

City Council

Mayor Diana Gardner Rich
Vice Mayor Stephen Zollman
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Sandra Maurer
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Agenda Item Number: 4

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City of Sebastopol

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Meeting of Monday – April 29, 2024
6:00 pm

MINUTES FOR Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session Meeting of April 129, 2024
As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of May 7, 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.

6:00 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 6:02 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

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 6:03 pm

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CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives:

City Labor Negotiator Patrick Clark, Patrick Clark Consulting

Human Resources Consultant Deborah Muchmore, Muchmore Than Consulting

City Manager Schwartz/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Gourley

Employee Organization:

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Sebastopol Police Officers Association (SPOA)

Management, Mid Management, Unrepresented

City Council Action: None. Item removed from agenda.

Reference Order Number: 2024-081

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: City Manager

City Council Action: Conducted evaluation.

Minute Order Number: 2024-082

Adjournment of Closed Session: Mayor Rich adjourned the closed session meeting at 8:18 pm.

Convene Open Session of the Special City Council Meeting: Mayor Rich reconvened the open session of the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Report out of Closed Session: The City Council is pleased to have had the opportunity for an initial evaluation session with our new City Manager. He has been on the job for only four months and has already made huge strides forward in addressing the many challenging issues faced by our town. This initial evaluation has confirmed our confidence in our selection of Don Schwartz as our City Manager. We look forward to continuing to work productively and constructively with him, as we all combine our efforts to stabilize our fiscal situation and to do what's needed to ensure the future of Sebastopol as a vibrant and thriving town. The Council has agreed to hold a second closed session as part of this initial evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

The Special City Council Meeting Closed Session will be adjourned to the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024.

Mayor Rich adjourned the City Council Meeting Closed Session of April 29, 2024 at 8:20 pm to the next regular City Council Meeting of April 16, 2024 scheduled to be held at 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Gourley

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk