

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### MINUTES FOR Meeting of December 15, 2020

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of January 5, 2021

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\*\*\*\*[GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20](#)\*\*\*\*

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**5:00 PM Convene Special City Council Meeting (ZOOM VIRTUAL FORMAT)**

**CALL TO ORDER :** Mayor Glass called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Una Glass – By video teleconference  
Vice Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Neysa Hinton – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Diana Gardner Rich - By video teleconference  
Councilmember Patrick Slayter -By video teleconference

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley

1. Interviews for Upcoming Vacancies on the Planning Commission (Responsible Department: Planning/City Administration)

PLANNING COMMISSIONER	TERM ENDING DATE
Patrick Wilson	December 31, 2020
Paul Fritz	December 31, 2020

The City Council conducted the following interviews for upcoming openings on the City of Sebastopol Planning Commission:

**Applicants and Interview Time:**

Kyle Falbo 5:00 pm  
Paul Fritz 5:20 pm  
Beau Anderson 5:40 pm

**City Council Action:** None Required. Interviews Conducted. Appointments to be made later in the agenda.

**Minute Order Number:** 2020-255

**ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING:** Mayor Glass adjourned the special meeting at 6:01 p.m. to the regular City Council Meeting.

**6:00 pm Convene Regular City Council Meeting (ZOOM VIRTUAL FORMAT)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Glass called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Una Glass – By video teleconference  
Vice Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Neysa Hinton – By video teleconference  
Councilmember Diana Rich - By video teleconference  
Councilmember Patrick Slayter -By video teleconference

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley  
Administrative Services Director Ana Kwong  
Fire Chief Bill Braga  
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom  
Interim Police Chief Don Mort  
Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

The following was presented:

- Proclamation – Proclaiming the “Locals Who Make a Difference” Recognition Program Honoree

**City Council Action:** Presented Proclamation – Proclaiming the “Locals Who Make a Difference” Recognition Program Honoree

**Reference Order Number:** 2020-256

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda):**

David commented as follows:

- Thanked the City Council and welcomed new City Councilmember, Diana Rich.
- Talked to past Councils about how the method of election that we use is not representative
- It wastes votes
- Has other problems too.

- Because it's so susceptible to vote splitting, it discourages people from running because if too many people run, the chance is that all of them will be defeated increases significantly.
- It discourages voters from voting
- In the last vote, I've talked to voters who said, I'm only voting for one City Councilmember.
- Second choice could be somebody that is competitive also, and the voter does not want their favorite City Council candidate to lose.
- Because of the failures of the election method that we've used, the vote for two election method, voters choose not to fully express their preferences to the extent they can.
- They're very limited under this system.
- Wanted to say that this could be the last election that we use such a backwards, dysfunctional election method.
- We could be using something that produces, is designed to produce much more representative results, fewer wasted votes.
- Avoids the problems of vote splitting.
- One of the examples of that would be ranked choice voting.
- Making a change to ranked choice voting does require some lead time.
- We could have something on the ballot in March of 2021 where voters have a chance to approve and make that change.
- Getting that on the ballot and doing some of the preparation work would involve the City Council deciding they want to do something about that and getting the process started sometime in the early of next year
- If you choose not to do that, then it will be really easy to say we don't have time to do this anymore.
- Encouraged the City Council to get that started so that Sebastopol can really live up to its billing as a progressive City.

Elizabeth commented as follows:

- We were chartered last year.
- We're looking to get involved deeper into our community like our predecessors did.
- Discussed the member that purchased all the materials, built the gazebo passed away last year.
- Her husband, who is in his 90s, still lives here, would love to see her name up there.
- We rebuilt the gazebo, sanded it and stained it and we'll have support with Sonoma County Parks
- They paid for all the materials to do this.
- We're doing some landscaping around.
- Took the plaques down, and they're in my possession. There are many members that need to be updated.
- Wanted to put it out there that if the City Council has a record of the Sebastopol club, it would be great to get that
- Spoken with City Councils in the past about potentially being some funding to help with this renovation and with the plaques
- Wanted to plant that seed

Evert commented as follows:

- Wasn't able to speak at the last Council meeting, so I wanted to congratulate the two City Councilmembers recently sworn in.
- Diana Rich and Neysa Hinton

- Congratulations, you had better get on it, you have a lot of work to do.
- Want to express my appreciation for Michael Carnacchi
- Have the unexpected privilege of gaining their friendships.
- Look forward to working together more in these difficult times.
- Our community faces challenges ahead, providing for themselves and their families, basic needs of food, shelter, and education challenges for their children. Including business owners, sustaining losses along with livelihoods and everything invested.
- This is even more of a challenge to the Latino community.
- We have to lend our support, and there are a variety of ways to do that.
- Supporting our businesses and neighbors who are economically and emotionally suffering.
- Looking to start a support network for stay-at-home workers, and to support them to be able to work at home.
- There's a lot of benefits to that, by not commuting as much, they are helping the environment, and hopefully they're around their families more and able to support local businesses.
- So if you're interested in this project, please contact me.
- Wish the Council and City staff success in the upcoming year and a better 2021.

Suzanne commented as follows:

- Believe that we've elected an excellent City Council.
- There were other members running who also had a lot to offer.
- Truly appreciate all.
- Comment related to shelter less individuals who are part of our community.
- Realize we have on our agenda the Sebastopol Inn but hoping to have some further topics on future meetings including safe parking.
- Believe we only have maybe five safe parking spots at one of the churches.
- The other ones, because of COVID, et cetera, evaporated.
- We have Morris Street which was unofficially safe parking.
- Think we need more moved from there, so it's not affecting the businesses all the time.
- know there are a lot of trucks and trailers parked throughout town.
- Hoping that we can move in the direction of some very low, very low-income housing.
- However we get grants if it comes through California
- For those of you who don't know, I belong to two groups that help with homeless, with the one in Sebastopol led by Arthur George and Homeless Action

Colleen commented as follows:

- Been a shelter less person in Sebastopol.
- Taken shelter with the County with the people with special needs in COVID from Sonoma State at Alliance Redwoods
- Welcome new Councilmembers.
- Requested a phone call from Councilmember Rich
- Appreciate the recognition of the peace town events person
- Compel the City Council to make a difference
- Asked why is it Donald Trump the one who wants to bring the troops home.
- Why aren't we hearing from the Sebastopol City Council and those across the country with the defense spending Bill, the defense authorization act.

- Want to compel off of you at this time, immediately, to apply your recent oath of office to uphold the constitution and support it, especially now.
- These are unconstitutional war powers which makes these war crimes.
- We don't have the money for this.
- We need to take care of our City and County and state.
- We need to change the policies no matter which particular political party holds power and sway.
- Stand by the Constitution.
- If you were to take a page from Congresswoman Barbara Lee, the only one who does not have the blood of Afghanistan unconstitutional war on her hands - No matter what gender or race she is, as an American who swore that oath and stood by it
- You put forward three resolutions calling on the Bush administration, where were you on Obama and Trump?
- We don't have a printing press for the money to take care of this COVID nonsense.
- Stop unconstitutional wars.
- Obey your oath, please.

Matthew commented as follows:

- First time joining a digital conference.
- My business had an agenda item, and I'm curious if it was brought up before I was able to log in.
- We're advocating for a public parklet on the town square to benefit the local businesses.
- To help us winter and survive what are really unprecedented times for small businesses but especially restaurants and hospitality businesses.

Jim commented as follows:

- I just want to say I'm in favor of ranked choice voting.
- From what I've read about places where it's done, it really gives people more of a sense of their voting
- Is it true that the car wash item has been pushed to January?

City staff commented there was a public hearing scheduled for tonight, but it has been continued to January 5th, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. This delay was requested by the applicant.

Ernesto commented as follows:

- I just wanted to thank the current City Councilmembers and any past Councilmembers that were involved and have been involved in the entire process of the bike lanes in Sebastopol.
- Lived here 44 years, went to school, grew up in this town.
- Love this town.
- Think it really helps to define who we are as a community.
- Use it daily
- Huge bike enthusiast.
- Of course there are pros and cons.
- They've been debated, at nauseam.
- See more people using it
- It's going to become increasingly more utilized.
- Hope that, if any future, anything comes up in the future, possibilities to increase our bike lane capacity in this town

- Tremendous amount of support.
- Think we hear a lot of frustration, which sometimes is completely legitimate, about the impact it's had on traffic, for example.
- Don't think you hear enough from, I would guess, the silent majority that just loves it.
- Really appreciates what you guys have done.
- Sometimes think you hear so much negativity.
- Not enough people give you credit and thanks for supporting that.
- Don't even know how involved the Council was - just assuming you had a major part of it.

**STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** There were none.

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

2. Discussion and Consideration of Appointment(s) to the City of Sebastopol Planning Commission (Responsible Department: Planning/City Administration)

Mayor Glass presented the agenda item recommending the City Council appoint applicants to the two openings on the Planning Commission for a term ending date of December 31, 2024.

Resident or Owns a Business in Town (2 Seats).

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Was impressed by all three.
- All three are community minded, passionate, committed to a balance of prosperity and economics and community needs and commitment to our identity as a small town.
- Paul Fritz – have to recognize his incredible depth of experience and that he brings to the position, having been there as long as he has. Also uniquely offering the perspective of an architect. Those are really compelling to me. Definitely would put him at the top of the list of these three stellar candidates from my perspective.
- Kyle Falbo and Beau Anderson - shared a lot of common factors.
- Longtime residents of Sebastopol, very interesting backgrounds, community engagement, a commitment to the goals, balanced goals.
- Looking at those two, it was a hard call but have to say that the difference between the two of them:
  - Kyle has this mathematics, analytical brain that collects research and also has this experience with North Bay Labor Council, the mediation, team building piece.
  - Beau has the experience putting together proposals, both are wonderful candidates.
- It's the difference between Kyle's constant and persistent and consistent presence at our City Council meetings and his demonstration of his commitment to community engagement in that way and also the fact that he did attend a Planning Commission meeting. To me, that was compelling.
- If had to choose two, I would be so upset, but I would go probably with Paul and Kyle.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Hoping that we would agree easily and quickly on Paul as the first choice.

- Based on his real professional experience and all his professional commitments really dovetail with the land use work and the efforts of the Planning Commission.
- He's shown to us time and again how forward thinking he is, how out of the box thinking he is, and how energetic he is, and how much he's able to get done in a very well-spoken, respectful way such as pulling things together like the parklets.
- Think he's offered remarkable service, and I would like to see him continue.
- Hoping others feel the same way about that first choice.

Councilmember Hinton

- Comfortable going with Paul as our first choice.
- Think it's not just about his profession and how long he's been there, although he's been on the Planning Commission since 2016.
- He's just a super energetic member of the community and of the Planning Commission.
- His communication style and getting those parklets and communicating, getting things going has been super helpful
- In favor of reappointment of Paul Fritz

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- The knowledge that Paul brings, everyone has already said it.
- It's not just because we share a profession, but the way that he practices architecture is appropriate. It's what we all try to strive for.
- That obviously does carry over to his Planning Commission work.
- He was on the general plan update committee and has a deep understanding of urban patterns and urban growth.
- In favor of reappointing Paul.
- As far as the other open seat, agree with what Councilmember Rich just said that we have two candidates who each bring strengths.
- My personal preference is leaning towards Beau.
- Because of his background, think that he would occupy a unique place in the history of the Planning Commission with two young kids, and a renter, and his perspective as somebody of a person of color and a cultural background that has not had a tremendous amount of representation on the Planning Commission.
- That's a really important component to equity and equality.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion to approve the following to the City of Sebastopol Planning Commission:

- Paul Fritz

Mayor Glass called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

**VOTE:**

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

**City Council Action: Approved Paul Fritz to the Planning Commission.  
Minute Order Number: 2020-257**

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Hate to compare it to the City Council race, but great candidates, and we only have two spots.
- Just reappointed Paul Fritz.
- Appreciate what Councilmember Rich stated
- We have gotten to know Kyle by him being a really active participant and public speaker.
- When I saw he applied, was really excited.
- Then we looked over the applications and tonight in the interview, it's just why you can't make up your mind ahead of time.
- Was so impressed by Beau
- Discussed his work with the fifth district, born and raised here.
- Leaning towards Beau as my choice tonight.
- I want Kyle to stay involved, and he promised us he would.
- Think that Beau brings, as Councilmember Slayter pointed out earlier, he's a renter, he has small children, he was born and raised here.
- Sounds like he has a diverse background, not just color, but in life experiences that he shared with us during the interview.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I actually am once again struck by every time we have one of these choices to make here in Sebastopol, I'm struck by how many incredibly talented and smart people we have in town.
- How even if we just say no this time, hopefully the person that is not the person who is appointed this time will re-apply the next time there's something open.
- We keep getting more and more great people on our boards.
- Think we have just a really exemplary commission, design review board.
- We have great people in this town.
- I've been really appreciating Kyle's charts and graphs.
- Have enjoyed some of his out of the box ideas, and I kind of ran with one the other day that had to do with insurance.
- Think he's a very committed person to our community.
- On the other hand, I'm very, very appreciative of Beau's experience with understanding how things work in the fifth district, and his understanding of what is going on with the County and the interface between the County and the City.
- Support Beau with the caveat that I would really hope that Kyle immediately applies for the next opening.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- This is kind of fun because it's a little in the reverse of what you just said
- Listened to Kyle through this interview after reading his application and also experiencing his comments at our meetings with those really interesting graphics behind him that he often puts forward for us.
- I love the forcefulness of his intellect and his courage in speaking up for what he's thinking.

- Listening to him answer questions about the Planning Commission here, I thought, we should refer this applicant to our Supervisor and give him an appointment for the County Planning Commission, because he seems to have the 80,000-foot view looking on the West County, talking about agricultural history, and the interface between rural and urban.
- Encourage him to do that.
- Think he would be really valuable in that sort of setting, something more regional, not just Sebastopol.
- Agree with the comments about Beau.
- Really see him as he's been described as a person who will add a new and different perspective to our Planning Commission.
- One that hasn't been included for a really long time, as so many of our people are retirees or people with more time than others have.
- Really liked Beau's demeanor.
- Found his presence to have a lot of equanimity, the sort of calm professionalism and seriousness and sincerity.
- Know Councilmember Slayter mentioned that he's worked with Beau on Sonoma Clean Power.
- Think from that experience would confirm what I recognized in an interview.
- Would recommend Beau Anderson to the Planning Commission

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Absolutely fine with Beau.
- We'd be fortunate to have these two individuals Paul Fritz and Beau Anderson as appointees to our Planning Commission.
- All three are incredible people who bring very interesting perspectives
- Was impressed specifically with Beau's ability to respond to my question about what do you have in your background that really is applicable to Planning Commission.
- Think he's got that and brings in an articulate way that connects with others a community engagement piece
- Did also appreciate his background, that clearly had him going out to the community to engage the community in an increased way.
- On board to appoint Beau Anderson
- Kyle will be there us

Mayor Glass opened for public comment: There was none.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Slayter moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve the following to the City of Sebastopol Planning Commission:

- Beau Anderson

Mayor Glass called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

**VOTE:**

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

**City Council Action: Approved Beau Anderson to the Planning Commisison.  
Minute Order Number: 2020-258**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Glass read the consent calendar.

Mayor Glass questioned if any Councilmember(s) wanted to remove any item(s) from the consent calendar.

- Councilmember Slayter – quick comment about item number 7.
- Vice Mayor Gurney – quick comment about item number 7
- Councilmember Rich commented she would need to abstain from Item Number 3.

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- Commented the County has updated the health order to be more restrictive so that outdoor seating isn't allowed at this time.
- The way this item if approved tonight would not be implemented until the restrictive order is loosened so that when outdoor seating is allowed again is when they would implement the parklet and staff would oversee that and coordinate the business on that.
- Additionally we did get one question in terms of the expiration of this.
- The other public parklets are on Caltrans land and permitted up to a certain point.
- For this item the intent is it would be during COVID restrictions, once restrictions were gone than it would be removed.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Just wanted to make sure for everybody else who's interested, the County has promulgated a document that explains what a compliant parklet is and what a non-compliant parklet is.
- There are some things in there that you might be surprised turn something into a non-compliant parklet.
- Would recommend that everybody refer to that County document
- So just to make sure, we are in compliance.
- We don't want any of our businesses or even the City putting up a parklet that then causes us to have heartache with the County.
- We don't need code enforcement from the County rolling into our little town.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Assuming our situation improves and outdoor seating is allowed again that we might have more interest in parklets
- I know there's a discussion between the library, friends of the library and senior center with caring the whole parklet group and putting one in that lot as well.
- We'll have to see what the future brings them.

Mayor Glass asked for Public Comments on the Consent Calendar Item(s):

Deborah commented as follows:

- Want to say thank you so much to this Council, I've been here 35 years and been to many Council meetings and never seen a better City Council

- Want to say as a small businesses owner I've been on main street for 21 years, one of the older places downtown.
- Want to do whatever is needed to support my -- my local businesses.
- In favor of the parklet if that is something that really works.
- Will say they did put a parklet right in front of our store and it's been very disruptive to our business
- Put the parklets to people who will enhance their businesses right now.
- We are all struggling downtown and any obstruction to making it easy for people to park, which is already so difficult downtown, I think we need to assess that properly.
- Do take COVID extremely seriously.
- I have a daughter born and raised here, one is a daughter is a nurse working on the frontline, so I want to support each business but want to look at the placement.
- Requested to move that one in front of Sumbody
- Our customers can't find parking.
- Again, whatever any individual business needs a completely want to support.
- Know the merchants downtown who don't have restaurants don't really like the placement where they are on that main street.

Matthew commented as follows:

- I want to thank you guys as well for taking the time to hear our comments today
- What we're proposing is hopefully dining space to accommodate two vendors in the area
- Hoping to set up a tent that won't block access to other businesses but will give us more immediate access to allow our guests to have a covered dining experience during the winter months, which, assuming we get to the point we can reopen, patio dining will be vital to sustain our business through what has been literally a catastrophically tough year.
- Our revenue as a restaurant is down over 60 percent from Year-to-Date last year.
- This is a restaurant that is been remarkably consistent in its growth and potential and getting ready to open our second restaurant in downtown Sebastopol.
- We're just looking for a life line.
- Hoping the City Council will work with us on this.
- We're looking for this to be a temporary solution.
- We're hoping this is something that will just be needed through the rainy season.
- We feel that potentially as long as it helps maintain with us taking the lead will also benefit farmer's market guests and patrons who will be looking for a place to sit and relax, proper social distancing during the winter months
- It can be challenging to get people out to support those businesses as well.
- The COVID pandemic for restaurants in particular has been basically an unmitigated disaster without real Federal Aid
- Without meaningful State aide we've not been able to find a path to get our business back to profitability
- Without this the prospect of not having 15 seats or so on our current patio it's really hard for us to see a path forward.
- I really appreciate everyone's effort.

Butch commented as follows:

- Own gallery downtown

- Would be supportive of more park space, parklets and the one in the back there seems like I would totally be supportive of doing that properly.
- I think if necessary, there could be maybe a couple more of those around town
- Did have a couple issues about the one that's out on main street
- We have two, but one in front of the music store and they're trying to get that together to start something to bring people downtown on the street there, but we have a -- really have a parking space situation there.
- We have eight spaces taken for those four restaurants that are there and then when you have a parklet there, I believe that leaves us with about six spaces for the whole street.
- Just wondering if there really is that much need to have two spaces at a time for restaurant and maybe could share with all of the businesses down there, that we could actually have somebody park there that maybe can't walk a block away to our store. Especially when the weather's changing.
- It seems like we have two-thirds of the whole space taken up on that side of the street.
- We're supportive of putting parklets making this in every way possible making it, especially we're in California so we can be outside most of the year, making it better for everybody.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Wanted to say to those people who have been talking, please do stay in touch with our planning director Kari who is on the screen with the yellow background waving.
- She's the person that is really the interface person for the planning department who would be in charge of parklets, and so we are very interested in downtown merchant's feedback about what works for you, what doesn't work.
- Just remember we're trying to balance the wants and needs of the entire downtown and a lot of different businesses.
- But we really want to hear from you.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Hinton seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 3.

Mayor Glass called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

**VOTE:**

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

3. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 17, 2020 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 17, 2020.**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-259**

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Mayor Glass called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

**VOTE:**

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

4. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 1, 2020 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

**City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 1, 2020**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-260**

5. Approval of Extension of Emergency Proclamation of Local Emergency (COVID-19) issued by the Director of Emergency Services (Responsible Department: Fire Chief)

**City Council Action: Approved Extension of Emergency Proclamation of Local Emergency (COVID-19) issued by the Director of Emergency Services**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-261**

6. Approval of request to solicit bids for Repaving Local Streets, Contract 2020-05 (Responsible Department: Engineering)

**City Council Action: Approved Request to solicit bids for Repaving Local Streets, Contract 2020-05**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-262**

7. Approval of a Fourth Public Parklet Southwest of Weeks Way (Responsible Department: Planning)

**City Council Action: Approved Fourth Public Parklet Southwest of Weeks Way**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-263**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION: NONE**

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

8. Presentation and Discussion from County of Sonoma on Project Homekey/Purchase of Sebastopol Inn. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) notified the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC) that grant funding was awarded to the County for the purchase the Sebastopol Inn as part of the State's Project Homekey. The County of Sonoma will be presenting its plans and answering question at this City Council meeting. (Requestor: County of Sonoma/Responsible Departments: City Administration/Planning)

Mayor Glass introduced the agenda item.

- This item is presentation and discussion from County of Sonoma on project home key/purchase of Sebastopol Inn
- The California Department of Housing and Community Development had notified the Community Development Commission that grant funding was awarded to the County for the purchase of the Sebastopol Inn as part of the state's Project Homekey.
- The County of Sonoma will be presenting its plans and answering questions at the City Council meeting.
- This is a really big issue in town.

- A lot of people have sent in e-mails and is something of concern to our community.
- Because there's so much information flying around, I wanted to just clarify a few things
- Discussed the chronology
- This is a County project, the City of Sebastopol does not have jurisdictions over this project.
- When the County purchases a building it magically becomes a little island of the County within our City limits and they have jurisdictions in terms of building inspection, planning, et cetera, et cetera.
- The City actually cannot take a vote on yes or no on this.
- What we are doing here is providing a forum for the County to provide information to our community about what this project is all about, and we're also as a City working to get public input so that we can ask the County for certain things regarding this project.
- We as a community, as a City can send a letter or ask our Supervisor or say things to the County about what we'd prefer to see about this project.
- That's what this forum is all about.
- It's when community input and giving input to our County.
- Councilmember Slayter and I are the housing subcommittee of the Sebastopol City Council and we've been engaged with this particular issue since August.
- The issue first came up when there was the state of California said that it would provide a quantity of money for municipalities and for local government to purchase primarily hotel rooms and other rooms in order to house COVID-sensitive people, or COVID-vulnerable individuals who are homeless during this pandemic.
- So there was a big pool of money made available for local government to apply for grants.
- The County of Sonoma applied for grant money for a couple of locations.
- One of them was the Azure hotel.
- One of them was the Sebastopol Inn.
- Supervisor Hopkins contacted the housing subcommittee which also happened to be the agenda review committee back in August soon as we got notice of that notification that this would be considered we put it on the next possible City Council so that our community could be informed about this project.
- We had a City Council meet being this in August.
- We had a lot of community input and the County took that under consideration.
- They applied for the grant and it turned out the grant was rejected in that round.
- The project seemed to have disappeared and kind of died an immediate death.
- Then out of this big pool of money, cities from all over Northern California, counties from all over Northern California were applying for these funds, one of those projects fell through and then our County was notified, uh-huh, guess what the money's available again.
- That was just a couple weeks ago.
- Soon as that happened the County notified us of this and we put it on the very next possible City Council meeting as a forum for the County to make a presentation again.
- Meanwhile the housing subcommittee has discussed this matter and talked with our Supervisor Hopkins who is being very good at keeping us apprised of what's going on with this matter, and we've talked with and have been getting information from the Community Development Commission which is a Department of the County of Sonoma.
- Different agency, not the City.
- Committee then advised our City staff that we felt we had heard a number of priorities come out of the meeting that we had back in August.

- Those priorities we heard and passed on to County staff, I'm sure they heard it too, which was, who is planning to operate this facility.
- It's very important to us to have a local operator who knows our community and is going to be very adept at operating this so it can be successful if this is what the County's going to do.
- Second thing was how is the County going to mitigate our loss of bed tax TOT money because they're taking this hotel away
- It means we as a City have less income, so is the County going to help us with that?
- Then, a third item was public safety and public works.
- What kind of impact is this project going to have on our City?
- In terms of the expense we have for public safety and public works and the various functions of our City government.
- Then the last thing was there any funding or any additional help that the County could provide to us as a City for one of our partners or in some way to help us with homeless outreach and social services that we really would like to be providing to the homeless population here in our little City that has a budget of around \$7.5 million for our entire City.
- These are the issues that I know our City management has been interfacing with County staff about these issues.
- In response to that we sent a long list of questions to the County and I'm sure that they're going to be answering those questions and talking about how they're going to address that's issues in the presentation that they're about to give to us now.
- The County will be giving us a presentation and then the City Councilmembers have the opportunity to ask any additional questions to the County, and then after that we will open up for public comment so we will have public comment from all of you out there in two-dimensional land and you can make your comment.
- After public comment, we will give the County an opportunity to address any additional questions that are raised by the public and then after that, finally after all of that then the City Council will deliberate and talk about how we want to, if there's anything we want to do or respond to this project, how we want to treat this, do we need to send a letter?

Director Robinson made a presentation to the City Council.

Michele Pintina, DEMA, presented to the City Council.

- We're really grateful for the opportunity to be with you this evening.
- Believe we made a commitment at the previous Council meeting that we would be back before your Council as well as engaging the community outside of this process if and when the project was funded and approved by the board of Supervisors.
- That has happened and we are back tonight to begin what we believe is just the beginning stages of having community engagement and conversations regarding this project.
- I'm joined this evening by Tina Rivera, the assistant director of the Department of Health and Community Development Commission and also our government affairs manager.
- Michelle Fedima currently running medical case management support at our noncongregate site where COVID-vulnerable homeless individuals are currently being sheltered and providing those services to support -- work with the population right now that will be coming to Sebastopol as part of this project.

The County provided a presentation to the City Council and community. (A copy of the presentation was attached to the staff report and available on the City of Sebastopol website.

Mayor Glass opened for questions of staff/presenter.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- I'd like to let the community understand a little bit that last year when I was the Mayor and also on the housing subcommittee, the Council's committee did have a lot of conversations
- Met with Fifth district Supervisor, with CDC staff, with Director Robinson, with potential providers, with different community groups and resident groups
- Met with the local businesses at the Gravenstein station.
- To those folks here this evening I'm trying to put together another meeting.
- Have to continually remind myself in something like this that I probably know a little bit more about it than most people and it's important for me it understand that remind myself of that and having questions asked is vital.
- From the very first phone call I had from our fifth district Supervisor about the potential for Project Homekey and the Sebastopol Inn I've started a list of questions and concerns and we have five- or six-pages worth of those questions and concerns that our staff has actually that's a condensed version of all the different things that have come in, trying to group like things together.
- The Council has been listening and we have been providing that to the County in various ways to our Supervisor, to staff, to CDC staff, and so all of that has happened and the need for us to all understand all the questions and then get all the answers that we as a community are asking for is vital.
- I keep looking at the participant number on zoom -right now we're at 104.
- That's a hearty meeting. I thank everyone for coming out.
- The number of e-mails I have received, the full Council has received, the staff has done gentlemen's work to make sure we're all equally communicated with.
- Your thoughts have been illuminating and the questions have been direct and pointed.
- That's what we need to keep our focus.
- So, for me as a Councilmember I don't have any additional questions right now.
- I wanted to make sure everybody understood that this is something that has moved, when it moves it moves very rapidly.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Wanted to initially echo Councilmember Slayter' s comments, amazing number of questions that have been forwarded and I'd like to just emphasize that it's important to the public that those questions be answered at some point.
- I see a major commitment from Director from Director Robinson, from DEMA from our Supervisors to ongoing communication.
- Applaud that commitment.
- We've seen them in action and they're here today after I'm sure a very, very long day.
- I'd like to put it out there as just something to consider as we look at our incredible population
- There are concerns and there are a lot of mixed -- mixed voices also.
- There's a lot of support and I'd like us to embrace that opportunity as a community, that positive, passionate sense and the County's commitment to a continued conversation and suggest we

consider as we move forward the opportunity for an ad hoc subcommittee that would focus on transitional issues.

- I just want us to realize there's an opportunity for a conversation that would commit a couple of two-by-two sort of arrangement.
- Supervisor, Director Robinson Robinson's office with two City Councilmembers, City staff, it could be the vehicle for continuing conversation for reporting out from the County, for keeping our community engaged, for making this what could be in my mind an amazing opportunity it to succeed on an issue related to the unsheltered.
- So that I just put that out there as an opportunity for us to consider as the community voices their concerns.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Just wanted to make sure that as Councilmembers we all submitted questions and feedback and that's at the end of the agenda item for the public to see - It's almost four pages long
- Just want to bring forth one major question that maybe Director Robinson can answer for us because it was in the presentation, and that is that the County is saying to security guards patrolling on site and there's so many other questions but just because that was in the presentation tonight.
- I just wondered if she knew for sure is that in addition to an on-site 24/7 manager within the property.
- If you could confirm that.
- There are so many questions we'll have to ask and answer through a process.
- Obviously, they're not all going to be all answered tonight.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- To that point, we want to be open and transparent and responsive to the questions we have received.
- We tried to design our presentation to answer some of those questions, and we're absolutely committed to giving responses
- Agree it's going to be important for everyone to feel that their voices were heard, and they received a response to their question.
- Michelle laid out kind of how the operations in the program runs.
- That program and operations would be the same at the Sebastopol Inn with Michelle's team, and they coordinate with the security guards there, someone who lives onsite, and that's the model we're replicating at the Sebastopol Inn.
- They'll be living there, security is 24/7, and that person is engaging.

Michelle, DEMA, commented as follows:

- We run 24/7. I run one R.N. and one tech A.M./P.M., and I run a shelter service person, A.M./P.M., 24/7.
- You always have three of my personnel onsite and a house manager comes onsite two to three days a week, and I have 24/7 staff there.
- The site is never left alone.
- We meet with security about two to three times a week, making sure we're all in agreement on the operations and the way things are running.
- We find any type of thing that we need to address immediately, and it is addressed immediately.

- We talk together, we meet together, we collaborate on changes for improvements, and I can tell you that our sites have been running incredibly well.
- We rarely, rarely, rarely ever have an incident.
- At the Astro, we've hardly ever called the police for anything.
- There's absolutely no need to do that.
- My staff is all trained in CPI, a de-escalation technique.
- I require all of my staff to do that, so they can de-escalate any type of aggression
- They're trained how to deal with that situation, and have both parties retreat safely, without having to have any type of robust intervention from police and obviously if it does come to that type of situation, we will call.
- However, we do not call very often because there's absolutely no need for us to do that.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Mentioned this was the first in a series of ongoing meetings.
- As Councilmembers, we have a lot of questions.
- We have 100 or more people out there with their questions.
- Councilmember Rich has already suggested one potential next step, which would involve some meetings that we would be in charge of.
- What was your original concept, the ongoing meetings?
- Heard there is one coming up on the 17th, but I've read it's limited to one hour.
- So given all the need for conversation about the situation and the exchange of information, I'm wondering what you're meaning by ongoing meetings

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Think with the approval of the project, our goal was to establish a direct line of communication with the community.
- One, to help with providing recommendations and feedback for how the services can be improved if there's a need to improve services.
- To help identify ways to integrate people into the community.
- We know individuals want to get back to their lives and be productive members of the community.
- So a lot of the work or conversations we want to have around what can the open space look like?
- For example, with the Inn, gardens, open space, dog tracks, and things of that nature.
- But also to hear legitimate concerns about what is happening at the site if those arise.
- So that's what we envisioned. We want to be responsive, We intend to be responsive.
- I think an hour was the time we were thinking would be helpful in terms of managing it.
- Especially if the conversations will happen at some regular interval.
- Monthly meetings, that's what we've established with the neighbors and neighborhoods in and around the hotel.
- That's what we were thinking, how do we get to a place where we're coming together and supporting this project, and what does it take for people to feel comfortable and confident that the County will manage the project well

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- There are so many questions
- There is 100 and something people.

- We can't think of every question that might come up.
- What is most important is that we feel that many of these questions are being answered, but that we feel confident in how the County is going to manage this, and that the County will manage it well.
- That their provider is going to manage it well and that there will be ongoing funding.
- I think those are three really important things.
- We can't go into every single detail but I think that's what we're really asking for, as a community.
- To have confidence that this is going to be a very well managed and successful project.
- I think that is our biggest issue.

Mayor Glass opened for public comment.

City staff requested members of the public to raise their hands to determine the number of speakers.

Based on the number of speakers, they Mayor reduced public comment to two minutes.

Dr. Laura Pollack commented as follows:

- I really appreciate everything that everybody is doing to house the previously unhoused.
- I have quite a lot of concerns about how you're addressing the business community there.
- I have not heard much of a plan to support the people with small businesses.
- I appreciate the meetings, but I have no idea about what the plan of action is, how to support the restaurants and businesses
- My business that has been there for 27 years
- Director Robinson and Michelle spoke to security for their homeless or previously without homed community but hasn't talked about how they're going to help support our customers and patients getting in and out of our offices.
- So my questions have to do with how is the community that's existing there going to be supported as DEMA comes in, as these communities that have all kinds of health concerns come in.
- What is our responsibility to our community that is already existing there?
- What the plans are for the Gravenstein business community? Our parking lot, what you want to share.
- Curious about what the plan is for us, there have been people talking to us, but I haven't heard a plan for us yet.

Oliver commented as follows:

- I live in downtown Sebastopol.
- I don't have a business, but I'm very aware of what is going on.
- My comments are directed exclusively to our many County public servants who appear unaware of the term no taxation without representation.
- Taking advantage of A.B.83 Homekey funding.
- Our numbers have remained unchanged in Sonoma County, despite spending \$136 million in 2019.
- 2020's evictions, over a half million are projected to lose their homes in two months.
- That will leave a lot more people needing help.

- We can quickly provide tiny homes for the price of the two hotels being commandeered by the County.
- Instead, Sebastopol is forced to give their hotel.
- You're converting 28 downtown hotel rooms for a tiny number of people while others go unhoused.
- The County chose to overlook all protocols, selecting and volunteering our downtown without any interest in input.
- So the question, are you planning any other forced requisitions of Sebastopol properties, without any public consultation, to continue wreaking havoc in an extremely difficult time?

Courtney commented as follows:

- I'm representing myself as a resident in Sebastopol.
- I love my town, my community, and I absolutely, wholeheartedly support this project.
- I'm pleased with the central Sebastopol location, and I'm pleased with the competent team of presenters and public servants.
- Very impressed with Director Robinson and Michelle.
- I believe the central location makes sense, so they're able to access resources and services like public transportation, City hall, our wonderful churches, our public library, our peace officers, grocery stores, public restrooms at the square, et cetera.
- Alleviating homelessness intelligently not only benefits our unsheltered, but it also benefits everyone.
- It's better for public health and makes it easier for social services to do their job effectively.
- It's humane, and we need more of that these days.
- None of us are immune to homelessness, by the way.
- Any of us could experience a traumatizing event, brain damage, paralysis, debilitating disease.
- Life events can be cruel, but we don't have to be.
- I would like to advocate that the Sebastopol Inn serve people from Sebastopol first, however you do that.
- I have a lot of faith in West County community services and hope they will have a large role in the implementation of services.
- It's my understanding that the previous owners wanted to sell the Sebastopol Inn.

Jim commented as follows:

- I live on Jesse street in town
- I'm on the board of directors of the Chimera art space.
- We discussed this, we're neutral on it.
- There isn't a strong opinion one way or the other.
- Personally, I hope it's a very successful project.
- It sounds like it will be well managed.
- My primary concern is this is now County land, right in the middle of Sebastopol.
- We've lost that forever.
- I would like to know what the long-term plans are, five, ten, 20 years from now.
- What can the County do, how long will the contracts be, because a well-run project in the heart of our town, will be successful for those people and for ourselves.
- Although, I'm concerned with the lack of hotel when COVID is done.
- We were on our way towards tourism as one of our major ways of succeeding here.

- Is the downtown hotel across from the plaza still on-track?
- I would hope that would be the case so we could replace those hotel units with what we're losing.
- What does the future look like, is my main concern?

Kyle commented as follows:

- I want to encourage those interested to visit the Palms project in Santa Rosa.
- To the untrained eye, it may be considered an eye sore, but it's part of the coping mechanism of the unhoused.
- I believe there's much to the mental health in coping that Sebastopol will have to come in regard to their biases surrounding homelessness.
- As part of educating the community, I suggest a community liaison serve on any governing board.
- It will be an advisory role, not trying to steer the direction of the project or push for any local vendor, but to educate and inform a City that is far removed from the discussion of homelessness in the County.
- There is likely to be some overlap in the dialogue between the projects.
- I want to commend the City in its efforts to providing support services so far.
- But that being said, I don't believe the project has been as efficient or effective as it could be.
- With the proximity of the two projects so close, it will be important to have clear dialogue.
- With regard to jurisdiction, with a recent visit to the Palms Inn, it was clear that the Sonoma sheriff's department will be regularly making their presence known as the Sebastopol Inn property.
- I believe now is the time for our City to enact an explicitly stated protocol, or else our City could be jeopardized.

Yolanda commented as follows:

- Just like our project, I think when we were working on getting our project approved originally, it really takes community involvement and feedback in order to have a successful business operating in Sebastopol.
- Unfortunately, this didn't really follow the normal protocols, and I think it does lead to obviously a lot of questions and a lot of which I still feel uncertain when they'll be actually answered.
- We're really impressed with what we're hearing about DEMA and we want to be supportive of the project but we want to ensure we understand the ins and outs of how it will operate.
- Most importantly, what the impacts to our businesses will be.
- We're a very small operation, and over the years we've had a lot of issues that have really been difficult to manage.
- We are really concerned about what this means for us as neighbors of the community.
- One of the other questions we have in terms of long term, what happens when COVID is under control?
- That's been the highlight of who the residents will be, those mostly impacted by COVID.
- Is that an ongoing plan, or will that change?
- One of our big questions is, how have the residents been vetted?
- Have they undergone background checks?
- Are there any registered sex offenders or other felons who would be in this housing community?
- Is that something you can share with us?
- We also talked about in the presentation you mentioned security.

- You said the purpose of security was to protect residents at the Sebastopol Inn.
- I wonder how security plans to protect the rest of the community as well.

Sunny commented as follows:

- I'm a resident of Sebastopol
- Really want to thank and commend the Council and the County for being able to act so quickly on these very limited time funds and this very small window of opportunity.
- Sounds like you got the application in on the day it was due, which is a huge process.
- Know everybody here sees this huge need in our County and our nation to address homelessness.
- We all care about it.
- Not heard of a better proposal than this in terms of the wraparound services.
- It was wonderful to hear about the social, emotional, medical, food support, and creation of communities.
- I loved hearing Michelle and Director Robinson talk about the emotional needs and people really feeling greater dignity, wanting to contribute to their communities.
- As a teacher, I've worked with teens for over 20 years, and I see that, when a student is really troubled, and we see them as a person, and you give them a chance to contribute and to have a dignified space, they really rise and become a wonderful part of the community.
- I'm so grateful there are professionals who will work in our community and bring that to people.
- Implore everyone to open their hearts and come to this with a positive attitude.
- I'm so grateful there will be that in our community.
- It makes our community safer when people in vulnerable positions have this support, rather than no support at all and being homeless.
- Thank you very the presentation, and I continue to be supportive and welcoming of this project.

Woody commented as follows;

- I live just outside of town.
- I really just joined tonight to express my general support for the project.
- Being a member of the Sebastopol community I feel like I can be proud of the Sebastopol community for doing its part to alleviate some of the tragedies out there and the situations with some of the homeless folks.
- There are a lot of questions, a lot of controversy.
- Hopeful that it can be a successful project and a good model
- I'm proud and glad the County and State are bringing forward the resources.
- Think it's something that the community can be proud of.
- Hope it can be worked out so everybody -- it's one of the win/win/win kinds of things.

Butch commented as follows:

- We've had four different locations.
- All four are basic vortexes for the homeless.
- We've seen how it worked and didn't work in several places.
- Laguna Beach ended up having the best one, they took the money that they were able to get by
- They used every fourth stall, parking meter, and they would paint it up with artwork, and all the money would go to the homeless.
- They ended up finding a place a mile down the road, and they would run a shuttle down, back and forth into town.

- There were showers and everything, and areas outside for them to live, sheltered areas, covered and non-covered depending on the season.
- They were fed and showered and had to come in at a certain time.
- Mendocino, there were some problems when someone burned down one of the main restaurants in town.
- I want to deal with the homeless, and people out the people that need help.
- I think it's a ridiculous amount of money for a very small amount of people who are being helped.
- \$100,000 a person, or \$100,000 a year for those places, I think, is ridiculous.
- You could house three or four times more people in another location and run a shuttle and not affect the downtown businesses in any negative way.

Jill commented as follows:

- I would like to echo the concern regarding the Gravenstein station businesses.
- I feel frustrated and defeated.
- Coffee Catz is up for sale.
- We have a real estate agent looking for a new location in a different City in Sonoma County.
- Our decision to move is up in the air, but we can't see how it's appealing to have a business in an area with so many issues with homeless in the area, shouting for extended periods of time - Causing me to be afraid to leave our business on Friday night, requiring me to call the police because I couldn't leave my business.
- I was too afraid.
- Had to call my husband and have him come up there.
- I love Sebastopol, and I've been a volunteer and a leader on a variety of nonprofit boards.
- I'm supportive of helping those who need shelter.
- But putting it in a downtown business area is ridiculous in such a small City.
- After the last meeting we had a few months ago, I realized that the leaders in Sonoma County don't really value the local businesses in Sebastopol that much, and it was time to start looking for a place that does.
- I'm asking for mitigation in the County for the loss of business, from the Inn, and also for the cost to move our business.
- If the County can provide mitigation for the City, why not for the businesses that are losing customers?
- If we lose our businesses from this, don't we matter as well?
- Isn't anyone worrying about us becoming homeless?
- It's already difficult during the pandemic.
- To have this happening to us, too, and I don't hear anyone addressing the businesses.
- How many businesses are we willing to sacrifice?

Tom commented as follows:

- I'm a resident of Sebastopol, and I wanted to speak in support of this.
- Really happy that this is happening
- Proud that it's happening here in Sebastopol.
- I think it's something that is very much needed.
- The main thing is it's important that management is handled correctly, and that there's enough funding and expertise and experience set to manage something like this.
- Director Robinson and Michelle certainly inspire a lot of confidence.

- Questioned the flood management plan
- Maybe the hotel already has one for the area, and it can be applied.
- It's close to the Laguna, and we don't want that flooding to affect this

Gale commented as follows:

- I want to say I support this project.
- I'm really excited about what it will mean for people
- When you provide housing and services to people who have been unhoused, they appreciate it greatly.
- Their behaviors that have been previously unsavory sometimes generally improve.
- Wonder if the County is willing to consider a plan for housing people after the COVID problems where there is a vulnerability index and a location index.
- People who live in the City and surrounding areas would have as much right and ability to occupy as anybody else at the same vulnerability index.
- After the COVID problems are solved or controlled, will there be an actual request for a proposal for operating the Sebastopol Inn project?
- What I hear from DEMA and from Director Robinson sounds very, very appropriate and maybe even more than is needed.
- Think it would be good to have a request for proposals where there is a judgment about who is best to serve in this particular location.

Kate commented as follows:

- After this presentation, some might wonder why this location?
- How can the County do this?
- The answer for why this location might be the fact that the owners of the Sebastopol Inn and the hotel are owned by the same people.
- Just made \$14.3 million.
- How can the County do this?
- The County wrote a grant that entitled them to disregard our local permitting process.
- They applied for a project where they don't have to follow local rules.
- The County bought the hotel for \$2.9 million.
- An incredible profit of over \$7 million in just ten years.
- I'm sure these investors were amazed at their luck, selling two hotels during a pandemic, significantly above appraised level.
- Typically, mortgages are based on appraised level, not pandemic magic money.
- No one except the State could have purchased these hotels because they wouldn't be able to get financing at these prices.
- No one except the State would have purchased at these prices because it makes no sense.
- This is exactly why we have permitting processes, a general plan, zoning laws, and community input.
- They're there to safeguard communities against short-term profit against limited interest of those who are more wealthy and more powerful.
- We need to re-engage the community process and reimburse the businesses at Gravenstein station.

Brian commented as follows:

- I'm concerned that putting a homeless shelter in a downtown business area of a town that thrives on tourism is likely to have negative effects.
- How many business failures is acceptable as a result of this homeless shelter?
- How many losses of livelihoods is acceptable?
- How many job losses through this homeless shelter is acceptable?
- They must have a number in mind and have come to a number of business failures and job losses as a result that they deem to be acceptable, and I would be curious to know what that is.
- Wonder what the plan is to compensate the local small businesses that will suffer from lost revenue.
- Michelle from DEMA said numerous homeless people have been in this program have graduated to living independently.
- I would like to know how many.
- What is the success rate of this program at getting people out of the shelters and living independently?
- Is the County is looking to compensate Sebastopol for the loss of T.O.T. tax, and what the plan is to accomplish that.

Kelly and Debbie, Coffee Catz, commented as follows:

- We just wanted to reiterate what Jill had said, and what Laura had said.
- We're happy that the homeless have a place to stay.
- However, it does affect my mom being able to sell coffee catz.
- People don't necessarily want to buy it because of this impending shelter behind coffee catz.
- Also concerned about the long-term outlook, once COVID goes away, who will be housed there?
- Also concerned about the security for the Gravenstein clients who come and go, and the businesses.
- Disappointed that the property management is not represented today for Gravenstein station.
- I've been there for 28 years, and I applaud having homeless but through having COVID, and then this, it's really been detrimental to my business.
- It's just too much for me and that's why I was trying to sell my business.
- Think that really, they should make it into a workplace and a soup kitchen, if they're going to do that, continue it in a beautiful way.

Efren commented as follows:

- I'm the housing development director for Burbank housing in Sebastopol and Sonoma County.
- There's a larger discussion Statewide that is the impetus of the funds and these programs.
- The \$600 million program called Homekey is focused on providing immediate housing relief for Californians experiencing homelessness.
- We believe this is an innovative initiative that provides both short-term and permanent housing to those experiencing homelessness.
- For a little history, I served on the board that originally hired director Robinson to run the health department.
- She's far exceeded all expectations to run that department and as folks know, recently she was tapped to also head the County's housing efforts.
- You can't have a more experienced and visionary leader in Director Robinson to take on this opportunity for the County in partnership with Sebastopol.

- I would encourage the Council to be open-minded and work with the County, work with your residents, and work with the businesses.
- A few decades back, we all recall the challenges that the community faced with the labor center.
- Many businesses and residents opposing that opening.
- Some of its most ardent opponents actually became its strongest supporters and I envision the same thing happening here in Sebastopol.

Tim Miller, West County Community Services, commented as follows:

- As has been mentioned and thank you to the Council for coordinating this with the County.
- We manage the property two doors to the East at park village.
- A wonderful partnership with the City that I think has met the expectations of the community and the residents.
- I would say in my opinion is Sebastopol Inn is an exciting and rare opportunity.
- I'd also like to give my vote of faith in DEMA, they've done an excellent job with the other sites that they're managing in the County.
- The other providers think very highly of them.
- Initially, we will not play a role in this, just to clarify.
- Perhaps when it's transitioned to permanent housing, we will but it will be DEMA, and we support them strongly.
- Being their neighbor two doors down, we look forward to providing what support we can.

Christy, Executive Director of the day labor center, commented as follows:

- I want to thank everyone who has spoken in support of this project.
- I've been working since 1994 around the issue of day laborers.
- We weren't able to open the day labor center until 2011.
- Because of the fears I'm hearing tonight, many of them were the same fears we heard from community members who made it difficult for us to secure a permanent hiring site.
- We had upwards of 150 workers on the streets at that time.
- So the day labor center, through our efforts, turned around the community and made it a better, safer, and healthier community.
- Truly believe this project will do the same for Sebastopol.
- This is the kind of community we all want to be.
- I don't live in Sebastopol, but I spend all my money in Sebastopol.
- Also an employee of the high school as well.
- Sebastopol is the center of my metropolitan life.
- We have a homeless community, we have elderly people older than 70 years old.
- These people need support.
- They need help, I hope that our, , when COVID is over, we're still going to have elderly, at risk, unhoused community members.
- So the need that this project presents will not go away.

Elizabeth commented as follows:

- I'm a resident of Sebastopol, but I've been a resident of the County for 45 years.
- In fact, I witnessed what Christy was talking about, a project starting with a card table, and then great resistance in a community, then becoming a good neighbor.

- I applaud and I'm so proud of the County for stepping up and taking this opportunity and the leadership of our Supervisor.
- This is a project that will save individual lives, I believe and will transform lives and empower them.
- I'm so impressed with the whole person approach of DEMA that is speaking to the dignity of the person.
- Also impressed by the emphasis on maintaining communication with the community and developing relationships with the community.
- Think that can really make Sebastopol a better place to live for all of us.
- Because the people that are going to live in these rooms at the parking lots at the Sebastopol Inn, they could be our relative or our friend and they're not tourists.
- They're our community members.
- We want them to feel that they're part of the community and we want to work the best way we can to make that happen.
- My only question would be, after COVID, will there be opportunities to volunteer at this, at the Homekey project?

Linda Collins, Sebastopol chamber of commerce commented as follows:

- If DEMA, had they been in place on the onset of these meetings, I would have probably walked away with a better feeling about moving forward.
- I don't want anybody to think we're heartless in Sebastopol, and we don't care about individuals.
- We do. We're very passionate about them. All the businesses are.
- However, I do not believe this is the correct placement for the unsheltered.
- I believe there are other areas we could probably use and put to good use.
- I'm very concerned about our local businesses, specifically in that general area.
- It started with Amazon, and then COVID, and now it's going to disrupt the businesses at the Gravenstein station, and the proximity of downtown.
- I'm very concerned for them.
- I believe that if the County can spend this type of money on two individual resorts, that they have the funds or will be able to find funds to compensate our local businesses that either have to close or have to move out of our town because they're unable to be sustainable at the specific spots that they're in.

Colleen commented as follows:

- You all know me from seeing me on your ballot for U.S. Senate in the primary trying to stop unconstitutional war.
- The path to me losing housing began with personal problems
- Lost the housing I had in Sebastopol City limits because you didn't have just cause eviction.
- Discussed personal problems and stated she is a different face of homeless.
- Accepted the County's help and assistance as a COVID vulnerable person.
- I'm better suited to be in Sebastopol than underneath the redwoods in the rainy season.
- I'm advocating to move to the Sebastopol Inn much sooner than later.
- Would like to put myself in the position to work with all of the rest of you as an advisory committee, on how to create the best situation for all of us.
- Businesses, individuals, how can we create community alliances.
- I'd also like tiny homes and the Green businesses in town to work on more permanent housing.

Sunali commented as follows:

- After being part of the initiation, some things I saw that were lacking were adequate mental health services and support with addiction.
- Wonder how the County will address that so those are met in a timely fashion.
- As far as the businesses go, Debbie and others, I've known you for a long time, we've done business together, I'm a business owner and a local resident.
- I feel like having vulnerable people on our streets is more of a jeopardy to the people who are housed and the businesses there than having them supported in these ways.
- I'm sorry that it affects us all in this way, but the more we take care of our folks, I think the more supported we'll all be.

Barbara commented as follows:

- I've been here for 47 years, I think it's our turn.
- I think Sebastopol is part of a community, a County that needs to take care of people who don't have what they need.
- Proud there's an opportunity to do so.
- Think the location is a little strange, and it will take some time and energy and challenges to work it all out.
- As an artist, I hope when the arts are included in any conversation, they're treated with respect, and the attention that they deserve.
- They're not just an activity.
- They're a way for people to really engage with themselves.
- We have an amazing group of local public artists.
- Just to have more of an awareness of the crucial role that the arts play.
- I just want to make sure that DEMA realizes that about the arts.
- What will they do when the crises are fixed, who will the hotels serve?
- I don't want it to become an us and them issue, I think there is really a chance for a bridge to be developed so that people of all different lifestyles can somehow understand one another better.

Supervisor Hopkins commented as follows:

- I appreciate the opportunity to speak
- I'm going to start off by playing the politician card, quoting Teddy Roosevelt.
- The best thing to do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing is nothing.
- I believe this is the first thing, the right thing.
- I do know that we can't continue doing that last thing, which is nothing, when it comes to homelessness.
- Unfortunately, the City of Sebastopol has experienced an uptick in homelessness over the past couple of years, which is documented by our point in time count.
- What we've seen largely thanks to the leadership of Tim Miller is that despite floods, fires, and a pandemic, we've seen a decrease in homelessness as a result of increased service provision.
- One thing I know that director Robinson has not had the opportunity to share with you yet, this morning at the board of Supervisors meeting, they voted unanimously to approve not only the acquisition of the Sebastopol Inn, but additional funding to benefit the City of Sebastopol to the tune of \$370,000 for increased outreach and service provision.

- A large chunk of that will be allocated directly to the City for you to be able to determine what the best way to spend that, to address the challenges you're seeing.
- And my deepest hope, of course, is that we actually see a resulting decline in homelessness as a result of that outreach and also as a result of a network of a Continuum of Care in Sonoma County.
- We're working on potentially extending the contract at alliance redwoods, that would provide the first door in, a place for folks to go and stabilize.
- From permanent supportive housing, they can move on to affordable housing.
- So we're creating sort of a pathway for rehabilitation for currently on the streets.
- I want to address some questions, a lot of folks kept referring to this as a homeless shelter.
- But this is housing. One is a transient use. Different people are there every night. But the other is they will have support in that housing.
- I wanted to address some of the concerns about the cost.
- I know it's very frustrating to members of the community when they hear how much the Sebastopol Inn cost to purchase.
- It's a big number. But it's actually a very cost-effective solution.
- Looking at data, the costs of even the most affordable unit is \$200,000 to \$250,000 per unit. And the Sebastopol Inn clocks in at \$207,000 per unit. So it's relatively affordable compared to the alternatives.
- You're dealing with a number of issues.
- The folks on the street are high users of our health and social services at the County, and also sometimes the criminal justice system.
- If we can get people off the streets and stabilized, that's an investment.
- That's something that the Sebastopol Inn will directly address, getting folks the care they need, when they need it.
- Finally, I want to acknowledge that the pace has been very quick for this, because it was this one-time funding opportunity from the State.
- Because we were having to deal with folks who were willing and wanted to sell to the County for this purpose.
- I want you to know, my commitment is to continue ongoing engagement with our community.
- I would look to the City Council for guidance on how to move that forward.
- I'm open to any form of collaboration.
- I want to make sure the County has your back, and that we're addressing any issues if anything does arise.
- I think that every single City Councilmember has my phone number, text me any time, day or night.
- I want to have a formal relationship going forward.

Mayor Glass called for a break at 9:11 pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I'm going to go through the questions that I am, that I have recorded here.
- We had several members of the public, particularly who are involved with Gravenstein station, business owners there, asked the question of what can the County do to support the businesses that are already there?

- Issues regarding the parking lot, and Gravenstein station, and generally what about the interface between the project and the businesses at Gravenstein station?
- So is there a response from your team

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Just from a prioritization perspective, we do have a lot of local people who have submitted questions that have already been submitted to Director Robinson's office.
- Are we simply answering the questions that have been submitted verbally?

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- My plan was this evening we would go through the questions that were part of public comment this evening. The questions were already submitted to the County
- The presentation that Director Robinson made was, and that DEMA made was partly to address those questions.
- If you want to revisit some of those questions after we go through the public comment then you could go back and ask the questions that were on the list that you feel haven't been answered
- I thought we would do the public comment part first.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- I was just looking through the gallery for Paul, who is our project manager for the acquisition, and I did not see him.
- I know this is a late evening for County staff and so we may need to circle back and get a response to that question

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- The question specifically is around how we're going to manage the parking lot
- It was actually a question that came from the doctor who has a business there.
- How would you manage the parking lot, but also how is the project going to be managed in terms of the interface with the businesses already there, and what is the County planning to do to help those businesses?
- I think that is what really is desperately needed, will be a meeting that is specifically between your team, between the County, DEMA and specifically those businesses to find out, to ask those kinds of detailed questions. I think that is what is needed.
- There probably aren't enough hours in this evening to go through every single individual question about that.
- I would encourage the County contemplate setting up a meeting specifically with Gravenstein station and the businesses there.
- Specifically because you're going to share a parking lot and be neighbors.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented

- There's a related question, which is, when we expand the neighborhood a little bit, the Barlow is expressing its concerns as well.
- So maybe two neighborhood groups, several meetings?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Part of the process is we provide some renderings or drawings of what the site could look like, what security could look like, what kind of fencing and operational improvements we can make to manage those types of dynamics.
- I'm sure we're able to work with the community partners and business partners there to do the same, and with regard to the question about what we are proposing to do for the business community, I believe Supervisor Hopkins mentioned today the board approving funding that will come to the City of Sebastopol we are talking about two different populations.
- We heard a lot from folks that are unsheltered right now or have been unsheltered for a period of time.
- We're specifically talking about people that have been unsheltered that we've brought in for the COVID response over the last seven or eight months and remain sheltered in our non-congregate site.
- I absolutely encourage that folks engage with you all in terms of how best to utilize those dollars to address the impact, , the broader impacts of homelessness within the City.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I think what we could do as a City is ask, stay in touch with your department, Director Robinson, and follow up to find out what meetings are going to be set up and when we can keep track of a calendar of what meetings are going to be available for the various constituencies.
- Specifically, I think it probably needs to be two meetings like the Barlow versus Gravenstein station, and there will be other constituencies that want to have individual meetings.
- It would be really great if your department could stay in that we can keep a calendar and we are in the loop and knowing when those meetings are going to be.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented I think it also would be helpful if all of us could have the drawings of the site that Director Robinson just referenced.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- They haven't been developed yet, but we absolutely will share them.
- We'll have them on our sites.
- We'll bring them to community meetings for feedback and input and where there's the structural changes for security reasons or other reasons, we absolutely want the community to weigh in and understand and get feedback.

Tina Rivera, County Staff, commented as follows:

- There are many questions about parking in the area, fencing, circulation around the main building.
- Do want to add that some discussions with Paul and our County counsel have begun with regard to the parking, so I know that he will be reaching out to the business community and those that the parking neighbors, to schedule those meetings, discuss and strategize with regard to the parking.

Mayor Glass discussed the following comments/questions from the public:

- Another question is what's the long-term plan.

- We're talking right now about responding to a COVID emergency, and that's it actually where this funding is coming from, is how do we deal in a pandemic with a very, very vulnerable population that can't be out there on the street.
- That's why the governor and the folks in Sacramento came up with this funding.
- What happens after COVID?
- We're all looking forward to that day.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Our current agreement with the State is that we operate the property as permanent supportive housing for COVID-vulnerable individuals.
- It just so happens that the vulnerability index in assessment tool that we've used to prioritize individuals that are unsheltered or homeless for housing and for vouchers, aligns with the criteria that we're using for folks to be placed at the Sebastopol or the Azure hotel.
- It's the same level and acuity that would rise to the top that would be placed into those permanent housing units
- Discussed prioritizing individuals.
- We are prioritizing unsheltered folks that came in from Sebastopol, at the County, from the Sebastopol end.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- That's very nice to know that you are prioritizing Sebastopol people.
- Even when we get beyond the COVID emergency, so we no longer have an emergency in place, you will still be housing people who have health vulnerabilities

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- The seniors, those are individuals who would rise to the top and we're in the process of revamping that to get at more vulnerability and acuity, so those are the individuals that we are focusing on.
- With the access initiative they're doing great work to identify those folks in the community, and that will be their ongoing role out in the County.
- We're confident that we'll particular sub population of homeless individuals into the housing.

Mayor Glass commented as follows;

- The executive director of West County community services expressed his very clear support for DEMA in managing this location.
- There is still a question from Councilmembers and also the public about once we get beyond the COVID emergency, is there going to be an opportunity, for an RFP process for WCCS which operates a very similar kind of program two doors away.
- Is there going to be an opportunity, an RFP process for them to perhaps operate this once the extreme COVID situation is over?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- As , the County has a competitive procurement process.
- Tim Miller and I have had a preliminary conversation, and he has expressed an interest in , the long-term vision and support for this project.
- We're grateful.

- I'm sure that Tim will be highly competitive in the RFP process, given his longstanding work and accomplishments in the West County and supporting populations that we're trying to serve in this permanent supportive housing development, and so we are looking forward to it.
- Tim has expressed his support, as you said, for the work that DEMA's doing, and interest in bidding for this particular project to serve as the provider for it.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- The question that is related to that is plans for the long term, then, what long-term funding is available for this?
- There's funding right now but what's going to happen in three years?
- Is this going to be an abandoned facility?
- Is this going to be a problem at facility?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- That is part of the planning work done.
- What is the source of fund on an ongoing basis? It is my philosophy we don't stand up pilot projects where there is not sustainable funding to support those projects.
- We worked hard to come up with a plan for covering the operational cost
- Tina Rivera has the details on that
- Individuals that will be moving into the Sebastopol Inn and will be having vouchers, so they'll be covering the cost of the vouchers for their housing

Tina Rivera commented as follows:

- We do have a State and Federal Funding sources that we'll be tapping into to offset or to fill in any gaps with respect to the operating funding.
- All of the capital expenditures were covered with respect to the Home Key funding.
- We do have a number of other funding sources, whole person care, et cetera, that we'll be tapping into for additional operating costs as we move forward.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Another member of the public was concerned about this location and the cost
- There's a lot of rumors or misinformation floating around about what the cost of this was compared to what the assessed value was or the appraised value
- When the people are talking about this being a problematic location, I just have to keep repeating that this is limited funding, only available till the end of this month, and there wasn't time for your agency to go out and search for things.
- What you were doing was responding to a very shortened time frame of funding and then basically negotiating on offers to sell.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- I want to be clear that this was not an eminent domain kind of situation.
- This project was announced by the governor in the summer, and we worked really hard to identify property all across the County.
- We did not force anyone to come to the table.
- This is one particular owner that expressed an interest in negotiating with the County in this project.

- The property appraised at the fair market value.
- They were referring to an appraisal document that we needed to submit as a placeholder for that operation
- That property appraised at value, and there are many factors that were considered in the appraisal process.
- If folks are looking at it from the perspective of operating a hotel, because this is going to be housing, many of the criteria that are used for vacancy rates and other factors weren't considered and contemplated, but other factors related to permanent supportive housing, those were considered in the appraisal methodology and process.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Understand there is this funding from the County – Happy to hear Supervisor Hopkins state that the County did approve \$370,000.
- I am wondering how that figure was arrived at – if the County could explain to the public where that number comes from and the kinds of uses that it can be used for.
- Think it was stated that it was up to the City but wanted to give you a little more opportunity to talk about where that number came from.
- I know our City manager was talking with County staff about the numbers

Supervisor Hopkins commented as follows:

- This was something that was worked out directly between the City Manager Larry McLaughlin and Sheryl Bratton our CAO
- It came out of the conversation that I had had independently with Councilmembers regarding the concern over the potential budgetary impacts of the loss of T.O.T. revenue.
- We did some digging to determine how much money that would be per year.
- We used that as a basis for a potential solution, wherein we could provide some one-time money and acknowledgement, not only of that budgetary impact but also in particular of the increased homelessness that we've seen in Sebastopol over the last couple years.
- The number that was originally reached between Larry McLaughlin and Sherryl Bratton was \$250,000.
- I actually came back with a second request, which was to consider some direct service enhancements that the County would provide in terms of potential outreach for homeless services to try to address some of the concerns that you all had been experiencing and got a back of the envelope calculation for what it would cost of 18 months of a full-time outreach coordinator for the City of Sebastopol and surrounding areas and that was \$120,000.
- We took the two and added them and that's where the number came from.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Another question asked by a member of the public was what's the plan for flooding?
- I was there during the last flood, and it was below the flood line.
- When I was there, I didn't see that it actually flooded, but what is true is that it gets surrounded by water, so then you can't get in and out, which is a pretty severe situation in terms of being able to get food and other things.
- What is the County working on for a flood plan?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- One of the considerations is there has to be a disaster preparedness plan for the operators and managers of the programming.
- Required to have a preparedness plan for fire mitigation.
- Require operators to develop those plans and be prepared to implement should the need arise.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Another, another question that came up from a member of the public was about the sheriff's department being called.
- Wondering if there is a need for police services, will DEMA be calling the sheriff's department or the Sebastopol police department?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Address the broader issue around law enforcement
- Michelle from DEMA can speak in terms of monitoring and law enforcement interaction.
- Believe it's a jurisdictional issue
- We're going to respect those jurisdictional boundaries, and it's in the City of Sebastopol, so we would be relying upon and working with and having meetings and communicating with the City of Sebastopol Police department to make them familiar with who's there, what the project is and how we're managing it.

Michelle from DEMA commented as follows:

- We call the local 911 system if necessary
- Want to address the gentleman who brought up the Palms. Our organization does not run the Palms, nor do we have any affiliation with the operators that run the Palms. We run a different program. I've been to the Palms myself.
- It's just differently run than we do.
- There are no drugs allowed on site, no alcohol allowed on site.
- Everybody is searched when they come in to make sure those things are not on site. No weapons. We work very closely with security.
- Rarely have we had an experience where we've had to call the police at any of the sites that we run.
- I think in the time we've been running them, maybe, I would say less than ten times, and that's over maybe the last five months or however long we've been operating these sites.
- Very rarely do we ever call the local police for any reason.
- Our team is fabulous.
- We work well with security and work very well with them in collaboration and are usually able to mitigate anything that's going on at the sites prior to having to Call any law enforcement to come in.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Added that the County does not run the Palms site either.
- Wanted to make sure to note the difference between the two things.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Discussed security – the subject of security was discussed with the Council at the time when Park Village was still within the County

- We worked out a cooperative agreement with the sheriff and other responders such that because it was so close to us, often our fire would be the first on call over there for a fire situation or other emergency like that.
- Same with our police department - so we've worked those out.
- We covered for them with respect to the Park Village facility, so I would expect it to be similar to the Sebastopol Inn.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I did wonder about it when I saw this question.
- As some people here know I actually manage a County-owned building within the City limits of Sebastopol.
- We have never considered calling the sheriff if there is any problem at what is the old Vets hall in Sebastopol
- Even though it is a County-owned building, it's always the Sebastopol Police that come to deal with the issues that we might have.
- We're completely surrounded by the City of Sebastopol.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- The reason for that is the first priority is always to get there quickly.
- Take care of whatever the issue is.
- Our people can respond more quickly.
- We essentially swap out our services for their assistance elsewhere.

Mayor Glass asked for Council questions and deliberations.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Might make sense to answer this question about drugs and alcohol, legal substances
- Heard DEMA say those things are not allowed on the facilities.
- We've heard a different answer to that question.
- Can we get accurate information on that?

Michelle from DEMA commented as follows:

- Our team is very firm on those rules and no drugs or alcohol are allowed on site period.
- They are confiscated at the front gate prior to walking in.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- There was a question about vetting of potential residents.
- The question was whether or not sex offenders being eligible to participate in the program.
- Discussed the future plan and vulnerability and location preference index
- Is that a possibility going forward?
- What about geographic preference?

Mayor Glass stated the County did address that and giving preference to Sebastopol and West County.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Heard a lot of comments from our public in various meetings and e-mails and communications that the physical appearance of the facility is of really high importance to our community.
- Need to see some sort of assurance and a plan for simple building maintenance as well as appearance standards, and it goes also beyond the actual building and the balconies
- Having assurance by the operators that the physical appearance of the facility will be maintained at least as good as it has been and potentially and preferably even nicer, and that also extends into the parking area and standards for operable vehicles.
- No oversized vehicles. Current registration.
- All of those things are just common standards that we see in other housing.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- It is our expectation in terms of the property management company and the other contractual arrangements that we'll get into, to manage this property, that they're going to adhere to standards that contribute to being able to have this as part of the community.
- We will do everything in our power to make sure we set forth in the scopes of work low visions to make sure we maintain that.
- In terms of individuals owning cars, there are very few folks in this group of folks that will be moving in that actually own vehicles.

Michelle from DEMA commented as follows:

- For the most part, most of the individuals who reside at these sites do not have cars.
- There's very few of them that do.
- They follow all the registration rules, and like Director Robinson said, there's not very many people that actually have cars that are residents at either of the sites.
- As far as maintaining the outside, I would love to invite each and every one of you to take a drive by the Astro, peek your head inside. See how beautiful it looks right now. Take a drive by the Azura. It looks like it's part of the neighborhood because it is part of the community.
- These people are part of your community, and they want to have and represent just like you do.
- I think each and every one of you will get a different perspective on the view that you might have when you think about someplace like this
- It has been said multiple times, this isn't a homeless shelter like Supervisor Hopkins said that people are going in and out of. These are their homes. People who have homes and places to reside, they take pride in that.
- We clean. At the Astro, we have a cleaning day, and they come and all show us how well they've done on their rooms. They're proud of it.
- These are things that are very, very important, that will continue, and it will start at your site as well and when we get to the Sebastopol Inn.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- It has to do with the site, not just the appearance of the building, but also, we need to understand sort of the boundaries of the property, what part of the parking lot goes with this housing building.
- What part of the grounds and forests behind it will be fenced and patrolled?
- How will cars go in and out?

- There's concern about what the fencing is going to look like, how that might degrade the commercial building in front, how it might impact the flow of customers and their access to parking.
- With respect to regulations and boundary lines and things of that nature.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- We haven't closed on the property. I believe early next week.

Tina Rivera commented escrow is closing is scheduled for tomorrow.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- We will work very closely with your City Planning department as well as the fire marshal to ensure that whatever fencing or gating or whatever is necessary and those boundary lines are established, protected and respected.
- Those meetings will be moving forward
- We'll be working closely with your City.
- Will be some meetings with owners regarding parking
- Will have Architect rendered drawings at community meetings to get feedback

Tina Rivera commented as follows:

- Will be working with City Planning department and fire marshal
- Will follow regulations
- Will have inspections by Fire Department

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed clean-up day.
- Are there laundry services and if not, where do the residents go or how do they get laundry done?
- Read meals were provided but could be sourced from a local provider.
- If we can get a local merchant doing business in the town to do the meals and that will be helpful to the economy.
- I'd like to see the parking reclaimed for the local merchants.
- That would be supportive
- There's a lot of spaces blocked.
- If they're not necessary it could help the merchants in the center to get reclaimed parking.
- Discussed preference for the homeless.
- Wonder if they have preference in the first phase.
- If your housing West County and homeless and looking to move them, I would like to see it prioritized in the first phase.
- They are from this community.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- I believe in the first meeting we talked about how our outreach was County wide.
- Do not recall the number of folks from West County.
- That is absolutely part of the planning work we want to do.
- Unsheltered people have desires as well.

- There were 129 individuals in our point in time count for 2020.
- Up from 120.
- Double from 2018
- This is the opportunity for us to address that need.
- In addition to the folks that would go into the as Supervisor mentioned we're working to extend contracts with the Redwood Alliance to have more folks be able to go out to the place and be sheltered there and get the services and support to stabilize them and support them.
- We'll continue that outreach throughout the County.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Works with a COVID vulnerable population.
- In my line of work we do surveillance testing.
- Curious if these residents that you house if they can leave the facility.
- Are you doing surveillance testing or are they going to stay in the facility?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- We are in a shelter in place and fall under those rules
- We have done a lot of work to manage that in term of testing folks before they come in.
- They also run the alternate care site.

Michelle from DEMA commented as follows:

- Anybody that is referred to the sites they go through the alternate care site and they are tested.
- Tested for COVID prior to them being placed out at one of the sites.
- Our staff is very proficient in COVID screening.
- We screen three times a day.
- We have what we call a pass protocol.
- Discussed essential travel in which resident will ask for a pass and ensure they are going for essential travel. Not just hang out in a big group.
- We do a set of vital signs and screen again for COVID when they return.
- In every one of the sites we have are running now we have not had any COVID out breaks at all.
- Doing temperature checks three times a day and COVID screening.
- There's a majority of people who do not have a fever and are asymptomatic.
- We do a screen. Where have you been. Who have you been in contact with? Any symptoms.
- I will tell you if they have one symptom because we do run the alternate care center at the same time.
- It's a one phone call and that person is taken to an alternate care site until they are tested and quarantined until the results are back.

Councilmember Hinton asked the County to address laundry.

Michelle commented as follows:

- The County does have a service contractor that comes out and picks up laundry and services that for us.
- That is three to four times a week.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Incredible opportunity when we face all the unsheltered problems to see potential solution.
- That has long-term possibilities.
- So thank you for being here.
- To Michelle and Linda and all those from County that are trying to make this work on this long day for them.
- Couple of questions
- Again I'm referring back to the list that we submitted to the County.
- One is I noted there was a question regarding criminal background check, the qualifications for residents whether there would be any prohibition or any controls related to felony backgrounds or sex offender status.
- I didn't hear an answer.

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Sex offenders are not allowed to participate.
- They're not eligible to participate in this program.
- Nor are violent offenders.
- We do criminal background checks.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Focusing on the transition from the current format into an RFP
- If you can help us understand how would that happen.
- We have already individuals who during the month of December are going to be moving in there.
- There seems to be a general plan thought to have an RFP make it more prioritized.
- How does that transition work where you have a cohort of people living there under Michelle's supervision and now is the County going to find another placement for them?
- How is that going to work?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- I want to clarify the folks that live there. That will be their home.
- The prioritization is happening now. In terms of access. Identifying folks and the readiness and move into the Inn.
- What would happen is transition or cut over from providers. Some will stay the same. The funding we shift to a different funding source.
- I know there's been some preliminary conversations or interest. A really strong model and in partnership with this is medical respite. That is missing from the other models and programs.
- That's where we have really proved the concept. This is a different dynamic than a year ago.
- This model we have been in COVID for nine months now.
- These are focus that had life changing experiences by being a part of the site.
- We didn't just go and stick them in a shelter.
- We brought the access initiative and medical services and support and enrolling people in Medicaid and Cal Fresh Food assistance.
- One individual called in during the board meeting when the board was contemplating the hotel and talked about being out and how that changed her life.
- We know that people don't change overnight. That is where the access initiative and case managers and working together. Trying to bring people into services and support.
- We have been very successful.

- While we didn't have an opportunity a trial run, the average retention rate or placement of individuals into housing out of sheltering nationally is 8%.
- We have a 30% placement rate.
- We're excited.
- There's an opportunity to work with the City and the residents to really further advance and be a model for the rest of the County of how it can be done.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Thanked the County for resetting the context.
- The individuals that are moving in now in December are viewing it and the County is viewing it as being long term
- This is their home which is reassuring
- Sense of ownership
- Do we have a percentage of what might actually be unsheltered originally -- people who had contact with the community beforehand?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- I shared those earlier on in the previous meeting.
- We can follow up and share the information.
- The goal is prioritizing them.
- We have been clear about that.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- I had specific questions again from the list.
- Discussed combination of people 65 and older
- Discussed at or medically fragile
- In other words we may have under the age of 65 who are medically fragile.
- Is that correct?

Director Robinson stated that is correct.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- One question raised was the Veteran's Memorial Hall Building
- Has that been raised with you?

Director Robinson questioned if it was to be used as a winter shelter or in terms of the topic at hand.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- No – Not as a winter shelter
- Stated this would be something she will pursue
- It's actually not directly related to the conversation that we're having today.
- Can we expect that the questions that have been submitted will be part of a FAQ?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- As you can imagine the teams are extremely busy.

- In terms of standing up this project along with our COVID homeless response and normal homeless work.
- It's just a lot of balls in the air.
- That is the plan to respond to the questions.
- It would be great know if you want them on a flow basis as we're answering them or get all the answers and send them back to you.
- Will also be posted on the web site.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Really appreciate your perspective on what you feel is the best method for continuing contact and outreach and responsiveness to the community.
- Discussed context of town hall.
- There are specific meetings with specific stake holders.
- Discussed a town hall sort of Q and A concept.
- Questioned if the County thought it would be useful to and in addition to that have some sort of ad hoc subcommittee transitional in nature.
- I ask in light of my understanding that that is in place in couple other communities where they are dealing with similar issues.
- To you think that would be worthwhile in the community or is it extra?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- Deferred to Supervisor Hopkins.
- Really important that we really going into the next few years we hit the reset button on the relationship between the County and City around addressing homelessness.
- I cannot do anything about what happened before I got there.
- I'm interested in having a stronger relationship and partnership.
- The homeless population is transient.
- They move throughout the County.
- It's important we come to the table and rolling in the same direction.
- I know partnerships are important.

Councilmember Rich thanked the County and DEMA for the commitment.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Questions is about the evacuation plan.
- You have two neighbors to the East. Park village and also what we have called the Dan Davis housing project.
- Vulnerable where the intersection floods.
- The only way the people can get out short of a motor boat ride from the fire department is going Westerly to the property that the Inn is on. Particularly across the bike trail. To the easement you have on the side.
- Would you be willing to work with the City and the County and the County with the property owner to make a real clear evacuation plan that lets the people get to dry land?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- That's the one of the beauties and advantages of the County now. Owning this asset.

- That government-to-government relationships can be established and those types of issues can be addressed.
- I love Tim Miller's work and vision and look forward to partnering with him and having the conversations around safety and safety planning takes shapes and forms.
- Look forward to having that conversation.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Appreciate how positive that answer is.
- When it floods, all of us want to move to the dry ground where we aren't in ankle deep water.
- My other question is about the trail and the connector trail.
- There's concern from public and the people who use that for recreational purposes that it's already not safe and comfortable. Women say this to me frequently. These are women who go out with a friend or several friends.
- The worry is that the change of occupancy at the Inn will make the entrance to the trail for that first segment and also the cross over trail to Morris street unsafe. People worry that we have lost a recreational amenity.
- How do you feel about helping with security about that?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- It's important to be clear that there is not loitering at the location.
- People won't be able to loiter. This isn't a place to hang out. This is not prison as well.
- Discussed the dignity and spaces that people can have visitors there. There are rules around visitation
- Have to comply with rules and regulations and requirements.

Michelle commented as follows:

- Think there are broader issues facing the community
- Welcome the opportunity to have that broader conversation.
- Not necessarily tied to this becoming permanent supportive housing that it now means that this is going to increase challenges but how do we address the challenges separate in part of establishing permanent housing for vulnerable people.
- We're here and ready to partner on that.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- We are constantly reminded that we have to work on the perception and assumption.
- I'm thinking back to the day center. There are so many thoughts that people have.
- If we can extinguish them early that's great. If we can take care of them responsibly. That's great too.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- One is there a consideration for people of color in the selection process.
- Will there be some prioritization for serving people of color?
- Is there a way for members of the public to recommend particular individuals?
- Is there a way for the City to know where the individuals came from?

Director Robinson commented as follows:

- We are balancing the interest of the public and transparency also the dignity of the individuals that are going to live there.
- It is housing.
- I know that people want more a lot of information and they want to know this program is going to work well for permanent supportive housing and I think we have tried to lay out the foundational pieces for why we believe it will be effective.
- Having folks know who is there and identifying their name is really somewhat of violation of their rights and their dignity to be housed without being in a fish bowl in some respects and scrutinizing ways that other people that are sheltered aren't scrutinized.
- I know when I purchased a home my neighbors didn't know who I was until I was unpacking the truck to move in.
- I want to have equity in thinking about the needs of the individuals with respect identifying individuals to be placed there is a process that takes in consideration the vulnerability.
- With respect to equity in terms of race and ethnicity - This a priority for the County and for the CDC and DHS and the Department of Health services.
- The report that Supervisor Hopkins referenced found for example those that are intersecting with the criminal justice system having homeless services behavioral health services support are three times more likely to be African American.
- We are participating as a County in a cohort with the bay area racial health to address disparities in housing and homelessness.
- We're very aware of that and prepared to use tools to address those disparities.
- That is very much top of mind when we think about the disproportionality for homelessness for people of color. It is a priority.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Over the past several years as we have seen the increasing homelessness in and around Sebastopol, the Council have been getting increased complaints etc. and with people saying get rid of these guys. You have to do something.
- This is actually addressing the problem.
- This is actually really creating permanent supportive housing for so that people can be successful.
- All data shows putting people in the homeless shelter this is not that.
- This is a place where people can go where they have the services to be become successful.
- We're fortunate as a community to have this.
- I understand people's concerns about while we have this nice hotel and now it's in the downtown area.
- Think one of the members mentioned a now empty nursing home facility.
- That would have been a better location.
- The bottom line is this is what's available.
- This is what could get done.
- We can get something done and work in our community.
- I'm very pleased that we can move forward with this.
- I'm very pleased to hear the answers from DEMA and Director Robinson.
- There are details that have gone into your thoughts about how to implement this.
- Some of the other issues we have like people being fearful on the trail.
- Hoping that perhaps we can use the funding we're getting from the County to start with finding social service outreach people that can help us with those issues.

- Rather than law enforcement issues that we can be doing having some resources now where we can be doing outreach to deal with other homeless issues in the town.
- This is to my mind a first step as we start to actually use social science. To take a look at how to solve problems.
- We talk about people abandoning not looking at science when they're looking at disease.
- We have been abandoning social science and looking at how to solve problems throughout the past 30 years.
- Let's look at the data on how we can solve problems.
- I think Director Robinson and the CDC and Supervisor Hopkins have been looking at that data.
- This is working towards actual solutions to problems. We need to build on that.
- This isn't like the only solution to the problem. It's part of a set of building blocks.
- I'm very grateful to the County and to DEMA and Supervisor Hopkins and the thought they put into this.
- I'm grateful also to their communication they have been having with housing subcommittee over the past four or five months and keeping us in the loop.
- Very grateful for their listening and listening to us when we talk about, we need some of the issues mitigated. Because some of this is being mitigated.
- Thank you, County, for putting money into this.
- We were really pushing that and thank you to staff and incredibly tenacious City Manager working toe to toe with the County to help us get funding to mitigate some of the funding losses and the issues that were coming up around this project.
- Thanked the county for attending the meeting
- Urged the County to keep the City in the loop
- Keep the calendars of ongoing meetings.

The County staff departed the meeting.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Questioned if the Council was going to have further discussion about next steps related to the Inn before we move on
- My question to the City Council is whether you see any use in forming and proposing to the County an ad hoc committee that would consist of County presence and staff in order to provide a way to address the transitional issues that I think are still floating out there.
- It wouldn't just be an opportunity for the County to lead a town hall to listen to the public but would be a small group that could focus on transitional issues.
- Do you feel that would be productive?

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- We have seen leading up to tonight's meeting and throughout this meeting that it was much more material to talk about than we could ever talk about.
- I know I have been limiting everything I have been saying trying to focus and bring in the undiscussed items rather than all the ones I heard of and that were on the five pages of questions we sent.
- We know there's a really complicated discussion to continue and that conversation is going to take place for probably after the first of the year

- What I know is that we have an existing housing subcommittee who is already on this issue with the County. It proceeds last August.
- When this all came down in the pipeline, Linda was reaching out to them and they're very engaged in that conversation.
- Does this idea need new people to start that work? Shall we continue to trust the people who have been in the committee since 2017 and let them stay engaged.
- Do we want Larry to be part of this group every time because he's negotiating money for us?
- Maybe it's labor savings. To put the people on it already there rather than start with new people.
- I think each of us would probably volunteer for that ad hoc. We have skin in the game.
- So much heartfelt interest and so many constituents connecting with us.
- I just wish the whole Council could talk about this every time.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Would think what we need before we get into the people is, I want to find out if there's a general support for the concept and in terms of who is on it.
- My thought was two City Council people.
- I hear what you're saying in terms of taking advantage of existing expertise.
- Two City Council people and someone from Director Robinson's office and someone from Linda's office. I think that that we'd find willingness there.
- You have to figure out what the meeting frequency is in order to not drive people bananas.
- Sounds like you are in support of the general concept and see some meaningful purpose for it.
- We were Brown acted on this issue. I appreciate the concept.
- There are more questions on that four page than we can get through.
- I would feel really comfortable if someone makes sure nothing drops off the list of wants and desires and moving forward.
- I'm comfortable with whoever that is. It sounds like Mayor Glass and Councilmember Slayter
- We have met on our Park Village subcommittee and looking at a long-range situation.
- Comfortable with what we're doing now and if we want to make it more formalized by sending two people out there to get it done.
- Sound like we're working our way through the questions and we're getting funds to help mitigate the City and get resources back.
- Whatever the Council direction is I'm comfortable what's happening now and in the future.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Are we trending on thin ice with what the item actually read?
- Discussed formation of a new potential committee.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- We put it under discussion and or action just to make sure whatever the City Council wanted to do the agenda item description would support it.
- We're good to go - Whatever direction the Council wants to give to staff at this point.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Because I have been in so involved with this as the housing subcommittee, I think that there is economy in that committee continuing forward.

- It's funny how every level of government thinks the one immediately above it has every possible resource and every possible staffing that we do not have.
- I think that in a little bit of way I had to caution myself in thinking that particularly this evening on the item. We gave them five pages of questions. Why haven't they answered them?
- We gave them to them three working days ago. I can cut them slack in just simply the short period of turnaround time.
- That's also said with the caveat that I'm interested very much in pressing them and getting answers to the questions. Every one of them is important.
- To answer your question, the current housing sub-committee is up to speed on this.
- Now the full Council is up to speed as we are.
- The news about the funding that was decided today. I think that's really great.
- We as the housing committee have pushed hard on that.
- We didn't know what the number might have been.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- This is the way the government is supposed to work.
- Work together as separate entities towards a common goal.
- To answer your question I'm good with it the way it is.
- It sounds like we have a housing sub- committee that has a sense of ownership and feel you can run with it and oversee al of this and that will work to meet our needs to ensure there's over sight.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I would like to add in the caveat that I think it is a good idea if we think about the housing subcommittee engaging with a cross jurisdictional thing. We work with Linda's office. We work with the CDC. We should bring in DEMA and the other non-profit that is two doors away.
- We all work together because there are resources two doors away that maybe viable to pull into this mix.
- If we bring all of those resources together, we'll be getting somewhere maybe calling that the ad hoc.
- It needs to be a cross jurisdictional thing.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- If you think you can do that within the existing housing sub-committee you already have the momentum and the information.
- I suggest you bring in the County presence in order to make it move a little more quickly.
- I'm happy with that.
- I hadn't thought about the housing sub-committee being a natural place for these issues to be pursued.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- This is what's frustrating about being on a body when there's the Brown Act
- We have been on some days where it is every day more news
- We're texting at 7:00 in the morning with the Supervisor getting information about what's going on.
- We have been very engaged with this.

- We know all so many different details and having trying to address them we already knew quite a bit of the material.
- We can't convey to the rest of you on a blow-by-blow basis because we're violating the Brown act.
- That's why we bring in the other jurisdictions to get all of us up to speed at the same time.
- It can be a very frustrating process.

Vice Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- That's why I'm suggesting if we feel comfortable with the housing subcommittee going forward combined with the County elements the rest of us and public are going to need a report from the housing subcommittee every meeting hopefully at least every other meeting.
- We all in our community need to know what the discussion points are and what the answers are.
- What the processes are going to be and where we're going.
- The more information we have publicly, I think the more relaxed and comfortable we'll be and the easier we can shift our perception and create something positive.
- Think positively and create positively.
- It puts a tremendous burden of reporting on you.
- I can't emphasize that enough.
- This is a really hot button issue for six months or a year.
- It's an issue of how is this going to be implemented so it's a successful project.
- That's the big question.
- The reporting on the conversation and the details the decision points are going to help the community move forward into that success.
- I'm really super-excited about the opportunity here.
- This housing sub-committee with Mayor Glass and Councilmember Slayter at the helm moving forward and making sure everything is taken care of.
- What a great opportunity to actually be providing these people shelter and homes and long-term arrangements
- We have to think about the rest of the constituents too and make sure their needs are met.
- I heard the concern about the businesses.
- We need to figure out how to make figure out how support them and do the right thing by them.
- Think this is not the population necessarily that everybody was thinking about when they are thinking about homeless people.
- This is people who are many of them are going to be older.
- Maybe some will be available to work a part-time retail job.
- Maybe some of them will be able to work as cashiers in the Barlow.
- These are people who are going to be looking for jobs and for turning their lives around.
- If we get the right partners that can help, we can make this a really win win win.
- We can't ignore the challenge from the business community.
- How many businesses are we willing to let fail?
- What's the comfort level there.
- There's no good answer to that question.
- What is the support for the business community?
- We have to get our act together about how to help the business community ask that's particularly hard.
- They want such different help and different ones of them oppose the help to others.

- I think that is another great challenge in front of us.
- How do we help the business community when we have done so many things?
- Even tonight they have been rejected.

Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- I think maybe the direction to the housing subcommittee is to reach out to Supervisor Hopkins office in the County and t form an ongoing relationship with them.
- We meet with them on a regular basis.
- Report out to the Council about answers to questions and about issues coming up etc.
- Another issue I think I didn't quite finish bringing up is the jurisdictional issue.
- I don't think it's quite as black and white.
- We might need agreements that have to do with jurisdiction.
- Discussed issues such as planning jurisdiction
- The County building I'm in quite frequently doesn't deal with Planning department.
- Do we need to work out agreements with the County on those departments etc.
- These are all issues we need to look at.
- First, we need to figure out who will be at the table and we'll work that out with our City manager and then report back to the City Council.

**City Council Action: No action taken.**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-264**

**PUBLIC HEARING(s):**

9. Public Hearing – Public Hearing to Consider an Application from Mark Reece, requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit, to operate an automated car wash at 6809 Sebastopol Avenue, a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide an existing 1.51 acre lot into three commercial parcels, and a Variance to allow a reduction in the minimum floor area ratio below the requirement of the municipal code. (Responsible Department: Planning) **PLEASE NOTE: THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2021, 6:00 pm (ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT)**

**City Council Action: No action taken. Item Continued.**

**Reference Order Number: 2020-265**

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

The Council was in consensus to continue with agenda item number 10. (Per Council protocols, all meetings must end by 10:30 pm unless waived by a majority of the Council).

10. Consideration of Amendment to Approved 2021 City Council and City Staff Committee Assignments (Zero Waste City Committee) (Responsible Department: Engineering/City Administration)

This item was discussed regarding composition and was requested to be brought back to a future City council meeting.

**City Council Action: Item continued to future meeting.**

**Minute Order Number: 2020-266**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 11. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports: There were none.
- 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)

Councilmember Hinton reported on the Park Village Sub-committee.

- 13. Council Communications Received: There were none.
- 14. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See Agenda and City Web site for Up-to-Date Meeting Dates/Times)

**CLOSED SESSION:       None**

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned to the City Council Special Meeting of January 5, 2021, Time to Be Determined (Interviews for Design Review Board Openings) Followed by the Regular City Council Meeting of January 5, 2021, 6:00 pm (VIRTUAL ZOOM PLATFORM)

Mayor Glass adjourned the meeting at 11:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



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