner
- Have for over 37 years
- A lot of antidotal data
- Is the local way to pass through there
- Load of traffic increased on that corner has been astronomical
- Surprised there are times when it is very quiet
- Peak times – it is packed
- Busy busy intersection
- People do routinely use that as a cut through to avoid center of town
- Notorious as major traffic woe
- Saw people meeting on corner and wondered what was going on
- Read article in Sonoma West

- Public Works person who went out and created hash marks
- Proposal to cut off that radius completely
- Understanding was that the article seemed to imply that the City was making this a T
- Glad to hear addressing paving issue
- Great deal of traffic is making that turn on radius
- Addressed condition of street
- Crumbling
- If make stop there, how much more road will be defrayed
- Against cutting that island off
- Hopeful to repave
- Concern of pedestrian crosswalk
- Stated that is a separate issue
- Enhance pedestrian crossing
- To close that off, would be serious mistake
- Bottlenecking traffic and creating another big traffic problem
- Doing it to solve a problem that statistics show does not exist there
- Against the idea
- Leave it the same
- No problem with Yield sign
- People have problem observing and following two yield signs in front of his house
- Surprised not more problems there

Marsha Sue Lustig commented as follows:

- Pass house every day
- Brought up as issue close to 25 years ago
- Having walked two kids to school that is a pedestrian nightmare
- Amazing no kids have been hit
- Not a complete intersection near school/church
- Not four way intersection for pedestrians to cross
- Not think reasonable answer
- Love idea of T and understand neighbor concerns
- If answer is trying for pedestrian safety have expert look at options
- Look at how we can get crossing
- Cross island all the time
- Tough to get around there
- Seems good in some places but can be bad somewhere else
- Encourage to allow some consulting on options
- What is it we are trying to solve and what options we have
- Not have expertise in room tonight to do this

Todd Cooper commented as follows:

- Discussed opening can of worms
- Discussed taking kids to school

- Discussed coming down Jewell making left and discussed car coming down and almost collided with him
- Lack of signage now
- Encourage signage
- Main problem is line of sight
- Very limited
- Problem with T there and flow of traffic around that
- Tricky decision to make
- Had friend out of town who is scared of that intersection
- Hope figure it out and do what is best
- Make it safer

Marty Roberts, Robinson Road, commented as follows:

- Attended the meeting
- Love idea of T intersection
- Discussed driving the area
- Discussed walking the area
- No easy logical place to cross
- Amazed not more accidents there
- Seems like mess
- Like idea of temporary blocking off of curb with bollards
- Try to see how it works
- Crosswalk at top of Willow
- Chance to expand park

Jim Coconas commented as follows:

- For the T intersection
- So dangerous now
- People do not know where or how to cross
- Want to be pedestrian friendly City
- Discussed closing off the street
- Stated the area is crazy
- Easy fix
- Stated the staff did not discuss any stop signs on Jewell
- Group said no stop sign on Jewell
- Suggesting moving the stop sign

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- How surprised on ten year statistics
- Experience in town is that this is a confusing intersection
- One of those intersections that a whole lot of people want to talk about
- Like the intersection
- Unusual
- Makes people slow down and drive carefully and think

- Visual indication not cookie cutter community
- Difficulties in part yellow striping not go all the way around
- Driver cannot see where that street is going
- Since need to be clear if trying to deal with collisions and or enhance pedestrian safety in confusing area
- Interested to know the different opportunities we have here to solve this problem
- Safety
- Drivers
- Pedestrians
- Dog walkers
- Kids
- Bicyclists
- See drawing with big green space (Jim Coconas' photo)
- City did previous estimate of expanding the park – hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Suggested parking area
- Love to see if possible to do a round about
- Questioned if this is a possible place for that
- Interested to get advice of the possible treatments the City could choose from dealing with our neighborhood concerns and use patterns of the community

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Displayed a photo with a drawing of revisioning the intersection
- Turned into standard 90 degree angle
- Take Willow straight through where the island is and create a 90 degree angle to Jewell
- 50 foot buffer to property on that corner
- Creates something green space
- Create a much more regular and safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Discussed walking this street
- Discussed planning far ahead
- Run when have to cross street
- Not comfortable making any significant decision tonight
- Additional professional input to possibilities and options for this area
- Think opportunity here to satisfy the residents in the area
- Have larger buffer for sound and safety
- Safe environment for every user of intersection
- Getting bids for design work for street
- Work going on out there
- Project move rapidly
- Get paint on ground
- See Public Works can do as soon as possible with limitations of repaving
- Ask Public Works to look at that and soon for what can be done in short term

Mayor Gurney questioned if the buffer area would be landscaping.

Councilmember Slayter stated that is correct.

Mayor Gurney discussed the properties, sidewalk, and questioned if this is potential landscape buffer for traffic.

Councilmember Slayter stated that is correct.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- In agreement with her colleagues
- Need professional consultant help with this item
- Discussed walking and crossing this island
- Sprint across there
- Problematic pedestrian intersection than car intersection
- Weird so everyone does slow down
- Pedestrian standpoint is figuring out how to cross
- Need professional advice
- Impact bigger than just there
- People use as bypass
- If T what impact to traffic
- Questioned if it would back up further
- Not look at it in isolation
- Need traffic engineer to look at

Councilmember Jacob commented as follows:

- Use intersection often
- Have had a few near collisions
- Mostly people not yielding correctly from Willow Street onto Jewell
- Budgeting for any type of work will take years to consider doing
- New plan for Ives Park has it that the park bulbs out
- Planning Commission approved most recent plan
- Park actually bulges out similar to Councilmember Slayter's drawing
- Support of doing better markings
- Getting more support from traffic engineer

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Intersection dates from creation of Ives Park probably
- Question whether the lines of sight actually comply with CA streets and highway standards
- Shocking statistics do not support higher level of incidents
- Death defying act to go through that
- Curious if we are even legal there
- If not probably in bad liability position
- Stated he drew a similar drawing several years ago

- Took to meeting
- Provided to Chief of Police and City Engineer
- Curious what the Engineering Manager off top of head goes to realign through middle of island to achieve 90 degrees

Engineering Manager Mikus stated he had no clue what it would cost.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Questioned if it would be in the 100,000
- Calculated amount of parking
- Within 1 space of what currently exists
- Not losing any parking to do this
- Striping and realign the road
- Realignment – everyone off the Council or some could be dead by the time that occurs
- Talking decades
- Just kicking the can down the road
- Former Engineering Director was adamant it could only be done once only do Ives Park Master Plan
- 5-6 million dollars so never be done
- As pointed out temporary closure of curb with k rail
- Look at with assistance of professional traffic engineer
- K rail – simple inexpensive
- Painted green
- Install planters on top of it
- VBC – interested in converting that area
- Asphalt could be left in place
- Dirt over the top of it
- Creating bocce ball court there
- Trying to correct ill that is 100 years old now
- Temporary fix
- All be removed in matter of couple of days if poorly thought out idea
- Stop sign – agree with concurrence of traffic engineer – elimination of stop sign allowing Jewell to be through street
- Makes sense
- See intersection daily
- People zoom around curve
- No regard to pedestrians
- Do we have to kill someone to validate that this is a bad design or major injury car accident to say maybe change this
- If closing off with temporary fix does not fix it then pull it out
- If work how fund more permanent solution
- May include realigning the road
- To just level it out and put freshly painted stripe does not curb real issue

- Cannot see what is really going on
- Bizarre
- Advocate for trying temporary solution with concurrence of traffic engineer
- Discussed K rail
- Done cosmetically
- Area behind utilized in some manner
- If works more permanent
- If not rip out
- Clear cut
- Taking stop off Jewell – evaluate that
- See what traffic engineer says
- May be redundant stop sign
- Closing off what is a race track right now
- Clear with Chief Braga on response time
- Time for this Council to move forward on this in constructive, positive and tangible manner
- Not allow ourselves to kick the can down the road

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Appreciate suggestion of temporary fix to try
- Worried that it might create the expectation of a permanent fix
- Worry temporary situation might be dangerous everyone used to something else

Chief Weaver commented as follows:

- Discussed temporary proposal
- Thought one week to see how it go but stated it is not possible to do in one week
- Have to be substantial commitment of time and money
- Will need to install signs stating changed conditions ahead
- Add/remove roadway markings
- K rails
- Be months long commitment period with advance and consent of traffic engineer

Councilmember Eder commented that he was envisioning six months to one year rail unless it proves to be disastrous.

Mayor Gurney stated if the Council is interested in getting a traffic consultant to give choices and advise the Council what would be the process and how long would it take.

City Manager McLaughlin commented that it would need to return to the City Council as an agenda item for a RFP to have a Traffic engineer perform the services. He stated the City Council could not direct that action tonight but could direct a future City Council agenda item.

Mayor Gurney questioned if this would be a budget adjustment or would the Council need to pull from reserves.

Engineering Manager Mikus stated the engineering division has funding for contract work that this could be done under.

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the SCTA and funding for local streets
- Measure M money
- Compels match of funds
- Under-subscribed
- Area where we can see what our choices are
- Make application to that fund source from SCTA

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Discussed the procurement of a Traffic Engineer to study the situation on Bodega Avenue
- Staff does not know those recommendations yet
- Study underway now
- Stated that work could be expensive

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated this could all be related
- Consensus to do the temporary items
- Yellow striping
- Yield sign
- Staff to do that and return with RFP for consultant to provide various analysis and solutions

Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Slayter seconded the motion to:

- Construct the temporary items (yellow striping and yield sign)
- Directed staff to return with an RFP for a consultant to provide varying analysis and proposed solutions for this intersection

Discussion:

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Not sure need traffic study at this intersection
- Think we need to say if improve intersection for safety what would you recommend
- Suggestions
- Opinion to viability
- Better worse or same

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed suggestions for design options
- Consequences of those
- Related to traffic flow

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- In preparing RFP get informal advice
- Sometimes need to do traffic counts
- Tailor RFP to what we need
- Liability issues – cautious about that and not underspend if going to study this intersection

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Bring back RFP
- Opportunity to make sure RFP says what wanted
- Meeting serve as record of many options considered
- Suggested reviewing photos and drawings presented tonight

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**City Council Action: Approved**

- **Construct the temporary items (yellow striping and yield sign)**
- **Directed staff to return with an RFP for a consultant to provide varying analysis and proposed solutions for this intersection**

**Minute Order Number: 2016-174**

6. Discussion and Action of Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held October 5-7, 2016 in Long Beach, CA (City Manager/City Clerk)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the staff report recommending the City Council discuss and designate a Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) for the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held October 5-7, 2016 in Long Beach, CA .

The Council was in consensus to select the following voting delegates in the order listed:

1. Vice Mayor Gurney
2. Councilmember Slayter
3. Councilmember Eder

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve the following as voting delegates and alternates:

1. Vice Mayor Gurney
2. Councilmember Slayter
3. Councilmember Eder

**VOTE:**

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

**City Council Action: Approved approve the following as voting delegates and alternates:**

1. Vice Mayor Gurney
2. Councilmember Slayter
3. Councilmember Eder

**Minute Order Number: 2016-175**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

7. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:

City Manager McLaughlin stated he will be on vacation the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> but would be in the area and available.

City Clerk Gourley announced the following:

- *City Council Meeting for August 16, 2016 has been cancelled.*
- *Nomination Period for City Council Candidates is Open July 18 – August 12, 2016 - If 1 or more of the incumbents does not file by August 12, 2016, the nomination period will be extended for 5 days, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016.*
- *Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Cloverdale, CA*
- *Special City Council Workshop on redesign of City Web Site, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 9:00 am at City Hall.*

8. 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):

Chief Weaver reported on Health Action as follows:

- Discussed the grant funds
- Discussed SACA
- Discussed Drug Education
- Discussed classes for teens
- Discussed ABC
- Discussed 1-4-1 Club
- Fright Night Mash Up
- Culinary Book Camp
- 4 positive parenting workshops
- Calvin – speaker
- SACA Leadership
- CA Healthy Kids Survey

Councilmember Slayter stated it is impressive what has been done.

Mayor Gurney stated she is grateful to what has been done and that we are continually looking to find ways to find money for programs like these.

Mayor Gurney provided a printed report on the SCTA/RCPA meeting.

Councilmember Slayter reported on Sonoma Clean Power:

- Discussed expansion to Mendocino County
- GHG reduction
- 1 percent positive/negative impacts to customers related to the market
- Immeasurable
- Net benefit is mostly related to climate protection
- EV program starting

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

Mayor Gurney adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:16 pm to the Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Gurney called the closed session meeting to order at 9:20 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Gurney  
Vice Mayor Glass  
Councilmember Eder  
Councilmember Jacob  
Councilmember Slayter

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager-City Attorney Larry McLaughlin  
City Clerk Mary Gourley

**Public Comment** (Prior to adjournment into Closed Session, the public may speak up to 3 minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session). *There were none.*

**Closed Session:**

11. Public Employment  
Title of Employee: City Clerk  
Title of Employee: City Manager  
(Government Code Section: 54957)(b)(1)

**City Council Action: No Report Out.**

**Minute Order Number: 2016-176**

12. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Govt. Code section 54956.9: One Case.  
(City Manager/City Attorney)

**Report out of Closed Session:** There was no report out.

**City Council Action:** No Report Out.

**Minute Order Number:** 2016-177

**Adjournment of Closed Session:** Mayor Gurney adjourned the Closed Session Meeting at 10:44 pm to the Regular City Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Gurney adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 10:45 pm. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Teen Center/Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA. The City Council will be conducting a Special City Council Workshop on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 9:00 am at City Hall to discuss the redesign of the City website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Gourley, MMC, City Clerk