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- That seemed like the body that had the greatest interest should make the decision

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

- Questioned what the affect would be other than staff selection in terms of delaying implementation of this Relaunch of Sebastopol plan
- Delay is concerning. Requested an indication of what sort of delay would be caused by having an ad hoc committee get involved in this or have the full City Council get involved. The delay could be great
- In the absence of an ad hoc committee or full City Council involvement, how quickly could we move forward on the relaunch, Sebastopol project?
- If we could have a timeline comparison it on would help my decision making.

City Manager/Attorney McLaughlin commented as follows:

- It would be up to the agenda setting committee, which meets later this week to decide what meeting that fits in.
- I don't think there's much of a delay, it's up to agenda setting to decide what we may there could be a bit more delay, just naturally if you appoint a committee to do a second interview and come back with the Council in the recommendation.
- You have the same scheduling issues to get the committee together and then that would be followed by an item brought to the Council with the agenda setting committee, and they would have to decide.
- There's more delay with that.
- The staff that did the interviews. The group of staff that did the interviews really didn't have an in-depth discussion if we thought another interview would help or not

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I thought the idea was there would be a special meeting if the decision tonight was for it to come back to the full Council.
- Is that what was proposed?

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- The proposal would be if it's the full Council, wishing to make interviews that that would be scheduled
- We all know the difficulty in polls and alignment made calendars.
- Until that goes out and people answer it's difficult to, to pay what the scheduling of that is.
- We all understand the urgency of this item.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was no public comment.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- I am in favor of the recommendation which would be number two on our agenda item, request proposer's provide presentation, second interview style to the full City Council in a special City Council meeting
- Understanding the scheduling limitations, it should be limited time that answers the most number of questions and the greatest amount of need.

Councilmember Rich commented as follows:

I would be opposed to an ad hoc committee, there's too much inherent delay

I would be in support either allowing the staff to make the decision as we requested they do or set a City Council meeting at the earliest day in order to get the full City Council to make a decision, thanks.

Vice Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

I like the idea of setting the special Council meeting as well for us to weigh in.

Not just on the standpoint that a lot of us have interest in how it should roll out, but having a public meeting so that the public can see the process and weigh in

There was a lot of interest in feedback the last time we hired a consultant about work plan and we heard a lot from our public about that.

I would like a transparent process.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I think we will save time if we do a separate interview.
- We may as well get ourselves together and do that.
- I have a scheduling suggestion to make if the agenda review committee would consider this.
- Perhaps we use this special meeting date that is set later in this month to get this interview done and the decision made because then we are going to do the relaunch sooner and we have a later meeting that I think we are calling a retreat where we will talk about our processes and how we do our reporting and get through a shorter meeting etcetera.
- I'm in favor of a second interview
- We are all invested in this and our public is very invested as well.

Councilmember Glass commented as follows:

- I'm actually fine with staff making the decision.
- Without that, I am fine with the entire Council making the decision and scheduling a special meeting.
- I'm just really anxious to watch Relaunch and this not taking another two or three months.
- We are all trying to recovery from the COVID economy particularly many of our downtown merchants etcetera and the sooner the better as far as I'm concerned, I can go for either of the options.

The Council was in consensus to have a special City Council meeting to have the proposals present their proposals in a public meeting with scheduling to be done by the Agenda Review Committee.

**City Council Action: The Council was in consensus to have a special City Council meeting to have the proposals present their proposals in a public meeting with scheduling to be done by the Agenda Review Committee.**

**Minute Order Number: 2021-012**

12. Designating Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) to Vote in the Mayor's Absence for the 2022 Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers City Selection Committee Meetings and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board and General Membership Association Meetings (Responsible Department: City Administration). *This item was continued from the December 21, 2021 City Council Meeting.*

Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council discuss and designate a Voting Delegate and alternate(s) to serve as representative(s) on all occasions that the Mayor may be absent.

Mayor Slayter opened for questions of presenter. There were no questions.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was no public comment.

City Council Discussion and/or Deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- I'm fine being the last person.
- I have not attended many of the meetings.
- Last one I was at was with Mr. Foppoli from Windsor doing his thing in the meeting and that was plenty for me.
- Anyone can go ahead of me.

**MOTION:**

Mayor Slayter moved and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion to approve the following Delegate and alternate(s) to serve as representative(s) on all occasions that the Mayor may be absent as follows in the following order:

Voting Delegate and Alternates in Order Listed:

Mayor Slayter  
Vice Mayor Hinton  
Councilmember Glass  
Councilmember Rich  
Councilmember Gurney

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

**VOTE:**

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

**City Council Action: Approved the following Delegate and alternate(s) to serve as representative(s) on all occasions that the Mayor may be absent as follows in the following order:**

**Voting Delegate and Alternates in Order Listed:**

**Mayor Slayter  
Vice Mayor Hinton  
Councilmember Glass  
Councilmember Rich  
Councilmember Gurney**

**Minute Order Number: 2021-013**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

13. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:
14. 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 Rich reported as follows:

- The ad hoc committee for the unhoused has continued to be very active. The RV village plans are moving forward. Dan Davis is out there doing demo of the property. We have met regularly despite the break.
- Worth reporting is that SAVS was the operator of a warming center over the coldest period this past week or so, and it dipped below freezing. SAVS operated a warming center for two nights Friday and Saturday night from 8:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. at the Community Church where a lot of the local advocates, volunteered to staff it. Community Church made their space available.
- That was a good result and the ad hoc committee for the unhoused will be submitting a complete report at the next scheduled City Council meeting
- The Sebastopol in action coalition group, which includes the rotaries and Kiwanis and lions and active 30-30 club have continued to meet.
- The two pieces of interest to report there is that through the efforts of that group CVNL to host a landing page and volunteer Website for local volunteer efforts.
- It is a very nice professional opportunity for everyone within the community to participate in volunteer listings for free.
- That through the efforts of the Sebastopol service in action coalition, there's a partnership with the senior center that on January 15<sup>th</sup> there will be eight seniors in town who will have a variety of projects done on their behalf, simple things outside yard. It should take 2-3 hours during that morning.
- I will mention that Rebuilding Sebastopol has been involved in that effort too.
- Zero Waste committee is moving forward with their banner. Their new local artist designed banner for the Website, which should be really, really cool.
- The climate action committee is just really go, go, go, on policy questions.

Councilmember Gurney reported as follows:

- I want to just mention a few quick items from the SCTA/RCPA meeting, that was in December; the January meeting is cancelled.
- We reviewed the legislative policies for both organizations so those principals are outlined for staff, as they are our unofficial lobbyists so that we are watching all legislation to make sure that we know if it's important for us to take a position on.
- We also have had a long technical discussion about PDAs Priority development areas and I want to impress upon this Council how important those are to have designated for the purpose of receiving funding.
- It's one of those boxes, a really significant box that needs to be checked off on any application for the application for funding to be more successful.
- We have a pretty sort of narrow strip area in town, what we might suggest to the planning commission that they review it and update it.
- The future of transit ad hoc committee gave its report.
- Three operators continue in their collaborative work, looking at coordinating communication systems whether it's phone lines, websites, just another step, I think they are now on phase two in the report.
- There's a discussion we have another ad hoc committee that is talking about organizing a funding mechanism for climate protection work in other words some kind of measure that goes on the ballot.
- The interpretation is maybe 2022 is not the year to do it because of competing measures but they are continuing to explore that.
- The community benefits organization had a dynamic meeting featuring our civic spark fellow.
- She got the group energized talking about her outreach plan to make sure as she does her work, our community is engaged in the work she is doing and they started answering her survey questions and time ran short so that everybody wanted her to come back for a second session.

- This is our civic spark fellow doing action work with our CBOs.
- It was very, very lively and dynamic.

Councilmember Glass commented we had a tremendous number of meetings over the past month as noted by others, but all my other things were cancelled.

Vice Mayor Hinton commented as follows:

- The legislative committee was cancelled.
- I did do a technical committee which I am asked to do as Vice Chair of the Russian River Watershed Association on December 16th.
- Councilmember Rich and I this morning had a Local Who Made a Difference

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- As I noted the design guidelines subcommittee has met a couple of times
- we didn't meet in the last probably three or four weeks and I expect that the planning director will reconvene us soon.
- Sonoma clean power, I will continue to plug and heartily encourage everyone to go visit the advanced energy center in downtown Santa Rosa.
- There are all kinds of great things that you can go and experiment with, you can cook with induction. You can get information about energy upgrades for your home, which is now kind of the big push and programs working on the transportation sector for a few years with the electric vehicle programs. Now moving in to advanced energy builds for new construction as well as some retrofits for existing homes for energy retrofits and there's a lot of really, really great information that is going on there. The headquarters construction project is complete and that is a wonderful reuse and adaptive reuse of an existing building and it's super energy efficient and certified and all the things that you expect.
- GSA: the big push was reported on at our ground water sustainability plan for the Santa Rosa basin was complete and released to the public and submitted, and that was a major, major couple of year project that was done.
- The fire department subcommittee has not met and we do need to.
- Sebastopol world friends, that board continues to be very, very active.
- They continue with their scholarship program which the goal there is eventually, hopefully some time in the future, that no worthy student is unable to go because of any financial reason and even no student regardless of need, needs to pony up money out of family coffers, it's a strong program and growing stronger.
- The senior center has changed to quarterly meetings with their board. They meet on zoom.
- Chamber of commerce went back to zoom meetings
- They are planning the apple blossom festival tentatively.

15. Council Communications Received. There were none.

16. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See City Web Site for Up-to-Date Meeting Dates/Times)

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

January 4, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned to the Regular City Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 6:00 pm (ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT)

Mayor Slayter adjourned the regular City Council Meeting at 9:47 pm.

***Agenda Item Number 2***

Respectfully Submitted:

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