

City of Sebastopol City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting of January 30, 2017

As approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of February 7, 2017

9:00 am - Convene Special City Council Meeting, Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, 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 January 25, 2016.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm CONVENE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Glass called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: (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

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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 20 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.) There was none.

1. Interviews for Openings on the Planning Commission (Three Openings)

The Council conducted the following interviews:

Name of Applicant	Time of Interview
Paul Fritz	9:00 am
Robert Jacob	9:20 am
Gerald Glaser	9:40 am

2. Interviews for Openings on the Design Review Board (Three Openings)

The Council conducted the following interviews:

Name of Applicant	Time of Interview
Christine Level	10:00 am
Cary Bush	10:20 am
Ted Luthin	10:40 am
Gregory Beale	11:00 am

3. Appointments to Openings on the Planning Commission (City Manager/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley presented the staff report recommending the City Council Make Appointments to the Planning Commission with specifics as to seat and term requirements.

Mayor Glass asked for questions of staff. There were none.

Mayor Glass opened for public comment. There was none.

Council liberations:

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated the applicants are a group of people who bring a wide variety of experiences to the Commission
- Discussed Robert Jacob as follows:
 - Depth of experience with the City
 - Knows the City's process
 - Knows where the City is in General Plan and zoning
 - Knowledge is invaluable

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- Discussed Paul Fritz as follows:
 - Brings personal experience and professional practice into the conversation
 - Urbanism
- In favor of Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz to fill the full terms of the Planning Commission seats
- Discussed Mr. Glaser as follows:
 - Recommend to alternate seat
 - Newcomer to city
 - Brings interesting perspective
 - Consider his view of new and different ways
 - Discussed his past experience
 - Strong environmental interests

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Concurs with Vice Mayor Slayter regarding appointment of Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz
- Discussed their value to the Planning Commission
- Discussed experience with land use decisions
- Discussed complexities of long term impacts
- Discussed discomfort with recommending Mr. Glaser as follows:
 - Discussed the fascinating edgy issues and historical process in Sunnyvale to be compelling
 - Interests landed more in assignment to climate action implementation committee rather than Planning Commission
 - Concerned only live here two months
 - Not understand pulse of community
 - Not understand values of wider community
- Discussed her advocating for an alternate position or someone who lives within the 9572 area code
- Voiced concern that his work life will take him flying away on a daily basis

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Comfortable with Vice Mayor's suggestion of Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz to the full terms on the Planning Commission and Gerald Glaser to the alternate position
- Discussed Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz serving on the Planning Commission as follows:
 - Discussed their experience
 - Discussed no ramp up time needed
- Voiced similar concerns of Councilmember Gurney regarding Mr. Glaser; however:
 - Mr. Glaser was forthright
 - Wants to get involved for selfish reasons
 - Wants to get to know the community
 - Serving in this role would be a way to do that
 - Does come with experience serving on Sunnyvale Commission
 - Great to have new people/ideas

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Concurs with his colleagues regarding appointment of Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz to the full terms of the Commission
- Mr. Glaser has experience with a downtown specific plan which is helpful
- Supports appointment of Mr. Glaser to the alternate position

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Concurs with appointment of Robert Jacob and Paul Fritz to the full terms on the Planning Commission
- Will serve the community well
- Have breadth of experience
- Agree about Mr. Glaser as alternate
- Concern that when need to meet, he may not be available
- Stated he is out of the area frequently
- Discussed his views and perspectives of having been through similar processes
- Silicon Valley perspective could be useful
- Concerned of amount of travelling that he does

Councilmember Gurney suggested having Mr. Beale fill the Planning Commission alternate seat based on his experience.

Staff stated if this seat was not filled, staff stated it would need to be re-advertised and Mr. Beale would need to apply then.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Stated she believes the remarks of Mr. Glaser
- Would like to give Mr. Glaser the opportunity to serve
- Stated she takes his word that he will make the commitment

Councilmember Hinton moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to appoint Paul Fritz, Robert Jacob and Gerald Glaser to the Planning Commission with terms as follows:

Paul Fritz	2020
Robert Jacob	2020
Gerald Glaser	2019 – Alternate position

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Appointed Paul Fritz, Robert Jacob and Gerald Glaser to the Planning Commission with terms as follows:

Paul Fritz	2020
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Robert Jacob 2020
Gerald Glaser 2019 – Alternate position
Minute Order Number: 2017-024

4. Appointments to Openings on the Design Review Board (City Manager/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk)

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley presented the staff report recommending the City Council Make Appointments to the Design Review Board with specifics as to seat and term requirements.

Mayor Glass asked for questions of staff. There were none.

Mayor Glass opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez-Heaster commented as follows:

- Discussed her personal perspective from attending the Design Review Board meetings
- Discussed the transformation of the Board
- Discussed combativeness previously with the Board
- Discussed seeing now the language that provides structure and direction on the Board
- Before it was power over and power with
- In paradigm shift
- See important things taking place
- See vitalization taking place
- All applicants who applied today are exceptional
- Will be a more viable group that will allow for greater good
- Going out with vitality and not combativeness
- Excellent group here
- All coming to table will continue to move forward

Mayor Glass closed the public comment.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

Ted Luthin:

- Brings degree
- Is partner in graphics and sign design company
- Lends himself to appointment to the Board
- Professional
- Well spoken
- Recommended appointment to Category B

Christine Level:

- Engineering background (structural)
- Brings perspective to Board

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- Even when in minority provides perspective
- Recommend Category A Position with term ending date of 2017 – voting member of the Board

Cary Bush:

- Licensed Landscape Architect
- Vice Chair currently
- Valuable position
- Involved in community
- Comes to meetings prepared, cooperative, professional
- Recommended Category A – full term

Gregory Beale:

- Valuable experience and background
- Discussed being up to date on information
- Recommended Category D
- Interpersonal skills serve well on Board

Vice Mayor Slayter discussed the proposed make-up of the Board (sign designer, professional engineering specializing in structural engineering, license landscaped architect, retired building contractor) – stated cannot think of a better make-up for the Board.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the emphasis the Council has placed on having a professional Board
- Stated she liked all applicants
- Ted Luthin brings a lot of grace to the process
- Stated when he talks, people listen
- Christine Level interviewed the strongest and was the strongest presenter
- Intellectually engaged in her work
- Stood out in the interviews
- Cary Bush – was nervous – but shows how meaningful he finds this experience
- Gregory Beale – discussed his skills as listed on the application
- Liked mention of his listening skills and working with people – a feature to instill in the Board
- Discussed his image of building professionalism and stated it is one of the City being receptive to appropriate ideas
- Values Christine Level's long term experience and would recommend her elevated to a voting position rather than alternate
- Discussed having her fill the Category A position, but discussed the December 2017 term ending date as problematic – stated what was addressed in the interview and what she brings to the job would indicate a longer term on the Board
- Suggested Gregory Beale as the alternate or shorter term appointment
- Recognize Christine for her commitment by designating her into a full voting seat
- Stated the Council can appoint applicants into any category listed

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Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Thanked Christine Level for her commitment
- Stated Christine should be moved into one of the voting positions
- Discussed Gregory Beale as an alternate
- Would like to see Christine reapply in another year if she fills out the remainder of the term of the vacant Seat A
- Would hope to reappoint her next year

Councilmember Carnacchi concurred with the comments.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Would like to put Christine Level into a permanent voting position
- Worried to put someone else into that short term position
- Stated this is a great group
- Stated putting Gregory Beale into the alternate position makes sense

Vice Mayor Slayter concurred that putting Christine Level into a full member voting position makes sense.

Vice Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Carnacchi seconded the motion to appoint Ted Luthin, Christine Level, Cary Bush and Geoffrey Beale to the Design Review Board with terms and seats as follows:

Ted Luthin	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	B
Gregory Beale	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	D (Alternate)
Cary Bush	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	A
Christine Level	*December 31, 2017	Category	A – *To Fill remainder of term of Alexis Persinger’s vacancy)

Discussion:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- This allows Christine Level a vote at every meeting
- Stated she will need to re-apply a year from now at the term ending date
- Important to give Christine a fully recognized voting seat

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved appointment of Ted Luthin, Christine Level, Cary Bush and Geoffrey Beale to the Design Review Board with terms and seats as follows:

Ted Luthin	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	B
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Gregory Beale	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	D (Alternate)
Cary Bush	Dec. 31, 2018	Category	A
Christine Level	*December 31, 2017	Category	A – *To Fill remainder of term of Alexis Persinger’s vacancy)

Minute Order Number: 2017-025

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Glass adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 12:30 pm. A Special City Council Meeting on Goals and Priorities will be held Tuesday January 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 6:00 pm, at the Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC