

City Council

Mayor Diana Gardner Rich
Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Sandra Maurer
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Agenda Item Number: 1

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City of Sebastopol
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

Meeting of Monday, July 15, 2024
Special Meeting Start Time: 1:00 pm

MINUTES FOR Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session Meeting of July 15, 2024
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of August 6, 2024

Please note that minutes of meetings are not meant to be verbatim minutes and are meant to be 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.

Meeting was held in Person. In Person Location: Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472

The public is advised that pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5 all writings submitted to the City and City Council are public records and will be made available for review.

1:00 pm City Council Special Meeting – Closed Session – Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA

Call to Order: Mayor Rich called the Regular Meeting to Order at 1:02 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Diana Gardner Rich
Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Jill McLewis

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Don Schwartz
Human Resources

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)). There was none. All Councilmembers were in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a Special Meeting, pursuant to provisions of Government Code §54957, this is the time provided for members of the public to address the City Council regarding matters of municipal concern for the item listed below (maximum of three minutes per speaker) prior to adjournment into Closed Session.

There was no public comment.

City Council Adjourn Into Closed Session on the Following Matter(s): Mayor Rich adjourned into the closed session at 1:10 pm

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM:

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1. City Attorney Interview(s)

Gov't Code section 54957(b)(4) provides that the term "employee" (in the closed session exception) shall include an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee. Since Gov't Code 36505 establishes the office and/or employment of a "city attorney", it appears to be that this first Gov't Code section allows the appointment of an individual as "city attorney" in closed session. The closed session would fall under:

- Public Employee Employment; City Attorney
- Public Employee Appointment, City Attorney

Minute Order Number: 2024-154

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives:

Mayor

Unrepresented Employee: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

This Item was not heard.

City Council Action: None Required. Item Not Heard.

Minute Order Number: 2024-155

Adjournment of Closed Session: Mayor Rich adjourned the closed session meeting at 4:33 pm.

Convene Open Session of the Special City Council Meeting: Mayor Rich reconvened the open session of the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Report out of Closed Session: The City Council directed staff to return to the next City Council open meeting of August 6th for Consideration of approval of City Attorney Legal Services Contract to Redwood Public Law.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

The Special City Council Meeting Closed Session will be adjourned to the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024.

Mayor Rich adjourned the City Council Meeting Closed Session of July 15, 2024 at 4:35 pm to the next regular City Council Meeting of July 16, 2024 scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk