

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR Meeting of July 16, 2019

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of August 6, 2019.

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A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on June 12, 2019.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hinton called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley  
Building Official Glenn Schainblatt  
Finance Director Ana Kwong  
Fire Chief Bill Braga  
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom

Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete

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

Mayor Hinton announced the following:

“We are happy to announce that Sebastopol has received \$1.5 million for flood recovery funds in the recently signed 2019-2020 California State Budget. The funding is part of the \$71 million “Aid to Local Government” and Sebastopol was included along with other disaster-impacted communities across California. This money will not only reimburse the losses experienced to City-owned Properties. My understanding is that it can be used for infrastructure replacement (for losses already incurred) and for future disaster preparedness to help create infrastructure and mitigation to protect us from the impacts of a future flood emergency.

Our City-owned properties that sustained damage and would likely be reviewed for repairs and future mitigation are:

- Park Village Affordable Housing Community
- Sebastopol Cultural Community Center
- Sebastopol Little League Snack Shack
- Sebastopol Skate Park Restroom

I want to thank our entire City Staff for all they did, both during the flooding and in the aftermath of the flood and throughout our recovery. While we still are not done with recovery, this surprise relief allocation will help make Sebastopol whole again and assist us in moving forward in a very positive way. And here tonight is our Assembly Representative Marc Levine, who’s office contacted me and notified me that Sebastopol was a recipient of this vital funding. I appreciate that he kept our small city in mind in Sacramento and was surprised and pleased to be included for disaster relief along with major cities like LA, Orange County, Ventura, San Diego, and Mendocino and Napa counties to receive an award from the “Aid to Local Government” allocation.

Marc Levine is here tonight to present us with a ceremonial check. Please join me in welcoming our Assembly Representative Marc Levine.”

Assembly Representative Marc Levine presented the check to the City of Sebastopol.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- ~~Joseph Aiello – (Fire Department) Years of Service Award – 5 Years (Continued to future meeting)~~
- ~~Venessa Mann – (Fire Department) Years of Service Award – 15 years (Continued to future meeting)~~
- ~~Matthew Senn – (Fire Department) Years of Service Award – 15 Years (Continued to future meeting)~~
- Fidel Quintero – (Public Works Department) Years of Service Award – 15 Years

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, unless otherwise permitted under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the merits of the matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration.)

Deborah Tavares commented as follows:

- Discussed evacuation possibilities because of fire season
- Voiced concerns of Fitch Mountain
- Discussed RVs clogging roads
- Lives in rural section of the County
- Wants to be able to pull out trailers prior to red flag warning
- Not want to be part of congestion on evacuation routes
- Planning for fire season
- Discussed new normal
- Consider sirens like Graton
- Talk to other fire departments
- Designate place to pull trailers in large open area and leave them where they can be safe
- Concerned of what is in store with fires
- Discussed President Trump's Executive Order June 11, 2019

Woody Hastings commented as follows:

- Speaking as Sonoma County resident
- Talked about gas stations
- Discussed 116 and Llano Road (application withdrawn)
- Discussed letter sent by Council to Sonoma County at Highway 12 and Llano Road
- Made it through Design Review
- Could come up August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Not a good idea to put gas station in Laguna
- Need to stop building in Sonoma County (unincorporated)
- Send another letter – talk of County permitting new fossil infrastructure – needs to stop

Lou Tavares commented as follows:

- Discussed fire season
- Discussed what can cause fires
- Need to be prepared for fires
- Discussed lithium batteries
- Discussed riding an electric bike – battery that powers it can be source of fire
- Source of fire that we need to be aware of
- Discussed proposal for bike ride (September)
- Be aware there is a possibility that battery in electric bike can cause fires
- Discussed flyer for bike ride

Councilmember Gurney commented that is a red taillight and head light in the photo displayed.

Alana Brogan, Palm Drive, commented as follows:

- Discussed the District

- Out of bankruptcy
- Close to refinancing bonds
- Devoting attention to health action
- Partnering with City
- Active in Map Your Neighborhood
- Park Village

**STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

(This is the time for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflicts of interests for any item listed on this agenda) There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- The consent agenda consists of items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or have been reviewed by the City Council previously. These items may be approved by one motion without discussion unless a member of the City Council requests that the item be taken off the consent calendar.
- The Mayor will read the consent calendar items; ask if a Councilmember wishes to remove one or more items from the consent calendar; and then open public comment to the members of the public in attendance. At this time, a member of the public may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion.
- If an item or items are removed from the consent calendar, the item shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.
- Council Members may comment on Consent Calendar items or ask for minor clarifications without the need for pulling the item for separate consideration. Items requiring deliberation should be pulled for separate consideration and shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.

Mayor Hinton read the consent calendar items and asked for public comment on consent calendar items. There was none.

Councilmember Glass moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Items Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 18, 2019 (City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 18, 2019

Minute Order Number: 2019-165

2. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 25, 2019 (City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 25, 2019

Minute Order Number: 2019-166

3. Approval and Adoption of City-Wide Performance Evaluation Program (City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved and Adopted City-Wide Performance Evaluation Program – City Council Policy #91

Resolution Number: 6249-2019

Minute Order Number: 2019-167

4. Approval of Job Description - Administrative Services Director (City Manager)

City Council Action: Approved Job Description - Administrative Services Director

Minute Order Number: 2019-168

5. Approval of Job Description - Associate Planner (Planning Director)

City Council Action: Approved Job Description – Associate Planner

Minute Order Number: 2019-169

6. Approval and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Sebastopol Current Pay Rates and Ranges (Salary Schedule) (Finance Director)

City Council Action: Approved and Adopted Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Sebastopol Current Pay Rates and Ranges (Salary Schedule)

Minute Order Number: 2019-170

Resolution Number: 6250-2019

7. Approval of Request for Renewed Sponsorship of Bus Buddy Program to Promote Ridership on Local Shuttle #24 during September and October 2019, and Invitation to Council Members to Volunteer (Councilmember Gurney)

City Council Action: Approved Request for Renewed Sponsorship of Bus Buddy Program to Promote Ridership on Local Shuttle #24 during September and October 2019, and Invitation to Council Members to Volunteer

Minute Order Number: 2019-171

8. Approval and Adoption of Resolutions Approving Successor Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) and Amendments to Employment Contracts For:

- Sebastopol Police Officers Association (SPOA)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 1021
- Management/Mid Management/Unrepresented
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Minute Order Number: 2019-172

Resolution Numbers: 6251-2019

6252-2019

6253-2019

6254-2019

6255-2019

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

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

9. Discussion/Presentation from Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) on Evergreen (Vice Mayor Slayter)

Vice Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the presentation and consider transitioning to EverGreen. He stated that PG&E delivers and SCP sources and stated that is what is being discussed tonight. He discussed two choices of power from Sonoma Clean Power (EverGreen and CleanStart) and discussed upcharge and stated the cost is greater to the City because we are pumping our own water. He stated this has been discussed over the years and discussed the General Plan and devotion of green house gas reductions, long standing reputation in County as being leaders in renewable energy and what makes the most sense of this option is this is the one single easiest thing we can go and one single thing that will have the largest effect.

Nathan Kinsey, Sonoma Clean Power, presented information to the City Council as follows:

- Discussed this initially with the City about a year ago
- Looked at accounts
- Provided a brief introduction
- Discussed community choice aggregation and how it works
- Self-funded organization – operate today on no debt
- Discussed service territory
- Discussed CleanStart
- Discussed EverGreen
- Discussed Sonoma Clean Power Sources
- Discussed City of Sebastopol
- SCP – Rate savings over time
- Summary of benefits
- Discussed Sebastopol General Plan and goals
- Switching to EverGreen is in line with goals
- Reaching 25% below 1990 County wide emission reduction targets
- Discussed programs
- GHG reduction
- Cost savings
- Local control
- Local program
- Opportunity for jurisdiction – unique and powerful

Mayor Hinton opened for questions.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed conversation at last meeting
- Enrollment in EverGreen program
- Mentioned enrollment is low
- SCP do educational or marketing program – capture individual accounts

- How do you reach out to individual users

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows:

- Discussed staffing
- Discussed outreach on EverGreen
- Discussed marketing and being available to speak to constituents
- Will take it back to our marketing director
- Discussed number of municipal entities that are involved in looking at this
- Develop formal plan to bring it to the community
- Go to large variety of community events
- Speaking of EverGreen when opportunity arises

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Board meeting
- Approved budget
- In packet one of the consent items on the consent calendar approval for annual contract with marketing and outreach consultant
- Outreach and needed advertisement of EverGreen needed to be stepped up
- Assured that was in their work plan for this year

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Sebastopol likes to lead
- Discussed other jurisdictions
- What are their costs to buy in for Cotati and Sonoma

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows

- Not speak to their costs
- Customers of SCP
- Good idea to reach out to City Managers

Vice Mayor Slayter stated it is not like account to like account – different situations and confidential account information and need to respect the other cities and Sebastopol is more than doubled the cost for Cotati.

Mr. Kinsey stated that Sonoma and Cotati is similar in cost and EverGreen in Sebastopol is increased primarily because of the wells and the wells represent half of the premium.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- What are the policies in terms of prioritization in terms of distributed solar
- Happy to see investment in local production
- Excited of seeing additional solar in EverGreen
- Encourage roof top solar – asked if that is a priority

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows:

- Discussed NetGreen program
- Huge advocates for solar
- Discussed EverGreen and solar – win win
- Discussed instantaneous switch by making the change to EverGreen

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed long term planning
- Discussed policies
- Looking at additional investment in solar farms or large solar arrays or looking at a mix

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows:

- Not look at from individual customer
- Discussed Feed in Tariff projects

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed customers receiving power mix report annually
- Comes from SCP and PG&E
- Lists sources of electricity and percentages
- Discussed 2017 data
- 100% geothermal
- Discussed additional solar
- Energy can be re-sold as part of EverGreen premium
- Geothermal can then be rolled down and makes CleanStart even cleaner

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Hoping the City is encouraging policy of SCP
- Policy to encourage individual solar adoption so the number keeps going up
- Not wait for investment in large solar farms
- Have more local adoption of solar on people's roofs
- Looking at improving the other project as well

Vice Mayor Slayter discussed selling back to SCP.

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows:

- Discussed onsite solar is not factored into EverGreen
- Have to procure electricity on open market
- Offer to customers
- Discussed that this does not include local solar on residence or on commercial or municipal property

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed annual premium



- How much will it cost to switch to the 100% renewable with PG&E

Vice Mayor Slayter stated that SCP rates are 2% less on average.

Mr. Kinsey commented as follows:

- Discussed PG&E rates
- Stand alone for rates for SCP
- Not know costs for PG&E
- Difference in sources
- Discussed emissions
- Not sure of additional sources for PG&E

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Deborah Tavares commented as follows:

- Geothermal operation was affected by atmospheric river that swamped the plant with fecal matter - Fecal into wells
- Transition into more geothermal operations – is he city remotely liable for seismic activity that the injections create on the Mayacamas mountains
- Discussed geothermal operations – associated with seismic activity
- Buy into liability of earthquakes as well
- Recommend touring Calpine
- Talk of when PG&E is off – there is no solar
- PG&E increasing rates across the board
- Southern Edison’s can increase rates arbitrarily
- Concerned of geothermal activity
- Hydro sulfide
- What reports or studies are there to ensure we are not getting sick

Gina Brasheres commented as follows:

- Discussed Sonoma Clean Power
- Customer of SCP
- Have solar
- Subscribed to EverGreen
- Reduced impact of Climate
- Helpful to do option of EverGreen
- Level of Climate Action
- Matching that to other actions
- Look at funding spending – do best for climate of community
- 5 Key criteria
- Long-time well-established energy policy loading order of conservation efficiency local on site and distance renewables
- Ongoing financial sustainability of Sebastopol’s budget

- Multiple stakeholder interests
- Equity
- What entity is best positioned
- Investment – pays back
- Need to make choices
- Support local businesses to do these actions
- Can do it with this level of funding

Woody Hastings commented as follows:

- Speaking as resident
- PG&E premium programs mentioned – observers of PG&E – long suspected when those programs emerged, they were driven by rising competition
- Offering more choices
- Turned captive rate payers into customers
- Offering similar projects
- Where is the City's electricity dollar going
- Page 12 of 16 slide- emissions factor – no comparison there to PG&E

Steven Pierce commented as follows:

- Resident
- Commended Council
- Lie to see projects in Sebastopol
- Issue here - What is the largest effect we can get for municipal dollar
- Spending money on EverGreen does not save anyone any more
- Concerns spend \$40000 and not spend more on Climate
- Can do on part of municipal accounts
- Use rest towards grant writing
- Need local money that we control to implement climate action
- Need educational effort in Sebastopol
- EverGreen worthy cause- need to go beyond that

Lou Tavares commented as follows:

- Good idea to wait on moving forward until all questions are answered
- What is PG&E mix
- What are their sources they use to generate electricity
- What is impact as far as PG&E being considered in this mix
- Discussed space-based generation
- What are environmental impacts

Mayor Hinton addressed comments as follows:

- If PG&E is off is everyone down – Mr. Kinsey stated that is correct
- Discussed liability – Mr. Kinsey commented not aware of any liability for the City

- Discussed PG&E Energy Mix

Vice Mayor Slayter commented - PG&E Standard Product – 2017 – 33% renewable and discussed PG&E non renewables. Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed natural gas plants – is not clean (less bad than coal)
- Fossil fuel that needs to be burned
- 100% solar/electric (PG&E) does not seem accurate
- Discussed spaced based energy production – SCP not discussed going towards those energy sources
- Where does the City energy dollar go – goes to locally controlled non-profit
- PG&E money goes to shareholders rather than going back to community in the form of lower of rates
- Discussed PCIA – part of fees in PG&E portion of bill – ever increasing number
- Discussed miscalculation discovered by SCP staff member – overcharged in PCIA statewide
- Money discovered benefitted the entire State
- Discussed 2% savings is an average
- Accounts for PCIA fee

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed PG&E
- Standard choice or two levels

Mr. Kinsey stated there may be more than one choice but discussed generation location.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the City taking other steps
- Contacted RCPA after the last meeting
- Discussed RCPA pulling together a working group to work through options
- Discussed cities coming forward with a range of options to be taken
- Discussed potential committee work
- RCPA needs staff funding to give cities help – would cost the City to be a part of this community workgroup

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussion regarding PG&E versus SCP is mute
- As City made decisions to go with SCP
- Became a member prior to being elected
- Support move to SCP
- Members of an organization – exerting local control – having impact on policy of local energy producer
- Councilmember sitting on that board for a number of years - expertise in energy production by sitting on that Board – impact on policy

- Heartened to see organization commitment to expanding local production
- Take responsibility for own community
- Not going to go with PG&E
- Have control over what happens at SCP
- Addressed seismic activity and geothermal - Fracking is causing seismic activity – natural gas – false choice
- Fairly sure emissions such as chemical emissions related to geothermal would come under purview of AQMD – watching emissions that are coming out of geothermal plants
- Committed to locally controlled energy
- Have impact on policies and encourage investment on local clean energy
- May ask the question what difference can one little city make - everyone has to step up to the plate
- In favor of moving to EverGreen
- Discussed other items for climate protection
- Discussed budget universe City was operating in changed at the beginning of this meeting
- Discussed having additional funding to invest in other parts of our budget
- Discussed climate mitigation issues and public information
- City invested in Solar Sebastopol
- Discussed energy efficiency
- Sebastopol had highest solar adoption rate (95472 zip code) – made because of public outreach
- Budget situation changed
- Comfortable with investing in EverGreen
- Invest in public education and outreach

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Spend resident's money to upgrade the City's infrastructure
- When switched to SCP no options
- PG&E now has options
- Should comparison for what it would cost for PG&E to come in and offer same product
- Not willing to spend resident's money
- Want to see what else is out there

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Member of Sonoma Clean Power
- Locally sourced
- Not going with PG&E
- Should take recommendations
- Discussed replacing reserves
- Preference would be to come in for heavy well user account
- Use \$20000 buy in to start with
- Use other \$20000 as recommended by climate action

- True got windfall – but is also true that the City does not make additional money changes until mid-year budget
- Discussed 50% buy in - Same as Sonoma and Cotati
- Can get more bang for buck but focusing on more individual users converting, education or rebate programs

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed as consumer of energy need to make better choice to reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Discussed writing policies - Opportunities to take other actions
- Discussed climate energy resolutions
- Discussed community groups interacting with Councils and other boards
- Educate community
- Need to improve the content in goals to direct the City as to climate actions - That part is missing
- Make simple action a great change in our statistics
- In favor of joining EverGreen now

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- City done energy and cost saving measures
- Read items from staff report
- Discussed statistics since joining CleanStart
- Discussed reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by joining EverGreen
- Discussed energy mix to stop climate change – look like EverGreen
- Less than \$6.00 per resident per year
- In favor of converting all municipal accounts to EverGreen
- In favor of looking at other measures

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Agree with the reasons why it is a good idea
- Do not agree with doing that without looking at what the competition has to offer
- Discussed relationship with Herman Hernandez – PG&E
- Spending resident's money – not prudent
- Irresponsible with taxpayer's money
- Will abstain
- Need to make more informed decision

Mayor Hinton asked the subscribership (SCP compared to PG&E) – Mr. Kinsey commented that he does not know exact mix – in general – 89% participation. Vice Mayor Slayter stated it is 87% for both Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

Vice Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve changing the City accounts to EverGreen with Sonoma Clean Power which is currently budgeted for.

Discussion:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Policy to buy local
- SCP is local
- Preferences local
- Know every board member
- Know employees
- Small and accessible
- Have vote on SCP
- All points of information key to supporting a decision in favor of joining EverGreen
- Feel comfortable putting money to that end

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilmember Carnacchi

City Council Action: Approved changing the City accounts to EverGreen with Sonoma Clean Power which is currently budgeted for.

Minute Order Number: 2019-173

Mayor Hinton called for a break at 7:57 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:10 pm.

10. Discussion of City Council Goals and Priorities (City Council Sub-Committee/City Administration)

City Administration presented the agenda item recommending the City Council continue discussion of the City's Goals and Priorities and continue to engage in an interactive process with the community to establish Goals and Priorities for the next fiscal years.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Alana Brogan, Health Care District, commented as follows:

- Specific actions for public health
- Discussed nicotine addiction
- Discussed vaping
- District passed tobacco resolution (urged City to pass TRL)
- Include in goals
- Address and study nicotine problem in conjunction with other drug use
- Department of Health Services is interested in working with the City

Pam Grainer, Tobacco Free Sonoma county, commented as follows:

- Discussed tobacco control
- Critical issue – involves kids

- Thought had big tobacco on the run
- Epidemic
- Read article from Rollie Atkinson

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed e cigarettes
- CHW6 B

Director Svanstrom discussed the General Plan and amending the General Plan as well as priorities.

Councilmember Gurney stated this is an item that a Councilmember can bring as an agenda item.

After much discussion, the Council was in consensus to continue this item until after receipt of the update of the General Plan goals.

**City Council Action: Item was continued.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-174**

11. Consideration of Request for Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meeting – This item was initially discussed at the April 16, 2019 City Council Meeting and was requested to be returned at such time as the goals and priorities were adopted to see if such a meeting is still desired (Councilmember Carnacchi)

Councilmember Carnacchi asked that this item be returned with the Goals and Priorities.

