

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of Tuesday – February 20, 2024
6:00 pm – Meeting Start Time

MINUTES FOR Special City Council Meeting of February 20, 2024
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of March 5, 2024

Please note that these are action minutes only. Detailed raw transcript is attached to the minutes and made a part of the public record. These action minutes are the City’s record of a summary of actions that took place at the meeting. The vote/action is the required information of the meeting actions that took place. Approved minutes are available on the City Council Meetings page.

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6:00 pm City Council Regular Meeting, In Person – Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA/Virtual Format (Zoom)

Call to Order: Mayor Rich called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Rich made the following comments: Cease Fire Resolution has been removed from the agenda.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Diana Rich
Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman
Councilmember Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Jill McLewis
Absent: Councilmember Hinton
Staff: City Manager Don Schwartz
City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
Administrative Services Director Ana Kwong
Police Chief Ron Nelson

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

REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED): To consider and take action on any request from a Council Member to participate in a meeting remotely due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances pursuant to AB 2449 (Government Code Section 549539(f)). None Required. All Councilmembers were in attendance in person other than Councilmember Hinton who was absent.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Conflicts of interest may arise in situations where a public official deliberating towards a decision, has an actual or potential financial interest in the matter before the Council. In accordance with state law, an actual conflict of

interest is one that would be to the private financial benefit of a public official, a relative or a business with which the Councilmember is associated. A potential conflict of interest is one that could be to the private financial benefit of a Councilmember, a relative or a business with which the Councilmember is associated. A Councilmember must publicly announce potential and actual conflicts of interest, and, in the case of actual conflict of interest, must refrain from participating in debate on the issue or from voting on the issue and must remove themselves from the dais.

There were no stated conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (FIRST COMMENT PERIOD):

Up to Twenty (20) Minute Time Limit (Two Minutes for up to ten speakers). Additional public comment will be held at the end of the discussion and action items for up to an additional twenty (20) minutes. Mayor has discretion to allow for additional time beyond the 20 minutes allocated for public comment dependent upon the subject matter or number of speakers.

Process for calling on Speakers: Mayor or designee shall ask for public comment as follows: Speakers to be called on in an alternate manner (One speaker in person to be called on first; then one speaker remote to be called on second with additional speakers to be called on in the same manner) based upon the time limit.

The following member(s) spoke at public comment:

Terez Cease Fire Resolution Support
Hanna Cease Fire Resolution Support
Koby Cease Fire Support
Mike Cease crafting resolution desire for peace
Alaina Cease Fire Resolution Support
Una Participated in drafting resolution
Lena Cease Fire Resolution Support
Christy Part of group who constructed Resolution
Jeanie Cease Fire Resolution Support
Linda Discussed founding of Peace town/Discussed this resolution supports promoting ideology of men

Mayor Rich thanked members of the public.

Vice Mayor Zollman appreciated all comments submitted.

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.

Councilmembers 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 Rich read the consent calendar.

Mayor Rich asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item.

Councilmember's Request(s): There were none.

Mayor Rich opened for Public Comment(s). The following members of the public spoke:

Linda: Asked to remove Item 3 (classification of Fire Chief and costs for consulting services).

Councilmember Maurer made a minor correction to the minutes of February 6th, 2024.

Mayor Rich asked a question on item 3: How will city be meeting obligations of Fire Marshal and Emergency Operations Manager.

City Manager Schwartz responded: Emergency Operations will be the Police Chief and Fire Marshal services will be done in house or contracted out.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Zollman moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, and 3 with amendment to the minutes.

Item number four has been removed from the agenda.

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Hinton

Abstain: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of February 5, 2024, Closed Session (Responsible Department: City Administration)

City Council Action: **Approved City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of February 5, 2024, Closed Session**
Minute Oder Number: 2024-030

2. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of February 6, 2024 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

City Council Action: **Approved City Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting of February 6, 2024**
Minute Oder Number: 2024-031

3. Approval to Revise the Classification Specification, Fire Chief (Responsible Department: Human Resources Consultant Muchmore than Consulting/City Administration)

City Council Action: **Approved Resolution to Revise the Classification Specification, Fire Chief**
Minute Oder Number: 2024-032
Resolution Number: 6576-2024

- ~~4. Approval of Request for Calling a Cease Fire: Resolution for the City of Sebastopol to join the United Nations, Amnesty International, World Health Organization, world leaders, religious leaders, and citizens of the world everywhere in calling for an immediate and permanent CEASEFIRE, an end to all armed hostilities, and the prompt release of all hostages on both sides (Requestor: Mayor Rich/Vice Mayor Zollman)~~

Item Pulled from the Agenda.

Reference Order Number: 2024-033

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS: Informational Items or Presentations are items that are informational only and do not require action by the City Council. Presentations shall be scheduled as necessary for the promotion of an event or service or general information items to the Council and should be limited to ten (10) minutes total in length of item. None

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION)

5. Presentation and Discussion of Indirect Cost Allocation Plan – Study Outcomes as of Fiscal Year 2023-24: Presentation by: Clear Source Financial. This presentation conveys the outcomes of a study to prepare a new Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, which determines Citywide overhead burden by department and reimbursement for central services to the General Fund from other funds such as the Water and Wastewater Funds. (Responsible Department: City Manager/Administrative Services)

City Manager Schwartz presented the agenda item recommending the Council City receive this informational report and provide City staff any comment or direction which can influence the implementation of this Cost Allocation Plan in the forthcoming Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Terry Madsen, Clear Source, made a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Rich opened for questions from Council. The Council asked questions of staff and the consultant.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke on this item.

Mr. Goldberg: Discussed framework/principles for accounting/and benchmarks against other communities.

Kyle: Discussed memo to Budget Subcommittee/Inconsistencies/Discussed rate hike presentation/Need for regular auditing and look at processes

Ernie Carpenter: Discussed 887 Costs/Discussed the upcoming rate increases/thanked the City for their transparency

Robert: Discussed City Attorney budget/other obligations to other lawsuits/need to know on agenda items where the item is going to be paid from

Oliver: Complimented Clear Source

Linda: Discussed the City fraud issue/discussed consultants/discussed new project north of town

City Manager Schwartz responded to public comment. Clear Source has methodology and tools. Discussed benchmarking and comparable and Sebastopol is in ballpark as well as the City will continue to look at financial practices.

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed and thanked the presenter.

City Council Action: No action taken. Received report.

Minute Order Number: 2024-034

6. Status Report/Update on SAVS Transition Plan. (Requestor: Agenda Review Committee/Responsible Department: Police/City Attorney)

Police Chief Nelson presented the agenda item recommending the Council Receive the report.

Adrienne Lauby was in attendance.

Jack Tibbets was in attendance.

Mayor Rich opened for questions from Council. The Council provided questions to SVDP. SVDP provided answers to the questions.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke on this item.

Arlie: Discussed SAVS residents/reality of situation

Linda: Discussed SAVS residents and stated someone needs to take responsibility

Kyle: Discussed frustration with decisions that get made against people in less fortunate situations/sad no level of support/discussing funding of enforcement laws put people back on the streets/questioned economic cost of litigation

Admin: How much has been spent per capita

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction to Staff:

The Council provided closing comments on the agenda item.

Council was in support of providing discretion to staff as to when this item is to return to Council.

City Council Action: No action required. Informational Only.

Reference Order Number: 2024-035

Mayor Rich called for a break at 8:14 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:25 pm.

7. Ad Hoc Committee Report Out/Recommendations for Garbage Franchise Agreement. The item is to request the City Council Terminate further negotiations with Recology for a long-term extension of their Franchise Agreement; and direct and authorize staff to prepare and execute a contract with R3 Consulting Group, a solid waste management consultant, to manage procurement for hauler; and other actions associated with the RFP process as noted in the agenda item report. (Responsible Department: Ad Hoc Committee)

City Manager Schwarz presented the agenda item recommending the Council:

1. Terminate further negotiations with Recology for a long-term extension of their Franchise Agreement;
2. Direct and authorize staff to prepare and execute a contract with R3 Consulting Group, a solid waste management consultant, to manage procurement for hauler;
3. Approve Resolution for Budget Amendment for *\$200,000 for R3 Contract to be paid from the unassigned fund balance.

**The General Fund will be reimbursed through a one time procurement reimbursement from selected hauler.*

4. Authorize staff to formalize with Recology the additional short term extension (Recology has agreed by email to the City to an additional six month extension to June 2025) to the current Recology contract to allow for a 15 month process for the hauling services RFP;
5. Authorize City staff to negotiate with Recology an additional three month extension (through September 2025) allowing for a minimum of 18 months for a RFP process; (As of the writing of this report, staff has not heard back from Recology on this request);
6. Issue a Request For Proposal for hauling services ("hauling services RFP") to include preparation of a new Solid Waste and Recycling Services Franchise Agreement in anticipation of the expiration of the existing franchise agreement;
7. Dissolving of the current Ad Hoc Committee. If a future ad hoc committee is required, City staff will return to the City Council with an agenda item with that request.

The Ad Hoc committee provided comments on the process and expressed disappointment.

Mayor Rich opened for questions from Council. There were none.

Logan Harvey, Recology, was in attendance. Mayor Rich asked questions of Mr. Harvey relating to submittal of RFP/extension of contract/reimbursement of the funding amount.

Mayor Rich opened for public comment.

The following member(s) of the public spoke on this item.

June: Discussed environmental goals/zero waste/recyclables/scoring of RFPs/wanting great services

Marty: Discussed values/priorities in RFP/Climate Action Plan Framework

Jay: Discussed Recology doing good service/makes sense to slow down/how many other bidders will show up/is the city negotiating against itself/new regulations on food waste/training needed

Michael: Discussed two new trucks promised/where are they

Oliver: In favor of RFP /stated Recology does a good job

Linda: Discussed policy failures/discussed project north of town/garbage and weight on streets

Mr. Goldberg: Discussed yard waste/not understand why we cannot recycle our own materials

Myriah: Read a prepared statement/supports Recology

Kyle Support RFP process/Discussed Recology subsidiaries in San Francisco/ fraud/bribery/look forward to RFP/Look at real costs of damage to roads/need for repair

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction to Staff:

The Council discussed the item.

Garth Schultz was in attendance and provided information on the RFP process and City objectives.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Zollman moved and Councilmember McLewis seconded the motion to approve the following:

1. Terminate further negotiations with Recology for a long-term extension of their Franchise Agreement;
8. Direct and authorize staff to prepare and execute a contract with R3 Consulting Group, a solid waste management consultant, to manage procurement for hauler;
9. Approve Resolution for Budget Amendment for *\$200,000 for R3 Contract to be paid from the unassigned fund balance.

**The General Fund will be reimbursed through a one time procurement reimbursement from selected hauler.*

10. Authorize staff to formalize with Recology the additional short term extension (Recology has agreed by email to the City to an additional six month extension to June 2025) to the current Recology contract to allow for a 15 month process for the hauling services RFP;
11. Authorize City staff to negotiate with Recology an additional three month extension (through September 2025) allowing for a minimum of 18 months for a RFP process; (As of the writing of this report, staff has not heard back from Recology on this request);
12. Issue a Request For Proposal for hauling services ("hauling services RFP") to include preparation of a new Solid Waste and Recycling Services Franchise Agreement in anticipation of the expiration of the existing franchise agreement;
13. Dissolving of the current Ad Hoc Committee. If a future ad hoc committee is required, City staff will return to the City Council with an agenda item with that request.

With the addition that a future agenda item be returned with the weighting/scoring criteria.

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Maurer, McLewis, Vice Mayor Zollman and Mayor Rich
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Hinton
Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the following:

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Minute Order Number: 2024-036
Resolution Number: 6577-2024

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Two minutes per speaker for up to twenty (20) minutes total for public comments but can be reduced at Mayor’s discretion depending upon the number of speakers or Mayor has discretion to allow for additional time beyond the 20 minutes allocated for public comment dependent upon the subject matter or number of speakers.

The following member(s) spoke at public comment:

June: Thanked for work done on cease fire resolution/good resolution/like to see I return
Kyle: Losing Planning Director/not seeking active replacement of that position/loss of institutional knowledge/saw this with engineering/ /huge loss
Bree: Read prepared statement/support cease fire resolution
Linda: Thank the Council for removing cease fire resolution
Mr. Goldberg: Thanked for pulling resolution/can do better/process to deal with these types of crises
Maria: Supports cease fire resolution
Ernie: Discussed cease fire resolution/No one can be against a cease fire, but it has to be preconditioned by releasing the hostages and condemning October 7th

Faye: As a Jewish person, want to apologize to the Palestinian speakers who had to listen to the vile racist comments
Woody: Thanked for work into resolution/appropriate for small cities to voice concern of world issues/discussed process
Russell Support of future cease fire resolution

CITY COUNCIL/CITY STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETINGS:

8. City Manager and/or City Clerk Reports: (This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)

Reminder: Agenda Review Committee Meeting, Wednesday Feb 21st 9:00 am

9. 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. ((This will be either verbal reports at the meeting, or written reports provided at or prior to the meeting)

Councilmember Maurer reported out as follows: Zero Waste

Vice Mayor Zollman reported out as follows:

Budget meeting Feb 7th
LGBT Liaison at Senior Center
Mayors and Councilmembers Meeting
Child Care Planning Council
Met with Kirk Lok/Sonoma County Hospitality
Ukrainian Delegation
Coffee with the Fire Chief
Library Ad Hoc Committee
Chamber non Board Meeting
United Child Care/How to provide funding for little kids 4 and above
EIFD Meeting

Councilmember McLewis reported out as follows:

Mayors and Councilmembers Meeting
Sonoma Hospitality Meeting
Recology ad hoc committee meetings
Legislative meeting
Sebastopol World Friends/benefit luncheon this Saturday
Connect with Chief on City business

Mayor Rich reported out as follows:

Legislative committee handout/bills being tracked/would like copies if available
Horizon Shine Village
Marin Sonoma Vector Control District/new ED

10. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers) There were none.

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting will be adjourned to the City Council Special Meeting Closed Session of Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Special City Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, will be adjourned to the City Council Regular Meeting of March 5, 2024.

Mayor Rich adjourned the City Council Meeting of February 20, 2024, at 9:54 pm to the next City Council Special Meeting of February 26, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

Attachment:
Raw Zoom Minutes

I WILL GO AHEAD AND CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. THANK YOU, EVERYONE, IN THE ROOM HERE. I LOVE TO SEE THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. WE WILL MOVE THROUGH OUR AGENDA TONIGHT. WE WILL BE STARTING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, BUT I JUST WANT TO ALERT EVERYONE AS AN INITIAL REMINDER THAT THE ITEM THAT WAS THE PROPOSED CEASE-FIRE REVOLUTION HAS BEEN REMOVED. JUST PROCEDURALLY AND AM ABSOLUTELY THRILLED TO SEE THESE PEOPLE IN HERE REGARDLESS, BUT PROCEDURALLY, I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BECOMES AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, WHICH ALLOWS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE GO INTO OUR REGULAR AGENDA. OUR PROTOCOL HERE IS TO HAVE 20 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WITH TWO MINUTES ALLOCATED TO EACH PERSON. WE DO COME BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AT THE END OF THE MEETING, BUT THAT MAY BE FAIRLY LATE. WE HAVE A FULL AGENDA HERE. WE ALLOCATE AGAIN 20 MINUTES. AS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER, ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANYTHING SUBMITTED BY EMAIL DURING THE MEETING WILL IN FACT BE POSTED ON THE MEETING WEBPAGE. AFTER THE MEETING IS CLOSED AND THEREFORE ANYTHING YOU SEND IN, ALL OF US ON CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE AND I GUARANTEE YOU THAT ALL OF US WILL READ IT, BUT IT WILL NOT BE POSTED ON THE MEETING WEBPAGE. TO SEND IN COMMENTS TO THE CITY, IT IS CITY COUNCIL AT CITY OF SEBASTOPOL.GOV . MARY IS OUR SOURCE OF ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION. PLEASE FEEL FREE NOW, DURING THE MEETING OR AFTER TO SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS, BECAUSE WE WILL ALL RECEIVE THOSE THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING THAT WILL BE POSTED ON THE MEETING PAGE. I WANT TO THANK IN ADVANCE ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN HERE WHO ARE DEMONSTRATING SUCH A RESPECTFUL, PEACEFUL AND COMMUNITY MINDING MESSAGING HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US. WE FEEL YOUR MESSAGES AND REFILL YOUR PEACEFUL AND RESPECTFUL DEMEANOR. THAT SAYS A LOT, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT AND WE HOPE TO MAINTAIN THAT THROUGH THE MEETING. OUR FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- ACTUALLY. ME I DO WILL CALL?

PLEASE, DO WILL CALL FOR US.

THANK YOU. IF THE COUNCIL CAN TALK INTO THE MICROPHONE'S, I KNOW OUR LAST COUPLE OF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN QUIET WHEN IT GOES OUT OF LIFESTREAM, SO THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

[ROLL BEING CALLED]

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE FOR THE PUBLIC THAT SHE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE, BUT SHE'S NOT ABLE TO AND IS NOT FEELING WELL. WE HAVE DONE THE ROLL CALL, SO LET'S SALUTE TO THE FLAG, PLEASE. ALL STAND.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

APPROVING THAT IT IS THE SPIRIT AND NOT NECESSARILY THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE FACE. THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR PARTICIPATING IN THAT EFFORT. NOW, WE GO TO PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS. THERE ARE NO PROCLAMATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT. NEXT, STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. DO I HEAR ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT ITEM IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. I EXPECT THAT WE ARE GOING TO LINE PEOPLE UP OVER THERE. IS THAT THE IDEA? IF YOU CAN ORGANIZE US FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC COMMENT IS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, STAND IN LINE TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER, IT IS ONLY A 20 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT AND TWO MINUTES EACH. I WILL GO OUT AND WHOEVER HAS RAISED THEIR HAND FIRST, WE GO IN ORDER THAT WE WAY. 20 MINUTES IS TYPICALLY 10 PEOPLE. KEEP THAT IN MIND. I WILL OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. IF YOU DON'T GET A CHANCE TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT, WE DO HAVE A PERIOD AT THE END. I WILL GO INTO CHAMBERS FIRST. IF YOU PRESS THE BUTTON IN THE MIDDLE, THE LIGHT

WILL COME ON AND TELL YOU THAT THE MICROPHONE IS ON. I USUALLY JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES -- SECONDS LEFT.

MY NAME IS TORRES AND I AM A CHRISTIAN PALESTINIAN AMERICAN BORN IN JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE MONTHS BEFORE THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL WAS CREATED. IN 1948, MY FAMILY FLED THE VIOLENCE NEAR WHERE WE LIVED, BECAUSE OF THE WAR THAT FOLLOWED THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE. OVER HALF OF THE POPULATION WAS DISPLACED AND WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. THAT IS THE ROOT OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT. AFTER LIVING IN JORDAN FOR 10 YEARS, WE CAME TO THE U.S. WHEN I WAS 10 YEARS OLD, THEN MOVED IN 1971. WE LIVED NEAR THEM NURSERY, NEIGHBORHOOD WE LOVED AND FELT AT HOME IN. PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY TO US AND ASKED WHERE WE CAME FROM. WHEN WE TOLD THEM OUR STORY, MOST COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. DESPITE LIVING IN BEAUTIFUL SEBASTOPOL , MY HEART NEVER DISCONNECTED FROM THE MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD IN JORDAN AND THE STORIES OF MY FAMILY IN PALESTINE. AS I GOT OLDER, I FELT FREE ABOUT SHOWING THE PAINFUL HISTORY OF MY PEOPLE. FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE A LIFE, THE OPPRESSION OF THE PALESTINIANS HAS BEEN GROWING UNTIL IT EXPLODED ON OCTOBER 7th. IS STAGGERING AND DISPROPORTIONATE RESPONSE IN GAZA. WE WANT THE KILLING ON BOTH SIDES TO STOP.

YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS.

I AM A PEACE ACTIVIST AND MY NAME IS ON THE LIVING PEACE WALL NOT FAR FROM HERE. SEBASTOPOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PEACE TOWN AND WE WANT YOU TO HELP US KEEP IT THAT WAY . OUR CONCERN IS THAT PEOPLE IN GAZA ARE DYING EVERY DAY. I BELIEVE THAT ALL GAZANS, PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS DESERVE THE DIGNITY, FREEDOM AND SECURITY WE HAVE. ULTIMATELY, WE SAVE OUR HUMAN MASS BY COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO TRY TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE FREE EXPRESSION OF SPEECH BY EVERYONE WHO IS CONTRIBUTING THEIR COMMENTS TODAY, I NEED YOU TO NOT APPLAUSE, APPLAUD OR RESPOND IN ANY OTHER WAY THAT WOULD INDICATE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. THANKS.

NOW, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. HANNAH, UNMUTE YOURSELF.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU. I CANNOT SEE A TWO-MINUTE TIMER.

I WILL GO AHEAD AND JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS LEFT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS HANNAH AND I AM A LEBANESE AMERICAN AND I WANTED TO READ TO YOU A POEM PASSED AWAY -- WHO WAS MURDERED A FEW DAYS AFTER HE SHARED HIS POEM, IF I MUST DIE. THIS POEM, IF I MUST DIE, YOU MUST LIVE TO TELL MY STORY, TO SELL MY THINGS, TO BUY A PIECE OF CLOTH AND SOME STRINGS. MAKE IT WHITE WITH A LONG TAIL, SO THAT A CHILD SUMMER IN GAZA WHILE LOOKING IN THE EYE AWAITING HIS DAD WHO IS LEFT IN A BLAZE AND BID NO ONE FAREWELL NOT EVEN TO HIS FLESH OR HIMSELF. HE SEES THE KITE AND FLYING OFF OF THE. THANKS FOR A MOMENT, AN ANGEL WAS THERE BRINGING BACK LOVE. IF I MISSED I, LET IT BRING HOPE AND LET IT BE A TAIL. I AM GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE BEING THERE TODAY AND I UNDERSTAND YOU ALL HAVE DECIDED NOT TO BRING ON THE AGENDA CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. I REALLY WISH THAT WERE NOT THE CASE. WE NEED TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER AND I HOPE YOU FEEL THE GRAVITY OF THAT ORIGINAL MOMENT THAT WE DON'T FACE OF, MORE PEOPLE ARE DYING. THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY. SOMEONE ELSE CAN HAVE MY TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. PUBLIC COMMENT?

YES, MY NAME IS KOBE. I AM A LONG-TERM RESIDENT FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS IN SEBASTOPOL. I WORK AS A THERAPIST . I AM JEWISH DESCENDENT OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND I LIVED IN ISRAEL FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. I WATCHED A LOT OF CONFLICT AND I WENT AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND I AM WELL EDUCATED ON THE CONFLICT. EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY IS SAYING, NOT IN OUR NAME. THIS IS NOT IN THE NAME OF JEWISH SAFETY. IT IS NOT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM OR TO BE ANTI-SEMITIC. IT IS TO STAND FOR HUMAN LIFE FOR HUMANITARIAN AND TO THIS BLOODY MASSACRE IN

THE NAME OF SAFETY. THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS GOING TO BRING ABOUT ANY SAFETY FOR IN THIS CONFLICT. AS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SEBASTOPOL AND CARING DEEPLY ABOUT PEACE , I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD BRING OUR VOICES LIFT IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACE TOWN OF HOLDING PEACE IN OUR WORLD AND CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE.

30 SECONDS.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. MIKE, UNMUTE YOURSELF.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

CAN YOU SEE THE TWO-MINUTE TIMER?

NO. THAT'S FINE. I HAVE A TIMER. I AM HERE TONIGHT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR WHAT WAS OBVIOUSLY THEIR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE POST CEASE-FIRE REVOLUTION. I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR STATEMENTS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AFTER THEY PASSED A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. SHE SAID, CITY SUPERVISORS ARE NEITHER ELECTED NOR QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE COMPLEX FOREIGN POLICY. FRANKLY, NEITHER ARE MAYORS. WE SHOULD BE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERSATION FOR PEOPLE TO RALLY AROUND OUR COMMON VALUES, ADVOCATE FOR PEACE AND SUPPORT HUMAN LIFE. WE SHOULD BE COMING TOGETHER SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND SEEKING THE COHESION AT HOME THAT WE LOOK FOR A BROAD.

MAINSTREAM JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU ON CRAFTING A RESOLUTION, WHICH EXPRESSES THE CITY'S DESIRE FOR PEACE WITHOUT UNINTENTIONALLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE VULNERABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITY. WITHOUT IGNORING THE CONNECTION TO ISRAEL THAT SO MANY OF US HAVE. HALF THE WORLD'S LIVE IN ISRAEL. MOST OF US HERE ARE ONLY A FEW DEGREES OF SEPARATION AWAY FROM SOMEONE TORTURED, , MUTILATED, MURDERED OR KIDNAPPED ON OCTOBER 7th. THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU USE WILL BE IMPACTING US PERSONALLY, AS WELL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS.

HELLO, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ALINA AND I AM 24 YEARS OLD AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SEBASTOPOL . I AM A PROUD JEWISH WOMAN. I SUPPORT THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN A LONG-TERM PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE. I KNOW THAT LONG-TERM PEACE CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY NEGOTIATED WHILE THE BOMBS ARE DROPPING FROM EITHER SIDE. WHILE IT CANNOT BE A STOP TO THE WORK WITHOUT MANY U.S. CITIES PUTTING PRESSURE ON OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS A STRONG CONNECTION WITH ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT AND POLICIES, WE ARE A SMALL CITY. WHAT YOU CHOOSE IN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL SET A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER CITIES CONSIDERING RESOLUTIONS AND NOT PRECEDENT RIPPLES OUT. THERE HAS BEEN NO FEAR AROUND POTENTIAL RESOLUTION AND PARTICULARLY FROM JEWISH RESIDENTS AND CONSTITUENTS. I UNDERSTAND THIS AND FEEL EMPATHY FOR THOSE FEELING FEAR. THIS RESOLUTION IN ITS CURRENT FORM DOES NOT ENDANGER OR PROMOTE VIOLENCE TO ANYBODY INTERNATIONALLY OR LOCALLY. THIS RESOLUTION PROMOTES PEACE FOR PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS. PEACE UNITES US. IT DOESN'T DIVIDE US. WAR DIVIDES US. I AM HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF AND ALSO DR. SUSAN, A PALESTINIAN RESIDENT OF SEBASTOPOL WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TONIGHT. SUSAN SAYS, I AM DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LACK OF ACTION ON THIS GENOCIDE. AFTER OVER 120 DAYS OF THE SIEGE ON GAZA AND THE INCREASED VIOLENCE IN THE WEST BANK BY ISRAEL HE SENATORS, PUBLIC OUTCOME WOULD BE WOUNDED AND CITIES LIKE SEVASTOPOL TAKE A STAND.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

AND MOVED HERE IN 2005 WITH A YOUNG DAUGHTER IN HOPES OF RAISING HER IN A COMMUNITY THAT SERVED PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE. I AM QUESTIONING THE CORE VALUES OF MY HOMETOWN. I EMPLOY YOU TO MAKE THE POTENTIAL AND DIFFICULT CHOICE FOR PEACE AND DIGNITY OF CIVILIANS OF PALESTINE, ISRAEL. PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING A CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION ON THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, ZOOM.

I AM UNNEEDED.

CAN YOU SEE THE TWO-MINUTE TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

GOOD EVENING. I LIVE IN SEBASTOPOL AND I AM A FORMER MAYOR OF SEBASTOPOL. I PARTICIPATED WITH A GROUP OF CITIZENS WHO DRAFTED A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA. THIS GROUP INCLUDED MEMBERS OF PALESTINIAN AND JEWISH COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS OTHERS. OUR INTENT WAS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND HELP WITH THE EFFORT TO STOP THE KILLING IN GAZA AND ISRAEL. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY AND GRATEFUL TO OUR SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY WHEN IT CAME TOGETHER SINCE OCTOBER 7th TO HOLD PEACE VIGILS EVERY WEEK NEXT TO OUR SEBASTOPOL PEACE LAW. THESE VIGILS HAVE BEEN INCLUSIVE OF PEOPLE FROM BOTH SIDES OF CAN'T LIFT AND MIDDLE EAST. THESE VIGILS HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPRESSION OF OUR PEACE TOWN SPIRIT. THE INTENSE IS ALSO TO UNITE OUR COMMUNITY TOWARDS A MORE JUST AND PEACEFUL WORLD. MY PARENTS LIVED IN LONDON THROUGHOUT THE BLITZ OF WORLD WAR II AND SURVIVED YEARS OF DAILY BOMBING. THIS EXPERIENCE PERMANENTLY TRAUMATIZED MY MOTHER. HAVING LISTENED TO MY MOTHER'S EXPERIENCES, I FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE ACTION THAT WHILE IN SOME SMALL WAY, PREVENT SIMILAR TRAUMA OCCURRING ELSEWHERE. VIOLENCE BEGETS MORE VIOLENCE. TRAUMA BEGETS MORE TRAUMA. IT DOES NOT BRING PEACE FOR PEOPLE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CONFLICT. AT SOME POINT, THE CYCLE MUST BE BROKEN. WHILE SOME MAY SAY THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEYOND PURVIEW OF THE LITTLE SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL, I RESPONSE THAT RESOLUTIONS BY SMALL CITIES ARE A WAY TO EXPRESS THE DESIRES OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE IN THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD WHEN IT APPEARS THAT OUR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, BACK TO CHAMBERS.

MY NAME IS MARTIN AND I LIVE IN SEBASTOPOL. UNICEF HAS ESTIMATED MORE THAN 1000 CHILDREN IN GAZA HAD ONE OR BOTH OF THEIR LEGS AMPUTATED EVERY DAY. OVER 100 CHILDREN ARE KILLED EACH DAY IN GAZA. MORE THAN 67,000 INJURIES, SURGERIES, AMPUTATIONS BEING DONE WITH NO ANESTHETIC. THE MAJORITY OF THE KIDS OUR CHILDREN AND WOMEN. I AM A 75-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AND I GREW UP WITH HALF OF THE PEOPLE IN MY APARTMENT BUILDING IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. WE ARE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. SOME OF THEM WERE MY CLOSEST FRIENDS. AS A CULTURE, IT DIDN'T COME TO ME UNTIL MY 30s AND MAYBE EARLY 40s WHEN I STARTED GOING TO COLLEGE AND I TOOK JEWISH STUDIES. I'M VERY PROUD TO BECOME AND LEARN ALL ABOUT MY HISTORY AND CULTURE. I HAD A CLOSE FRIEND THAT WOULD TELL ME THINGS ABOUT ISRAEL THAT I WAS NOT READY TO HEAR AT THE TIME AND I WAS WILLING TO LOSE HER AS A FRIEND.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

I FOUND OUT THAT THEY SOLD THE ELECTRICAL FENCING TO SOUTH AFRICA -- TO THE GOVERNMENT. I FOUND OUT THAT ISRAEL WAS TRAINING THE DEATH SQUADS IN GUATEMALA, SO WHATEVER LONGING THAT I HAD WENT UP IN THE AIR AND I MAINTAIN THAT I'M JEWISH AND PROUD OF MY PEOPLE. I ALSO LOVE ALL PEOPLE. THERE IS NO WAY THAT I COULD -- I'M ASHAMED OF OTHER THAT DO NOT STAND UP.

THAT IS TWO MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, ZOOM. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? SORRY TO INTERJECT, BUT HOW MANY MORE SPEAKERS DO WE HAVE TIME FOR? THREE MORE SPEAKERS, SO PEOPLE ARE AWARE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN.

I WILL LISTEN TO YOUR WANTING WHEN IT'S ALMOST TIME.

AHEAD.

MY NAME IS KRISTI AND I DON'T LIVE IN SEBASTOPOL AND I WORK IN SEBASTOPOL. I AM A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND I AM ALSO PART OF THE GROUP WHO CONSTRUCTED THIS RESOLUTION ALONG WITH COUNCILMAN AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE TIME AND ENERGY THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS. I AM DEEPLY SADDENED THAT A BEAUTIFUL RESOLUTION THAT IS NOT ONE-SIDED AND BRINGS TOGETHER THE COMMUNITY FOR PEACE AND END TO THE KILLING, LOSS OF LIVES, PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI LIVES, WOULD CREATE SUCH AN UPROAR IN OUR COMMUNITY. I REALLY HOPE WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND DRAFT A RESOLUTION THAT FURTHERS THE AIM OF PEACE

AND PUTS PRESSURE ON OUR GOVERNMENT AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO STOP THIS WAR. I AM DEEPLY SADDENED ABOUT THE ANGRY BACKLASH BY SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO JEWISH AND THE INSINUATION THAT THOSE OF US WHO WORKED ON THIS RESOLUTION ARE ANTI-SEMITIC CONSIDERING THAT MANY ARE JEWISH. ALSO, THE INSINUATION THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE POSSIBLE VIOLENCE AT THIS RESOLUTION HEARING, BECAUSE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY REPORTED VIOLENCE. 30 SECONDS.

I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN WE SPEAK UP AGAINST THESE ATROCITIES, WE SPEAK FOR OUR DEEP LOVE FOR HUMANITY, AND PEACE. WE WANT ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE AND WE WANT THE PEOPLE IN GAZA TO LIVE. WE WANT PEOPLE IN THE WEST BANK VILLAGE LIVE. WE WANT A WORLD WHERE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI CHILDREN CAN PLAY, PROSPER AND PIECE TOGETHER. EVENTUALLY, YOU WILL BE FACED WITH VOTING FOR OR AGAINST CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS BALANCED AND NOT ONE-SIDED. THAT'S TWO MINUTES.

THAT IS THE WAY OF PEACE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, CHAMBERS.

THANK YOU, ALL. I HAVE BEEN LIVING AND WORKING IN SEBASTOPOL FOR 24 OR 25 YEARS. FIRST, I HAVE TO SAY THAT IT IS UNUSUAL. DR. SUSAN ALINA QUOTED IS MY DAUGHTER. SHE IS FROM -- MY FIRST HUSBAND IS PALESTINIAN. SHE IS MY DAUGHTER BY HIM. SHE IS VERY IDENTIFIED WITH THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE BACK IN PALESTINE SEVERAL SIGN -- TENTS AND HAS BEEN REPORTED IN WHICH YOU SPEND. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT HOW COMPLEX THE PATHWAY TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS GOING TO BE, BUT NOTHING WILL START BEFORE PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING CARED AND THE HOSTAGES ARE RELEASED. THERE IS NOWHERE TO GO BEFORE WE DO THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE ALWAYS LIVED BY IS A WONDERFUL POEM, WHICH I WILL RECITE, BECAUSE I COULDN'T -- BASICALLY, THE IDEA IS THAT THERE IS SO MUCH TO DEAL AND BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO, I WILL NOT REFUSE TO DO THE THINGS I CAN. THIS IS THE THING YOU CAN. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU FOR SURE. ONE MORE PIECE ABOUT MY DAUGHTER.

30 SECONDS.

OKAY, SHE AND I HAD TO SEE ORIGIN, WHICH IS A POWERFUL MOVIE AND I SPOKE TO SUSAN, MY DAUGHTER, ABOUT HOW SHE WAS FEELING ABOUT THE FACT THAT OUR RESOLUTION MEETING WAS CANCELED AND IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG. THIS IS THE END OF FEBRUARY. IT IS THE END OF FEBRUARY. ANYWAY, WHAT SHE SAID TO ME WAS. THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE MORE PUBLIC SLEEPER -- SPEAKER. THE NEXT SPEAKER I HAVE IS LINDA. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR SELF? LINDA, CAN YOU HEAR US? GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

IT IS A LITTLE FUZZY. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY IN THIS WONDERFUL TOWN WE LIVE IN AND THIS WAS ALL FOUNDED ON LAND STOLEN BY THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO WERE SLAUGHTERED AND THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON THE GENOCIDE AND LAND OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. IT IS THE AMERICAN WAY. ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS MY OPINION THAT EVERYBODY ASKING FOR A CEASE-FIRE WITHOUT OVERSIGHT IS PROMOTING THE IDEOLOGY OF MEN WHO BELIEVE IN -- THEY DON'T MIND GETTING KILLED, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL GET 72. I DON'T THINK THIS IS FAIR TO THE WOMEN IN PALESTINE OR ANYWHERE, SO THIS IS A MALE-DOMINATED TRYING TO KEEP THEIR DOMINANCE AND EXPLOITATION OVER WOMEN AND GIRLS. IT IS VIOLENT IF NOTHING ELSE. CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT THIS. ALSO, THEY HAVE FOUND THAT A LOT OF THE AGE IS SKIMMED OFF BY HAMAS AND SHUTTLED EVERYWHERE. 300+ MILES OF TUNNELS UNDERGROUND AND HAVE FOUND --.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

THE COMPUTER CENTERS AND EVERYTHING IN THE NEXT ROOM. THERE IS A WILL THAT GOES DOWN TO THE TUNNELS SIGNED WITH THE ALL THE STUFF. THIS IS NOT ANYTHING THAT IS WIDELY SUPPORTED. THERE NEEDS TO BE OVERSIGHT.

THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT

THAT IS 20 MINUTES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE ROOM WHO HAS BEEN PRESENT AND OFFERED THE PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS TO THE NOW THAT WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN. I WILL REPEAT IT HERE. IT IS COUNSEL AT CITY OF SEBASTOPOL .GOV. PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WHETHER IT WAS DURING THIS MEETING ON THE WEBPAGE FOR AFTER THAT, BECAUSE ALL OF US TO RECEIVE THOSE EMAILS AND I GET TO THAT WE ALL READ THEM. I DO SEE THAT WE HAVE A QUESTION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE TO MOVE ON, SO MAYBE YOU CAN EMAIL US WITH YOUR QUESTION MIGHT TAKE A BREAK LATER. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE. I JUST WANT TO SHARE BRIEFLY, BECAUSE I THINK THE WORDS THAT HAVE BEEN SHARED BY EMAIL AND IN THE ROOM TODAY REALLY TO COVER A BROAD RANGE, BUT THIS EXPERIENCE HAS GIVEN ME A REAL RENEWED UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR THE ABILITY OF HUMAN BEINGS IN OUR TOWN TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS AND SPEAK THEIR TRUTH IN AN UNRESTRAINED WAY, SO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT IN EMAILS. WE WISH -- THIS WAS A HARD DECISION, BUT I THINK EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS AND I HOPE YOU DO. IT WAS A VERY HARD DECISION AND IT WAS REALLY BASED ON OUR ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CAPACITY OF THE ROOM. I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED -- THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM TONIGHT HAVE BEEN VERY RESPECTFUL AND HAVE NOT CREATED ANY RISK FOR US. THAT'S NOT SURPRISING HERE IN SEBASTOPOL, BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO OUR AGENDA. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD BEFORE WE MOVE ON?

THANK YOU. YES, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT I DO ALSO APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THAT IS ONE OF THE THREE THINGS, SO AS OUR MAYOR SAID, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS IF YOU CAN BY THE END OF THE NIGHT OR AFTER. JUST KNOW THAT IT WILL BE PART OF PUBLIC RECORD, BUT PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS ARE. THANK YOU.

ANYTHING EMAIL TO US IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST, SO IT IS STILL AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, BUT JUST WOULDN'T BE POSTED. AS A REMINDER, WE WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 20 MINUTES OF COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT AT THE END OF THE MEETING TONIGHT. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO RETURN OR STAY FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY SHARED THEIR COMMENTS DURING THE FIRST 20 MINUTES. AT THIS POINT, I WILL MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND ANYTHING FROM CITY COUNCIL BEFORE STEP? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FEEL FREE TO STAY. WE UNDERSTAND IF YOU DON'T. ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR TONIGHT, THERE ARE FOUR ITEMS FOR PURPOSES OF EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE WILL BE VOTING ON ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. HAVE ITEM ONE, APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5. ITEM TWO IS APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6th, 2020 OR. ITEM THREE IS APPROVAL TO REVISE THE CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FIRE CHIEF. AS WE HAVE NOTED, ITEM FOUR HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? DOES ANYONE WANT TO REMOVE ANY ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE?

I HAVE A CORRECTION FOR THE MINUTES KEVIN WATERS. IT WAS SPELLED GAVIN WATER. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CORRECTION. THAT'S ALL.

THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENT AND ANY NEED TO REMOVE THE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? CAN ORGANIZE OUR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CALENDAR ITEMS ONE, TWO AND THREE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING NONE. ZOOM . IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? YOU CAN GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

NUMBER FOUR, WHICH HAS BEEN REMOVED IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME.

THIS IS A QUESTION TO I.T. IT'S VERY HARD TO HEAR LINDA. IS THERE ANY SOLUTION TO THAT? SORRY, LINDA, BUT WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE HEARING YOU. ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTY HEARING ME?

ACTUALLY, THAT WAS MUCH BETTER. WE CAN HEAR YOU MUCH BETTER JUST NOW. IS THIS ANY BETTER?

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IT IS BETTER. THANK YOU. EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THREE. ACTUALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND, AND AS YOU KNOW, COMPUTER FREE AND CELL PHONE ET CETERA. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT THE CLASSIFICATION FOR THE FIRE CHIEF AND WHAT IS THAT? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? ALSO, HOW MUCH MORE -- HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR US CONSULTING SERVICES? I BELIEVE IT IS A WASTE OF MONEY. GO AHEAD.

THANK YOU, LINDA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE. SEEING NONE. I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM ONE MORE TIME. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY AND USE YOUR PHONE OR WAVE. NO ONE IS TRYING TO GET ME ATTENTION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO HAVE ONE QUESTION ON ITEM THREE THAT WOULD BE DIRECTED TO STAFF. I DON'T THINK -- HOPEFULLY, IT WON'T REQUIRE PULLING THE ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. MY QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE STATEMENT AND STAFF REPORT THAT SAYS THAT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIRE MARSHAL AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER CAN BE MET. IF STAFF COULD HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW THE CITY WILL BE MEETING THOSE OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES, WHO WILL BE PERFORMING THEM AND IS THERE ANY COST ASSOCIATED? I WILL APPRECIATE IT.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE FIRE CHIEF FOR REGISTRATION OPERATION CENTER IS OUR POLICE CHIEF WHO ACTUALLY STEPPED UP TO HELP IMPROVE OUR OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL RESPONSIBILITIES, THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS. TO SOME EXTENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN AND ARE FULFILLING SOME INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE. WE COULD ALSO CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER AGENCY OR HIRE A CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM THOSE FUNCTIONS. COST FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE TYPICALLY COVERED BY THE DEVELOPER. OTHERWISE, THE CITY WOULD COVER COSTS. WE DON'T HAVE AN ESTIMATE AND WE DON'T THINK IT WILL BE ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT OR PARTICULARLY MAJOR FOR THIS YEAR, SO I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

THANK YOU. IT SOUNDS LIKE -- THANKS TO STAFF FOR ONCE AGAIN PICKING UP MORE DUTIES. WE ALREADY HAVE LIMITED STAFF, SO THANK YOU TO OUR POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF. IS THE BOTTOM LINE THAT YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE THIS REQUIRING ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND?

IF THERE ARE ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED AND HIRING A CONSULTANT, I AM CONFIDENT ENOUGH THAT WE CAN COVER THAT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, I'M LOOKING FOR A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION TO APPROVE.

SECOND.

CAN YOU HANDLE THE BOOK, PLEASE?

YES, CAN I AMEND THE MOTION?

SURE.

THANK YOU.

SECONDED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONE, TWO AND THREE WITH AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES.

[ROLL BEING CALLED] THE MOTION PASSES AFFIRMATIVELY WITH FOUR VOTING IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE NOW ARE GOING INTO OUR REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS. THE FIRST ITEM IS LISTED AS ITEM FIVE SKEDEE AGENDA. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN, STUDY OUTCOMES AS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 GOOD PRESENTATION BY CLEAR SOURCE FINANCIAL, AND THIS PRESENTATION CONVEYS THE OUTCOMES OF A STUDY TO PREPARE A NEW AND DIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN, WHICH DETERMINES THE CITYWIDE OVERHEAD BURDEN BY DEPARTMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR CENTRAL SERVICES TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM OTHER FUNDS, SUCH AS THE WATER AND WASTEWATER FUNDS. DO WE HAVE THE CONSULTANT IN THE ROOM? SHOULD WE INVITE TO GO TO THE PODIUM?

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I DO HAVE THE CONSULTANT, BUT CITY MANAGER WILL BE PRESENTING THE AGENDA ITEM FIRST. Agenda Item Number: 1

I AM FINISHING UP HERE. FOR A BIT OF CONTEXT, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL BUDGET RELATED ITEMS COMING TO YOU IN THE NEXT MONTH OR AFTER THAT, AS WELL. IT IS CERTAINLY IN THE NEXT MEETING WITH IMMEDIATE BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR YOU AND ALSO HOPING THAT WE HAVE THE AUDIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT MAY ALSO BRING BUDGET COST REDUCTIONS IN THE NEXT MEETING, AS WELL. THE LONG-TERM BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PRESENTATION WILL BE ON MARCH 19th AND I ANTICIPATE IT WILL BE LENGTHY AND DETAILED AND OF HIGH INTEREST. THAT IS WHAT'S COMING IN THE NEXT MONTH ON BUDGET ITEMS. PRECURSOR TO THAT AND STANDALONE ITEM IN IT OF ITSELF. THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN IS PART OF THE OVERALL BUDGET PICTURE FOR THE WATER, SEWER AND UTILITY FUNDS. THE BOTTOM STARTING POINT FOR THIS IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE ABOUT A \$714,000 REDUCTION. IT WILL HELP RELIEVE SOME PRESSURE FOR POTENTIAL RATE INCREASES AND WE ARE ALSO SEEING THE FLIPSIDE OF THAT IN OUR GENERAL FUND DEFICIT FOR ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT. WE WILL INCORPORATE THESE NUMBERS, WHICH YOU WILL BE SEEING A LITTLE BIT LATER THIS SPRING. I WANT TO CAUTION. DON'T LOOK FOR \$714,000 ITEM SOMEWHERE IN THE BUDGET. AS WE DEVELOP THE BUDGET, IT WILL BE IN THAT MAGNITUDE IS WHAT WE ARE THINKING. THE BUDGET IS STILL EARLY DAYS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER NEXT YEAR. THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT TERMINOLOGY USED IN THE STAFF REPORT AND DISCRETIONARY RESOURCES AND SALES TAX MEASURE ADD-ONS. WHAT THAT IS ABOUT IS THAT THEY APPROVE HISTORIC A COUPLE OF MEASURES TO INCREASE SALES TAXES. THEY ARE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM THE GENERAL FUND, THAT THEY ACT ESSENTIALLY AS IF THEY ARE A GENERAL FUND. WE ARE VALIDATING THE CORRECT USE OF THOSE FUNDS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ON THE GENERAL FUND, THAT IS WHY WE USE THOSE TERMS, BUT THAT IS REALLY WHAT THEY ARE. IT IS SUPPLEMENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM LOCAL SALES TAXES. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE CONFUSION IN THE TERMINOLOGY. ANOTHER QUESTION THAT WE ASKED THAT HAS COME UP IN SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED IS, WHAT ABOUT PAYING BACK UTILITY FUNDS? WE HAVE BEEN BASING OUR COST ALLOCATION PLAN ON A PLAN DEVELOPED OVER 20 YEARS AGO AND IT WAS DEVELOPED SUFFICIENTLY AND APPROPRIATELY AT THAT TIME. UNDERSTANDABLY, INTERPRETING RESULTS TO SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE BEEN MIS-ALLOCATING COSTS FOR YEARS. NOT HAVING THE GENERAL AND CARRY ITS COST AND I SORELY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THOSE VIEWS. IN TALKING WITH CLEAR SOURCE AND THEIR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE AMIDST THE APPROPRIATE STEP IS TO APPLY THE NEW ALLOCATIONS TO THE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE. WE CAN'T REASONABLY APPLY THE CORRECT RESULT OF THE ANALYSIS TO PRIOR YEARS, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ANALYZE THOSE. IT IS NOT AS STRAIGHTFORWARD. I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN. THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING THESE EVERY 23 YEARS, WHICH IS NOT A GREAT TRACK RECORD. CLEAR SOURCE HAS GIVEN US A MODEL TO ALLOW US TO DO THAT. WE HAVE ONCE EVERY 23 YEAR EXERCISE. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TERRY TO COME UP AND PRESENT YOU THE RESULTS OF THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL. I KNOW THAT YOU DO HAVE A FULL AGENDA, SO I WILL DO MY BEST TO MAKE MY WAY THROUGH THE PRESENTATION WITHOUT BEING LONG-WINDED AND IF YOU HAVE ANY AREAS TO REDIRECT US TO AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION WITH QUESTIONS, HAPPY TO RECEIVE THOSE. AS MENTIONED, I AM FROM CLEAR SOURCE AND ARE FROM HEALTH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE UNDERSTAND COST OF SERVICE AND ALLOCATING COST OF SERVICE AND RECOVERY COSTS OF SERVICE. WE HAVE WORKED WITH SEBASTOPOL IN THE PAST ON USER AND REGULATORY PEACE, SO WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AND ENJOY WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AN INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN. REALLY, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO UNDERSTAND HOW CENTRAL SERVICES THAT YOU PROVIDED AS SUPPORT TO THE OUTWARD FACING SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY CAN BE ALLOCATED TO THOSE OUTWARD FACING SERVICES, SO INSTEAD OF HAVING TO HAVE DISCRETE HUMAN RESOURCES FOR WATER ENTERPRISE AND DISCRETE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Agenda Item Number: 1
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FOR WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE, YOU HAVE ONE HUMAN RESOURCES PORTAL AND THEY SERVE ALL UNITS WITHIN THE CITY AND THE SAME WITH FINANCE, CITY MANAGEMENT, CITY COUNCIL AND SO FORTH. AS COMMUNITIES HAVE THESE CENTRALIZED SERVICES, THEY LOOK FOR TOOLS TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO ALLOCATE THOSE COSTS OUT TO THE DIRECT SERVICE RECEIVING DEPARTMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. TO THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT COSTS THAT CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE GENERAL FUND. THEY MAY SUPPORT COSTS IN AND THAT IS THE KEY HERE THAT THE CITY MANAGER WAS TALKING ABOUT CENTRALLY AND THE OVERARCHING IDEA IS THAT THERE ARE AND ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE GENERAL FUND, BUT THEY DO BENEFIT OTHER FUNDS AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A REASONABLE CHARGE TO THOSE OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT SERVICE PROVIDED. YOU CAN IDENTIFY AND ACCOUNT FOR COST VIA A DIRECT ASSIGNMENT OF COST, SEE YOU CAN SAY THAT THIS EMPLOYEE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR YOU CAN IDENTIFY VIA ALLOCATION, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE FOCUSED ON. IT IS ALLOCATED, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY ASSIGNED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT ARE COMMON AMONGST MUNICIPALITIES. THERE ARE THINGS LIKE CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGEMENT, FINANCE, I.T., HUMAN RESOURCES, CITY ATTORNEY SUPPORT AND SO FORTH.

I WILL STOP YOU FOR A MINUTE. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL SO FAR? THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER . WHEN YOU ARE DONE WITH EACH SLIDE, CAN YOU CHECK IN WITH US IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS?

MY QUESTION WAS, IS IT OKAY TO INTERRUPT YOU WHILE YOU ARE TALKING? WONDERFUL.

THAT'S ANOTHER WAY WE CAN DO IT. WE CAN ASK AT THE END. AT THIS MOMENT, ARE WE OKAY OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAUSE?

WE SHOULD GO AHEAD. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, SPEAK UP. WHY DON'T WE DO THAT? IT WILL MOVE ALONG QUICKLY AND WE ARE WILLING TO SPEAK UP. THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER MAURER FOR THE SUGGESTION.

ONE ITEM OF IMPORTANCE HERE IS THAT WHEN WE THINK OF THE POOL OF CENTRALIZED COST, WHAT WE ARE IDENTIFYING IS ABOUT \$4 MILLION IN CENTRAL SERVICE COST THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ALLOCATE AMONGST THE DIRECT SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS ILLUSTRATES THE IDEA OF OVERHEAD COST ALLOCATION. WE MENTIONED FINANCE AS A CENTRAL SERVICE THAT YOU PROVIDE. ONCE YOU IDENTIFY FINANCE AS A CENTRAL SERVICE, YOU MAY DECIDE THAT FINANCE PERFORMS MULTIPLE SERVICES AND IT MIGHT PROVIDE BUDGETING SERVICES, PAYROLL SERVICES, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SERVICES AND SO FORTH. YOU CAN ALLOCATE EACH OF THOSE SUB SERVICES WITHIN FINANCE OUT TO THE RECEIVING. SAME THING WITH HUMAN RESOURCES. YOU MIGHT SEE THAT THEY ARE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON PEOPLE, SO HOW CAN WE ALLOCATE COSTS LINKED TO PEOPLE? THESE EMPLOYEE COUNTS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. THIS IS THE IDEA OF PULLING COSTS AND USING METRICS TO ALLOCATE THOSE COSTS. THE IDEA IS THAT ESTIMATED AND REASONABLE. THAT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO COST ALLOCATION. WE THINK ABOUT USING METRICS THAT YOUR STAFF HAS READILY ACCESSIBLE. WE TRY NOT TO INVENT METRICS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS. THEY MIGHT GO STALE AND YOU CAN NEVER RE-CREATE THEM. THOSE ARE SOME TOOLS WE USE. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

OTHER GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THIS ANALYSIS IS THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING A COST ALLOCATION PLAN AND WE ARE INTENDING TO DEVELOP IT WITHOUT BIAS FOR THE SERVICE RECIPIENT'S ABILITY TO PAY. YOU MAY HAVE MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS THAT RECEIVE OVERHEAD SUPPORT. SOME OF THEM MAY HAVE MORE FUNDING AVAILABLE THAN OTHERS, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT INFORM THE ALLOCATION OF COSTS. IT IS A SECONDARY OUTCOME OF COST ALLOCATION. FIRST, HOW CAN COSTS BE REASONABLY ALLOCATED AMONG SERVICE RECIPIENTS? THE OTHER THING WE DO IS THINK ABOUT A KNOWN POOL OF COSTS. IN THIS CASE, WE ARE USING FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND 2024 BUDGET. WE KNOW YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING IT WITH YOU 24 AND 2025 BUDGET. THE SAME METRICS CAN BE USED TO HELP INFORM THE PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING BUDGET. WE REALLY DO THINK ABOUT DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS. PART OF THE REASON THIS TOPIC CAME TO MIND WAS BECAUSE YOU ARE EMBARKING ON AN UPDATE

ALLOCATION OF OVERHEAD. AS WE DO DEVELOP OUR ALLOCATIONS AND WE DO CONDUCT ANALYSIS, WE DRINK -- THINK THROUGH BOUNDARIES, PARAMETERS AND DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS OF THE COST ALLOCATION. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WILL JUMP TO THE NEXT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE COST WE ARE ALLOCATING IT WHAT IT SAYS IS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IT BRIEFLY AND IT IS THE IDEA OF ALLOCATING CITY MANAGEMENT, FINANCE, HR AND SO FORTH. WE ARE BREAKING THOSE INTO SMALLER POOLS OF SERVICE, LIKE PAYROLL, ACCOUNTING, BUDGET, CAPITAL MANAGEMENT AND SO FORTH. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I THINK THIS SLIDE IS PARTICULARLY ILLUSTRATIVE, BECAUSE IT SAYS THAT THE RECEIVERS OF THE CENTRALIZED SERVICE COST. THE PRIMARY RECEIVERS OF THIS ALLOCATED COSTS ARE YOUR WATER FUND, WASTEWATER FUND AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT. ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THAT ALLOCATION, THREE BIG PIECES OF PIE, WHICH ARE WATER, WASTEWATER, POLICE. THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE SEE IN THE OTHER AGENCIES. THEY ARE INTENSIVE OPERATIONS. THAT IS THE REALITY.

I WAS CURIOUS. WHY ISN'T FINANCE LISTED ON THE PAGE? THEY DO SO MUCH WITH THE WATER AND ALL OF THAT. WHY ISN'T FINANCE THEIR?

THANK YOU. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, WHY IS FINANCE ON THIS CHART IF THEY ARE A PROVIDER OF THE SERVICES? WHAT THIS IS SAYING IS THAT THIS PIE CHART IS SAYING WHO RECEIVES THE SHARE OF FINANCE AND CITY MANAGER AND COUNSEL THAT WE ARE ALLOCATING? WATER, WASTEWATER AND POLICE ARE THE BIG RECEIVERS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AND HR SERVICES. FINANCE IS A COST THAT WE ARE ALLOCATING OUT. THIS CHART IS SAYING, WHO GOT ALLOCATED THAT COST? THESE ARE THE RECEIVERS OF THE SERVICE. THE SERVICE BEING PROVIDED IS FINANCE, CITY MANAGEMENT, CITY ATTORNEY AND SO FORTH. TWO SLIDES AWAY, YOU WILL SEE THE FINANCE PART. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WHAT THIS TELLS YOU IS THAT A LOT OF YOUR OVERHEAD SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, LIKE POLICE, PLANNING, BUILDING AND SO FORTH. SOME OF YOUR OVERHEAD SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS. THIS ILLUSTRATES CHARGES TO TWO PRIMARY NON-GENERAL FUNDS THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY AND INTEREST TO CITY COUNCIL AND SPECIFICALLY THE WATER FUND AND WASTEWATER FUND. WHAT IT SHOWS IS THAT THERE IS ABOUT A CHANGE AND INCREASE IN THE CHARGES TO BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

SO THIS SLIDE SHOWS FINANCE. AND WHAT THIS SHOWS IS, IF I AM A WATER FUND AND I AM A WASTEWATER FUND, WHAT CENTRAL SERVICES AM I PAYING FOR? AND IN WHAT PROPORTION? AND WHAT IT IS SHOWING IS THAT I PAY FOR, A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WHAT I'M PAYING FOR ARE FINANCE RELATED SERVICES. THAT IS A BIG PORTION OF THIS PIE. AND THE REASON IT'S SO IMPORTANT IS YOU'RE FINANCING ADMINISTRATIVE PORTIONS. THAT IS THE BIG PIECE. IT INCLUDES FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, I.T., AND SIGNIFICANTLY, IT ALSO INCLUDES UTILITY CUSTOMER BILLING. SO THAT'S LAYERED INTO THIS OVERHEAD ALLOCATION. SECONDARILY, THEY RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND CITY MANAGEMENT. SO THESE ARE ALL LOGICAL, UM, PROVIDERS OF SUPPORT TO THOSE DIRECT SERVICE UNITS. AND THEN ENGINEERING IS A KEY PROVIDER AS WELL. SO THIS IS ILLUSTRATEING THE -- EACH FUND'S SHARE OF THE SERVICES THAT THEY RECEIVE. NEXT SLIDE. YEP.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS. IT'S LIKE, SO THESE ARE SORT OF APPROXIMATIONS? BECAUSE THE POOLS ARE FOR APPROXIMATIONS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE LAST HAIR? BUT THEN UNDER NEW CITY CLERK, WHAT IS THIS NONDEPARTMENTAL. I SHOULD REMEMBER THIS BUT I'VE GOT FORGOTTEN. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE NONDEPARTMENTAL. WHY DOES THAT EXIST? AND WHY CAN'T IT BE JUST DUMPED INTO ANOTHER POOL?

NON DEPARTMENTAL IS COMMON IN CITIES AS A NON-BUDGET UNIT. AND IT IDENTIFIES CERTAIN COSTS LIKE GRANT WRITING THAT MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS NOT SPECIFIC TO A CERTAIN DEPARTMENT. YOU MAY PICK TO FOCUS ON THIS GRANT IN THIS YEAR AND ANOTHER GRANT IN ANOTHER YEAR. SO YOU PUT GRANT WRITING IN A NON DEPARTMENTAL UNIT. I THINK SO YOU HAVE MAYBE SOME REAL ESTATE -- YEP. GO AHEAD, ANNA.

LIKE THE NEWSLETTER COSTS. IT'S ALSO NON DEPARTMENTAL. AND THEN PROPERTY TAX FEES, THAT'S ALSO NON DEPARTMENTAL. THOSE ARE THE BIG ONES THAT ARE HOUSED IN NON DEPARTMENTAL. IT'S NOT SPECIFIC TO ANY DEPARTMENT.

I HAVE A QUESTION. I HAVE A QUESTION THAT I GUESS MAYBE IT'S MORE TOWARD STAFF. AND MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE ASKED THIS PRIOR. BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT, I GUESS, WITH THE FINANCE, WE HAVE ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR BILLING, ET CETERA, HAVE WE MADE EFFORT TO DO CAMPAIGN TO DO MORE ELECTRONIC BILLING AND LESS, YOU KNOW, HAVE THINGS THAT ARE MORE AUTOMATED? HOW AUTOMATED ARE WE NOW? AND LIKE CAN YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING? AND IS THERE A BETTER WAY THAT WE CAN REDUCE OUR MANUAL COST THAT WAY?

WE DO ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS WHEN THEY DO CALL TO PAY OVER THE PHONE. WE DO ADVISE CUSTOMERS THAT WE HAVE ONLINE BILLPAY. BUT YOU CAN'T FORCE ANYBODY TO DO ONLINE BILL PAY. SO WE DO ADVERTISE AS FAR AS WHEN PEOPLE CALL AND MAKE PAYMENT OR WHEN THEY COME TO CITY HALL AND WANT TO MAKE PAYMENT IN PERSON OR CASH. AND SOME CUSTOMER ON THE CASH BASIS. SO ONLINE WAS NOT AN OPTION. SO WE DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO ADVERTISE THAT WE DO HAVE ONLINE SERVICES THAT COULD HELP WITH THE MANUAL PROCESS.

OKAY. SO I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE SHOULD FORCE PEOPLE. BUT SEEMS TO ME, IF MOST PEOPLE ARE COMING IN OR WE'RE JUST TELLING PEOPLE, IT SEEMS TO ME, IN MY OPINION THAT MAYBE WE COULD HAVE A CAMPAIGN TO ACTUALLY --

WE ALSO HAVE -- I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU COUNCILMEMBER. WE DO HAVE ON THE WEBSITE, WHERE THERE'S BUTTONS, WHERE YOU PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE. AND OCCASIONALLY, IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME WELL, WE DO SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER.

I DON'T KNOW. I JUST THINK THAT WE PROBABLY COULD DO A BETTER JOB OF COMMUNICATING THAT.

I THINK WE'RE HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THERE WERE ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY MEASURES, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY WERE AVAILABLE, RIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY. I JUST THINK THAT -- I MEAN, TECHNOLOGY, WE SHOULD USE IT TO ITS FULL ADVANTAGE TO REDUCE OUR --

IF I COULD ASK, ANNA MAYBE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE OF OUR BILLS ARE PAID ELECTRONICALLY?

I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER READILY. BUT I DO KNOW THAT OUT OF -- THERE'S ABOUT 30 TO 35% OF PEOPLE RECEIVE THEIR WATER BILL ONLINE. ELECTRONICALLY. BUT YOU KNOW, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF PAPER BILLS.

GOT YOU. WELL, I'M JUST PUTTING IN A REQUEST OF STAFF THAT IF WE COULD EXPLORE THAT AND REALLY, TRULY, FIND A BETTER WAY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE. I THINK GIVEN OUR SITUATION. SO THANK YOU.

YES.

THANK YOU. SO WE'RE BACK TO OUR PRESENTER.

PERFECT. AND WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE SECOND TO FINAL SLIDE, PLEASE.

SO I'M SORRY. I DO HAVE A QUESTION. I WAS LISTENING TO YOUR EXPLANATION OF THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE -- I'D CALL THIS OVERHEAD COSTS ALLOCATED TO ADMINISTRATION, TO FINANCE OR TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. BUT THAT'S CONFUSING TO ME A BIT. MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND IT. BECAUSE THERE IS OVERHEAD FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTLESS, I WOULD THINK, FOR INSTANCE, THAT WOULD GO TO OUR FINANCE, TOWARD OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THERE WOULD BE EXPENSES THAT WOULD BE ACCRUED, FOR INSTANCE, BY OUR CITY MANAGER OR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OR CITY CLERK, THAT IT SEEMS TO ME SHOULD BE ALLOCATED ON SOME LEVEL TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SO IF YOU COULD HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON THERE, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

CERTAINLY. SO YOU ARE RIGHT. LET'S SAY YOU HAVE MULTIPLE CENTRAL SERVICE UNITS, LIKE LET'S CALL H.R. AND FINANCE AND I.T. I. IT IS A CENTRAL SERVICE UNIT THAT ALSO BENEFITS FROM FINANCE AND H.R. AND H.R. BENEFITS FROM I.T. SO THEY START OVERLAPPING, BUT THE IDEA HERE IS THAT THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL EXISTS TO PROVIDE OUTWARD-FACING SERVICES. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE OVERHEAD

COST -- IF -- IF WE DIDN'T PROVIDE POLICE AND PLANNING AND BUILDING AND PARKS AND REC, WE WOULDN'T NEED I.T., HUMAN RESOURCES AND SO FORTH. THE REASON THEY EXIST IS TO ALLOW YOU TO OVERRIDE THE FACING SERVICES.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

AND SO THIS IS THE FINAL SLIDE THAT INDICATES THAT WATER ASK SEWER CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CENTRAL SERVICES. THEY JUST DON'T RECEIVE THEM TO THE LEVEL THAT IS IN YOUR CURRENT ALLOCATIONS. THE UPDATED COST ALLOCATION PLAN SAYS IN A FUTURE YEAR BUDGET, YOU WOULD CHARGE LESS OVERHEAD TO WATER AND SEWER. THE OVERHEAD SERVICES CONTINUE. THEY'RE JUST ALLOCATED MORE TO POLICE AND ENGINEERING AND SO FORTH. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO THIS ITEM IS INFORMATIONAL FOR YOU AS A CITY COUNCIL. MOST COMMUNITIES USE CENTRAL SERVICE COST ALLOCATION PLANS, INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLANS TO HELP BUDGETS. SO WE'VE PRESENTED THE CITY WITH A TOOL THAT YOU CAN USE. IT'S ELECTRONIC IN NATURE. IT CAN BE UPDATED. IT'S INTENDED TO BE DYNAMIC. YOU OWN IT. WE'RE HAPPY TO PROVIDE, TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE IF YOU DO WANT TO MAKE ANY UPDATES OR REFINEMENTS TO IT. BUT WE'RE HOPING THAT IT GIVES YOU INFORMATION AS YOU CONSIDER UPCOMING BUDGET DECISIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU. LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION. JUST WANT TO MAKE A SUGGESTION.

LET'S GATHER QUESTIONS FIRST. GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR.

YOU SORT OF GOT TO WHERE I WAS GOING. BECAUSE COUNCILMEMBER MAURER AND I WILL BE PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. SO THIS TOOL THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT. IS THIS ACCESSIBLE TO US NOW -- I GUESS TO BOTH OF YOU, IS IT ACCESSIBLE FOR US NOW TO LOG IN AND START PLAYING WITH IT? OR IS THAT NOT HOW IT'S USUALLY USED.

IT BELONGS TO THE CITY. SO YES -- WE'RE NOT INTENDING TO MAKE ANY FURTHER UPDATES. SO WE WILL DELIVER IT WITH OUR WORKING PAPERS. AND WE WOULDN'T -- I WILL TELL YOU THAT I -- WE FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE METRICS. WE FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE METHODOLOGY. YOU AS VICE MAYOR WOULD HAVE TO SAY, I WOULD LIKE TO GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, LIKE I'D LIKE TO MODIFY METHODOLOGY AND HAVE ACCESS TO IT. BUT OTHERWISE, YOU CAN ACCESS AND SEE THE SORT OF BUILDUP AND HOW IT SORT OF TALKS TO THESE OUTWARD-FACING DEPARTMENTS.

GREAT. THANK YOU. SO I GUESS THE QUESTION OVER HERE, TO OUR GENERAL MANAGER. SO WHEN WOULD WE BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS? BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL OUR FIRST ONE AND THEN TRY TO GET UP TO SPEED. SO --

SO ARA IS GOING TO BE THE KEEPER OF THESE TOOLS IN FINANCING. AND MARCH 19th, WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER TOOL MODEL, IF YOU WILL, FOR PROJECTING WHERE WE ARE, FUNDWISE. MAYBE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, WE CAN DO SOME KIND OF A DEMO AT A BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING.

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT, I HAVEN'T TOUCHED IT. I'LL LET THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BETTER AT EXCEL.

AND ONE LAST QUESTION. I KNOW PEOPLE FELT LIKE THEY WERE ON BUDGET. WOULD PEOPLE NOT ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVE ACCESS TO IT? I MEAN, GRANTED, WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT AMONGST --

WE CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS A CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT IF THEY'D LIKE TO.

BUT CAN'T PLAY WITH IT.

NO. I JUST WANT TO LOOK AT IT SO I GET AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH.

I'M SORRY. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS.

CAN YOU HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BEST PRACTICES ARE FOR UPDATING THIS. WE WERE LOOKING AT 20 YEARS BEFORE IT WAS DONE. I'VE HEARD FIVE. I'VE HEARD A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. IS IT BASED ON TIME? OR INCIDENT? OR FEELING? WHAT IS CONSIDERED "BEST PRACTICES" FOR THAT MOMENT, SO WE CAN REFINE OUR PROCESSES AND MAKE SURE WE'RE FUNCTIONING WITHIN THAT REALM?

SO I DON'T THINK THERE IS A HARD AND FAST RULE. I WOULD SAY THAT WE WORK WITH A LOT OF COMMUNITIES THAT CONSIDER IT PART OF THEIR ROUTINE BUDGET TO UPDATE THEIR COST ALLOCATION PLAN. BUT THEY MAY NOT UPDATE IT EVERY YEAR. BUT THEY

DON'T LEAVE IT STATIC EITHER. SO LET'S SAY THERE'S A CHARGE TO WATER. IF WE KNOW THAT OUR COSTS AS A CITY GENERALLY -- YOU FACE THE SAME INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AS THE REST OF US, RIGHT? SO YOU HAVE INCREASES IN INSURANCE COSTS, INCREASES IN MEDICAL-RELATED COSTS AND SO FORTH? IF YOUR COSTS ARE GOING UP, YOUR OVERHEAD COSTS ARE LIKELY INCREASING AS WELL. SO SOME CITIES SAY, I'M GOING TO DO A COST ALLOCATION PLAN AS OF THIS MOMENT IN TIME. AND THEN I'M GOING TO INFLATE MY CHARGES FOR SERVICE BY 2%. FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. AND THEN I'LL DO ANOTHER COST ALLOCATION PLAN IN THREE YEARS, BUT THE IDEA IS WHAT YOU DID RIGHT NOW SHOULD BE MORE INTENSIVE THAN WHAT YOU DO IN TWO YEARS OR THREE YEARS FROM NOW, BECAUSE YOU'VE DEVELOPED A METHODOLOGY NOW, THAT SHOULD REQUIRE INPUTTING OF UPDATING BUDGET NUMBERS AND INPUTTING OF NEW EMPLOYEE COUNTS, NEW METRICS THAT ARE INTENDED TO BE READILY AVAILABLE. SO THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH NOW, IT SHOULD BE LESS IN THE FUTURE, AND YOU CAN STILL UPDATE.

SO THE METRICS, EVERYTHING THAT YOU SPEAK ABOUT, ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING IT? AND IT'S PRETTY DEPENDENT ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THAT TOOL, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT'S WITHIN THE REALM OF HOW IT NEEDS TO BE? AND THE REASON I'M SAYING THAT IS GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE HAD AN OVERALLOCATION OF \$700K. I MEAN, THAT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT. I GUESS I'M ASKING, IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE THAT INFLATION AGAIN. AND TO ENSURE OUR RESIDENTS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT? AND HOW EDUCATED IS OUR STAFF GOING TO BE ON NOT TAKING US TOWARD THAT AGAIN?

MAY I COMMENT?

PLEASE.

SO YOU KNOW, I MENTIONED, THERE IS NO HARD-AND-FAST RULE. BUT I WILL SAY THAT AS THE ORGANIZATION CHANGES, THAT IS ALWAYS A MARKER. SO IF YOU -- IF YOU REORGANIZE, IF YOU LOOK SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT TWO YEARS FROM NOW, THEN YOU WANT TO UPDATE YOUR PLAN. BECAUSE YOUR PLAN IS LINKED TO SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION. SO IF YOUR ORGANIZATION LOOKS DIFFERENT. IF YOU ENDED UP HAVING A FULL FIRE DEPARTMENT OR TOOK SOLID WASTE IN. AND NOW I LOOK DIFFERENT AS AN ORGANIZATION, YOU WOULD WANT TO UPDATE THE PLAN TO REFLECT THIS DIFFERENT LOOK AND FEEL OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS. YOU LOOK SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT TODAY THAN YOU DID 20 YEARS AGO. SO YOU WANT TO UPDATE TO REFLECT THAT DIFFERENCE.

I THINK YOU MAY BE -- THIS MAY BE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE QUESTION OF OUR CITY MANAGER, SO WE HAVE AN ISSUE HERE. THE QUESTION REALLY THAT I THINK COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS IS LAYING OUT HERE IS, SURE THERE IS A DISCRETIONARY. IT COULD SIMPLY BE LEFT AS A DISCRETIONARY DECISION. BUT IS THERE A WAY TO WORK IN SOME SORT OF CHECK EVERY THREE YEARS? SOME SORT OF -- CHECKS AND BALANCES.

-- ROUTINE. AND THAT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT OUR CITY MANAGER MAY NOT HAVE COMPLETELY PROCESSED YET. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PERHAPS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE NEEDS TO LOOK INTO. BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M HEARING. OKAY, LET'S CHECK EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS.

I WOULD SET THE GOAL OF NO MORE THAN EVERY THREE YEARS, WOULD BE SORT OF THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE. ONE OF THE THINGS I HEARD WAS WHEN YOU HAVE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, YOUR NUMBERS ARE GOING TO MOVE. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I SAID, DON'T GET TOO ATTACHED TO THAT \$700,000 NUMBER BECAUSE I EXPECT THE NUMBERS MAY VERY WELL MOVE. WE ARE LOOKING AT A SUBSTANTIAL GENERAL FUND DEFICIT NEXT YEAR. AND THAT COULD MAKE -- THAT IN AND OF ITSELF COULD SEE A SIGNIFICANT MOVE. AND THEY'VE, I THINK, ALLUDED TO THIS IN THEIR REPORT, THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN THE COST, THEN MORE WILL GO BACK TO WATER AND SEWER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SMALLER ORGANIZATION TO SPREAD THE COST OVER. FLIP SIDE. FIRE TAX PASSES. ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS IN FIRE MONEY. NOW YOU CAN PUT MORE OF THAT MONEY INTO COUNTER FIRE. THAT'S KIND OF THE REBALANCING YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, IS THAT YOU HAVE TO FACTOR THESE THINGS IN. SO WHILE I LOOK AT THREE YEARS AS THE MINIMUM, AS WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT

SHIFTS, WE MIGHT WANT TO DO IT A LITTLE MORE OFTEN. HONESTLY, I'M NOT SURE WHAT KIND OF CAPACITY WE HAVE TO DO THIS INTERNALLY ON AN ONGOING BASIS. I'VE BEEN HERE LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. MY SENSE IS THAT WE HAVE A LEAN FINANCE MODEL. THESE ARE NOT TINKER TOYS. THESE ARE PRETTY SOPHISTICATED, COMPLICATED TOOLS THAT WE'LL WANT TO USE APPROPRIATELY. TO ENSURE WE HAVE THAT CAPACITY OR WE MIGHT NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CLEARSOURCE TO PROVIDE FOR THAT. MOST FUNDAMENTALLY, WE NEED TO DO THIS WITH SOME REGULARITY, AND NOT EVERY 21 YEARS.

SO A FEW MORE QUESTIONS HERE. AND THEN WE GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC. LET'S GO TO COUNCILMEMBER MAURER AND UPON THEN I THINK COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS HAD SOME.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE IDEA OF REIMBURSING WATERFRONTS. AND I'M JUST WONDERING ABOUT LIABILITY. BECAUSE NOW THAT WE KNOW FOR THIS YEAR, '23-'24, WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, IS THERE LIABILITY IF WE DON'T TAKE AN ACTION NOW TO, YOU KNOW, SHIFT THAT FROM THE WATER TO THE GENERAL FUND?

I'LL GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID AT THE BEGINNING. AND I ASKED CLEARSOURCE ABOUT THIS. IT'S ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS I ASKED WHEN THEY PRESENTED THE MODEL, BECAUSE I KNOW THE ISSUE HAS BEEN OUT THERE SINCE THE UTILITY RATE STUDY THAT CONVERSATION BACK IN THE FALL. THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD NECESSARILY DO, IS MAKE SOME SORT OF RETROACTIVE, IF YOU WILL, CORRECTION. BECAUSE, FOR ONE, THEY'VE DONE AN ANALYSIS BASED ON CURRENT SITUATIONS. SO YOU CAN'T SAY THAT WAS TRUE SIX YEARS AGO OR SEVEN YEARS AGO OR 10 YEARS AGO.

RIGHT.

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW. SO THEIR SUGGESTION IS MAKE SURE YOU APPLY IT GOING FORWARD. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, REDO IT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME TO KEEP THINGS RELATIVELY CURRENT. BUT WE DON'T BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT TO GO BACK. MY SENSE IS BECAUSE THEY'RE THE EXPERTS. AND I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT -- I'VE HEARD. I'VE HEARD. I GUESS THAT'S THE BEST I COULD SAY ABOUT THE LIABILITY ISSUE.

OKAY. SO WHAT ABOUT A MIDYEAR CORRECTION. LIKE STARTING NOW. SINCE WE KNOW NOW. DO WE MAKE A MIDYEAR CORRECTION. I'M LOOKING AT JUST AVOIDING LIABILITY.

WE'RE GOING TO START -- TO SOME EXTENT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED HOLDING DOWN SOME OF OUR COSTS. THERE IS A COUPLE OF VACANT POSITIONS ON THE BOOKS, FOR EXAMPLE. SO THAT'S, IN A WAY, STARTING NOT NECESSARILY INTENTIONALLY WITH THIS IN MIND. BUT IT'S STARTING TO SHIFT. HOWEVER, REDUCING GENERAL FUND EXPENSES, WHICH IF WE WERE TO REDO THIS TODAY, I WOULD GUESS, TERRY WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN I WOULD, I WOULD ASK THIS QUESTION, THAT WE WOULD SEE THAT 714 SHIFT. A LITTLE LOWER, AND WATER AND SUZER FUNDING WOULD BE CLOSER TO WHERE THEY WERE, BECAUSE WE STARTED REDUCING OUR GENERAL FUND EXPENSES. SO WE HAVE STARTED, NOT NECESSARILY WITH THIS IN MIND OR INTENTIONALLY.

THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, DID YOU HAVE -- [INAUDIBLE]

COUNCILMEMBER VICE MAYOR. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE SALES TAX MEASURES ADD-ON FUNDS. IS THAT -- IS THAT AMOUNT -- IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S A REVENUE FUND, NUMBER ONE. AND NUMBER TWO, IS THAT INCLUDED WITHIN OUR GENERAL FUND ON THE REVENUE SIDE? DO WE LOOK AT THAT IN THE GENERAL FUND SUMMARY?

IT LIVES IN ITS OWN FUND. IT IS A DISTINCT FUND, APART FROM THE GENERAL FUND. BUT WE IDENTIFIED IT AS THE IDEA OF SIMILAR TO THE GENERAL FUND. IT IS A RECEIVER OF OVERHEAD. IT HOUSES CERTAIN SAFETY POSITIONS AND SO FORTH. SO WE WOULD THINK THAT WHEN YOU IDENTIFY ALLOCABLE OVERHEAD, YOU COULD ALLOCATE OVERHEAD TO THAT FUND AS WELL JUST THE SAME WAY AS YOU WOULD ALLOCATE IT TO WATER OR SEWER.

SO IN OUR BUDGET BOOK, WHERE IS THIS LOCATED? THIS IS A QUESTION TO ANNA. SOUNDS LIKE THIS ISN'T ON THE GENERAL FUND SUMMARY PAGE. IT'S SOMEWHERE ELSE. IT IS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND CONSOLIDATED.

GREAT. THAT'S WHAT I NEEDED TO KNOW. SO IT'S LISTED THERE. AND THEN THE SECOND QUESTION IS, THE DISCRETIONARY -- THERE'S A STATEMENT IN THE STAFF REPORT ON

PAGE 1, THE GENERAL FUND OR EQUIVALENT DISCRETIONARY TAX SOURCES, IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY -- OKAY. AND ARE THERE OTHER DISCRETIONARY TAX SOURCES?

I -- ANNA IS SHAKING HER HEAD.

NO. THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE.

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

AND FINALLY IN YOUR SLIDE SET, ON PAGE 2. IT REFERENCES THE \$714,000 SHIFT CAUSED BY DECREASED ALLOCATIONS TO FUNDS, ASSUMING ALLOCATIONS ARE NOT DIVIDED BY MITIGATING ACTIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2025. WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY MITIGATING ACTIONS. THAT WAS SLIDE 2, I THINK.

GIVE ME JUST A MOMENT.

JUST STRUCK ME, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THOSE MITIGATING ACTIONS ARE.

TERRY, IF I MIGHT. BECAUSE I ASKED THAT QUESTION OF CONSULTANT PARTICULARLY AROUND THESE SORTS OF THINGS. SHE DESCRIBED IT AS AN EXTREME EXAMPLE. IF IT CATCHES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO CATCH DEFICITS. THE REMAINING OVERHEAD WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED UNDER THE DYNAMIC METHODOLOGY MEANING OVERHEAD REMAIN, MEANING THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS WILL INCREASE FROM THAT SHOWN TODAY.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED TO US.

EXACTLY.

OKAY. EXCELLENT. ASKING THE QUESTION BEFORE IT EVER CAME UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THEN THE NEXT QUESTION IS, HOW MUCH DID THIS VERY THOROUGH ALLOCATION STUDY COST US?

I DON'T KNOW. IT STARTED BEFORE MY TIME.

GO AHEAD, ANNA?

NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.

OKAY. EXCELLENT. AND THE CHECK-IN, IN THREE YEARS THAT COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS WAS TALKING ABOUT, THAT WOULD BE A PROJECT THAT YOUR FIRM COULD TAKE ON, AT LESS THAN \$11,000, I WOULD THINK?

DON'T TRY AND TRAP ME. [LAUGHTER] WE DO HELP -- SO IT IS A TOOL THAT BELONGS TO YOU. BUT I WILL SAY THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMUNITIES THAT SAY, CAN YOU ASSIST BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY ITEMS ON THE CHECKLIST TO ACCOMPLISH, PARTICULARLY DURING LIKE A BUDGET SEASON DEVELOPMENT. SO YES, WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP.

SO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, I THINK, IS LISTENING. OKAY. THOSE WERE THE ONLY QUESTIONS I HAD. AND MAYBE WE CAN GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. SO THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE COST ALLOCATION STUDY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT AS WE GO TO CHAMBER FIRST. AND THEN WE WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

MY NAME IS HAROLD GOLDBERG. WE MOVED PERMANENTLY TO THE AREA THREE YEARS AGO. WE BOUGHT A HOUSE HERE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE ALLOCATION. ONE IS ON YOUR FIRST SLIDE AND MAYBE THE CONSULTANT CAN ANSWER. THIS WAS BASED ON SOME SORT OF RATIONAL --

I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOU. BUT JUST SO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS THEN WE'LL ADDRESS THEM IN A GROUP.

I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE IS A METHODOLOGY OR FRAMEWORK, LIKE YOU HAVE IN ACCOUNTING THAT THE CITY CAN USE, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK AND USE BEST JUDGMENT TO FIGURE OUT WHERE A NEW CATEGORY IS. SO SPECIFICALLY IF A NEW CATEGORY IS CREATED LIKE YOU WANT TO CREATE A CLIMATE CHANGE CODE AND YOU WANT TO SHARE THAT ACROSS ALL OF THE SERVICES, IS THERE A SET OF RULES OR PRINCIPLES THAT A CITY MANAGER COULD USE TO SIMPLY APPLY THAT? SO THAT'S QUESTION NUMBER 1. AND THE SECOND QUESTION, WHICH IS, WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THE ALLOCATIONS, DID YOU ALSO SET THEM UP SO THEY COULD BE BENCHMARKED AGAINST OTHER COMMUNITIES? SO IF THE MAYOR OR ANYONE ON THIS COUNCIL WANTS TO SEE HOW ARE WE DOING AS A BENCHMARK, COMPARED TO SIMILAR COMMUNITIES OF 11,000 PEOPLE, WITH A SERVICE AREA OF 50,000 PEOPLE, ARE THEY ALLOCATED THAT WAY? I GET THIS IS A TRICKY BUSINESS. AND IT'S VERY SUBJECTIVE. BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE SOME GUIDELINES SO THAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING. AND THEN THE THIRD IS A RECOMMENDATION. IT IS THE USE OF A RUN OF

PARALLEL BOOKS. YOU'RE GOING TO GO COLD TURKEY TO A SYSTEM YOU'RE USING. AND INEVITABLY, THE QUESTION IS GOING TO COME UP, WELL, WHAT DID WE DO THREE

YEARS AGO? AND AT LEAST, I WOULD SUGGEST FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, YOU'RE USING THE OLD SYSTEM AND NEW SYSTEM IF YOU CAN. I REALIZATION IT'S HUMAN RESOURCES VARIABLE TO DO THE COMPARISON. IT'S ALSO A WAY TO CONTROL THE MONEY BACK AND FORTH AS IT MOVES AROUND ON YOUR AREA SPREAD SHEETS. THOSE ARE MY THREE COMMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? OH, I'M SORRY. HOLD ON FOR A SECOND, ROBERT. KYLE IS IN FRONT OF YOU. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

YES, I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GREAT. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SO I WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON THE MAYOR'S LAST COMMENTS THAT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS LISTENING. I WANT TO REFERENCE SOME E-MAILS THAT I SENT TO THE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE IN MARCH OF 2023, IN WHICH I MADE, QUITE CLEAR, THESE INCONSISTENCIES. AND I ALERTED THE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE OF THESE. THE RESPONSE I GOT WAS: FINE ATTENTION TO DETAIL, KYLE. RECEIPT RECEIVED. NO FURTHER FOLLOW-UP. SO THEN I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE CITY FOR ITS AMAZING RATE HIKE PRESENTATION, BECAUSE IT WAS FINALLY THEN THAT ENOUGH VOICES CAME TO COUNTER THAT AND LOOK AT SOME EYES ON THIS. TONIGHT, WE'RE SEEING JUST HOW MUCH OVERCHARGED WE WERE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS? AND IT'S INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT OUR BOOKKEEPING PROCESSES WOULD NOT HAVE CAUGHT THIS AT AN EARLIER TIME, ESPECIALLY WHEN A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BRINGS THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF A BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE, I WOULD THINK THAT THESE THINGS WOULD BE QUESTIONED MUCH EARLIER THAN OUR CITY MANAGER SUGGESTED, WHICH WAS IN FALL WHEN WE SAW THAT RATE HIKE. MOVING FORWARD, LET THIS BE A LESSON TO THE CITY, THAT WE NEED TO BE REGULARLY AUDITING, AND NOT JUST INTERNAL AUDITS LIKE WE SEE WITH OUR BUDGET EVERY YEAR, OH, THOSE NUMBERS LOOK GREAT, CARRY ON. WE NEED EXTERNAL BODIES LOOKING AT OUR FINANCES AND MAKING SURE THAT PRACTICES THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE 20 YEARS AGO ARE NOT CARRIED FORWARD. WE NEED TO REGULARLY BE LOOKING AT OUR PROCESSES, IMPROVING AND CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR WASTE, ABUSE AND FRAUD, ACROSS ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT WE'LL GO TO IN PERSON.

ERNIE CARPENTER, UNINCORPORATED IN SEBASTOPOL. I DON'T HAVE A PONY IN THIS RACE, ALTHOUGH I DON'T LIKE HORSE RACING. WHEN I READ THIS POLL, I WONDERED WHY YOU WOULD GIVE MONEY BACK TO ANYONE, GIVEN YOUR DEFICIT. AND I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE BEING TRANSPARENT AND HONEST, WHICH I APPRECIATE. WE DID THIS A LOT IN THE COUNTY. THEY WERE CALLED 887 COSTS, WHICH IS A FEDERAL CIRCULAR WHICH TELLS YOU WHAT YOU CAN CHARGE AND THE FEDERAL GRANT IS DIFFERENT THAN YOU RATEPAYERS. I COULDN'T UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU WOULD DO THAT. THEN I STARTED READING ABOUT WHAT I HEARD. AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE BIG RATE INCREASES. IT MAKES SENSE, IN A WAY, AS PETER PAYS PAUL. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, AND I THINK YOUR CITY ENERGY SAID, WHATEVER YOU GIVE BACK THE RATE PLAYERS -- PAYERS IS GOING TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR GENERAL FUND. AND THE QUESTION IS, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CLOSE THAT? SO I'LL COME ON MARCH 19th TO LISTEN TO THAT PRESENTATION. BUT IT'S SOMETHING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH A LITTLE MORE ON TOP OF YOUR DEFICIT. AND I WISH YOU LUCK AND APPRECIATE YOUR TRANSPARENCY AND HONESTY.

THANK YOU, ERNIE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ROCKET, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TWO-MINUTE TIMER?

I CAN.

OKAY. GO AHEAD THROUGH PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

QUESTION, SORT OF A CHECK ON THE RATIONALITY FOR THIS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT CITY ATTORNEY FOR WASTEWATER, IT'S \$120,000. HISTORICALLY, I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER SPENT 20. PROBABLY NEVER SPENT THAT MUCH. AND SIMILAR FOR WATER. IS THIS BEING

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ROBERT -- I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT COULD YOU SPEAK UP JUST A BIT PLEASE?
UM, YES.

THANK YOU.

CAN -- SO DID YOU UNDERSTAND MY QUESTION?

THE QUESTION THAT I HEARD, ROBERT, WAS THE FIGURES THAT ARE LIKE IN THE CITY
ATTORNEY BUDGET, AND IS THAT RELATED TO A LARGE OBLIGATION ISSUE, RELATED TO
CURRENT LAWSUITS?

YEAH. IT LOOKS LIKE A HIGH NUMBER, A VERY, VERY HIGH NUMBER. AND IF IT'S AN
ALLOCATION SCHEME THAT IS CAUSING IT, THEN IT MIGHT NEED TO BE RETHOUGHT. THE
SECOND COMMENT IS JUST THIS IDEA OF AN UPDATE. I THINK EVERY TIME THE CITY
COUNCIL LOOKS AT AN AGENDA ITEM, WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND SOME NEW
MONEY, THERE PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE NEW THOUGHT GIVEN TO WHERE IT'S GOING TO
BE PAID FOR. THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE THE WATER METERS. DECISION
WAS MADE TO TAKE ON NEW DEBT FOR ENERGY INITIATIVE THAT CROSSED A NUMBER
OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTS, ONE OF WHICH WAS WATER METERS. BUT
NO DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AT THE TIME, THAT WHETHER THERE WAS MONNED IN THE
WATER AND SEWER RATE, TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THAT. SO I THINK IT'S UPDATING IS A
CONSCIOUS, EVERY TIME THERE'S A BUDGET CHANGE AND ORGANIZATION CHANGE,
PROCESS THAT NEEDS TO BE THOUGHT OF BECAUSE IT HAS IMPLICATION FOR WATER
AND RATEPAYERS, WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TAXPAYERS
DOES. THAT MAKE SENSE?

WE HAVE YOUR COMMENTS.

YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THAT'S IT. I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, ROBERT. NEXT I'LL GO INSIDE CHAMBERS.
COMPLIMENTS TO CLEARSOURCE. THAT WAS GREAT. REALLY WELL ORGANIZED. IT'S
ACTUALLY A 107-PAGE DOCUMENT. ALL THE NUMBERS ADD UP. IT'S MUCH EASIER TO
UNDERSTAND THIS INFORMATION. AND I'M NOT REALLY A FINANCIAL GUY. I THINK IT'S
GREAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT MONTH AS ALL OF THIS UNFOLDS. SO YEAH, GREAT.
WELL DONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLICITY COMMENT. NEXT, I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM. LINDA, CAN
YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? THANK YOU, LINDA, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

HI. SO ANYWAY, NICE TO HEAR YOU, ERNIE, THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING. COME BACK
AGAIN SOON. BUT ANYWAY, ASIDE FROM THAT, I'D JUST LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY
THAT IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT THE CITY HAD \$1.2 MILLION STOLEN FROM IT. YOU
KNOW, ELECTRONICALLY. AND I DON'T BELIEVE WE EVER DID GET THE WHOLE THING
BACK FROM INSURANCE. BUT ANYWAY, THE MORE WE GO ELECTRONIC, THE MORE WE
MAKE OURSELVES VULNERABLE. AND I'M REFERRING TO THE WATER BILLS. BUT ASIDE
FROM THAT, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY, THIS IS NOT THE TIME, IN MY OPINION, TO AGREE TO
MORE CONSULTANTS BECAUSE WE'VE GOT 10 BUILDING PROJECTS THAT ARE -- HAVE
ALREADY BEEN APPROVED OR ARE BEING BUILT. AND ONE OF THEM IS UP HERE NEAR ME,
THE CANTHY PROJECT. AND THAT, ACCORDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
IS GOING TO PRODUCE 18,000 GALLONS OF SEWAGE PER DAY. IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE \$10.3
MILLION -- THREE MILLION GALLONS OF WATER FROM OUR LIKE SEVEN FINITE WATER
WELLS. PER YEAR. THE GARBAGE THAT IS GOING TO CREATE IS GOING TO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR 214 TONS OF GARBAGE, GENERATE PER YEAR.

LINDA, YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

SOME OF THIS STUFF IS GOING TO HAVE TRUCKS ON OUR ROADS AND STUFF. AND THAT'S
GOING TO BE MORE DAMAGE TO OUR ROADS WHICH ARE ALL ONLY RATED AT FAIR, 55
OUT OF 100. THIS IS NO TIME TO --

LINDA -- IF YOU COULD FOCUS ON THE WATER AND WASTEWATER PLEASE.

WHAT?

NEVER MIND, I'M SORRY. COULD YOU PLEASE FOCUS ON WATER AND WASTEWATER. I'M
SORRY, MARY. I DID INTERRUPT. LINDA, IF YOU COULD GIVE HER ANOTHER SIX SECONDS
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LINDA, GO AHEAD. YOU HAVE A FEW MORE SECONDS.

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THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT'S ONE OF THE FEW THINGS I THANK YOU FOR. BUT ANYWAY, THE WASTEWATER, YOU KNOW, THAT'S ANOTHER THING. OUR MAYOR, YOU KNOW, HAS YET TO RECOGNIZE THAT SHE IS, LIKE, RESPONSIBLE FOR A \$5 MILLION DEBT.

LINDA, THAT'S TWO MINUTES.

ANOTHER 13 YEARS TO PAY OFF IN THE WATER.

THANK YOU, LINDA.

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THE PRESENTATION? SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. OR PLEASE WAVE TO GET MY ATTENTION IN THE GALLERY. I'M SEEING NO FURTHER HANDS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR GOURLEY. WE'RE NOW UP AT THE DAIS HERE FOR DISCUSSION. WE DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. I'LL TURN TO STAFF FIRST AND SEE WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PARTICULAR QUESTIONS RAISED THAT STAFF WANTED TO RESPOND TO.

YEAH. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. I APPRECIATE THOUGHT COMMENTS AS USUAL FROM OUR RESIDENTS. A GOOD FORMER SUPERVISOR REFERRED TO THIS A87 CIRCULAR, WHICH IS KIND OF A NIGHTMARE HERE IN COUNTY LAND, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ALLOCATE COSTS. IT IS A STANDARD METHODOLOGY. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE WANT TO BRING IN HERE. BUT THAT'S WHY WE HIRE CLEARSOURCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE METHODOLOGY AND TOOLS. WE'RE USING THEIRS, ESSENTIALLY. I DO APPRECIATE THE COMMENT ABOUT BENCHMARKING. I WISH THAT WAS SOMETHING WE HAD LOOKED AT. CLEARSOURCE LOOKED AT THOSE AND SAID, HOW DO THOSE COMPARE TO COMPARABLE CITIES OF WILL ROUGHLY OUR SIZE ET CETERA. AND WILL BASICALLY, WE'RE IN THE BALLPARK. IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE OF COSTS ALLOCATED TO OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER FUNDS. SO THAT KIND OF HELPED US FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THEM. TO THE COMMENT ABOUT LOOKING AT OUR FINANCIAL PRACTICES, WE'LL BE HEARING ABOUT THAT IN TWO WEEKS. I'M HOPING TO HAVE THE AUDITOR COME. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THE AUDITOR DOES, BESIDES LOOKING AT THE BOOKS AND SEEING THAT THE NUMBERS SEEM RIGHT. AND THEY ALSO LOOK AT OUR PRACTICES AND TRACK OUR MONEY AND TO SEE IF WE'RE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE STANDARDS OR IF THERE'S CHANGES THAT WE NEED TO MAKE. THAT IS INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY OF HOW WE LOOK AND OPERATE. AND FINALLY, SOMEBODY MENTIONED HOW THINGS ARE PAID FOR. NOTHING GETS TO THE CITY COUNCIL, WITHOUT EXPENDITURE, WITHOUT US HAVING TO GET SOLID SPENDING OF HOW IT'S GOING TO GET PAID FOR EVER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO SENT AN E-MAIL AND APPARENTLY WE DIDN'T RESPOND WELL. I DID GET YOUR E-MAIL ABOUT THE WHOLE COST ALLOCATION AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS 23 YEARS OLD. AND AS A RESULT, I DON'T KNOW IF THE MAYOR REMEMBERS -- I REMEMBER, AND I BROUGHT IT UP AT THE BUDGET HEARING AND ANNA WAS THERE, TOO. AND SHE EXPLAINED IT WAS A NUMBER OF YEARS OUT OF DATE, AND THEREFORE, AT THAT TIME, I THINK WE ALLOCATED MORE MONEY TO, IN FACT, HAVE THIS STUDY DONE, RIGHT? SO I DO APPRECIATE THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ALERTING US SO THAT WE CAN ALLOCATE THE MONEY IN ORDER TO HAVE THE STAFF DONE. SO THANK YOU, MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE COMMENTS UP HERE AT THE CITY COUNCIL TABLE. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR COMPANY FOR THIS STUDY. IT'S CLEARLY, A REALLY HIGH QUALITY STUDY. AND NOT ONLY DID YOU GIVE US A GOOD STUDY BUT YOU ALSO GAVE US A TOOL THAT WE CAN USE FOR THE FUTURE. IT'S JUST GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

YEAH. I JUST WANTED TO ECHO THOSE THANKS AND TRULY APPRECIATE NAME ARE MOVING IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. I RECALL WHEN WE HAD THIS MEETING A COUPLE OF

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MONTHS AGO. AND I WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE. I'M ALWAYS ABOUT WHAT IS BEST PRACTICES AND POLICIES AND HOW DO WE GET THERE? SO I FEEL LIKE WE'RE WORKING TOWARD THAT. AND I REALLY WANT THE RESIDENTS OF SEBASTOPOL TO KNOW THAT WE'RE TAKING THOSE POSITIVE STEPS FORWARD. RECOGNIZING THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEM AND REALLY TRYING TO, YOU KNOW, MOVE FORWARD IN THIS MANNER. SO THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS? VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN, PLEASE?

THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR. I DEFINITELY WANT TO ECHO THIS, TOO. THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR LISTENING, AS COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS SAID, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN TRACKING, BUT THANK YOU FOR CATCHING IT. AND THANK YOU TO CLEARSOURCE.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I WANT TO ADD THANK YOU IN APPRECIATION TO OUR NEW CITY MANAGER AND NEW CITY STAFF FOR GETTING THIS DONE. IT FEELS LIKE AN IMPORTANT STEP THAT WE'RE TAKING, IN TERMS OF, LIKE SOMEONE SAID, TRANSPARENCY, AND MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

OKAY. AND MY COMMENT IS JUST, YEAH. ECHO EVERYONE. AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AT CLARITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL IN TERMS OF OUR DECISION-MAKING. CLARITY HELPS AND ALSO IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC AND OUR ABILITY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU WE'RE SEEING SOME EXCELLENT SIGNS, WE'LL ALL AGREE IN TERMS OF OUR CITY MANAGER AND GETTING THINGS CLEARED UP. YES? SOMETHING TO SAY?

ONE MORE COMMENT. I APPRECIATE THE QUALITY IN CLEARSOURCE. THIS WAS GOING ON BEFORE I GOT HERE. SO I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR IT. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I'LL TAKE THE CREDIT FOR IT, BECAUSE AT SOME POINT, I'M SURE I'LL BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING. IT ALL BALANCES OUT.

ALL RIGHT. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL TO ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WONDERFUL PRESENTATION. PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. SO THIS ITEM WAS SIMPLY AN INFORMATIONAL PIECE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, RECEIVE IT. WE'VE DONE THAT. WE NOW ARE TURNING TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 6. AND THAT ITEM IS THE SAVS HORIZON SHINE UPDATE. IT'S BEING PRESENTED, I BELIEVE, BY OUR POLICE CHIEF, RON NELSON. WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRESENT FROM THE TABLE THERE? SOUNDS LIKE.

AND WILL THE PUBLIC BE ABLE TO SEE CHIEF NELSON WELL FROM THAT? THANK YOU, CHIEF NELSON.

THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR. THIS PARTICULAR REPORT IS AN UPDATE ON -- PARDON ME. THE STATUS OF THE HORIZON SHINE SITE. AND THE VACATING, FUTURE VACATING OF THAT PROPERTY. AND I'LL START OFF BY JUST SAYING, I WANT TO REIMPLICIZE THAT IT'S THE GOAL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND ALSO SAVS TO FIND SAFE AND ADEQUATE PLACEMENT FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE ON THAT PARTICULAR SITE. SAVS HAS FOUND IT CHALLENGING TO FIND HOUSING AT THIS JUNCTURE. CURRENTLY, THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 21 RESIDENTS AT THIS SITE. AND THEY DO NOT HAVE CONFIRMED PLACES FOR RESIDENCE AT THIS JUNCTURE. BUT THEY ARE WORKING HARD TO FIND PLACEMENT AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY COME TO FRUITION. EVICTION NOTICES ARE SET TO BEGIN GOING OUT ON THE 28th OF THIS MONTH. THAT'S GOING -- THAT PROCESS IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE IN PHASES. BUT THE FIRST NOTICES WILL GO OUT ON THE 28th OF THIS MONTH. I WAS AT A RESIDENCE MEETING TODAY. SAVS STAFF CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE WITH THE RESIDENCE, THAT THERE IS NO EXTENSION ON THAT MARCH 3rd DEADLINE FOR THEM TO VACATE THE PROPERTY. SO THEY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH VACATING THAT SITE, AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH ADEQUATE PLACEMENTS FOR THEM. ST. VINCENT DEPAUL IS AWAITING THE HOME KEY 3 GRANT. IT'S A BIT OF A TONGUE TWISTER. THEY'RE WAITING FOR APPROVAL FROM THE STATE. THAT IS THE PROJECT THAT WOULD FUND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THAT SITE. THEY ARE ANTICIPATING THE SITE DEPENDENT ON THE APPROVAL OF THOSE GRANT FUNDS. BUT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STILL ANTICIPATES HAVING THAT SITE CLEARED BY APRIL 3rd. THAT'S THE GOAL FOR THEM. IF EVICTIONS ARE NECESSARY, I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND THE SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT

PARTICIPATING IN THAT PROCESS. THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAVS TO HANDLE THAT PROCESS. AND THAT IS COURT PROCEEDINGS, WHICH THEY PLACE TO MAKE THOSE EVICTIONS OCCUR. AND SHOULD ANY RESIDENTS HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY BY A LOCKOUT, OTHERWISE THAT WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? I THINK THE REST IS PRETTY MUCH LAID OUT IN THE REPORT.

BEFORE WE GET TO QUESTIONS, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE DO HAVE ADRIAN LOWBY FROM SAVS HERE ON ZOOM. AND WE DO HAVE JACK TIBBITTS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADRIAN LOWBY AS PART OF THIS PRESENTATION TO SAY A FEW WORDS IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO. AND THEN INVITE JACK TIBBITTS TO THE PODIUM, IF HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING TO THE REPORT. SO ADRIAN LOWBY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY REQUESTING THAT YOU BE UNMUTED. MARY, CAN YOU FACILITATE THAT? THERE WE GO.

ADRIEN, CAN YOU HEAR US OKAY?

YES, I CAN.

YES.

AND ADRIENNE, WE HAVE HEARD THE REPORT. BUT WANTED TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO ADD ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD.

YEAH, I APPRECIATE IT. AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE PRESS DEMOCRAT TODAY. SO THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I WANT TO CORRECT. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE ARE NOT -- MANY OF THEM ARE NOT THE ORIGINAL 25 PEOPLE WHO CAME ON THE SITE. WE HAVE ABOUT 13 OF THAT ORIGINAL 25 WHO HAD LEFT FOR VARIOUS REASONS. SOME OF THEM WENT TO REHAB CENTERS. SOME OF THEM WENT TO APARTMENTS. AND SO THE PEOPLE WE HAVE LEFT, IT ISN'T THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING FOR ALL OF THIS TIME. MANY OF THEM DO WORK PARTTIME OR OCCASIONALLY AS THEY CAN FIND WORK. AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE THERE ARE DISABLED, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY, DEPENDING ON THE PERSON. SO, YOU KNOW, THE CHIEF SAID IT, THAT WE ARE HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE FINDING PLACES FOR THE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE THERE NOW. THIS IS A FAILURE, NOT ONLY FOR SAVS AND, YOU KNOW, WE WISH WE WERE DOING BETTER, AND WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DO IT NOW, AS MUCH AS WE CAN. BUT IT'S ALSO A FAILURE OF OUR COUNTY WIDE SYSTEM AND OUR COMMUNITY IN PROVIDING HOUSING. COORDINATED ENTRY. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE PEOPLE QUALIFY FOR HELP FROM COORDINATED ENTRY, THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH SPOTS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN PROMISE THE 200 PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING UNITS EVERY YEAR, WHICH THESE PEOPLE, MANY OF THEM WOULD QUALIFY FOR. BUT ASIDE FOR HOME KEY, THAT ONE TIME, WONDERFUL HOME KEY MONEY THAT CAME DOWN, WE'RE JUST NOT BUILDING THAT MANY HOUSING. SO IT'S NOT EASY. WE'RE LOOKING IN EVERY NICHE THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY FIND. AND WE EXPECT TO FIND A LOT OF THESE NICHES. IT'S VERY, VERY INDIVIDUAL. PEOPLE HAVE THEIR OWN NEEDS AND PLANS. AND JUST TODAY, I GOT A LITTLE BIT OF GOOD NEWS FROM SOME GUY THAT IS LIKE, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO COME THROUGH FOR ME. AND WE'RE LIKE, GREAT. GIVE US THE PAPERWORK, SO WE CAN BE SURE. SO YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY, THERE'S HOPE. AND I DON'T EXPECT TO SEE A HUGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE END UP BACK ON THE STREETS OF SEBASTOPOL. BUT WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS WE GO ALONG.

GREAT. THANK YOU FOR THAT REPORT. AND JUST TO JACK TIBBITTS, ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AS PART OF THIS REPORT? GIVE YOU A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY HERE. JACK TIBBITTS IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. ST. VINCENT DE PALLONES THE PROPERTY AT 855 GRAPHENSTEEN.

I DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS BUT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS?

THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR. AND THANK YOU, JACK FOR BEING HERE. AND WITH THE MOVEMENT FORWARD. I THINK THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT REASSURANCES CAN BE MADE ON YOUR PART TO THE CITY ABOUT THINGS MOVING ALONG WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, AND HOPEFULLY IT HAPPENS. HAVE YOU GIVEN MANY THOUGHTS THAT YOU CAN SHARE AT THIS POINT ABOUT THE REASSURANCE?

SURE. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, VICE MAYOR. I THINK I'M JUST GOING TO AIR IT OUT HERE A LITTLE IN THE PUBLIC. BECAUSE I THINK THE PUBLIC AND SAVES AND CERTAINLY THE RESIDENTS AS THE HORIZON SHINE DESERVE TO HAVE AN OUTLOOK AS TO WHAT IS GOING TO COME FORWARD. SO IT'S -- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION. I THINK IT IS DIFFICULT TO LOOK AT A POTENTIAL PROJECT THAT YOU'RE FINANCIALLY ON THE HOOK FOR AND SAY, OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT WHEN WE'VE GOT ALL OF THESE OTHER BUDGET WOES THAT ARE FACING THE CITY. AND SO I'VE -- I'VE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN FOR SOLUTIONS THAT CAN HELP THE CITY FEEL GOOD ABOUT MOVING FORWARD ON A PROJECT THAT YOU WILL BE FINANCIALLY TIED TO AS A COSPONSOR IN THE APPLICATION. AND WE'VE DELVED DEEP INTO OUR FINANCES. WE LOOK AT A LOT OF REAL ESTATE ASSETS THAT WE HOLD. WE HOLD A THRIFT STORE IN ROHNERT PARK, UNENCUMBERED, DEBT-FREE, THAT GOING THROUGH APPRAISAL NOW, PROBABLY VALUED BETWEEN \$2.5 AND \$3.5 MILLION. OF COURSE, WE JUST COMPLETED THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPRAISAL BETWEEN \$12 AND \$20 MILLION. OBVIOUSLY THE COMMONS IS A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH LINES OF CREDIT AGAINST, IN THE EVENT SOMETHING WENT SIGNIFICANTLY WRONG, BECAUSE IT'S AN ENCUMBERED PROPERTY, NOT WITH DEBT BUT WITH DEED AND THE SONOMA HEAP FUND WE WERE AWARDED FIVE YEARS AGO, THANKS TO YOUR CITY MANAGER WHO WAS A BIG ADVOCATE FOR THAT. SO ONE OF THE THINGS I PLANNED TO TALK WITH YOUR CITY MANAGER ABOUT IS KIND OF THE CAPITAL STACK OF THE PROJECT, THE \$9.2 MILLION CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AS WELL AS THE FIVE-YEAR OPERATION WE WILL HAVE UNDER THE HCD CONTRACT, WHICH I JUST RAN THE MATH TODAY, TOTALS ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION. AND I HOPE THAT JEREMY HAY WON'T QUOTE ME ON THAT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE FINANCIALS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME. BUT IT LOOKS TO BE ALONG THOSE LINES. SO I WANT TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE ASSETS THAT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS. AND WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PROJECT, CONFIDENT IN THE PROJECT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE KIND OF RIGOROUS BACKGROUND CHECKS YOU GO THROUGH AT H CD. IF THEY APPROVE YOU, IT MEANS YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD. BUT I'LL STAND BY IT, AND MY BOARD WILL STAND BY IT, WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR PROJECTS AND WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, FINANCIALLY, TO SEE OUR PROJECTS TO FRUITION. WE DON'T EXPECT -- WHEN WE ASK FOR A COSPONSOR IN OUR PROJECTS, WE DON'T EXPECT OUR COSPONSORS TO BE FINANCIAL PARTNERS IN THAT. WE JUST EXPECT YOU TO HELP US WITH PERMITTING PROCESSING AND WHAT WE'RE HERE DOING TONIGHT, WHICH IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST OUTCOME FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT HELP. SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, VICE MAYOR, I'M LOOKING AT THE FINANCES. OUR ORGANIZATION IS REALLY WELL-ENDOWED WITH A LOT OF REAL ESTATE ASSETS THAT CAN BE DRAWN UPON IN THE EVENT OF SOMETHING GOING AMISS.

QUICK FOLLOW-UP QUESTION. WHAT IS THE GRANT AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR THIS PROJECT?

\$9.6 MILLION.

\$9.6 MILLION. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER -- I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR CARVING OUT TIME AND THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION. SO THANK YOU.

OH, I'M HAPPY TO.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS -- GO AHEAD, CITY MANAGER.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS. BUT I HEARD FROM -- TODAY, FROM THE HEAD OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THE PROJECT THAT THEY APPROVED, I BELIEVE SIX, YOU MIGHT KNOW BETTER. HOME KEY PROJECTS LAST WEEK, LAST FRIDAY ON THE LIST. BUT THEY SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO REVIEWS AND APPROVALS, ROUGHLY EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS. IT'S KIND OF THIS BOWLING PROCESS, AS OPPOSED TO EVERYTHING DECIDED ON ONE DAY AND YOUR IN OR OUT. WE'RE NEITHER IN NOR OUT, FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE. AND WE ANTICIPATE TALKING TO THE STATE TEAM AGAIN AND PROBABLY YOU, TOO, I PRESUME, AT THE SAME TIME, TO TALK ABOUT -- MAKING SURE AND LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS TO HEAR HOW THEY WORK. WE SPOKE WITH THE STATE TODAY. THEY'RE LOOKING GOOD. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNEW.

NO. THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.

THANK YOU CITY MANAGER. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING, THIS COUNCIL ASKED FOR A STAFF REPORT EVERY -- AT THE NEXT TWO COUNCIL MEETINGS. SO YOU'VE BROUGHT ONE. AND OBVIOUSLY THESE TAKE TIME TO CREATE AND COME AND PRESENT. I'M WONDERING IF IT WOULD BE BETTER TO NOT DO ONE IN TWO WEEKS BUT TO -- I'M JUST GETTING YOUR OPINION -- WOULD IT BE BETTER TO WAIT FOR A COUPLE, EITHER ONE, TWO, OR THREE COUNCIL MEETINGS OUT? AND --

WE'LL TAKE A CRACK AT THAT. AND THE CHIEF IS CLOSEST TO THE ISSUE, SO HE MAY DISAGREE, IN WHICH CASE, I INVITE HIM TO DO SO. IZ LIKE TO LET IT BE DETERMINED. SOMETHING THAT IS NEWSWORTHY, WE'LL BRING IT TO SHARE WITH YOU. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW VIA E-MAIL PARTICULARLY IF SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT HAPPENS. BUT SOMETHING THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW. IF THAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IN TIME TO GET IT ON THE AGENDA, WE'LL PUT IT ON THE AGENDA. I WILL TELL YOU, THE MARCH 19th MEETING, I IMAGINE IS GOING TO BE FULL. IF WE'RE DOING THE WHOLE BUDGET PIECE. AND MAYBE THE FISCAL LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE. SO WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED, KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED IF WE HEAR NEWS THAT IS WORTH INFORMING. AND ANOTHER PIECE OF NEWS HERE AND ADRIENNE WASN'T HERE --

ADRIENNE IS IN THE MEETING? THANK YOU. THE MEETING WE REGULARLY HAVE WITH STAFF. I'D RATHER HAVE THEM REPORT. IF THAT CHOICE NEEDS TO HELP FOLKS GET IN THE APPROPRIATE HOUSING, IT'S LITTLE MOST IMPORTANT THING THEY CAN BE DO. CHIEF, IF YOU SEE DIFFERENTLY?

NO. I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU, CITY MANAGER. MY THOUGHT WOULD BE ON THIS JUNCTURE, AS-NEEDED BASIS, AND TO KEEP COUNCIL INFORMED AND THE PUBLIC, AS NEEDED. I WOULD ANTICIPATE KEEPING IN MIND THE HEAVY LOAD FOR MARCH 19th. AND EVENTS THAT WILL BE TRANSPILING OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS THAT BY THE END OF MARCH, WE'LL HAVE PROBABLY MORE SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION THAT IS WORTHY OF REPORTING OUT ON.

OKAY. SO I'M JUST GOING TO CHECK IN WITH THE COUNCIL HERE. WE'RE HEARING -- WE DID GET VERY SPECIFIC DIRECTION TO OUR CITY MANAGER. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, I SAW YOU REACHING FOR YOUR MIC. I WAS GOING TO ASK FOR A THUMBS UP, IN TERMS OF THE REQUESTS THAT WE'RE HEARING FROM OUR CITY MANAGER AND OUR CHIEF OF POLICE, THAT WE ALLOW THEM THE COURTESY, THE DISCRETION, TO REPORT OUT TO US AS NEEDED, RATHER THAN ON A TWO-WEEK BASIS. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, DID YOU HAVE COMMENT?

I JUST HAVE A QUESTION FOR ADRIENNE IF THAT'S APPROPRIATE.

OKAY. SO THUMBS UP ON THAT? IS EVERYONE OKAY, THUMBS UP ON THAT PROPOSAL? AND A QUESTION FOR ADRIENNE LAUBY AND JACK, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE.

I JUST. WANT TO READ THE REPORT FOR THE THIRD TIME. I WAS WONDERING, SINCE WE RECEIVED THIS REPORT, ARE THERE ANY CONFIRMED PLACEMENTS? SOUNDS LIKE YOU SAID MAYBE THERE WAS ONE. BUT I WAS CURIOUS IF THE NEEDLE HAS MOVED AT ALL WITH THAT. I'M CURIOUS HOW MANY SOCIAL WORKERS DO WE HAVE WORKING WITH YOU TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THIS? BECAUSE I MEAN, THAT'S QUITE A FEW PEOPLE. I'M JUST CURIOUS WHAT KIND OF EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE, AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON THESE PEOPLE'S BEHALF DURING THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S OBVIOUSLY CRUNCHTIME.

YEAH. THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS.

I'M SORRY. WE CAN'T HEAR YOU, ADRIENNE.

YES, IF YOU COULD SPEAK UP, ADRIENNE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE WE CAN SAY CONFIRMED CONFIRMED. BUT IN TERMS OF SOCIAL WORKERS, WE HAVE THREE CASE MANAGERS OUT THERE. ACTUALLY, WE HAVE FOUR CASE MANAGERS OUT THERE. AND WE HAVE JUST HIRED ANOTHER PERSON WHO WOULD BE A LIAISON OUT THERE. AND OF COURSE, WE HAVE OUR SECURITY TEAM AND OTHER MANAGEMENT PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

AND ARE THESE CASE MANAGERS COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THESE FOLKS? THAT'S ALL THEY'RE DOING?

NO. TWO OF THEM HAVE OTHER DUTIES. BUT THEY ARE FOCUSED ON THAT YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU SAY, IT'S THE CRUNCH TIME.

YEAH. I JUST -- I MEAN, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE A VERY SHORT TIME PERIOD, IT SEEMS LIKE ALL HANDS ON DECK SHOULD BE HAPPENING. THANK YOU.

YES. THAT IS OUR OPINION, TOO. THANK YOU.

AND THEN I WOULD SUPPLEMENT WITH OBSERVATIONS FROM MULTIPLE MEETINGS I HAVE ATTENDED WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, BOTH WITH SAVS AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. COUNTED DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. FIRST OBSERVATION I'D MAKE IS THAT DIFKIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH SAVS, IN ORDER TO FACILITY PLACEMENT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AT SAVS. AND THE REASON I MENTION IT, IN THE CONTEXT OF COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS'S QUESTION IS BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS A CONCERTED EFFORT BY NOT JUST THE CASE MANAGER THAT SAVS HAS HAD STAFF. BUT ALSO BY CASE MANAGERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE COUNTY, THE HEART TEAM, FOR INSTANCE, WHO ARE REALLY, REALLY EFFECTIVE AT FINDING OUR SOLUTIONS. I SEE OUR CITY MANAGER NODDING BECAUSE HE'S AWARE OF THAT.

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE BEST IN THE COUNTY IF YOU HAVE THE IMDT TEAM. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE ON THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL -- THE COUNTY TEAM. ARE REALLY SUPERB IN THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS. IF THEY'RE OUT THERE, YOU'VE GOT THE BEST OF THE BEST. NO OFFENSE TO ANY PROVIDER. I THINK THEY WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THEY ARE THE STARS.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, THROUGH JACK TIBBITTS HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING AT THOSE MEETINGS. I'M AT THOSE MEETINGS. IN TERMS OF ALL HANDS ON DECK, I THINK ALL HANDS ARE ON DECK. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FORWARD, RECOGNIZING THAT THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS AND OFFERING RESOURCES AND OPTIONS IS ALL WE CAN DO IN THE HOPE THAT THEY TELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. AND THROUGH THE GOOD WORK AND DEVELOPMENT SITUATION WITH SAVS, THAT WE WILL END UP WITH A BETTER RESULT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OUT THERE AND JUST TRYING TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE. ALSO, MY OBSERVATION AND VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND I WERE BOTH OUT AT THE SITE. WE WERE GIVEN A TOUR BY TOMAS PHILLIPS, WHO IS A SAVS MEMBER. WE WERE JUST THERE YESTERDAY. AND CAN REPORT THAT THE SITE WAS NEAT AND TIDY, AND THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS MOVEMENT MOVING FORWARD IN ORDER TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SITE DOES, IN FACT, CLOSE AS SCHEDULED. ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO ADD, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? OKAY. SO THAT'S KIND OF A FULL REPORT OUT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, I'M SORRY, FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS? NO. OKAY. I THINK WE'RE GOING OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. SO THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE UPDATE STATUS REPORT FROM THE TRANSITION PLAN FOR SAVS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ARLY, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

OKAY.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

IT WON'T MATTER. I ONLY HAVE A FEW SENTENCES.

OKAY. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

THESE ARE MY FEELINGS AND WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IN MY POSITION ON THE SAVS BOARD. NOT AN EXCUSE OR A RESPONSE TO CRITICISMS AT ALL. MANY OF THE VILLAGERS, DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT INSTITUTIONAL CARE IN THE ENVIRONMENT, ARE TOO FAR INTO THEIR DISEASES, CAUSED MUCH BY TRAUMA, TO SEE THE REALITY OF THEIR SITUATION. AS WE SEE THIS REALITY ANYWAY. IT SEEMS IT WOULD TAKE MANY MORE YEARS OF OUR PROTECTION AND CARE TO RESOLVE SUCH SITUATIONS. DESPITE THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE VILLAGE STAFF. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL AGAIN COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

THANK YOU, LINDA. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

I'D LIKE TO AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER. YOU KNOW, MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE HAD TRAUMAS AND VERY INTERESTING AND SOME HORRENDOUS CHILDHOODS. HOWEVER, I LIVE THREE PROPERTIES FROM THE RV VILLAGE AND FREQUENTLY TALK WITH THOSE PEOPLE AND THEY TELL ME STUFF. BUT ANYWAY, ONE THING I LIKE TO

KNOW, I'D LIKE TO HEAR SOMEBODY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAY THAT IT HAS DEVOLVED, IT IS JUST A DISASTER. SO AS I RECALL, ADRIENNE AND DIANA, YOU KNOW, IN THE BEGINNING, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO -- PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO SIGN CONTRACTS, YOU KNOW, IN WHICH THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE ZERO TOLERANCE, AS I RECALL FOR, SAY, CRIMES LIKE THEFT AND ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND STUFF LIKE THAT. AND ANYWAY, THAT WAS QUICKLY, I COULD SEE, THROWN BY THE WAYSIDE. THERE WAS NOBODY AGREEING TO MUCH OF ANYTHING THERE. AND THEY JUST KIND OF -- IT WAS A -- WE'VE ENABLED THIS CITY WITH ITS WONDERFUL GENEROSITY AND STUFF. ENABLED A BUNCH OF -- I'M SORRY TO SAY, DRUG USE AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. STAFF OVER AT LUCKY'S AND SAFE WAY, AND ALL OF THE OTHER STORES AROUND HERE. A LOT OF DRUG USE. THREE FENTANYL OVERDOSES, FOUR DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT. LINDA, YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

WELL, ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME PEOPLE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. AND AS I SEE IT, ADRIENNE, YOU KNOW -- ADRIENNE AND DIANA ARE CLOSE TO LIAISON. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBER AGAIN. SEE IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER STILL?

YES, I CAN.

THANK YOU. GO AHEAD PLEASE.

CAN'T HELP BUT JUST REFLECT ON THE BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING TONIGHT. AND JUST THE VOLUME OF SUPPORT THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN SOME REALLY BAD SITUATIONS. AND HAVING? SORT OF UNDERSTANDING. AND KIND OF JUST BEING REALLY, REALLY FRUSTRATED WITH DECISIONS THAT GET MADE AGAINST PEOPLE THAT ARE IN SITUATIONS THAT ARE WAY LESS FORTUNATE THAN OUR OWN. AND IT'S JUST -- IT MAKES ME SAD THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT SAME LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE THAT ARE LESS FORTUNATE WITH OUR OWN COMMUNITY. THAT WE END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE MUCH FURTHER DOWN A PATH OF DISCUSSING THE APPROACH THAT WE TAKE TO THE UNHOUSED IN OUR CITY. AND YET MUCH OF THE DECISIONS THAT WE'RE MAKING PARALLEL THE TYPES OF DECISIONS THAT GET MADE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCALE. IT'S REALLY, REALLY SAD THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO ABUSE THE RIGHTS OF THOSE THAT ARE JUST SEEKING A PLACE TO EXIST, BOTH IN THE LAWS THAT WE ENACT WITHIN OUR CITY. THE WAY THAT WE FUND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE LAWS IN THE CITY. AND THEN OUR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AND PROCESSES THAT WILL END UP PUTTING PEOPLE BACK ON THE STREETS. AND NOW, AT A POINT, VIOLATING THE LAW TO DO SO. I REALLY THINK THAT OUR CITY NEEDS TO REFLECT BACK ON THIS PROCESS, THINK ABOUT THE ACTUAL COST THAT IT IS TO OUR SOCIETY. BUT REALLY, THERE IS ALSO THE ECONOMIC COST AS A RESULT OF LITIGATION. I KNOW, OUR CITY NEVER WANTS TO DISCUSS OPEN LITIGATION. BUT AT WHAT POINT WILL WE QUANTIFY JUST HOW MUCH THIS HAS TRULY COST US.

THANK YOU, KYLE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. AGAIN, I WILL GO BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. ADMIN, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

I THINK I HAVE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THANK YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GREAT. GO AHEAD PLEASE.

I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. NOW THAT WE'RE WINDING DOWN THE HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE, AND WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW, I BELIEVE. I JUST WONDERED IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR ADRIENNE OR MAYOR RICH TO TELL US IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH IN TOTAL FUNDS, TOTAL PUBLIC MONEY, IN OTHER WORDS COUNTY MONEY AND CITY MONEY, HAS BEEN SPENT PER CAPIT ON. I KNOW ADRIENNE SAID SOME HAVE MOVED ON. SO MAYBE IT'S 30 OR 40 PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE. I WONDER WHAT WE PAID OUT OF CITY AND COUNTY FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THOSE PEOPLE DURING THE DURATION OF THIS HORIZON SHINE -- WELL, I GUESS IT'S A SHELTER, A SAFE

PARKING AREA. ANYWAYS, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEBODY COULD PROVIDE THAT ANSWER. THAT'S ALL. THANKS. Agenda Item Number: 1

GREAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. AGAIN, I'LL GO ONE LAST TIME TO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO ONE LAST TIME OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY, OR PLEASE GET MY ATTENTION. SEEING NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU MAYOR GOURLEY FOR HANDLING THIS. WE'RE NOW BACK AMONGST COUNCILMEMBERS. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. YEAH, WE DID HAVE SOME COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. I WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT OUR APPROACH, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, AND IT'S DEMONSTRATED BY OUR CONDUCT AND OUR HISTORY HERE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS IS TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE CURRENTLY AT HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. THAT'S WHY ALL THE EFFORT AND AT THIS TIME, GENUINE CONCERN IS BEING COMMITTED TOWARD EVEN NOW A POSITIVE OUTCOME. POSITIVE PLACEMENT, BETTER LIFE FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. SO I -- I JUST HAVE TO SAY, THIS HASN'T BEEN A TOWN THAT HAS BEEN ABUSING THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE LESS THAN US, OUR HISTORY SHOWS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING QUITE THE OPPOSITE. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING OUR BEST TO SUPPORT THEM AND DO GOOD BY THEM. BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. BUT THAT'S WHY I'M ATTENDING MULTIPLE MEETINGS, TALKING TO MULTIPLE PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY JACK TIBITS AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ARE HERE. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL HANDS ON DECK, TO ARRANGE EIGHT PARKING SPOTS FOR LIVED-IN VEHICLES AT THE COMMONS, WHICH IS OWNED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. THAT'S WHY ALL OF THIS EFFORT IS BEING DRIVEN IN THE POSITIVE DIRECTION. IN TERMS OF TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS, I CAN'T GIVE ANYONE A PUBLIC NUMBER ON THE TOTAL FEDERAL STATE COUNTY MONEY. THAT MAY HAVE GONE TOWARD THE SAVS HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. BUT I CAN TELL YOU, BOTTOM LINE, ZERO DOLLARS FROM THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL'S GENERAL FUND OR ANY FUNDS. THERE WAS AN AMOUNT THATS WAS A PASSTHROUGH FROM COUNTY THAT WENT TO THE CITY AND THEN -- AND WAS SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED FOR USE BY HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. AND IT WAS APPROPRIATELY PASSED THROUGH TO HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. BUT NO CITY FUNDS WENT TO HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM STAFF? I KNOW LARRY McLAUHLAN HAS BEEN THROUGH THIS PROCESS. ANY CITY MONEY USED FOR HORIZON SHINE VILLAGE?

NO. IT'S ALL BEEN A PASSTHROUGH. BUT WE HAVE EXPENDED MONEY, DEFENDING THE CITIZENS LAWSUIT AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE WHEN WE WERE SUED OVER THE OPENING OF HORIZON SHINE BY A NEIGHBOR GROUP, THE CITY PREVAILED IN THAT LITIGATION, BUT UNDER STATE LAW, WE'RE NOT PERMITTED TO TRY AND RECOVER OUR EXPENSES BACK. SO WE DID EXPEND MONEY ON THAT. I DO NOT HAVE THAT FIGURE, HOWEVER, COMMITTED TO MEMORY. BUT WE SPENT THAT MONEY. AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE ONGOING LITIGATION WITH THE ACLU AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, HAS ALSO BEEN AN ONGOING EXPENSE.

OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DID SEE -- ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I THINK I SAW COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS. AND I THINK COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. BUT GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS.

I JUST -- AS WE'RE WRAPPING THIS UP, I JUST WANT TO COMMENT, AS I HAVE IN THE PAST, HOW DISAPPOINTED I AM IN SONOMA APPLIED VILLAGES AND THEIR INABILITY TO EXECUTE ON WHAT THEY PROMISED TO THE RESIDENTS OF HORIZON SHINE AND CITY OF SEBAST POLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING AT THE NEXT UPDATE ABOUT HOW ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH THE HELP OF THE COUNTY AND THE OTHER SUPPORTIVE AGENCIES THAT HAVE TO STEP UP AND HELP EXECUTE THIS PLAN. AND I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT THAT WHILE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD STATEMENTS THAT MONIES HAVE NOT COME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, THERE HAVE BEEN EXPENDITURES, THEY'RE JUST IN DIFFERENT LINE ITEMS ON YOUR PNL AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND THAT'S WITH RESPECT TO THE AMOUNT OF POLICE RESPONSE, THE AMOUNT OF FIRE RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE HAD THERE. THOSE ARE EXPENSES TO THE CITY. SO I JUST DON'T WANT TO PUSH THAT UNDER THE RUG AND SAY IT HASN'T COST THE CITY ANYTHING. IT'S INDIRECTLY BUT STILL COSTS US HERE, AND IT TAKES TIME FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR DEPARTMENT AND EVEN OUR CITY STAFF. I MEAN, Agenda Item Number: 1
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LAWSUITS, ALL OF THAT. SO THERE ARE STILL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT. MAYBE NOT DIRECTLY TO SAVS. BUT IT'S STILL THERE. SO I JUST LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING HOW THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE PLACED. AND I HOPE THEY WILL RECEIVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. AND COUNCILMEMBER MAURER, I THINK YOU HAD A COMMENT?
THANK YOU.

OKAY. VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN? ANYTHING?

YES. I DEFINITELY WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED, WHO ARE DOUBLING DOWN, AGAIN TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE FOLKS GET TO SAFER SPOTS. SO THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED.

THANK YOU. SO I THINK OUR TASK HERE WAS SIMPLY TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY. SO WE'LL CLOSE OUT THIS ITEM. AND THANK ADRIENNE LAUBY, JACK TIBBITTS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF, I THINK SO, THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP WHO ARE HERE IN THE ROOM. AND WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM. AND I AM BEING ALERTED THAT WE NEED TO TAKE A BRIEF BREAK. 10-MINUTE BREAK, PLEASE, EVERYONE. AND WE'LL BE BACK AT -- I DON'T KNOW. 8:25. [CAPTIONER ON STANDBY]

OKAY. I'M --

WOULD YOU RAISE YOUR VIRTUAL HAND, JUST TO MAKE SURE THE SOUND IS GETTING OUT TO ZOOM?

SO I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION. BECAUSE I UNMUTED. AND NOW I DON'T KNOW WHY - - [INAUDIBLE]

ENGAGEMENT -- WE'RE GOOD?

I THINK. YES. WE SHOULD BE GOOD. SO THERE SHOULD BE SOUND BYTES.

LORETTA, DOES THAT MEAN YOU CAN HEAR US? I SEE SOME HANDS UP, MARY.

I'M GOING TO UNMUTE, LORETTA. LORETTA, CAN YOU HEAR US ON ZOOM?

YES, I CAN HEAR.

GREAT. SHE CAN HEAR US. THANK YOU, APOLOGIES FOR THAT. THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER.

OKAY.

SO BASICALLY, BECAUSE WE WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL ON NEGOTIATED RATES. AND RECOLOGY PROPOSALS. IF THE AD HOC AND STAFF, RECOMMENDING GOING OUT ON RFP, PROVIDES GREATER CONFIDENCE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THE GREATEST VALUE. WE'RE DOING IT IN A FAIR MANNER, THERE ARE NO BACK ROOM DEALS. WE HAVE THE POSSIBILITY FOR A VARIETY OF SERVICES. EXCUSE ME. COULD BE OFFERED FROM DIFFERENT FIRMS AND THAT WE COULD CHOOSE FROM THE ONE WE THINK IS THE BEST FIT FOR US. AN RFP IS NOT A TKPWRAEUR TEE. ULTIMATELY, WE HAVE LOWER RATES. I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE. THEIR RATES WITH RECOLOGY ENDED UP WITH CITIES THAT ENDED UP RENEWALS. WITH THE SIZES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE THINK IT'S WORTH PROCEEDING DOWN THAT PATH, NONETHELESS. BEFORE THIS IS ON THE AGENDA PACKET. YOU SEE A COMPARISON OF ONE OF THE LAST PROPOSALS WE RECEIVED. AND IF YOU LOOK AT SEBASTOPOL, THE BOTTOM LINE, COMPARED TO OTHER AVERAGES. OUR AVERAGE OF OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE RANGE OF INCREASED -- OR DIFFERENCE IS SIGNIFICANT. THAT'S WHERE THE AVERAGE IS ABOUT 23%.

I'M SORRY. IS THERE ANY WAY TO ZOOM IN ON THIS? THERE MAY NOT BE, ON WHATEVER PORTION --

OOH.

SO THOSE ARE -- OKAY. SO THAT LEFT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE -- ESSENTIALLY, THE SMALLER, 20-GALLON CAN ON UP. 1% WOULD BE -- SO ALMOST ESSENTIALLY EQUAL. SO WE PARTICULARLY GIVERESIDENTS A SIGNIFICANT BREAK ON THE SMALLEST CAN TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION. BUT THEN THEY GO UP. AND WOULD BE 2737 OR 53% ABOVE AVERAGE OF OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY. DEPENDING ON YOUR CAN SIZE. AND THEN MOVING ALONG -- OOPS. SO THERE WE GO. THERE'S OUR COMMERCIAL RATES. WOULD BE HIGHER THAN ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTY. BY THE AMOUNTS THERE. AND THIS IS IN THE PACKET ONLINE. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. OKAY. AND SO A LITTLE GRAPHICALLY, DIFFERENT WAY OF PRESENTING THE SAME THING. WE

SEE OUR CURRENT RATES FOURTH FROM THE LEFT. AND OUR PROPOSED RATES, THE LAST ONE ON THE RIGHT. YOU SEE WHERE WE END UP, RELATIVE TO OUR FELLOW CITIES IN ALMOST ALL CASES, EXCEPT THE SMALLEST CAMP, WE WOULD BE AHEAD OF THE GAME. AND THIS IS A SITUATION, WHERE BEING AHEAD OF THE GAME IS NOT WHERE YOU WANT TO BE, IN TERMS OF RATES. AND COMMERCIAL, SIMILARLY, WE'D BE AT OR NEAR THE TOP, I THINK AT THE TOP IN ALMOST ALL CATEGORIES. SO THAT'S REALLY THE FOUNDATION FOR WHY WE'RE SUGGESTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DON'T THINK THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE. WE DO OFFER A VARIETY OF OPTIONS FROM RECOLOGY. AND NONE OF THEM WE THINK ARE WORTH PURSUING. SO WE ASK YOU TO APPROVE STAFF PREPARING A CONTRACT WITH R3 CONSULTING TO MANAGE A PROCUREMENT FOR THE HAULER. A NEW HAULER R3 DOES THIS. I THINK THEY'VE DONE THIS FOR ALL CITIES IN SONOMA COUNTY. THEY'RE HIGHLY REPUTABLE. THEY'RE REALLY THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN TO DO THIS. WE'VE SUGGESTED IMPROVING FUNDS AVAILABLE TO DO THIS. WE'D HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT OF OUR FUND BALANCE. AND IT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE REIMBURSED WHEN WE SIGN A NEW CONTRACT WITH A NEW PROVIDER, AND THEY WOULD NOT GET THE CONTRACT IF THEY DID NOT AGREE TO REIMBURSE US AND THEY ULTIMATELY RECOVER THOSE COSTS OVER THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT THROUGH THE RATES. IT ULTIMATELY ENDS UP ON THE RATEPAYER. SO THIS WOULD -- WE WOULD ALSO NEED TO SIGN A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH RECOLOGY, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM, SIX-MONTH EXTENSION. AND POTENTIALLY FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-MONTH EXTENSION FOR THE RFP PROCESS. AND THEN WE WOULD GO AHEAD AND ACTUALLY ISSUE THE RFP AND HOPEFULLY GET THAT IN PLACE BEFORE WE NEEDED THE SECOND EXTENSION. THEN WE WOULD DISSOLVE THE AD HOC BECAUSE IT REALLY WOULDN'T BE NECESSARY. BUT IF WE NEEDED TO COME BACK AND RECREATE IT AT SOME VERSION, WE COULD DO THAT. WE DID LOOK AT OPTIONS. WE LOOK THE AT A VARIETY OF CONTRACT OPTIONS. WE LOOKED AT HAVING R3 DO A DETAILED RATE REVIEW. THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE. DETAILED REVIEW IS REALLY PEELING BACK THE RATES AND COSTS TO SEE WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO. BUT THEY WERE THINKING R FP WAS PROBABLY THE BETTER APPROACH FOR US. BUT WE COULD ACCEPT ALSO THE LATEST PROPOSAL OR ANY OF THE OTHER PROPOSALS, WE'VE SHOWN SORT OF VERY HIGH LEVEL TO TONIGHT. BUT AGAIN, THE RATES ARE ALL ROUGHLY IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THAT'S OUR SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO PROCEED HOWEVER WE WOULD LIKE. COMMENTS FROM THE AD HOC OR FROM RECOLOGY OR HOWEVER YOU'D LIKE TO PROCEED.

I THINK WE SHOULD INVITE COMMENTS FROM THE AD HOC, COUNCILMEMBERS ON THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

YEAH. THANK YOU. I WANTED TO THANK RECOLOGY. AND I DO AGREE THAT YOU DO PROVIDE A WONDERFUL SERVICE. WE'VE HAD YOU AS OUR SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MANY YEARS. AND I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT IT DIDN'T -- WE WEREN'T ABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THESE RATES. I JUST -- I THINK WE NEED TO PARTNER GOOD SERVICE, WHICH YOU DO PROVIDE, WITH THE BEST RATES THAT WE CAN HAVE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. I WOULDN'T FEEL GOOD COMMITTING OUR RESIDENTS TO THESE KIND OF PRICE INCREASES. AND THE KIND OF -- YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT PAYING MORE FOR SERVICES IN COMPARISON, ESPECIALLY TO ANOTHER CITY LIKE CATAWDY, WHERE OUR RATES WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER THAN CATAWDY, A CITY OF COMPARABLE SIZE. WE DID TALK ABOUT THIS. WE DID GO AROUND ABOUT THIS. I KNOW YOU DID STEP UP THE RATES. BUT -- OR STEP IN THE RATES OVER SEVERAL YEARS. BUT IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITHOUT FEELING LIKE I COULD SAY TO THE RESIDENTS THAT WE DID ALL WE COULD TO GET YOU THE BEST SERVICE WITH THE BEST RATES. SO YEAH. DISAPPOINTED.

OKAY. CAN I ASK THAT THE SCREEN SHARE BE TAKEN DOWN? SO WE CAN SEE THOSE ON ZOOM? AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

YEAH. I MEAN, I CAN ECHO WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MAURER SAID. YOU DO PROVIDE GOOD SERVICES. AND I LIKE ALL OF YOU. AND I KNOW YOU WORK REALLY HARD HERE. BUT AGAIN, IT'S REALLY HARD FOR US TO TALK TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE PEOPLE THAT CONTACT US, AND YOU KNOW, HAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE RISING RATES OF SO MANY DIFFERENT UTILITIES HERE. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S REALLY HARD TO

SAY, YEAH, WE'RE JUST OKAY WITH HAVING THESE HIGHER RATES. SO YOU KNOW, THE FEEDBACK THAT WE'VE RECEIVED, THE RESEARCH THAT WE'VE DONE. AND I JUST WANT ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW THAT A GREAT DEAL OF BACKGROUND WORK WENT INTO THIS. WE SPENT HOURS AND HOURS AND HOURS OF LOOKING AT -- I PERSONALLY READ ALL OF THE CONTRACTS FROM THE DIFFERENT CITIES, DOWNLOADED THEM ALL, EDUCATED MYSELF ON WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS RECEIVING. I JUST WANTED TO DO MY DUE DILIGENCE FOR EVERYBODY. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR. PUT IN A TON OF WORK AND TIME, AND ALSO SPEAKING WITH OTHER CITIES, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND I JUST, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT CAME DOWN TO, WE REALLY JUST NEED TO PUT IT OUT THERE AND SEE IF THERE ARE, YOU KNOW, WHAT KIND OF RATES COME BACK. AND AGAIN, UNDERSTANDING AS CITY MANAGER MENTIONED, IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY GUARANTEE THAT THEY'LL BE LOWER. BUT WE HAVE TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE FOR THE RESIDENTS AT THIS POINT. IT'S JUST NECESSARY. AND ESPECIALLY IN THE CLIMATE THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW. SO, YOU KNOW, THAT -- I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT THAT'S WHY WE'RE RECOMMENDING THIS. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IF POSSIBLE. ALL OF US, I WOULD SAY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY HAS LEARNED A GREAT DEAL OVER TIME. SO HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

QUESTIONS FROM VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN.

PROBABLY NOT THE PROCEDURE. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF STUFF THAT YOU GUYS HAD TO HEAR. JUST IN PASSING. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. BECAUSE IT'S VERY DETAILED. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK. AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR GOOD FAITH IN NEGOTIATION. I'LL JUST -- YEAH. I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. THANKS.

SO I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THE FIRST IS, DO WE KNOW WHETHER RECOLOGY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THE RFP? ANY INFORMATION ON THAT?

WHAT THEY TOLD ME, BUT I'D LET THEM ANSWER THAT, IN CASE ANYTHING HAS CHANGED. [INAUDIBLE]

LOGAN, IF YOU COULD PLEASE GO TO THE PED PODIUM, PLEASE. SHOULD HAVE INVITED YOU.

NO WORRIES.

NO, THAT'S GOOD. THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST QUESTION, OUT OF CURIOSITY, IS RECOLOGY PLANNING ON SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THE RFP?

ABSOLUTELY. WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE CITY IN ANY WAY THEY CAN. THAT THEY THE CITY PROCESS CAN GO THROUGH AND BE COMPETITIVE. IT'S AT COST TO US, BUT ABSOLUTELY WE'LL WITH THE RFP AND MAINTAIN SERVICE IN THE CITY AS POSSIBLE.

FOLLOW-UP SERVICE WITH THE EXTENSION DOES THAT KEEP THE TERMS OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN PLACE IN RELATION TO RATE INCREASES? THAT KIND OF THING?

YEAH. THAT'S CORRECT. SO THERE IS A CPI THAT OCCURS JUST IN COURT SO THE EXISTING CONTRACT ASKS FOR THE EXTENSION, AND WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT. IS IT A COST TO US? YES. BUT WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE ABILITY FOR YOU TO FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE A TRANSPARENT PROCESS AND THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTY THAT RAISING RATES HAS FOR BOTH COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS HERE.

AND THEN MY ADDITIONAL QUESTION. IT MIGHT GO TO YOU. BUT IT MIGHT ACTUALLY GO TO STAFF. CITY MANAGER, YOU SAID IN YOUR COMMENTS THAT THE 150 TO 250,000 IN EXPENSE FOR BRINGING IN OUR THREE WOULD BE REIMBURSED BY THE -- BY THE GARBAGE HAULER THAT WE SELECT. AND THEN YOU SAID, "OF COURSE, ULTIMATELY, IT'S ALL PAID BY THE RATEPAYERS." SO THAT -- THAT MAKES ME REALIZE THAT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS BEING PAID TO THIS CONSULTANT, IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE RFP, ACTUALLY REPRESENTS MONEY THAT WE WILL BE EXPECTING BACK FROM THE RATEPAYERS. IT'S INHERENTLY -- INHERENTLY, WE WILL BE LOOKING TO THEM TO REIMBURSE THAT AMOUNT. SO MY QUESTION THEN BECOMES, HAS THE AD HOC FACTORED THAT IN, IN TERMS OF THE COMPARISON OF THE RATES THAT RECOLOGY IS PROPOSING, VERSUS AS THEY COMPARE TO THE RATES IN OTHER CITIES? I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH \$150,000, FOR INSTANCE, DISTRIBUTED AMONGST OUR RATEPAYERS EQUALS PER PERSON. BUT I'M JUST ASKING IF THAT MATH HAS BEEN DONE?

I HAVEN'T DONE THE MATH I DON'T KNOW THAT ANY OF THE -- I'LL TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE A PRETTY ENGAGED AD HOC. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE OR NOT. AND THEN -- AND SO I SEE COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. BUT THE BIG QUESTION IS, DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE ULTIMATE RESULTS? I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

YEAH. I DON'T THINK WE FACTORED THAT IN. BUT I WANT TO ADD TO THE BACKGROUND ON THIS. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO WINDSOR COUNCIL ON THIS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS AGO IT WAS. BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH GARBAGE SERVICES IN WINDSOR. AND THE VOTERS FORCED A REFERENDUM, WHICH NOW REQUIRES THE CITY TO DO AN RFP EVERY TIME -- EVERY 10 YEARS. AND THEY DO USE R3 CONSULTANTS. AND THEY HAD A LOT OF POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THEIR WORK. THEY REALLY FELT THAT THEY WERE INTEGRAL TO THE PROCESS. I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT.

AND I WANTED TO ADD, I ALSO SPOKE WITH THE MAYOR OF WINDSOR AND SAME -- SAME FEEDBACK.

SO THEN QUESTION TO LOGAN, IN TERMS OF RATEPAYERS, THE COST OF, LET'S SAY IT'S \$150,000. WHAT SORT OF A DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?

I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE. BUT IT WOULDN'T BE -- YOU'RE NOT TALKING A DOLLAR PER PERSON, NO.

THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SO FORTHRIGHT ABOUT THAT.

YEAH, OF COURSE.

I APPRECIATE THAT. AND THAT LEADS ME TO THANK RECOLOGY FOR CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO TOWARD AN RFP. I DON'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. ANYONE HERE BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC? AND I'M SORRY, LOGAN, DID YOU -- TO THE CITY MANAGER, DID WE WANT TO INVITE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM LOGAN?

I DON'T HAVE ANY AT THIS TIME. I HAD A PLAN B IF HE WASN'T ABLE TO ANSWER THE RATE QUESTION. BUT I THINK WE'VE GOT THAT. SO WE'RE GOOD.

MARY?

LOGAN, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, THOUGH? I BELIEVE YOU HAD SOME COMMENTS TO MAKE.

CERTAINLY THE CONVERSATION ALWAYS CHANGES THE CONTEXT OF WHAT I WOULD SAY. BECAUSE I HAD PLANNED COMMENT, I THOUGHT I HAD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT I WANT TO SAY, WE AT RECOLOGY, THE EMPLOYEE OWNERS AT RECOLOGY, WE FEEL WE SHARE THE CITY'S VALUES, ONE FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE. WE FEEL WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THAT FOR THE CITY. SECOND ON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. WE'VE BROUGHT THE DIVERSION RATE IN THE CITY FROM 40% UP TO 51% SINCE WE'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT. WE'VE ALSO RECENTLY INVESTED IN A NEW MURPH OR MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY. BY STICKING WITH RECOLOGY, SEBASTOPOL CANNOT ONLY ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE ZERO WASTE THAT AMBROSIA PROVIDES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. BUT THAT YOUR RECYCLING STAYS IN THE CITY. AND THAT YOU CAN BE SURE THAT WHAT YOUR RESIDENTS PUT IN THE BLUE BIN IS MANAGED APPROPRIATELY. TAKING OVER FROM THE RAT ORGANIZATION. WE'VE INCREASED EMPLOYEES' WAGES. WE'VE MADE THEM EMPLOYEE OWNERS. ALL OF OUR SORTERS, DRIVERS, CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENTS ARE NOT ONLY EMPLOYEE OWNERS BUT ALSO MEMBERS OF TEAM 665. WE'RE COMMITTED, SHARE THE SAME SPRAWLS, PROVIDED TO HIGH QUALITY SERVICE. AND ALSO PROVIDING GOOD PAY AND GREEN JOBS IN THIS COUNTY, AND PROVIDING, YOU KNOW, GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE AND GREAT EDUCATION FOR RESIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. SOUNDS LIKE COUNCIL HAS MADE ITS MIND TO GO THROUGH RFP. AND WE WERE FORTUNATE AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND STAFF AS WE WENT THROUGH THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. WE RECOGNIZE THE HIGHER RATE THAT WE'RE FACING. WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF YEARS OF INFLATION AND THAT'S A FACTOR HERE. AND THERE'S ALWAYS A DIFFERENCE IN CITY HOW LONG IT TAKES A SERVICE THAT WILL DRIVE THIS COST DIFFERENTIAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RFP AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORTS.

MY FOLLOW-UP QUESTION FOR YOU HAS TO DO WITH THE STAFF REPORT'S COMMENT THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A DISCUSSION BY THE AD HOC WITH RECOLOGY ABOUT A

FURTHER EXTENSION. I THINK A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION. IS THERE ANY INFORMATION TO SHARE ON THAT TOPIC? Agenda Item Number: 1

WELL, WE -- DONNA HAD ASKED FOR THAT -- CITY MANAGER HAD ASKED FOR THAT ADDITIONAL EXTENSION. WE HAD ASKED TO GET THAT WRAPPED UP IN THREE MONTHS. CURRENTLY, WE'RE LOSING ABOUT \$1,000 WITH THE CITY. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S A FAIR AND COMPETITIVE PROCESS. YOU ALL FEEL LIKE YOU'VE DIALED IT IN AND CAN LOOK YOUR RESIDENTS IN THE FACE AND THAT YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB BY THEM. SO WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THAT AND HERE TO BE GOOD PARTNERS.

KIND OF IN THAT SPIRIT, IF I MIGHT ADD. WHEN WE WERE ORIGINALLY GOING TO BRING THIS FORWARD, WE WEREN'T NECESSARILY GOING TO BRING THE CONTRACT WITH R3 THE SAME NIGHT AND TO BE THE PARTNER THAT LOGAN IS TALKING ABOUT. ONE OF THE STEPS WE'RE ASKING FOR YOU TO TAKE TONIGHT IS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH R3 AND THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT, WHICH ALLOWS US TO GET MOVING FASTER THAN IF WE HAD TO COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS OR FOUR WEEKS. IT'S TRYING TO CUT SOME TIME OFF IN THE BEGINNING SO IT DOESN'T GET SO DRENCH CRUNCHED AT THE END. BUT I APPRECIATE THE ARE ABILITY THAT WE CAN TAKE MORE TIME. WE'LL TRY TO AVOID THAT.

YOU ASKED THE QUESTION, MAYOR RICH, ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL CONTRACT, WITH R3 IMPACTING RATES. WE ARE NOT IN ANY WAY, SEEKING TO MAKE UP THE ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, NINE MONTHS OR PREVIOUS YEAR'S LOSSES. IT'S NOT A REASON THE RATES ARE HIGHER. IT'S SIMPLY COSTS TO THE CITY AND ADDITIONAL COST OF CONSUMABLES AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN GOING UP THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

THANK YOU. UNLESS WE HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS, WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I THINK YOU CAN TAKE A SEAT, LOGAN. WE'LL CALL YOU UP IF WE NEED YOU AGAIN.

GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

SO THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF DOING AN RFP FOR THE GARBAGE FRANCHISE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO TO IN CHAMBER FIRST, THEN GO OUT TO ZOOM. [INAUDIBLE]

JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE RFP. IN THE BEGINNING, RATE SERVICES [INAUDIBLE] INSURANCE. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF R3 [INAUDIBLE] THAT WE'RE MOVING SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE SERVICES NOT JUST [INAUDIBLE]

OH, SORRY.

BUT ACTUALLY, WE'RE SAME RATE. WE WANT A RESPONSE ON THESE ITEMS, AROUND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS. AND AROUND PARTNERSHIPS AROUND ZERO WASTE. SO THAT WE'RE SURE WE'RE NOT PUTTING THIS OUT AS A SLIPPERY SLOPE OF JUST SORT OF NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH ON OUR COMMITMENTS AND GETTING BACK ALL OF THESE LITTLE BIT HOLLERS, AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'RE JUST KIND OF IN THIS SPACE WHERE WE'RE NOT REALLY STANDING UP TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY OF WHAT THE COMMITMENTS WE'VE ALREADY MADE TO PAY OUR FAIR SHARE FOR DEALING WITH OUR OWN RECYCLABLES, OUR WASTE, AND THAT WE'RE NOT EXTERNALIZING THOSE COSTS, BECAUSE WE GET THIS LOW BID. BUT THAT R3 WORKS WITH US TO REALLY MAKE SURE WE HAVE -- AND IF WE DON'T GET SOME OF THOSE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE BID. SO WE REALLY CAN'T COMPARE FOR THE SERVICES WE WANT. NOT FOR SOME OTHER KIND OF OFFER IS THAT ISN'T WHAT WE WANT. SO THAT'S JUST REALLY WHAT I WANT TO SEE HOW R3 WOULD MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS IN ADVANCE BEFORE THAT R FP GOES OUT. AND ALSO FOR THE SCORING AND MAKING SURE WE FEEL COMFORTABLE BEFORE THOSE RFPS GO OUT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. MARTY, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE.

YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD PLEASE.

MY NAME IS MARTY BENNETT. I'M A RETIRED SR JC DIRECTOR IN NORTH JOBS OF JUSTICE. I URGE THE COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE RECOLOGY CONTRACT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. IN 2021, HILLSBORO NEGOTIATED FAIR AND Agenda Item Number: 1
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NEGLOTTIABLE RATES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO ISSUE AN RFP, I URGE YOU TO INCLUDE YOUR VALUES IN THE RFP. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE, DOES SEBASTOPOL WANT THE CONTRACT FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT TO CONFIRM THAT PROVIDES WORKERS WITH COMPREHENSIBLE BENEFITS? TWO, DOES SEBASTOPOL WANT TO CONTRACT WITH A COMPANY THAT PROCESSES WASTE MATERIAL WITHIN THE COUNTY AND MINIMIZES GREENHOUSE EMISSION.

THREE, DOES SEBASTOPOL WANT TO CONTRACT WITH A FIRM THAT HAS THE RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THE CITY'S RECYCLING RATES? THE CITY ADOPTED A CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK RESOLUTION IN JULY 2022. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION GOALS ON PAGE 14 OF THE RESOLUTION STATES, QUOTE, IN A GREAT CLIMATE AND EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS, INTO EVERY POLICY AND ACTION, END QUOTE, HENCE TWO RELEVANT POINTS. RECOLOGY HAS A NEWLY RENOVATED RECYCLING IN SANTA ROSA. THE HANDFUL OF COMPANIES WILL TRANSPORT WASTE MATERIALLESS TO DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES IN UKIAH, SAN JOSE, OR RICHMOND. TWO, SECOND, RECOLOGY EMPLOYEES ARE MEMBERS OF TEAMSTER 665. THE TYPICAL DRIVER EARNS \$35 AN HOUR, PLUS COMPREHENSIVE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS. OTHER RFP RESPONDENTLESS WILL BE NONUNION AND WILL NOT PROVIDE COMPARABLE FAMILY WAGES AND LIVABLE BENEFITS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MARTY, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE. PLEASE?

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JAY GOLD. SEBASTOPOL RESIDENT. AND I WORKED IN THE RECYCLING BUSINESS FOR A FEW YEARS. SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE RECOLOGY FOR DOING GOOD SERVICE AS A RESIDENT. I ALSO -- I REALLY LIKE THE COMMENT NAS MARTY BENNETT JUST SHARED. AND I THINK THAT'S A REGIONAL PATH, GIVEN THE COLLEGIAL DISCUSSION YOU'VE HAD WITH RECOLOGY NOW, PERHAPS IT MIGHT MAKE SENSE TO SLOW THE TRAIN DOWN AND KEEP TRYING. I REALLY WOULD WANT TO KNOW FROM THE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH R FPs, HOW MANY OTHER BIDDERS DO YOU THINK ARE GOING TO SHOW UP? HOW MANY OTHER BIDDERS HAVE MADE THE INVESTMENT AND CONSERVE THE AREA? REPUBLIC HAS A LANDFILL. THERE'S SOME OTHER SERVICE PROVIDER IN WINDSOR. WILL THEY BE EXPECTED TO SHOW UP TO THE RFP? OR ARE YOU JUST NEGOTIATING AGAINST YOURSELF IN THIS PROCESS? SO I'D BE THINKING ABOUT THAT. THIRD POINT, WHICH IS UNRELATED. THERE'S NOW NEW REGULATIONS, REGARDING FOOD WASTE. I EXPECT THAT IS DRIVING THE COST INCREASE. BUT I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND -- I THINK THAT SHOULD BE EXPLICIT, SO THAT IF SEBASTOPOL WANTS TO BE GREEN AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE. LET'S MAKE IT EXPLICIT, JUST AS THERE'S AN EXPLICIT BENEFIT TO HAVING SMALL WASTE CANS WITH REDUCING WASTE. TRY TO IDENTIFY A BENEFIT FOR GETTING THE FOOD OUT OF THAT WASTE FURTHER. SO MORE PEOPLE CAN USE THE SMALL CANS. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO DO THAT. THERE'S GOT TO BE SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING AND PEOPLE AND THAT'S HARD. SO THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WOULD GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. MARIAH, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER, MARIAH? MARIAH, CAN YOU HEAR US? I'M GOING TO GO TO THE NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT AND COME BACK TO MYRIAH. MICHAEL, CAN YOU HEAR US?

YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TWO-MINUTE TIMER?

I CAN.

GREAT. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

OKAY. WHEN I WAS ON CITY COUNCIL BETWEEN 2016 AND 2020, I REMEMBER GOING OVER THE CONTRACT WITH RECOLOGY. AND WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GET TWO NEW TRUCKS. RECOLOGY, FOR PART OF A -- THE INCREASE, THEY WERE GOING TO PROVIDE TWO BRAND NEW TRUCKS FOR THIS ROUTE. I'M CURIOUS, WHERE ARE THOSE TRUCKS? BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM. AND -- SO THAT'S THE QUESTION. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS, FOR 10 YEARS NOW, AT LEAST, SINCE I WAS ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN WASTE RECEPTACLES IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, WHICH ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH RECYCLABLE AND WASTE. RECOLOGY'S TRUCK IS A SINGLE-BIN TRUCK AND ALL OF THE RECYCLING, EVERYTHING GOES TO THE LANDFILL. THEY JUST THROW IT ALL INTO THE SAME TRUCK,

AND IT GOES TO THE LANDFILL. IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR 10 YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN DECEIVING OUR PUBLIC AND OUR BUSINESSES. SO TO SAY THAT OUR -- THAT RECOLOGY VALUES MATCH OUR CITIZENS AND OUR BUSINESSES IS NOT TRUE. THEIR VALUES DO NOT MATCH OURS. BECAUSE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. I'VE BEEN AT IT FOR 10 YEARS. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS, THE STREET SWEEPERS COME DOWNTOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. THIS IS ANOTHER THING THAT I BROUGHT TO RECOLOGY'S ATTENTION. AND IT WAS SIMPLY IGNORED. IN THE BUSINESSES. AND KICK UP ALL OF THIS DUST, SHOPPERS ARE WALKING AROUND THE STREET. IT'S LIKE RIDICULOUS. SO I THINK THAT IT'S BEST THAT WE DO GO OUT FOR AN RFP, BECAUSE FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK THAT RECOLOGY IS WALKING THEIR TALK. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERLESS.

YEAH. I'M IN FAVOR OF PUTTING IT OUT FOR AN RFP. I TAKE WHAT MICHAEL SAID THERE. I THINK RECOLOGY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. BUT EVERYTHING DOES APPEAR TO GO INTO THE SAME HOLE IN THE TRUCK. NUMBER ONE. AND THEN, BASICALLY, I JUST FEEL LIKE THAT'S -- YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN A SITUATION IN SEBASTOPOL, WHERE PEOPLE WANT ANALOGIES. THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO BUY FOOD AT THE FARMERS MARKET, AND SPEND LIKE \$100 ON FOUR ONIONS AND A LOAF OF BREAD OR WHATEVER. BUT LIKE DOLLAR STORE PRICES. WE'RE LOADING ALL OF THESE GREEN PRODUCTS INTO OUR GARBAGE PRODUCTS. IT'S GOING TO COST THE CITY A FORTUNE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE, LIVING, YOU KNOW, FUR QUEST MOBILE HOME PARK. AND BURBANK BUILDINGS AND SO ON. THEY'RE REALLY BUILDING. IT'S A DIFFICULT ECONOMY FOR THESE PEOPLE. EVERYBODY WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING BY THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT I DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD ALL OF THESE LAYERS AND LAYERS AND LAYERS OF SPECIAL BINS LIKE WHAT WAS JUST TALKED ABOUT. AND ALL OF THIS WEIRD KIND OF STUFF. SO DEFINITELY, I THINK, BASICALLY AN RFP, I THINK RECOLOGY HAVE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB. AND I THINK WE ARE REALLY OVERLOADING THIS WITH A DESIRE FOR THIS ULTRAGREEN ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WOULD GO BACK OUT TO CHAMBERS. MYRIAH, COULD YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? MYRIAH, COULD YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? OKAY. I TELL COME BACK TO MYRIAH. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? THANK YOU, LINDA, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I APPRECIATE IT. ANYWAY SEVERAL GOOD POINTS HAVE COME UP. SO I AM THINKING THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR THESE SMALLER THINGS, DETAILS, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE -- WELL, THE GARBAGE PICKUP AND STUFF, YOU KNOW. IT SORT OF -- IT'S THE RESULT OF SOME OF THE BIGGER POLICY FAILURES. AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW, THIS -- THIS IDEA OF BUILD, BUILD, BUILD. AND SO AS I SAID BEFORE, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE CURRENTLY, 10 PROJECTS THAT ARE EITHER IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BUILT THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED OR ARE IN THE PAO*EUIFP LINE AND ONE OF THOSE, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, WAS A CANOPY PROJECT, WHICH IS 96, THREE-STORY BUILDINGS BEHIND THE O'REILLY BUILDING, BETWEEN HURTBIT AND GRAVELSTEIN HIGHWAY, AND THAT ALONE, SPEAKING OF GARBAGE, AS I SAID BEFORE, FROM THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, SUPPOSED TO PRODUCE 214 TONS OF DRY GARBAGE A YEAR. SO THAT'S GOING TO MEAN THAT MANY MORE TRUCKS, THAT MUCH MORE WEIGHT ON OUR STREETS, YOU KNOW, WHICH WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOBODY IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE TO OUR STREETS, WHICH ARE ALREADY IN BAD SHAPE, NOT TO MENTION THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM --

LINDA, YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS. [CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

THE REST OF YOU NEED TO START LOOKING AT THE PAPERWORK, YOU KNOW, INVOLVED IN THIS AND ALSO ATTENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS.

THAT'S TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD MAKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLEARLY THERE ARE A LOT OF EXPERTS HERE ON TRASH. I DON'T HAVE THAT EXPERTISE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN THE RFP. AS WE SAW IN THE RECENT STORMS WHICH WILL ONLY GET WORSE, THERE IS A LOT OF YARD WASTE. I LOVE GRAB AND GO, SO DON'T GET ME WRONG, BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE CANNOT RECYCLE OUR OWN MATERIALS FROM TREES AND LEAVES AND CREATE COMPOST FROM OUR RECYCLER AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE WHICH MAY, IN FACT, HELP

WITH A REVENUE MODEL BETWEEN THE CITY AND WHOEVER OUR WASTE PROVIDER IS. I THINK THERE'S A LARGE MARKET AND IT'S GOING TO GET BIGGER, ESPECIALLY IN OUR NEXT RURAL AND URBAN AREAS IN SEBASTOPOL. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WOULD GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. MARIAH, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE UNMUTED. CAN YOU HEAR US?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES. I'M SORRY. IT WAS SAYING THE HOST WAS NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO UNMUTE. I'M GOING TO READ THE EMAIL I SENT TO COUNCIL AND STAFF TODAY. AM I ECHOING?

YOU ARE ECHOING.

LET ME LOG OFF ON MY PHONE REAL QUICK AND MY STATEMENT'S NOT LONG. SO I'LL STAY WITHIN TWO MINUTES.OKAY, STILL THERE?

WE'RE HERE.

OKAY. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. I'M GOING TO READ THE EMAIL I SENT TODAY TO COUNCIL. RECOLOGY HAS CONTINUALLY BEEN A HUGE SUPPORTER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. THEY GENEROUSLY WAIVED THE CHAMBER'S FEES FOR THEIR SERVICES WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS THE GROVE. WITH RECOLOGY SUPPORT THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN WASTE AT THE FESTIVAL AND PARADE. OUR ZERO WASTE SPECIALIST HAS SERVED ON THE CHAMBER BOARD MANY YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE BOARD'S PRESIDENT. AMBROSIA'S SERVICE ON THE CHAMBER BOARD HAS HELPED US TO IMPLEMENT ZERO WASTE PRACTICES BOTH AT THE CHAMBER AND APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. THE CHAMBER STANDS IN SUPPORT OF RECOLOGY. THAT'S ALL. THANKS.

THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBER.SEEING NONE, I GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

YES, I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

THANK. GO AHEAD.

SOME TIME AGO WE WERE DISCUSSING OUR RECOLOGY CONTRACT AND SOME SORT OF AN UPDATE ALONG THE WAY I BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL THAT RECOLOGY, INC., WHICH IT HAS MANY SUBSIDIARIES, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THIS IS ONE COMPANY, RECOLOGY, HAS MASSIVE FRAUD CHARGES IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AS A RESULT OF BRIBERY TO CITY OFFICIALS THAT ARE THERE. SO WHEN I HEAR ABOUT A \$1 MILLION LOSS IN THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, I'M NOT SURPRISED WHEN \$36 MILLION IN CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE BEING TACKED ONTO THEIR REVENUE STREAM OF SOMEWHERE AROUND 400 MILLION IN THE YEAR 2022. SO 10% OF THEIR REVENUE IS GETTING OUTSOURCED TO CRIMINAL CHARGES AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SUBSIDIARIES.

SO I'M HAPPY THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH AN RFP. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE SPEAKER WHO MADE REFERENCE TO UNION WORKERS, BUT WHEN A COMPANY IS DEALING WITH FRAUD CHARGES AS A RESULT OF BRIBERY TO CITY OFFICIALS, I THINK IT'S TIME TO MAYBE MAKE SOME OTHER PRIORITIZATIONS IN TERMS WHO WE CHOOSE TO DO BUSINESS WITH MOVING INTO THE FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RFP.

I WANT TO ALSO REMIND THE COUNCIL WHAT I SAID PREVIOUSLY IS THAT THEY REALLY NEED TO BE LOOKING AT THE REAL COSTS, THAT THESE VEHICLES ARE TEARING UP OUR ROADS. THESE ARE ROADS WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD OF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES AND FUNDING OF THE TAKING CARE OF THESE ROADS. IF YOU CAN OFFSET THE COST OF THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR ROADS BY THESE LARGE VEHICLES, THERE'S SOME GOOD SCIENCE BEHIND WHAT THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THESE ROADS ARE AS A RESULT OF THESE VEHICLES THAT ARE ALSO GOING PROBABLY MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THEY NEED TO BE AS A RESULT OF POOR PLANNING, WHICH IS ALSO PROBABLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE REASON WHY THERE'S EXCESSIVE COST FOR OUR CITY. THEN THAT TRUE COST COULD BE PASSED ON, WE WOULD HAVE A FUNDING STREAM TO HELP SUPPORT OUR ROADS AND BE EARMARKED FOR ROAD REPAIR. THANKS.

THANK YOU, KYLE. NEXT I WOULD COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS ONE MORE TIME. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE LAST TIME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO

MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO HANDS RAISED, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED. Agenda Item Number: 1

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MARY GOURLEY. WE'RE NOW BACK TO COUNCILMEMBERS FOR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. ANYONE HAVE A COMMENT? SO I WILL CHIME IN. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS.

I WAS JUST GOING TO COMMENT I EXPECTED SOMEONE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT CONSULTANTS. I'M GOING TO PREEMPTIVELY SAY WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION AND EVERYONE IS SMILING BECAUSE I WAS THE PERSON DIGGING MY HEELS IN ABOUT A CONSULTANT AND WAS REFUSING IN EVERY WAY BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS ABOUT THAT, BUT HAVING HAD THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM, I CAME TO UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY AND I APPRECIATED THEIR EDUCATION ON THAT. I SIMPLY WAS JUST TRYING TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS HERE BECAUSE SO MANY RESIDENTS BECOME VERY UPSET WITH US WHEN WE HIRE CONSULTANTS. I MEANT TO SAY THAT EARLIER AND FORGOT. I WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE PREEMPTIVELY SHOULD ANY FEEDBACK COME ON THAT.

OKAY. MY QUESTION, SO THERE WAS -- IN TERMS OF THE COMMENTS REGARDING RECOLOGY SAN FRANCISCO, MY UNDERSTANDING -- AND, LOGAN, MAKE YOU CAN RESPOND BRIEFLY -- BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT RECOLOGY, SONOMA COUNTY, IS QUITE SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS FACING CHARGES IN SAN FRANCISCO. IF YOU CAN JUST QUICKLY ADDRESS THAT.

WE ARE IN TERMS OF OUR FINANCIALS AND THE REST OF IT. THERE'S NO CALCULATION OF OUR RATES OR THE MONEY THAT WE'RE RECEIVING FROM OUR RATES COMPARED TO THE SERVICE COSTS IN TERMS OF THE LABOR, FUEL, TRUCKS, THE REST OF IT THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED -- THE \$1 MILLION LOSS IS NOT DUE TO THE FRAUD CHARGE IN SAN FRANCISCO. THEY ARE THE PARENT COMPANY. WE'RE A SUBSIDIARY LOCATED HERE, SO THERE IS A CONNECTION IN THAT MANNER FOR SURE, BUT THE WAY WE OPERATE IS A VERY SEPARATE FINANCIAL ENTITY FROM THAT. WE PAY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY UPSTREAM FOR SURE BECAUSE IT'S PART OF A LARGER CORPORATION, BUT THE MILLION DOLLARS LOSS IS SIMPLY DUE TO INCREASED COSTS TO SERVICE, INCREASED LABOR COSTS WHEN WE TOOK OVER THE CONTRACT OF ERADO DRIVERS MAKING 10 TO \$15 AN HOUR, NOW MAKING 35. FUEL HAS GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY. CONSUMABLES HAVE GONE UP 200 PLUS PERCENT FOR TIRES AND THINGS. THAT'S WHERE THE COST FACTOR IS.

THANK YOU. JUST WANTED TO COUNTER THE SUGGESTION THAT CRIMINAL FRAUD ACTIVITY REFLECTED ON THE ETHICS OF THE ORGANIZATION HERE.

THE OTHER COMMENT IS WE'VE MADE ROBUST STRIDES IN TERMS OF COMPLIANCE, THE WAY WE DEAL WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS. ALL OF OUR NONPROFIT GOES THROUGH A FULL COMPLIANCE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO UNTOWARD ACTIVITY. WE HAVE A REALLY STRONG INTERNAL REVIEW OF ALL MONEYS GOING TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WAS KIND OF WHERE THAT FRAUD CHARGE IN SAN FRANCISCO STEMMED FROM. I BELIEVE WE'VE CORRECTED THE SITUATION AND WE'RE MOVING FORWARD.

GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY COMMENT, WHICH IS REALLY A QUESTION, I WAS INTERESTED IN -- AND, LOGAN, YOU CAN ABANDON THE PODIUM FOR A MOMENT. MY COMMENT, I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST REQUEST AS PART OF THE RFP THAT IT GOES OUT THERE TO GARBAGE HAULERS WHO MIGHT WANT TO SUBMIT RESPONSES TO REQUEST OF THEM INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ALSO HOW THEY MEET THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS, SPECIFICALLY S.B. 13183. WHEN I LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING R3, IT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE WELL QUALIFIED TO INQUIRE INTO THOSE FACTORS. ON PAGE 93 OF 116 IN THE PACKET AND PAGE 94 OF 116 I SEE AN OUTLINE OF THEIR ZERO WASTE PLANNING AND LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE PLANNING.

I WOULD PUT IN A SUGGESTION THAT THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR THREE TO SOLICIT FROM APPLICANTS SO AT LEAST WE HAVE AN ABILITY TO COMPARE ONE FROM THE OTHER REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE ULTIMATELY DECIDE. SO ANY COMMENTS, CITY MANAGER?

MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO HAVE GARTH SCHULTZ GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO THIS. HE'S AVAILABLE. HE'D BE THE BEST ONE TO SPEAK TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT Agenda Item Number: 1
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THEIR PROPOSAL, THE RFP PROCESS. THAT WAS MY PLAN B IF NO ONE CAN ARTICULATELY ANSWER THE QUESTION.

SO EVERYONE AGREEABLE TO HAVING GARTH GIVE US SOME COMMENTS?

AFTER SPEAKING WITH HIM IT WAS VERY HELPFUL.

GREAT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE PUBLIC, TOO. GO AHEAD, CITY MANAGER.

IF MARY AND GARTH COULD GO AHEAD AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT QUESTION OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW PERHAPS.

YEAH. HI, EVERYONE. GARTH SCHULTZ WITH R3 CONSULTING GROUP, APPRECIATED THE DIALOGUE THIS EVENING, VERY THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS AND DELIBERATION. SO IN TERMS OF INFORMATION GATHERING, EVALUATION AND ALSO LOOKING AT THE VARIETY OF FACTORS AND VALUES AND OBJECTIVES THAT THE CITY HAS MOVING FORWARD FOR THIS RFP, OUR PROCESS INCLUDES FIRST WORKING WITH STAFF AND LIKELY EITHER COUNCILMEMBERS OR SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH WHO THOSE GOALS AND PRIORITIES ARE, INCLUDE THOSE VERY CLEARLY IN A DETAILED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT YOU WOULD BE SEEKING RESPONDENTS TO COMMIT TO IN THE PROCESS AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATION TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION AS A CITY OF THE INCOMING PROPOSAL.

SO WHETHER THAT BE THEIR DIVERSION CAPABILITIES, THEIR PROGRAMS FOR ZERO WASTE IMPLEMENTATION, THE SOUNDNESS OF THEIR OVERALL FINANCIALS, OTHER FACTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES AS A CITY.

SOMETIMES WE HELP THE COUNCIL UNDERSTAND THE BOUNDARIES AND GUIDELINES FROM THE INFORMATION, BUT WE LOOK AT AN ALL INCLUSIVE POINT OF VIEW IN SUPPORTING YOU IN IMPLEMENTING THAT.

VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN?

THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR. MARTY BENNETT, WHO ACTUALLY WAS ON AND ASKED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER WHOEVER WE END UP WITH IS GOING TO MIRROR OUR VALUES AND HE SENT AN EMAIL I THINK TO ALL OF US YESTERDAY. I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD FORWARD THIS EMAIL FROM MARTY TO GARTH AND JUST MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THINGS THAT HE PUT IN HERE TOWARDS THE BOTTOM AND AT THE TOP OF PAGE TWO ABOUT THE VALUES AND THE THINGS THAT HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT, IF THAT COULD BE BUILT INTO WHATEVER RFP LANGUAGE GARTH PUTS OUT. IS THAT POSSIBLE?

EASILY.

OKAY. SO, GARTH, YOU'RE WILLING TO LOOK AT THE CONTENTS OF THE EMAIL?

WELL, CERTAINLY AND OTHER FEEDBACK WE ANTICIPATE MAY ARISE FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MOVING FORWARD. ONE OF OUR EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF WILL BE WHAT ARE THE APPROPRIATE AND MEANINGFUL WAYS OF GATHERING INFORMATION TO INFORM THAT SET OF FACTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF ANY DOCUMENTS.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE. BASICALLY HIS BULLET POINTS AT THE TOP OF PAGE TWO PRINTED OUT IN THE EMAIL WILL BE DELINEATED AS THE MAYOR SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ME, TOO, TO BE ABLE TO JUST INCORPORATE PART OF HIS EMAIL ALONG WITH THEIR RESPONSE. SO THAT WAY WE CAN COMPARE SIMILAR RFP PROPOSALS. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

I'M GOING TO INTERJECT HERE. I THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN, IS A PROCESS. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF FACTORS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DRAFTING AND FORMULATING THE RFP. SO I'M HESITANT TO LEAD US DOWN A PATH OF OUTLINING THE CONTENTS NOW, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND DIRECTION SEEMS REALLY GREAT. CAN SOMEONE, CITY MANAGER, I'M HOPING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL BE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING THIS RFP.

THEY'RE REQUESTING THAT THEY BE TERMINATED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

I'M GOING TO SAY I DIDN'T REQUEST TO BE TERMINATED. I JUST OFFERED THAT IF EVERYONE FELT LIKE WE DIDN'T NEED THE COMMITTEE, THEN -- BUT ABSOLUTELY WILLING TO ALSO STAY ON. I JUST DON'T WANT TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAMSTRING SOMEONE SO QUICKLY IN THE BEGINNING WHEN THERE'S LIKE SO

MANY DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TO OCCUR BEFORE WE PUT ALL THAT CRITERIA TOGETHER. Agenda Item Number: 1

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR CITY MANAGER TO HANDLE THIS PROJECT WITHOUT HAVING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE. THAT'S JUST MY PERSPECTIVE.

ALSO WE MET WITH R3 CONSULTANTS AND I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO DO THIS NOT ONLY AFTER MEETING WITH THEM, BUT ALSO AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE WINDSOR COUNCILMEMBERS.

CAN I ASK, CITY MANAGER, WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER? WOULD YOU PREFER THE AD HOC CONTINUE OR IS THIS A STAFF ISSUE?

I THINK -- PROBABLY WANT TO TALK TO GARTH TO CONFIRM, BUT I'M THINKING THAT CERTAINLY THE EVALUATION CRITERIA IN THE WAITING IS REALLY A FULL COUNCIL DECISION. HOW MUCH DO YOU VALUE LOW RATES COMPARED TO HIGHER WAGES COMPARED TO GREATER SERVICES FOR THE CITY COMPARED TO ET CETERA, ET CETERA AND I IMAGINE R3 HAS DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THIS THEY COULD SHARE WITH US. YOU TO ME SHOULD BE THE ONES TO CHOOSE THAT.

GARTH, WE ONLY CHATTED ABOUT IT, BUT I'M KIND OF THINKING THERE'S AN AGENDA ITEM MANY THIS COUNCIL'S FUTURE THAT IS FOCUSED ON WHAT CRITERIA AND SCORING POINTS DO YOU WANT TO ASSIGN FOR EACH CRITERIA SO WE HAVE THAT SET IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS. I THINK IT'S BETTER NOT TO USE THE AD HOC FOR THAT BECAUSE IT REALLY IS A FULL COUNCIL DECISION AND DOESN'T NEED TO GO THROUGH AN AD HOC IN MY OPINION.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? ARE WE THUMBS UP ON THAT CONCEPT?

NO. I'M TOTALLY OKAY WITH THAT. I JUST WANTED HIM TO KNOW WE'RE AVAILABLE. WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME LEARNING ABOUT ALL THIS.

YOU'RE INVESTED.

MIGHT I MENTION ONE OTHER THING THAT A CERTAIN STAFF MENTIONED THIS POSSIBILITY ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT DO THIS AND IS SITTING TEN FEET TO MY RIGHT.

I THINK WE'RE -- RIGHT. WE'VE HEARD THAT AND I WOULD SAY IN TERMS OF THIS ITEM THAT HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF ALIGNING OUR CITY VALUES WITH THE INFORMATION THAT'S PUT IN THE RFP, I'M CERTAINLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT CONCEPT, HOW IT'S OUTLINED I THINK UP TO THE CONSULTANT AND OUR CITY MANAGER TO BRING BACK TO US AND I WOULD COMMENT WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND HOW MUCH EQUITY AND HOW MUCH ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING OF GOALS CAN WE AFFORD?

I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A WHOLE PLUS MINUS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FACTORED IN, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT AS AN OPTION. GARTH, DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT TOPIC?

NO. I THINK THIS IS PLENTY TO TAKE IN FOR THIS EVENING. I THINK AGAIN WHAT WE WILL HELP YOU DO IS UNDERSTAND THE VARIOUS ATTRIBUTES AND FACTORS AND FACTS THAT CAN BE KNOWN TO HELP INFORM THOSE DECISIONS AS YOU MOVE FORWARD.

OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS? OTHERWISE I THINK I'M LOOKING FOR A MOTION.

YES. HAPPY TO DO IT. I'M NOT GOING TO READ IT ALL, BUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE STAFF REPORT, I JUST MOVE ALL THAT.

I'LL SECOND.

MARY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESTATE IT FOR US SO WE CAN VOTE.

YES. SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAURER TO TERMINATE --

McLEWIS.

I'M SORRY. OKAY. CORRECTED. SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION, TERMINATION OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH RECOLOGY FOR THE LONG TERM EXTENSION, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH R3 CONSULTING GROUP TO MANAGE PROCUREMENT FOR THE HOLLER, APPROVE AMENDMENT FOR THE R3 CONTRACT TO BE PAID FROM THE UNASSIGNED VEND BALANCE, AUTHORIZE RECOLOGY THE ADDITIONAL SHORT TERM EXTENSION WHICH RECOLOGY AGREED IN AN EMAIL TO JUNE 2025, AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH Agenda Item Number: 1
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RECOLOGY FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-MONTH EXTENSION THROUGH SEPTEMBER OF 2025 IF NEEDED TO ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS ON THE RFP PROCESS, ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HAULING SERVICES TO INCLUDE PREPARATION OF DOMINION SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND DISSOLVING OF THE CURRENT AD HOC COMMITTEE AND IF FURTHER AD HOC COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED, STAFF WILL RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM.

THANK YOU. THE VOTE, PLEASE.

YES. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

YES.

VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN?

YES.

MAYOR RICH?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON ABSENT AND MOTION PASSES WITH FOUR AFFIRMATIVES AND ONE ABSENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW AT ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. MARY GOURLEY, COULD YOU PLEASE FACILITATE THAT FOR US.

YES. THANK YOU. THIS IS THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT AND YOU DID NOT SPEAK DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. WE WILL GO TO IN PERSON.

MARY, BEFORE WE START I JUST WANTED TO THANK RECOLOGY AND R3 GARTH FOR BEING PRESENT AND PROVIDING INFORMATION AND I SAY THANK YOU TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, WOW. YES, EXACTLY. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. THANK YOU, LOGAN AND FOR ALL THE CONTRIBUTION AND THE CONTINUING VERY ETHICAL COMMITMENT TO OUR TOWN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AGAIN, THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IF YOU DID NOT SPEAK DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS TWO MINUTES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 20 MINUTES ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT. IN CHAMBERS FIRST.

HI. JUNE. FIRST OFF I REALLY WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK DONE ON THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF VOLUNTEER HOURS YOU PUT IN AND I KNOW THIS KIND OF WORK TAKES A LOT OF EMOTIONAL LABOR. I DO KNOW I'M AWARE THERE'S QUITE A DIVERSE GROUP OF FOLKS YOU WORKED WITH, A LOT OF VARYING VIEWS DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, A WHOLE VARIETY OF FOLKS THAT CAME TOGETHER NUMEROUS TIMES AND REALLY CAME TO CRAFT THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PUT FORWARD AND I COULD SEE IT WAS A GROUP EFFORT AND THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF BALANCE REFLECTED IN THAT AND COULD SEE THERE HAD BEEN COMPROMISES ALREADY MADE AND A LOT WORKED OUT TO COME UP WITH SUCH A FOCUSED, BALANCED, HELPFUL RESOLUTION. SO I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY GOOD RESOLUTION AND I THINK SIMILAR TO EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE WHEN YOU DO ACT, OF COURSE, NOT EVERYBODY WILL GET EVERYTHING THEY WANT.

I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT MOST IN SEBASTOPOL REALLY CARE AND UNDERSTAND THEY'RE LOOKING AT A THING WHERE THERE'S REAL URGENTNESS TO SAVE LIVES AND A SERIOUS IMMEDIATE PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO RESPOND. SO I THINK WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO KEEPING THE DIALOGUE GOING AND WE HAVE SEEN THERE'S MUCH INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION TO COMING BACK TO BE APPROVED AND TO THEN CONTINUE THE ONGOING WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AROUND PEACE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE.

YES, I CAN.

I.T., CAN WE RESET THE TIMER, PLEASE, TO TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU. KEIM, KYLE, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

HERE WE ARE NEAR THE END OF FEBRUARY AND I WANT TO REMIND THE CITY AND COUNCIL WE'RE LOSING OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOT SEEKING ACTIVE REPLACEMENT OF THAT POSITION. I THINK THIS IS A HUGE MISTAKE. I SAW THE SAME THING HAPPEN WITH THE CITY WITH THE ENGINEERING MANAGER WE HAD WE CHOSE TO REPLACE WITH A CONSULTING FIRM, RADICALLY INCREASED THE COST AND IT'S NOT CLEAR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONSULTANT WE HIRED HAS PUT US IN A BETTER STATE THAN WHEN WE HAD AN ENGINEERING MANAGER.

THE HUGE LOSS OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND LACK OF A NEED TO TRY TO GET SOMEONE BACK IN THAT POSITION TO RECREATE THAT OR EVEN HAVE THAT TRANSITION OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE IS MIND BLOWING. THE SHEER VOLUME OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT CAME WITH THAT POSITION, I WANT ALL THESE CITY EMPLOYEES TO BE DOUBLE CHECKING ON WHAT THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION IS BECAUSE IF THEY'RE ASKED TO DO THINGS OUTSIDE THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION AS A RESULT OF TRYING TO OFFSET THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT POSITION INTO THEIR POSITION, THERE'S A UNION GRIEVANCE THAT'S THERE.

I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR CITY REALLY VALUES ITS MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AND REPLACES THEM. I UNDERSTAND WE'RE IN A FISCAL CRISIS, BUT TO JUST LOSE ONE OF THE MOST KEY ESSENTIAL POSITIONS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN CITY MANAGEMENT IS REALLY NOT GOING TO BE ACCEPTABLE AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE RESULT OF THAT DECISION VERY QUICKLY WHEN THE LOSS OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES AND, YOU KNOW, THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TO OTHER CITY STAFF THAT ARE NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED OR EQUIPPED TO BE HANDLING THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE GOING TO VERY QUICKLY BECOME PRESENT.

THANK YOU, KYLE. NEXT I COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS.

HELLO. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS BRIE. I'M A WEST COUNTY RESIDENT. I'LL BE READING A COMMENT FROM A MEMBER OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SEBASTOPOL. HE SAID, I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION YOU WILL VOTE ON AT YOUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERS YOU WILL NO DOUBT HEAR FROM REGARDING THIS CALLED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL. THEY ARE A SAN FRANCISCO-BASED ORGANIZATION WHO IS GOING TO EVERY GOVERNMENT BODY IN THE BAY AREA CONSIDERING A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION AND ASKING THEM NOT TO PASS IT.

ONE OF THE REASONS THEY GIVE IS IRONICALLY THEY THINK GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT THEMSELVES A LOCAL GROUP. HE SAYS, THIS IS A LOCAL ISSUE BECAUSE WE ARE FUNDING THIS GENOCIDE WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS. YOU ARE OUR MOST DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES WE CAN GO TO AS NOBODY FROM OUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUR SENATORS TO OUR GOVERNOR TO OUR PRESIDENT HAS EVEN BEEN ABLE TO DO SO MUCH AS CALL IT A GENOCIDE, MUCH LESS ISSUING ANY SORT OF PROCLAMATION TO TRY AND STOP IT.

THEY ARE GOING AGAINST THE CLEAR WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT IF WE GET ENOUGH LOCALITIES TO REFLECT THIS, THEY WILL FINALLY TAKE NOTE AND DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE. CAN YOU HEAR US OKAY?

YES, I CAN HEAR YOU.

THANK YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TWO MINUTE TIMER?

NO.

I WILL JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS LEFT. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

YES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REMOVING THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL. SUCH A RESOLUTION, I'M AN ISRAELI AMERICAN AND RESOLUTIONS LIKE THIS HAS CAUSED ME EXTREME DISTRESS BECAUSE I REALLY THINK YOU'RE POKING YOUR BUSINESS TO WHERE IT SHOULDN'T BE. IT REALLY IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS. I ADMIRE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT, BUT YOU ARE JUST OVERSTEPPING YOUR BOUNDS WITH THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

MY NAME'S HAROLD GOLDBERG, RESIDENT OF SEBASTOPOL. FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THIS IS A LOT OF HARD WORK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PULLING THE RESOLUTION. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS CONFLICT MY WHOLE LIFE AND I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER. I THINK NOT LIVING HERE FOR THREE YEARS IF SEBASTOPOL REALLY WANTS TO PUT ITSELF ON THE MAP TO BE A PEACE TOWN, I DO BELIEVE WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND WRITE A MUCH MORE IMPACTFUL AND POWERFUL STATEMENT THAT COULD ADDRESS A VERY COMPLICATED ISSUE.

WITH THAT SAID THE GREATEST MINDS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE TRIED TO SOLVE THIS, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T TRY. MY THIRD POINT GOES TO THE PREVIOUS POINTS. YOU SAW THE PASSION AND ENERGY AND RAW EMOTION THIS ISSUE RAISES. I THINK AS A CITY COUNCIL, IT WOULD BEHOOVE YOU TO COME UP WITH A PROCESS TO DEAL WITH THESE TYPES OF CRISES. THIS AD HOC NATURE IS REALLY HARD. IT'S HARD ON EVERYONE, INCLUDING YOUR TIME. WE HAVE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUES TO DISCUSS, INCLUDING OUR BUDGET AND TRASH AND ENVIRONMENT AND MAKING SEBASTOPOL A COMFORTABLE AND WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND THERE ARE HUMANITARIAN CRISES ALL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF WHICH GAZA IS TERRIBLE AND WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE DISPLACED ISRAELIS NOW IS JUST AS BAD.

ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

WHAT HAPPENED ON OCTOBER 7th HAS NOT REALLY BEEN ADDRESSED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY BY THE INTERNATIONAL LOCAL OR STATE COMMUNITY, BUT I ASK YOU AS COUNCILMEMBERS SHOULD WE BE JUMPING INTO ISSUES OF YEMEN AND UGANDA AND THE HOUSTHIS AND CHINESE AND IRANIANS? IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON. THERE'S 300 MILLION REFUGEES IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW. SHOULD WE BE ADDRESSING THAT? WE HAVE MANY OF THOSE REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS CITY FROM ALL THOSE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. THEY'RE NOT HERE. THIS ISN'T THEIR ISSUE, BUT I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO LIMIT THE VERY LIMITED RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU. NEXT I GO OUT TO ZOOM. MARIA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN. CAN YOU SEE THE TWO MINUTE TIMER?

NO, I CANNOT.

HAD I WILL JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS LEFT. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIA. I AM A LEBANESE AMERICAN, LONG TIME RESIDENT. I HAVE FAMILY FROM PALESTINE. I AM AN FRJC GRADUATE, A BERKELEY PUBLIC POLICY GRADUATE AND A SOCIOLOGIST OF LAW AND SOCIETY. WHY DO I TELL YOU THIS? BECAUSE I'M A PRODUCT OF THE STATE'S ROBUST EDUCATION SYSTEM AND I KNOW HOW TO CONDUCT FORMAL RESEARCH. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED THE RJCR IS USING YOUR PLATFORM TO SPREAD LIES AND PROPAGANDA. TODAY IS DAY 139 OF THE GENOCIDE. THE DEATH TOLL HAS SURPASSED 30,000 PEOPLE. I'VE SPENT THREE MONTHS -- FIVE MONTHS NOW WATCHING CHILDREN, MEN AND WOMEN, WITH GAPING WOUNDS AND MISSING LIMBS IN AGONY AS A RESULT OF OUR WEAPONS PAID FOR WITH MY TAX DOLLARS.

I'VE WATCHED ISRAELI OFFICIALS AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT EXPLICITLY ADMIT TO ETHNIC CLEANSING AND GENOCIDAL INTENT AND THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC NONE. THE PURPOSE OF A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION IS TO USE OUR POLITICAL RESOLUTION TO SHOW STATE AND FEDERAL LEADERS THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS.

YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS.

THANK YOU. THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THE U.S. AND ISRAEL COMMITTING GENOCIDE IN OUR NAME WITH OUR DOLLARS. THAT IS ALL. WE WHO DEMAND CEASEFIRE DO IT FOR PEACE AND THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES. THAT IS WHY WE WANT YOU TO PASS A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION, TO STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY BECAUSE IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU. NEXT I COME TO CHAMBERS.

ERIC CARPENTER OF SEBASTOPOL. I'M IN UNABASHED SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK UNTIL I HEARD THE BIG JEW WORD, GENOCIDE. ISRAEL HAS BEEN A JEWISH DEMOCRACY SINCE 1948. THEY'VE BEEN INVADED FIVE TIMES BY THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS. THEY WERE INVADED ON OCTOBER 7th BY HAMAS WHOSE CHARTER IF YOU

READ IT IS TO ERADICATE JEWS AND TO ERADICATE ISRAEL. THEY USED EXACTLY THOSE WORDS. DO NOT FORGET WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT G, GENOCIDE, THAT THEY BURN BABIES, CUT OFF THE BREASTS OF WOMEN. THEY BEHEADED THE PEOPLE THEY CAPTURED AND THEY ARE STILL IN CAPTIVITY. NO ONE CAN BE AGAINST A CEASEFIRE, BUT IT HAS TO BE PRECONDITIONED BY RELEASING THE HOSTAGES AND SECONDLY CONDEMNING OCTOBER THE 7th WHEN HAMAS AT THE BEHEST OF IRAN RAN WILD AND KILLED 1,200 PEOPLE.

TO PUT THIS INTO CONTEXT, ALL THE FIGURES ABOUT THE DEATHS IN GAZA ARE PROVIDED BY HAMAS. THEY'RE NOT PROVIDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION OR BY THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY'RE PROVIDED BY HAMAS. ISRAEL SAYS 12,000 OF THOSE KILLED HAVE BEEN COMBATANTS. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE, BUT YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE KILLED. IT'S DEFINITELY THE PROPAGANDA EFFORT OF HAMAS TO PUSH CHILDREN AND PICTURES OUT THERE AND GET THE WORLD STIRRED UP BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER LEG TO STAND ON.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK OUT IN THE END, BUT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED FOR DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND TAKING OUT THE TUNNELS AND ARMIES THAT HAMAS PROVIDED.

20 SECONDS.

HAD HAMAS PUT ALL THEIR MONEY INTO BLOWING UP BLOW BUILDING UP THE OASIS THAT GAZA IS, IT MIGHT BE A WHOLE DIFFERENT STORY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ISRAEL CAN DEFEND YOURSELF. YOU CAN PASS YOUR RESOLUTION, BUT CONDEMN HAMAS AND MAKE SURE THEY LET GO OF THE HOSTAGES.

THANK YOU. NEXT I GO TO ZOOM. NEXT SPEAKER I HAVE IS FAYE.

HI.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD.

MY NAME IS FAYE. I'M A JEWISH CONSTITUENT. IT'S SO INTERESTING THE SAME FIVE ARGUMENTS WE HEAR FROM PEOPLE. YOU'RE OVERSTEPPING YOUR BOUNDS. THIS IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS. HONEY, WE CAN'T EVEN FUND OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE'RE SENDING SO MUCH MONEY TO ISRAEL. S I RHYME, WHICH HAS RECEIVED MORE MONEY HISTORICALLY COMPOUNDED THAN ANY OTHER FOREIGN AID FROM THE U.S. THE MISINFORMATION LIKE THAT LAST GUY JUST SPEWED IS INCREDIBLE AND IT'S ALSO VERY FLIMSY. IF WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT RAPES AND EXECUTIONS, THE U.N. WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE BONA FIDE EVIDENCE OF SUCH EVENTS COMMITTED BY THE IDF ON PALESTINIAN WOMEN IN GAZA.

SO ANYWAYS, AND I ALSO WANT TO GO BACK AND SAY THAT AS A JEWISH PERSON, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PALESTINIAN SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM WHO HAD TO LISTEN TO THE VILE RACIST COMMENTS SPEWED EARLIER NOT ONLY IN THIS ROOM BUT ALL THROUGHOUT SINCE OCTOBER.

IN KIND OF DEHUMANIZATION IS WHAT HAS LED US TO THE PLACE OF ARGUING WHETHER OR NOT IT'S OKAY FOR US TO CONTINUE WATCHING CHILDREN BE SLAUGHTERED, WHETHER OR NOT ISRAEL HAS A RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AND THEREFORE, CONTINUE SLAUGHTERING CHILDREN.

JUST REALLY QUICKLY, THE DENSITY POPULATION OF RAFAH NOW IS 234 PEOPLE PER HECTARE, WHICH IS ABOUT ONE BLOCK IN NEW YORK CITY. IN COMPARISON, IN 2022 IN MARIOPOL, UKRAINE, THAT WAS 17 PEOPLE. ISRAEL IS DROPPING BOMBS ON CIVILIANS. I'M GOING TO INTERJECT AND REMIND EVERYONE THAT FREE SPEECH IS A VERY BROADLY DEFINED TERM. SO THEREFORE, IN TERMS OF COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, WE DO HAVE TO ACCEPT HOWEVER PEOPLE EXPRESS THEMSELVES, BUT TO JUST COUNTER THAT COMMENT AND BALANCE IT, I WANT TO POINT OUT THE IMPRESSIVE LEVEL OF RESPECT WE HAVE SEEN TONIGHT IN TERMS OF COMMENTS FROM MOST PEOPLE AND RECOGNIZE ALSO THIS CAN BE A PASSIONATE ISSUE. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE IN THE ROOM FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE LISTEN TO PEOPLE EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN THE WAY THEY NEED TO. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MARY GOURLEY.

THANK. GO AHEAD.

GOOD EVENING. WOODY HASTINGS. LIVE ABOUT TWO MILES SOUTH OF TOWN SINCE 2009. FIRST ALSO WANT TO JUST THANK MAYOR RICH AND VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN FOR THE

WORK YOU PUT INTO BRINGING THE RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL. I DO WANT TO SAY I THINK IT'S ABSOLUTELY APPROPRIATE FOR SMALL CITIES TO VOICE CONCERNS ABOUT WORLD ISSUES ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR CONSTITUENTS ARE -- YOU KNOW, OUR RESOURCES ARE USED FOR CERTAIN THINGS ABROAD AND THIS IS A CASE WHERE THERE IS THAT WELL DIRECT CONNECTION.

I THINK MY COMMENT IS REALLY JUST ABOUT THE PROCESS AT THIS POINT BECAUSE I THINK WE SAW YOU'RE CORRECT PERHAPS OF REMOVING IT FROM THE AGENDA BECAUSE OF THE OUTPOURING. THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE EARLY SHOWED THE DEGREE OF INTEREST. SO FINDING A VENUE BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT CARE ABOUT THIS THAT WOULD WANT TO COME AND ALSO THE URGENCY OF HAVING OUR VOICE HEARD WHEN PEOPLE ARE DYING EVERY DAY AND THERE'S A REAL HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AFOOT.

SO MY COMMENT IS ABOUT REALLY NOT WASTING TIME IN WORKING OUT A RESOLUTION, BRINGING IT BACK AND LETTING COMMUNITY KNOW WHEN IT WILL BE UP FOR VOTE AND WHEN WE CAN HOPEFULLY ARRIVE AT A WELL CRAFTED CEASEFIRE THAT EVERYBODY CAN AGREE TO AND WE CAN HAVE THAT SHARED AND HOPEFULLY INSPIRE OTHER CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO DO THE SAME. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. MAYOR, THIS IS THE TENTH SPEAKER IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. SO I WANT TO --

DO WE HAVE REMAINING TIME?

I HAVE FIVE AS OF NOW.

MY QUESTION IS HOW MUCH TIME HAVE WE USED?

THE TENTH SPEAKER WOULD BE THE 20 MINUTES.

WHAT I'M HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBERS IS WE NEED TO RESPECT OUR 20 MINUTE RULE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST. WE'LL TAKE ONE MORE COMMENT. IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

WE DO THE 20 MINUTES. THIS WOULD BE OUR TENTH SPEAKER. NOT EVERYONE HAD DONE THE 20 MINUTES, BUT YOU'RE CLOSE. IT WOULD BE UP TO THE MAYOR IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO ONE MORE AFTER THAT OR HEAD IT OFF AT TEN SPEAKERS.

I THINK WE CUT IT OFF AT TEN SPEAKERS WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR APPROACH IN THE PAST AND WE DO NEED TO BE EVEN HANDED ABOUT ANY ISSUES NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE AND I HAVE PARTICULAR RESPECT FOR OUR VICE MAYOR, STEPHEN ZOLLMAN, WHO HAS BEEN THE GOOD-HEARTED AND WELL-INTENTIONED PERSON WHO BROUGHT THIS ISSUE FORWARD. SO LET'S TAKE ONE MORE PUBLIC SPEAKER FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND THEN CLOSE IT OUT. THANK YOU.

THE NEXT SPEAKER I HAVE IS RUSSELL. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN. THANK YOU.

GREAT. GO AHEAD.

GREAT. I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THE THANKS TO THE COUNCIL FOR ALL YOUR WORK, REALLY RECOGNIZE THAT. I'M ALSO SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE FUTURE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. MY NAME'S RUSSELL SPARKS. I'VE BEEN 15 YEARS IN SEBASTOPOL, RAISED FAMILY HERE. I HAVE A REALLY DEEP LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ECOLOGY HERE. I'M AN ARBORIST NATURE SKILLS TEACHER. MY EX AND MY 29-YEAR-OLD STEPDAUGHTER ARE BOTH JEWISH. SO ISRAEL'S TREATMENT OF PALESTINE HAS BEEN A TOPIC IN MY LIFE FOR DECADES NOW.

I'VE GOT TO WATCH AS THAT SIDE OF THE FAMILY'S GROWN TO QUESTIONING ISRAEL'S BEHAVIOR WHILE STILL ADVOCATING FOR JEWS IN THE HOLYLAND AND CURRENTLY IT HAS GOT ME TO ADVOCATE FOR JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE. THE U.S. GIVES BILLIONS TO ISRAEL. SO FEDERALLY WE'RE REALLY ENABLING THIS KILLING AND THE MOVEMENT TO DIVEST OUR TAX DOLLARS IS FOR EXCELLENT REASON, ETHICS, BASIC HUMANITY, AND TO STOP SUPPORTING A BLOODSHED OF WHAT IS CLEARLY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

SO CEASEFIRE IS AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVEMENT WE'RE WITNESSING. OVER 100 LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES HAVE PASSED BY THEIR CITY COUNCILS, CHICAGO, ATLANTA, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO, DEPENDING ON YOUR NEWS SOURCES 60 TO 80% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT CEASEFIRE. YOU FOLLOW INTERNATIONAL NEWS, THERE'S UNPRECEDENTED GLOBAL OPPOSITION TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS DOING.

THERE'S AN ARTICULATED MOVEMENT OF DISSENT AMONG FEDERAL CIVIL SERVANTS AND THAT'S NEW. SO BIDEN'S NOT LISTENING AND SOME THINK IT WILL COST HIM THE ELECTION. I'M HERE TO SAY PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE BALANCED LANGUAGE OF THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. PLEASE JUST ADD THE NAME OF PEACETOWN TO THIS HUGE GLOBAL CHORUS OF VOICES. THAT'S WHAT A LOT OF YOUR CONSTITUTECONSTITUENTS ARE ASKING. THANK YOU.

I REMIND THOSE HOPING TO CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, WE ARE CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA HAVING USED OUR 20 MINUTES WE MAKE AVAILABLE BY POLICY AND REMIND YOU WE WELCOME YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU COULD PLEASE SEND IT TO CITY COUNCIL AT CITYCITYOFSEBASTOPOL.GOV, WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. IF YOUR EMAIL IS RECEIVED DURING THIS MEETING, IT WILL BE POSTED ON THE MEETING PAGE, BUT REGARDLESS IT WILL GO TO US ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ANY SORT OF PUBLIC RECORD ACT REQUEST.

THANK YOU, MARY, WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE OUT THIS ITEM AND MOVE ON IN OUR AGENDA TO -- OH, I DOES WANT TO RESPOND TO ONE COMMENT I THINK IS WORTH ADDRESSING WHICH IS TO MAKE IT CLEAR BECAUSE STEPHEN ZOLLMAN AND I WERE THE DECISIONMAKERS TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THIS WAS NOT DRIVEN BY ANY DEMANDS, COMMUNICATIONS, EXPECTATIONS, THREATS FROM ANY ONE ORGANIZATION. I HEARD A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE JCRC. THAT IS NOT WHY WE DECIDED TO REMOVE THIS AGENDA ITEM. IT HAD TO DO WITH BROAD CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CAPACITY OF THIS ROOM. SO PLEASE DON'T TARGET OR CALL OUT ONE ORGANIZATION. THERE WERE MANY THAT SHARED THEIR OPINIONS. VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN, ANYTHING BEFORE WE MOVE ON?

NO.

OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE. WE ARE NOW MOVING FORWARD TO ITEM 8, WHICH IS THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK REPORTS. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING FROM CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK?

I HAVE NOTHING.

JUST A REMINDER WE DO HAVE A AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 9:00.

WE'LL BE THERE. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO WAITED TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT LATER THIS EVENING, REALLY APPRECIATE IT. ANYTHING ELSE FROM STAFF? CAN WE MOVE ON? PERFECT.

NEXT ITEM IS CITY COUNCIL REPORTS, COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS. ANYONE WANT TO CHIME IN FIRST? COUNCILMEMBER MAURER, PLEASE.

JUST A COUPLE THINGS. BUDGET I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT, ALTHOUGH WE DID SET UP SOME BUDGET MEETINGS FOR LATER ON IN THE SPRING. I DID ATTEND THE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS MEETING AND FIRST FIVE OF SONOMA COUNTY DID A PRESENTATION CALLED PATHWAY TO INCOME EQUITY. IT WAS A PLOT PROGRAM. THEY SELECTED 305 LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO HAD BEEN HARMED BY THE PANDEMIC, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, AND THEY GAVE THEM \$500 A MONTH FOR TWO YEARS. I BELIEVE THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROJECT. IT WAS UNRESTRICTED USE OF THESE FUNDS. SO THEY JUST CAME TO REPORT ON THAT. THERE WERE A LOT OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES FROM THAT PILOT PROJECT.

THE CAC, CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE, WORKING ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KYLE GREEN BUSINESS BUILDING STANDARDS AND THEN ON THE ZERO WASTE WE APPROVED THEIR BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND WE APPROVED FOR THEM TO SPONSOR S.B. 1066, WHICH IS MARINE FLARE PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY AND THE EXPLOSIVE FLARES THAT ARE IN USE BY THE MARINE, BOATING, ET CETERA. THEY CREATE A LOT OF TOXIC WASTE. THEY'RE VERY DIFFICULT, IF ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, TO DISPOSE OF AND THEY HAVE TO BE RENEWED EVERY COUPLE YEARS. SO THIS IS AN EFFORT BY ZERO WASTE TO REDUCE THE WASTE OF MARINE FLARES, VERY TOXIC. ALSO THEY ARE DISCUSSING AN ORDINANCE FOR SONOMA COUNTY TO CREATE OR PRODUCE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.

I ASKED A QUESTION AT THAT MEETING ABOUT INCLUDING eWASTE AND THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, NOT ZERO WASTE, BUT THE PERSON DOING THE PRESENTATION ON THIS,

BECAUSE IT COMPLICATES THINGS, TOO COMPLICATED TO ADD eWASTE WITH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. THAT'S IT FOR ME.

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VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN.

THANK YOU, MADAME MAYOR. YES. I DID ATTEND THE BUDGET MEETING ON 2-7 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MAURER AND WE CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE REMAINING ISSUES SO WE COULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME ABOUT LEARNING ABOUT THEIR FUTURE FORECASTING TOOL. WE'RE ALL VERY EXCITED FOR OUR NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS ALWAYS AGAIN RIGHT AFTER AGENDA REVIEW ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THAT WOULD BE 10:30 A.M. YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO DIVE IN. I DON'T KNOW. UNLESS THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

THE FIRST MARCH MEETING WON'T WORK AT THE USUAL TIME. I'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

ALL RIGHT. STAY TUNED. I'M SURE THEY'LL GET PUBLISHED. AND THEN HAD A GREAT MEETING WITH SCOTTY, THE LGBT LIAISON AT THE SENIOR CENTER TALKING ABOUT THINGS WE CAN DO. OF COURSE, WITHOUT ANY CITY MONEY, TO CELEBRATE PRIDE.

ALSO I WENT TO THE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS MEETING WHERE COUNCILMEMBER MAURER, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS AND IN THE PREMEETING WE TALKED ABOUT WAYS WE COULD BRING MORE RESOURCES FROM OUR COUNTY JPA, WHICH IS OUR LIBRARY IN. OTHER JURISDICTIONS THEY ACTUALLY DO PAY FOR SOME OF THE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES TO THE BUILDINGS. UNFORTUNATELY AT THIS POINT AND APPARENTLY WE'LL BE NEGOTIATING IT. HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET MORE OF THAT FOR OURSELVES.

ALSO THERE WAS A BIG DISCUSSION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH EFFORTS IN THE COUNTY BY THE MAYOR OF CLOVERDALE, WHICH I FOUND INTERESTING, BECAUSE HE IS A FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND THEY'RE VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THE LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SOMEBODY IS ON THE STREET, THEY GET IN FOR 72 HOURS AND SPIT OUT. LASTLY, THE CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT WHY IT IS EVERYBODY'S GOING OUT FOR OUR KIDS OUR FUTURE, BUT THEY'RE MISSING THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL. THERE'S GOOD REASON BECAUSE THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE CHILD CARE PROVIDER'S HOURLY RATE WILL INCREASE EVEN IF IT PASSES. STAY TUNED. ARE.

THEN ON 2-9 THANKS TO MR. LOCK, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS AND I WERE ABLE TO GO TO THE SONOMA COUNTY HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE. THERE WAS A BIG DISCUSSION ON 1033 WHICH IS COMPLEX, BUT IT WOULD ALLOW INDIVIDUAL ADUs TO BE SOLD EVEN IF THEY EXIST ON CURRENT PROPERTY, WHICH IS AN INTERESTING CONCEPT, BUT IT'S WAY TOO MUCH OF A HEAVY LIFT FOR US. I'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

ALSO ON THE NIGHT OF 2-9 I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO OUR UKRAINIAN DELEGATION. IT WAS SAD, BUT I GOT TO JUST SAY IT WAS SAID THAT THE SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS HAD A PARTY. THERE WAS TONS AND TONS OF FOOD, NOT GOING TO SAY WHAT ELSE WAS THERE, BUT IT WAS REALLY AWESOME.

THEN COFFEE WITH THE FIRE CHIEF ON 2-12, WE SPENT 2 1/2 HOURS TOGETHER, LOVELY CONVERSATION, LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE. THEN THE LIBRARY AD HOC AND AGAIN, WE'RE USING OUR FINAL REMAINING MONTHS TO TRY TO SEE HOW WE CAN POSITION OUR THOUGHTS OF A COMPLETE REDO OF A CERTAIN SERVICE CORRIDOR TO BE IN A COMPETITIVE WAY TO BE ONE OF THE PROJECT THAT HOPEFULLY WILL GET FUNDED THROUGH OUR NEW EIFD PROCESS. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THAT AND WILL GET A REPORT OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS.

WENT TO THE CHAMBER NONBOARD MEETING, THEY WERE LOVELY AND LISTENED TO OUR INCREASING DEFICIT THAT WENT UP FROM 1.67 TO NOW WITH EVERYTHING WE DISCUSSED TONIGHT TO BE 2.4 AND WE'RE ONLY HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR. THEY WERE EMPATHETIC AND LISTENED TO ALL THAT. LET'S SEE. WENT TO THE UNITED CHILD CARE, PART OF THE CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL WHICH IS TALKING ABOUT HOW TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ALL OUR LITTLE KIDS THAT ARE 4 AND ABOVE. IT USED TO BE 5 AND YOU STUCK THEM IN KINDERGARTEN. NOW WE'RE TRYING TO SERVICE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT AN EVEN EARLIER AGE.

TODAY WE HAD A GREAT EIFD MEETING, MYSELF, THE MAYOR AND OUR SUPERVISOR, AND WE ARE PLOTTING GOOD STRATEGY AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL IS IN THE PROCESS OF WRAPPING UP A DRAFT FOR US TO PRESENT AT OUR NEXT MEETING. THANK YOU.

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WOW. OKAY. WONDERFUL REVIEW. THANK YOU. IT'S NICE TO SEE ALL OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS DOING THEIR PART OUT IN THE WORLD HERE. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS, IT'S YOUR TURN. I ALWAYS LEAVE MYSELF FOR THE END.

I WILL BE BRIEF. I DID ATTEND THE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS MEETING, THE SONOMA COUNTY HOSPITALITY MEETING MENTIONED. TO PREPARE FOR TONIGHT WE HAD OUR RECOLOGY AD HOC MEETING AND THEN THIS PAST FRIDAY I ATTENDED OUR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IT WAS INTERESTING. THERE WERE A LOT OF AIDES TALKING ABOUT PROPOSED BILLS. THE 16th WAS THE DEADLINE FOR NEW BILLS. NOW THEY'RE IN A REST PERIOD FOR ABOUT A MONTH. AROUND THE END OF MARCH WE'LL START SEEING WHAT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE IN SACRAMENTO ARE PROPOSING AND WHERE CAL CITY LIES WITH ALL OF THAT. THEY'RE IN A RESTING PERIOD THEY CALL IT, KIND OF CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THAT. THAT'S MY REPORT.

AWESOME. I HAVE A REQUEST. GO AHEAD.

I'M SORRY. I HAVE ONE MORE THING. SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS THEY WILL BE HOLDING A BENEFIT LUNCHEON THIS SATURDAY AT LA BODEGA KITCHEN FOR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

ONE FINAL THING, I'M JUST HOPING TO GET TOGETHER WITH CHIEF NELSON ABOUT SOME STUFF ON BEHALF OF THE CITY BUSINESSES. WE'LL HAVE TO CONNECT ON THAT. HE'S BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH ME THE LAST FEW DAYS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAD A REQUEST REGARDING THE LEDGE COMMITTEE. WHEN I WAS ON THE LEDGE COMMITTEE, AT EACH MEETING THERE WAS A HANDOUT THAT SUMMARIZED, LAID OUT THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BILLS THAT WERE TRACKED. I'M WONDERING IF THAT IS A DOCUMENT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCIL THROUGH MARY.

THE CHAIR WAS ILL THIS PAST WEEK. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING REAL SPECIFIC. I'LL LOOK AT IT AGAIN, BUT IT WAS MOSTLY ABOUT MINUTES FROM LAST TIME. THEY DID SAY NANCY SAID NEXT MONTH IS LIKE THE REALLY BIG MONTH WHERE WE'LL HAVE A LOT MORE DETAILS.

OKAY. THEY KNOW USED TO DO A SPREADSHEET.

THEY DID A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, BUT BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN ILL IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

THANK YOU. I THINK THAT WOULD BE SUPER INTERESTING TO SHARE WITH ALL OF US. MY UPDATE IS PRIMARILY RISE AND SHINE VILLAGE CONTINUING MEETINGS, COORDINATING, FACILITATING, DOING THAT PROCESS WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND INTERESTS AND SONOMA MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT HAD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AND HAS SELECTED A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A LOT OF CHANGE HAPPENING THERE, BUT THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO DO REALLY GOOD SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING PRESENTATION BY THEIR EDUCATION PERSON WHO WENT OVER ALL OF THE VARIOUS SUMMARIZED KIND OF THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE PRESENTATIONS THEY DO IN THE CLASSROOM. THEY HAVE ALL THESE MANIPULATIVES AND GAMES THEY PLAY AND PACKETS THEY LEAVE BEHIND. I'M HOPING ACTUALLY IF WE EVER HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM THEM AGAIN, IT WILL BE THE PRESENTATION ABOUT ALL THE FUN THINGS THAT THE KIDS GET TO LEARN IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR THE MOSQUITO -- FOR ANY OF THOSE VERMIN SORT OF SITUATIONS.

SHE DID SAY, OF COURSE, CHILDREN ARE MUCH MORE OPEN TO CHANGE AND TO TAKING IN THE LESSONS LEARNED THAN SHE'S DISCOVERED THEIR PARENTS ARE, BUT WE ALL KNEW THAT ALREADY.

THEN IN TERMS OF THE EI FD, THAT WAS FASCINATING. WE'RE MOVING FORWARD AS VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN MENTIONED. I DID ALSO GO TO THE UKRAINE PRESENTATION, WHICH WAS FABULOUS. THAT'S REALLY ALL I HAVE TO OFFER IN MY REPORT, BUT HEY, I THINK WE'RE DOING A LOT HERE IS WHAT I'M HEARING.

ANY QUESTIONS FROM STAFF ON ANYTHING THAT WAS HEARD HERE? OKAY. THE FINAL ITEM IS COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS. GO AHEAD.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST. I'M NOT SURE WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE FLAGS.

OH, YEAH.

BUT THE AMERICAN FLAG IS ON THE GROUND AND LAST COUNCIL MEETING WE FIGURED OUT HOW TO TELESCOPE SO YOU COULD RAISE IT UP, BUT ALL THREE FLAGS ARE NOT AT THE RIGHT HEIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHO TO GO TO AS TO FIX THAT.

THE LAST TIME THAT WAS HANGING ON THE GROUND, THAT NEVER SHOULD HAPPEN. WHOEVER IS DOING THIS, IF THEY COULD FIX IT SO IT'S NOT TOUCHING THE GROUND.

WE'LL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THEY SET UP THE MEETINGS. WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY TAKE CARE OF THAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER FOR RAISING THAT. ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE ADJOURN THE MEETING? ANYONE? NO. MEETING ADJOURNED. [Event Concluded]