Councilmember Gurney discussed the new Associate Planner position and allowing that person to get up to speed and stated she appreciates the delay for this item.

The Council was in consensus to continue this item.

**City Council Action: Item was continued.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-175**

12. Discussion and Consideration of Purchase of iPads for City Council and Approval and Adoption of City Council Policy on Use of City Purchased iPads (Mayor Hinton/City Administration)

Mayor Hinton presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Discuss and Approve the Purchase of iPads and Related Applications for Official City Business and Approve and Adopt Resolution Establishing a Policy for Use of City Issued iPad for City Council.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions.

Councilmember Gurney questioned “ability to be furnished iPad” . Staff stated this means that the City purchases and furnishes the iPad.

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Not call this an iPad ordinance
- Electronics device policy
- Not promoting one company over another

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Not okay with just one type of device offered
- Discussed costs
- Discussed EMF issue
- Questioned if the City has wi fi in the building – staff stated yes

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed being nimble in different types of electronics
- Apple at home
- Microsoft at work
- Paper at dais
- Multi-platform
- If a Councilmember want to have them, they can
- People have different choices and ways of processing information
- Interested in policy for Healdsburg
- Discussed reimbursement for personal devices

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Looked at Healdsburg option
- Like to have choice
- One-time stipend contributes towards purchase of device of choice
- Prefer to have packet on device
- Can print items if needed
- Not want to carry different devices

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Paul Andre Schabracq commented as follows:

- Requesting they be put on airport mode
- Not use wi fi
- Exposure to microwaves
- Adverse health affects to extended exposure to wi fi
- ADA recognized electro sensitivity as disability
- Reasonable accommodation to allow for community members who would like to attend but cannot because they are electro sensitive
- Keep off internet
- Turn off router during meeting



ila Benavidez Heaster commented as follows:

- A lot of people have issues with EMF
- Set up in homes – wired in
- In support if make work go faster
- If not need do not do it
- Not cost effective
- Be conscious of health
- How can it be wired in

Steven Pierce commented as follows:

- Good action for City to take
- More or less a wash
- Per page cost for copier
- Ends of paying for itself buying devices
- Hard wired local area network

Council Deliberations:

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- In favor of it
- Open to having a stipend allowance
- Work on a variety of devices

City Manager McLaughlin

- Discussed policies
- Discussed stipend
- Discussed the Brown Act

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed preference for dedicated Councilmember cell phone
- People who want to call her can find her then
- Prefer email communication as well

Vice Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Our phone numbers are personal cells
- Phone bill is paid for him
- Donation to community by paying his own cell phone bill for City work
- Purchased tablet for use
- Use media in different way
- Leaning toward stipend
- Nice to have modern communication with residents
- Recognized as cost that is incurred

Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- Not bringing item that would cover cell phones
- Difference between personal computer tablet versus cell phone
- Not willing to modify agenda request
- Interested to change to stipend
- Needs to be functional to review packets
- Should have separate device for City business

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed having a cell phone for Council use
- Discussed electronics saves on paper
- Happy to get packet electronically and print items wanted
- Does not mean want to dictate to anyone else

Councilmember Gurney stated that Councilmembers can do that now.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Not everyone can afford their own device
- Reasonable to give stipend
- Allows ability to use another device
- Not have two different devices
- Get partially paid for device
- Not right to get full amount for device

Mayor Hinton moved and Councilmember Glass seconded the motion to approve:

- a stipend of \$600 for Councilmember reimbursement of personal device
- City purchase of electronic device for Councilmembers
- Councilmembers who do not have a personal device and do not want a city furnished device, shall continue to receive a paper copy of the packet

Discussion:

Councilmember Glass commented that the electronic device should only be used for City business.

Councilmember Gurney questioned what if a Councilmember wants a paper copy and asked that the City look into hard wiring the Youth Annex.

Councilmember Glass commented that if a Councilmember wants a paper copy, they would still receive a paper copy.

Mayor Hinton amended her motion and Councilmember Glass seconded the amended motion to approve:

- a stipend of \$600 for Councilmember reimbursement of personal device

- City purchase of electronic device for Councilmembers
- Councilmembers who do not have a personal device and do not want a city furnished device, shall continue to receive a paper copy of the packet
- policy to be returned for council approval

**VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass and Mayor Hinton

Noes: Councilmember Gurney and Vice Mayor Slayter

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: **Approved:**

- a stipend of \$600 for Councilmember reimbursement of personal device
- City purchase of electronic device for Councilmembers
- Councilmembers who do not have a personal device and do not want a city furnished device, shall continue to receive a paper copy of the packet
- policy to be returned for council approval

Minute Order Number: 2019-176

13. Consideration of Council Liaison to Sebastopol Community Cultural Center [SCCC] and Appointment (Councilmember Gurney)

Councilmember Gurney presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Create a Liaison to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center (SCCC) and Make Liaison Appointment.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions.

Councilmember Gurney volunteered for the appointment.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment.

Cordelia Holst commented as follows:

- Thanked Councilmember Gurney for this item
- Delighted about idea of having a liaison
- Working closer together
- Better information flow

Mayor Hinton suggested an alternate to the position.

Councilmember Glass and Councilmember Carnacchi both volunteered. Councilmember Carnacchi withdrew his request.

Council Deliberations:

There were none.

Councilmember Glass moved and Councilmember Gurney seconded the motion to create a City Council Liaison to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

Councilmember Glass moved and Councilmember Gurney seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Gurney as Liaison and Councilmember Glass as Alternate to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action: Approved the Creation of a City Council Liaison to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center and appointed Councilmember Gurney as Liaison and Councilmember Glass as Alternate to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-177**

14. Acceptance of California State Budget 2019-20 Assistance of Grant Funding for Flood Recovery Activity Study and Direction to Budget Sub-Committee to Study and Provide Recommendations for potential uses of the \$1.5 million in Funding from the State of California for Flood Recovery. (Mayor Hinton)

Mayor Hinton presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Accept State Assistance Grant from the State of California in response to the 2019 flood disaster and direct the Budget Sub-Committee to review the current flood damages and estimates, as well as study other possible options to mitigate any future flooding that may occur in the City of Sebastopol in the event that another major disaster event happens. The Budget Sub-Committee will work with staff to discuss all possibilities, while ensuring the City stays within the rules and regulations from the State of California for the use of the flood recovery monies.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions. There were none.

**Council Deliberations:**

There were none.

Councilmember Glass moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to Approve the Resolution Accepting California State Budget 2019-20 Assistance of Grant Funding for Flood Recovery Activity Study and Directed Budget Sub-Committee to Study and Provide Recommendations for potential uses of the \$1.5 million in Funding from the State of California for Flood Recovery.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

The Council discussed the timeline and asked that this be returned by September/October.

City Council Action: Approved the Resolution Accepting California State Budget 2019-20 Assistance of Grant Funding for Flood Recovery Activity Study and Directed Budget Sub-Committee to Study and Provide Recommendations for potential uses of the \$1.5 million in Funding from the State of California for Flood Recovery.

Minute Order Number: 2019-178

Resolution Numbers: 6256-2019

15. Consideration of Request for City Sponsorship and Funding for Cycling Event in September 2019 (Ped/Bike/Transit Sub-Committee - [Vice Mayor Patrick Slayter and Council Member Sarah Glade Gurney])

Vice Mayor and Councilmember Gurney presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Approve the Request for City Sponsorship and funding for Cycling Event in September 2019.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions.

Mayor Hinton asked if the lights provided are part of the \$4000 budget. The Sub-Committee stated that is correct.

Mayor Hinton stated she cannot attend that day and stated she would prefer to hold this on a Sunday (September 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Tried to avoid Sunday due to Farmers Market
- Too many conflicts
- Early hour would be quieter as well

Mayor Hinton suggested looking at other days in September.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There were none.

**Council Deliberations:**

The Council discussed potential dates.

Councilmember Carnacchi questioned if there was a cost for riders to participate. The Sub-Committee stated no.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed education items for the day – the Sub-Committee stated there would be education items
- Discussed the Laguna Park Way Bike Lane - Weekend morning - Low traffic count
- Asked if the Bike Coalition can do outreach to the schools – the Sub-Committee stated they will be doing tremendous outreach. They also discussed a sense of safety in numbers - People want to make it a safe and more comfortable experience - Learn what real estate means on the road – provide education so that people want to come back out again and use the bike lanes

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed bike vendors
- People learning more about electric bikes and bike lanes
- How to safely use electric bikes
- Follow climate action type of event

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed incentives or riders (grand prize)
- Discussed Entrance fee of \$5.00
- Limited loop – do by stopping and getting passport stamped at a certain number of businesses or have a poker run have five stops along the way – draw a card – best had wins at the end.
- Include businesses in the event

The Sub-Committee commented as follows:

- Great idea
- Note taken
- Like idea of poker run
- Focusing on simple and doable in a couple of months
- Great idea rolling that forward

Vice Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Gurney seconded the motion to approve the City Sponsorship and Funding for Cycling Event in September 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4000.

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

**City Council Action: Approved the City Sponsorship and Funding for Cycling Event in September 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4000.**

**Minute Order Number: 2019-179**

16. Discussion and Approval of Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference – October 16 - 18, Long Beach (City Administration)

City Administration presented the agenda item recommending the City Council Designate the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegate(s) for the League of California Cities 2019 Annual Conference scheduled for October 16-18, 2019, in Long Beach and direct City Administration to complete and forward the voting delegate form to the League of California Cities.

Mayor Hinton opened for questions. There were none.

Mayor Hinton opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations:

There were none.

Mayor Hinton moved and Vice Mayor Slayter seconded the motion to approve and designate the following in this order as voting delegate and alternates for the League of California Cities 2019 Annual Conference scheduled for October 16-18, 2019, in Long Beach and directed City Administration to complete and forward the voting delegate form to the League of California Cities.

Voting Delegate: Mayor Hinton  
Voting Alternate: Vice Mayor Slayter  
Voting Alternate: Councilmember Glass

**VOTE:**

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain:None

City Council Action: Approved and designated the following in this order as voting delegate and alternates for the League of California Cities 2019 Annual Conference scheduled for October 16-18, 2019, in Long Beach and directed City Administration to complete and forward the voting delegate form to the League of California Cities.

Voting Delegate: Mayor Hinton  
Voting Alternate: Vice Mayor Slayter  
Voting Alternate: Councilmember Glass  
Minute Order Number: 2019-180

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

17. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports

City Manager McLaughlin announced the following:

- Staff needs further direction about community vitality coordinator (The Council discussed returning this item as an agenda item for further discussion).
- Was re-elected as President of the REMIF Board

18. 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 Carnacchi reported as follows:

- Homeless Count
- 47% increase for Sebastopol over last year

Councilmember Glass reported as follows:

- Attended the Sonoma Marin Vector control District Board Meeting
- Discussed prop 218 election
- Financial projections were incorrect

Vice Mayor Slayter reported as follows:

SCP Report

- Joint program – SCP and PG&E on time of use rates
- Most of Sebastopol is locked out of
- Significant way for folks to monitor energy use

Councilmember Glass questioned the on time of use tariff and consulting with vendors. Vice Mayor Slayter stated he did not know the full details

Councilmember Gurney reported as follows:

- SCTA/RCPA next time
- Two invitations - Sebastopol Walks

19. Council Communications Received. There were none.

20. 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 MEETING:** Mayor Hinton adjourned the meeting at 10:45 pm to the next regular meeting.

The Next Regular City Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary C. Gourley, MMC, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk