

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Meeting of Tuesday, July 15, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2025

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of August 5, 2025

COUNCIL PROTOCOLS FOR MEETING:

This in person and virtual/remote meeting is compliant with the Governor's Executive Order allowing for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. Traditional Brown Act and AB 2449 requirements can be utilized for all City Council meetings as long as required notice and posting is conducted per the Brown Act.

Please Note the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. "Disrupting" means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to the length of recent City Council Meetings, it is strongly encouraged that written comments be submitted to the City Council by sending them by email to: citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov with either General Public Comment Written in the Subject Line or the Specific Agenda Item Number or Title Written in the Subject Line. Emails are distributed to the City Council as well as posted to the City Council meeting as public comment. Public Comment questions may be directed to City staff for a response at a later time.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Zollman called the meeting to order 6:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stephen Zollman
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Sandra Maurer
Absent: Vice Mayor McLewis
Staff: Interim City Manager Mary Gourley
City Attorney Alex Mog
Administrative Services Director Kwong
Building Official Brown
City Engineer/Public Works Director Rincon Ibarra
Police Chief McDonagh

SALUTE TO THE FLAG : Mayor Zollman 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)). Assembly Bill 2302 (2024) ("AB 2302") revises rules for when members of local legislative bodies may participate in meetings remotely. Specifically, it amends the number of meetings that may be attended remotely for just cause and under emergency

circumstances and clarifies the definition of the term “meeting,” for purposes of remote attendance. AB 2302 caps the number of remote meetings a member can attend each year based on the frequency of a legislative body’s meetings: Five meetings per year for those meeting twice a month. **There was no request.**

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS: 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. **Mayor Zollman stated he would be recusing himself from Item Number 10 as he sits on the Board.**

City staff announced the following:

- Item Number 5 will not be heard tonight; and will be rescheduled to the August 5, 2025 City Council Meeting
- Item Number 11 withdrawn; applicant has withdrawn the application and informed staff they will be moving their event to Ives Park and will be obtaining a special event permit.

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) of the public spoke during public comment.

Peter Alexander
Kate
Greg/Porchfest
Jason
Arthur
Oliver
Eric
Kyle
Rick
Robert
Diedre
Mary
Jeff
Georges
Jay
Myriah
Karen
Dorina
Harold
Anne
Elizabeth

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 aloud the title of each consent item (either full agenda title or a simplified version of the agenda title), and 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 two (2) minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an item or items 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. Council Members may comment on Consent Calendar items or ask for minor clarifications without the need for pulling the item for separate consideration. Items requiring deliberation should be pulled for separate consideration and shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor.

Mayor Zollman read the consent calendar.

Mayor Zollman asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item. There was none.

Mayor Zollman opened for Public Comment(s). The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment:

Steve Pierce

Kyle

Kate

Mayor Zollman called for a motion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hinton moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve consent calendar items 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Maurer and Mayor Zollman

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor McLewis

Abstain: None

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025

Responsible Department: Interim City Manager

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025

Minute Order Number: 2025-226

2. Approval of City Council inviting representatives from the City's recognized labor unions to participate in a collaborative discussion with City Council in a public City Council meeting to explore strategies for growing and supporting entry-level positions within the organization, including the strategic use of outsourcing to optimize staffing resources.

Requestor: Mayor Zollman/Responsible Department: Interim City Manager/Human Resources

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with approval of this item other.

City Council Action: Approved inviting representatives from the City's recognized labor unions to participate in a collaborative discussion with City Council in a public City Council meeting to explore strategies for growing and supporting entry-level positions within the organization, including the strategic use of outsourcing to optimize staffing resources.

Minute Order Number: 2025-227

3. Receipt of report on the SCTCA Funding Program Cycle 2 Priority List of Projects for FY 2025-26 through 2030-31, and authorize staff to move forward with grant applications to the SCTCA. SCTCA released its Call for Projects and has asked project sponsors to submit their top 5 priority projects. The projects must be in the 2025 SCTCA Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Grant applications are due August 8, 2025.

Responsible Department: City Engineer/Public Works Director

Fiscal Impact: Approval of this action would not have a fiscal impact in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

However, if a grant is awarded, there would be a fiscal impact on Special Reserve Funds starting Fiscal Year 2026-27 for grant(s) awarded in the SCTCA Cycle Funding Program. If awarded, a future funding agreement with the SCTCA, committing to the local match would be brought to Council for approval.

City Council Action: Approved Receipt of report on the SCTCA Funding Program Cycle 2 Priority List of Projects for FY 2025-26 through 2030-31, and authorize staff to move forward with grant applications to the SCTCA. SCTCA released its Call for Projects and has asked project sponsors to submit their top 5 priority projects. The projects must be in the 2025 SCTCA Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Grant applications are due August 8, 2025.

Minute Order Number: 2025-228

4. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Collection by CDTFA of ½-Cent Sales Tax Approved at the November 5, 2024 Municipal Election and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Related Agreements. Due to an ambiguity in State law, the City previously waived collection of ¼-cent of the sales tax authorized by Measure U. A recent change in state law allows the City to collect the full ½-cent.

Responsible Department: City Attorney

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact for this item. Based on the change in state law, the adopted budget assumes implementation of the full ½-cent tax. An agreement between the City and County ensures the City will receive revenue equivalent to the full ½-cent tax until such time as the full tax is implemented by CDTFA.

City Council Action: Approved Resolution Authorizing the Collection by CDTFA of ½-Cent Sales Tax Approved at the November 5, 2024 Municipal Election and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Related Agreements. Due to an ambiguity in State law, the City previously waived collection of ¼-cent of the sales tax authorized by Measure U. A recent change in state law allows the City to collect the full ½-cent.

Minute Order Number: 2025-229

Resolution Number: 6687-2025

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 (total length includes questions of Council to presenter and public comment).*

- ~~5. Informational Presentation: The "Hotel Sebastopol" development Update. This is a requirement for the applicant to return annually for update on the status of the project.~~

~~*Responsible Department: Community Development Director*~~

~~*Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with receipt of this item.*~~

City Council Action: None Taken. Due to scheduling issues, item was continued to August 5, 2025.

Reference Order Number: 2025-230

6. Informational Presentation: Presentation from the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Businesses on the Main Street America Program.

Requestor: Mayor Zollman/Responsible Department: Community Development Director

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with receipt of this item.

Mayor Zollman presented the agenda item and introduced Andrea Caron and Myriah Volk who provided information.

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of the presenter or staff. Council asked various questions.

Mayor Zollman opened the public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

Robert
Kate
Oliver
Bill
Michael
Linda

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction:

There was no formal action as this is an agenda item. The Council provided the following direction to staff:
To return this item to a future City Council meeting for discussion of membership.

City Council Action: . The Council provided the following direction to staff: To return this item to a future City Council meeting for discussion of membership.

Reference Order Number: 2025-231

PUBLIC HEARING(s): NONE

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

7. ITEM CONTINUED FROM JULY 1, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Sebastopol Library Staffing and Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Report Out. The item tonight is to receive the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee and discuss the recommended actions in the report. Recommendations:

- Receipt of Report from current Ad Hoc Committee
- Dissolution of Current Ad Hoc Committee
- Creation of New Committee Named: Committee for Building the Commons (Period of Committee: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)
- Approval of Scope of Work of Committee
- Committee Composition and Appointment to be Returned to a future Council meeting for consideration of approval

Requestor: Mayor Zollman; Council Liaison to Library

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with receipt and approval of this item; however staff time will be required.

Mayor Zollman presented the agenda item recommending the Council hear the presentation; ask questions, open the public comment, and receive the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee and discuss the recommended actions in the report. Recommendations:

- Receipt of Report from current Ad Hoc Committee
- Dissolution of Current Ad Hoc Committee

- Creation of New Committee Named: Committee for Building the Commons (Period of Committee: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)
- Approval of Scope of Work of Committee
- Committee Composition and Appointment to be Returned to a future Council meeting for consideration of approval

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of presenter or staff. Council asked various questions. There were none.

Mayor Zollman opened the public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

Fred
Kyle
Oliver
Robert

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction:

The Council discussed the scope of work and staff time allocated for this committee.

MOTION:

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

- Receipt of Report from current Ad Hoc Committee
- Dissolution of Current Ad Hoc Committee
- Creation of New Committee Named: Committee for Building the Commons (Period of Committee: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)
- Approval of Scope of Work of Committee/Broad Scope:
- Committee Composition and Appointment to be Returned to a future Council meeting for consideration of approval

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Maurer and Mayor Zollman
Noes: None
Absent: Vice Mayor McLewis
Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the following:

- Receipt of Report from current Ad Hoc Committee
- Dissolution of Current Ad Hoc Committee
- Creation of New Committee Named: Committee for Building the Commons (Period of Committee: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)
- Approval of Scope of Work of Committee/Broad Scope:
- Committee Composition and Appointment to be Returned to a future Council meeting for consideration of approval

Minute Order Number: 2025-232

8. ITEM CONTINUED FROM JULY 1, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Discussion of Amendments to City Council Protocols – Agenda Review Committee Protocol (Authority to Cancel City Council Meetings)

Requestor: Councilmember Hinton

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with approval of this item.

Councilmember Hinton presented the agenda item recommending the Council hear the presentation; ask questions, open the public comment, and approve the following: (Authority to Cancel City Council Meetings)

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of the presenter or staff. Council asked various questions.

Mayor Zollman opened the public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

Kyle

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction:

Council continued discussion of protocols.

Council consensus to direct staff to make amendments and return to future council meeting on consent calendar.

Any meeting of the Council may be cancelled in advance by a majority vote of the City Council at a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The Mayor may cancel a meeting in the case of an emergency, when a majority of members have confirmed in writing their unavailability to attend a meeting, or when there is not a quorum at the start of the meeting. Cancelled meetings will be noted on the agenda and posted for the public.

Page 3 – ~~or shall be scheduled by agenda review~~ – delete

Calling of Closed Session language

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~~When the following motions are made and seconded, the Presiding Officer must immediately call for a vote of the body without debate on the motion. Motions carry with the designated vote requirement:~~

City Council Action: No formal vote; Council consensus.

Minute Order Number: 2025-233

9. Approval of Economic Gardening Program Event. The City of Sebastopol is proposing to host an Economic Gardening Program Event aimed at supporting the growth of home grown businesses.

Requestor: Councilmember Carter/Responsible Department: Community Development Director

Fiscal Impact: \$3000 has been approved in the FY 25 26 City Budget for this Event.

Councilmember Carter presented the agenda item recommending the Council approve the Economic Gardening Program Event and authorize staff to proceed with coordination and implementation.

Mayor Zollman asked for questions of the presenter or staff. Council asked various questions.

Mayor Zollman opened the public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

Robert

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction:

The Council discussed length of workshop and support for Chamber support.

MOTION:

Councilmember Carter moved and Mayor Zollman seconded the motion to approve the following: the Economic Gardening Program Event and authorize staff to proceed with coordination and implementation.

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Maurer and Mayor Zollman

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor McLewis

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the Economic Gardening Program Event and authorize staff to proceed with coordination and implementation.

Minute Order Number: 2025-234

Mayor Zollman recused himself for item Number 10 and departed the meeting room for this agenda item.

10. Consideration of Approval of Fee Waiver for Living Peace Wall Induction Ceremony for Special Events Permit Fees. Waiver of Special Event Permit application fee (\$150), daily use fee (\$250), amplified sound fee (\$50); Total Fees = \$450.

Responsible Department: City Engineer/Public Works Director

Fiscal Impact: Fee Waiver Total: \$450.00

Public Works Director/City Engineer Rincon Ibarra presented the agenda item recommending the Council approve the fee Waiver for Living Peace Wall Induction Ceremony for Special Events Permit Fees. Waiver of Special Event Permit application fee (\$150), daily use fee (\$250), amplified sound fee (\$50); Total Fees = \$450.

Councilmember Hinton asked for questions of the presenter or staff. Council asked various questions.

Councilmember Hinton opened the public comment. The following member(s) of the public provided public comment:

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Direction:

No further discussion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Carter moved and Councilmember Maurer seconded the motion to approve the following: approve the fee Waiver for Living Peace Wall Induction Ceremony for Special Events Permit Fees. Waiver of Special Event Permit application fee (\$150), daily use fee (\$250), amplified sound fee (\$50); Total Fees = \$450.

Councilmember Hinton called for a roll call vote. City staff conducted a roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, and Maurer

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Mayor McLewis and Mayor Zollman

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved the following: approve the fee Waiver for Living Peace Wall Induction Ceremony for Special Events Permit Fees. Waiver of Special Event Permit application fee (\$150), daily use fee (\$250), amplified sound fee (\$50); Total Fees = \$450.

Minute Order Number: 2025-235

Mayor Zollman returned to the dais.

- ~~11. Consideration of Approval of Special Event Permit for Sebastopol Porchfest 2025. This request is to consider approval of a Special Event Permit for Sebastopol Porchfest 2025, a part of national events held in neighborhoods across the country. The event is proposed to be held at various locations listed below:~~

~~Responsible Department: City Engineer/Public Works Director~~

~~Fiscal Impact: \$3,048.00~~

City Council Action: None Taken. None Required. Applicant withdrew application

Reference Order Number: 2025-236

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.

COUNCILMEMBER(S) REQUESTS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

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

12. 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)
- a. Departmental Reports (Recap of June 2025)

City Council Action: None Required. Informational Only.

Reference Order Number: 2025-237

13. 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)
14. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers)

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting will be adjourned to the next Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at **6:00 pm**, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Mayor Zollman adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary C. Gourley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary C. Gourley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

Attachment: Zoom Transcript

REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF
POLICE TIME AND INVOLVEMENT.

SEBASTOPOL 7500
RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESS OWNERS CANNOT
GO
WITHOUT POLICE SERVICES
BECAUSE
OUR OFFICERS ARE BUSY WITH
30
RESIDENTS AT HOPKINS COMMONS.

COUNCIL MUST FUND ADDITIONAL
OFFICERS.

IF YOU DO NOT FUND ADDITIONAL

OFFICERS, YOU SHOULD
CONSIDER
CONTRACTING OUR
POLICE SERVICES
TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS
THEY
ARE FULLY FUNDED.

THIS ALSO MAKES SENSE AS A

MAJORITY OF CALLS AND
BOOKING
FEES ARE FROM HOPKINS
COMMONS
WHICH IS A COUNTY PROJECT.

I THINK OUR CHIEF IS DOING
A
GREAT JOB, BUT HE CAN'T
KEEP
SEBASTOPOL SAFE IF HE IS

UNDERSTAFFED.

NOR CRIME EQUALS MORE
COPS, AND

IS THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THAT.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KATE, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I'LL COME BACK INTO
CHAMBERS.

HI, MY NAME IS GREG, I GO
BY
THE NICKNAME SINNY.

IT'S MY CHILDHOOD NICKNAME.

I'VE OKLAHOMA OPENED THE HOT MIC

FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS.

THERE I DISCOVERED MY
CALLING,
SUPPORTING LOCAL MUSIC
AND
HELPING THE
UNDERSERVED
COMMUNITIES FULFILL
THEIR
ARTISTIC DREAMS.

LAST SPRING I FOUND A WAY TO
TAP
INTO BOTH MY PASSION AND
BUILD
COMMUNITY BY CREATING PORCH FEST

SEBASTOPOL.

THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS
OF
PORCH FESTS ACROSS THE NATION
IN
TOWNS JUST LIKE OURS, AND
I
THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA
TO

HAVE ONE
HERE.
LAST YEAR WE CREATED A FREE

ONE-DAY EVENT THAT ALLOWED
LOCAL
MUSIC TO BE SHOWCASED BY
ACTS
NOT USUALLY INVITED TO
BIG
STAGES IN FOR-PROFIT VENUES.

THIS I LEARNED IS A
VALUABLE
IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE ARTS
ECOSYSTEM.

SINCE THAT DAY LAST SEPTEMBER,
I
RECEIVED OVER 100 COMMENTS
OF
ENCOURAGEMENT TO DO THIS
AGAIN.
THIS LOW-KEY FAMILY-FRIENDLY

NATURE OF THE EVENT
REALLY
STRUCK A CHORD, UNINTENDED,
WITH
THE NEIGHBORS AND
THE COMMUNITY
AT LARGE.

WE HAVE QUITE A FEW
LOCAL
BUSINESSES WHO ARE
ACTIVELY
SUPPORTING US AND WE INTEND
TO
PLUG LOCAL BUSINESSES
AND
RESTAURANTS TO INCREASE
REVENUE
FOR EVERYONE IN THESE UNCERTAIN

ECONOMIC TIMES.

WE'RE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE
THAT

SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR ARTS

APPROACHESED US THIS SPRING
AND
WANTED TO BE INVOLVED WITH
OUR
EFFORTS
AND AGREED TO HAVE SEB
ARTS AS THE HEADQUARTERS THIS

YEAR.
THIS ALLOWS MORE FOOT
TRAFFIC
AND HELPS THEM GAIN
MORE
RECOGNITION AND PRESENCE.

OUR GOAL HAS ALWAYS
BEEN
COMMUNITY BUILDING.

AND IN THOSE EFFORTS, HAVE I

SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
TO
MAKE AS OF TODAY.

DISHEARTENING AS IT MAY BE, OUR

PLAN IS TO HOST PORCH FEST IN

SEB ARTS ONLY AND NOT
ON HIGH
STREET AND WITH THE CITY'S

ASSISTANCE.

WE WILL NOT HOST PORCH FEST ON

HIGH STREET DUE TO OUR DESIRE TO

GAIN CONSENSUS AND BUILD

COMMUNITY, NOT TO DIVIDE THE

COMMUNITY.

AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS TO MOVE

PORCH FEST AROUND TO

NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WANTED
AND
FOR ACOUSTIC SMALLER BLOCK
PARTY

FASHION.
WE INTEND TO SURVEY THE

ATTENDEES AND FIND OUT WHERE

THEY'RE COMING FROM AND WHERE WE
CAN MOVE PORCH FEST
IN THE
NUMBERS OF YEAR.

WE HAVE OUR FIRST MIXERS --

THAT'S TWO
MINUTES.

THANK
YOU.

WE HOPE THE BOARD WILL
SEE
OUR EFFORTS
AND METICULOUS

PLANNING AS --

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

AND YES, SORRY, IF WE CAN

KEEP THE REACTIONS DOWN,
THAT
WOULD BE GREAT IN ORDER TO KEEP

EXERCISING DECORUM HERE IN THE
CHAMBERS.

MARY?

THANK YOU,
MAYOR.
I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC ITEM

FOR NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA,
AND
IT DOES INCLUDE PORCH FEST AS
IT
WAS WITHDRAWN, PLEASE RAISE
YOUR
HAND VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, WE'LL
COME BACK
INTO CHAMBERS.

IF
THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS?
JASON?

I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MY NAME IS JASON TARMINO AND I'M

YOUR LOCAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIVE FOR PG&E.

IN UTILITY PARLANCE, MY JOB IS

TO INTERACT WITH
ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND STAFF MEMBERS
AND
TO
BE YOUR SINGLE POINT OF
CONTACT SO THAT IF YOU HAVE A

QUESTION, I CAN EITHER KNOW
THE
ANSWER OR FIND THE RIGHT PERSON.

TONIGHT I JUST WANTED TO MENTION

PG&E'S GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS,
IT'S KIND OF MY MISSION
THIS
YEAR IS TO TELL EVERYBODY
ABOUT
THAT.

SO WE HAVE BEEN SINCE
2022 AT
LEAST 95% GREENHOUSE GAS-FREE
ON
OUR ELECTRICITY.

AND THE WAY THAT WORKS IS THAT

50% OF OUR ELECTRICITY COMES

FROM THE DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR

POWER PLANT.

AND THEN SOLAR, WIND, HYDRO,

SOME BIOMASS, HYDRO, SOME

GEOTHERMAL, AND THEN WE
ALSO
HAVE ABOUT 1600 MEGAWATTS

BATTERY STORAGE WITH UTAH
1300
COMING ONLINE SOON BY 2026.

ALL THIS WORKS OUT TO AT LEAST

95% GREENHOUSE GAS-
FREE
ELECTRICITY FOR ALL OF OUR

CUSTOMERS.

AND THAT'S ALL I CAME TO SAY.

IF ANYBODY HAS QUESTIONS,
PLEASE
GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

WE CAN SET UP MEETINGS,
AND I'M

HERE TO HELP YOU AND THE
COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC

COMMENT.
NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE
ON ZOOM THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE

AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, WE'LL
COME BACK
INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE
IS
ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A
PUBLIC COMMENT.

GOOD EVENING.

ARTHUR GEORGE, PAST CHAIR
OF
WEST COUNTY HOMELESS ADVOCATES.

I'M SORRY, IF WE CAN
KIND OF
KEEP THE VOICES IN THE BACK ROOM
DOWN.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

AGAIN, ARTHUR GEORGE, PAST
CHAIR
WEST COUNTY HOMELESS
ADVOCATES
AND AD HOC GROUP THAT
WAS
ADDRESSING ISSUES AS TO

HOMELESSNESS.

AND I REMAIN ACTIVIST
TO
HOMELESS ISSUES HERE IN THE

CITY.
OUR PAST CHIEFS KEVIN
KILGORE
AND RON NELSON SHOWED REMARKABLE

WISDOM, COMPASSION, RESTRAINT

AND WHEN NECESSARY
ENFORCEMENT
WHEN DEALING WITH HOMELESS

ISSUES.
THE CURRENT CHIEF APPEARS TO
BE
DOING THE SAME, AS REPORTED
IN
THE SEBASTOPOL TIMES, HE
VERY
RECENTLY WORKED A NIGHT SHIFT

ENCOUNTERING THE UNHOUSED.

MARIA RICO, THE FORMER
OUTREACH
COORDINATOR THROUGH WEST
COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES ACHIEVES

REMARKABLE RESULTS IN PLACEMENT
OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
AS
COUNCILMEMBER HINTON
HAS
OBSERVED IN THE TIMES
NEWSPAPER,
WITH RICO'S DEPARTURE,
THE
MEASURABLE RESULTS APPEAR
TO
HAVE DECLINED, EVEN
AS WEST
COUNTY HAD BEEN THE GOLD

STANDARD PROVIDER.

WEST COUNTY NOW HAS SUGGESTED
TRANSFERRING ITS \$40,000 TO
THE

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
THAT MAY BE A GOOD INVESTMENT

FOR INCREASED POLICE
TRAINING,
ESPECIALLY ALONG THE LINES
OF
WHAT HAD BEEN THE BOOTS
PROGRAM
FOR ENGAGING WITH
UNHOUSED
PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS.

BUT THE POLICE FUNCTION
IS
RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT
OF
A SOCIAL OR CASEWORKER.

THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT EXPECT

THAT \$40,000 IS GOING TO TURN

THE DEPARTMENT INTO SOCIAL

WORKER, EVEN AS COMPASSION
AND

PLACEMENT MAY BECOME MORE A PART
OF THE POLICE ROLE.

IF SOCIAL WORK IS NEEDED, DO
NOT
EXPECT THAT TRANSFERRING
MONEY
TO A MORE COMPASSIONATE
ALONE
WILL ACCOMPLISH THAT.

I WOULD DEFER TO THE GUIDANCE
OF
THE NEW CHIEF IN DETERMINING
NEW
DIRECTIONS,
NOT JUST MOVING
MONEY AROUND.

AS HE DEVELOPS NEW PLANS
DRAWING
ON THE EXPERIENCE OF
WEST

COUNTY.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 10
SECONDS.

WILL NO LONGER FULFILL THE
TASK.

THANK YOU.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT?

NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

OLIVER, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF,

PLEASE?

UNMUTED.
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

I CAN.
CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, JUST PICKING UP ON
WHAT
GEORGE JUST SAID,
I WAS AT THE
LAST MEETING AND I AGREE, THE
POLICE SHOULD DEFINITELY GET THE

FUNDING.
I KNOW ALL ABOUT CAHOOTS
PROGRAMS.

I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT

IDEA.
CAN'T DO MUCH WITH \$40,000
IN
TERMS OF THE CAHOOTS PROGRAM,
BUT THAT'S STILL GOOD.

THE BIGGER POINT IS THE
COUNTY
SHOULD BE PAYING
THIS.
THIS IS A COUNTY PROJECT WHERE

WE HAVE MULTIPLE COUNTY PROJECTS
IN THE CITY.

WHERE IS THE COUNTY MONEY?

THE COUNTY SHOULD BE PAYING
FOR
ALL THE SOCIAL WORK, AND
THEY

SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE PAYING FOR
ALL THE BUREAUCRACY TO
KEEP
PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR
BUREAUCRATIC

SYSTEMS.
WHY SHOULD THE CITY
OF
SEBASTOPOL BE PAYING THE
STAFF
FROM WCCS TO DO ENDLESS

PAPERWORK, KEEP
PEOPLE IN THE
COUNTY AND THE STATE SYSTEM?

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY KIND
OF
SENSE.

A LOT OF THE PEOPLE -- FOR

EXAMPLE, ELDERLY COMMONS AND

ELSEWHERE FROM SEBASTOPOL,
SOME
OF THEM AREN'T EVEN FROM SONOMA

COUNTY.
SO DEFINITELY THIS NEEDS TO

HAPPEN.
I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT WE, YOU

KNOW, WE'RE JUST DEBATING WHERE

THE
\$40,000 SHOULD BE SPENT AND
HOW IT CAN BE BEST SPENT TO
HELP

THE HOMELESS.
BUT THE BIGGER ISSUE IS
MOST OF
THE PROBLEMS ARE
ACTUALLY
CREATED BY THE COUNTY, AND
THE
COUNTY SHOULD BE
BASICALLY
PULLING THEIR WEIGHT HERE AND

ACTUALLY MAKING A MUCH
MORE
DILIGENT EFFORT TO A, MAKE
THE
BUREAUCRACY SIMPLER, AND B,
DO
THE BUREAUCRACY THEMSELVES.

I DON'T SEE ANY REASON
WHY OUR
POLICE SHOULD TAKE ON THAT

ADDITIONAL WORK LOAD AS WELL.

SO WHERE IS HOPKINS?

I THINK SHE NEEDS TO STEP UP AND

FAST.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, OLIVER, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE IN
CHAMBERS.

HELLO, COUNCIL,
MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC, MY NAME IS ERIC AND

I LIVE AT 7153 MAPLE AVENUE AND

HAVE SINCE ABOUT 1998.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE BEHALF

OF AND IN SUPPORT OF
SEBASTOPOL
PORCH FEST.

I JOINED THE BOARD OF
THE

ORGANIZATION AS A WAY TO
CREATE
A VEHICLE FOR PORCH FEST, NOT

JUST ON HIGH STREET,
BUT
THROUGHOUT OUR TOWN.

WE BELIEVE, A LOT OF US
BELIEVE
VERY, VERY WHOLEHEARTEDLY
THAT
SEBASTOPOL PORCHFEST CAN BE
A
VERY VIBRANT PART OF
WHAT
SEBASTOPOL OFFERS.

IT FILLS A UNIQUE NICHE THAT
IS
NOT FILLED IN OTHER AREAS.

HAVING NEIGHBORS
WORKING
TOGETHER TO CREATE AN EVENT THAT

SUPPORTS LOCAL MUSICIANS IS
POWERFUL.

AND IT CREATES AND BUILDS

COMMUNITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, TODAY WE
DECIDED
TO CHANGE OUR PLANS BECAUSE
WE
HAVE NOT DONE THE ENGAGEMENTENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY WORK THAT WE NEED
TO
DO IN ORDER TO CREATE A
POSITIVE

EXPERIENCE.
AND I REALLY WANT TO REACH
OUT
TO -- TO OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE

CURBED ABOUT THIS EVENT
TO TALK
WITH US, TO PARTICIPATE IN
IT
WITH US, TO JOIN WITH US SO
THATTHAT
CAN WORK TOGETHER AND
CORRECT
THE WAY THAT WE'VE BEEN SORT OF

ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THIS.

THE IDEA OF BRINGING
THIS
TONIGHT AS A CONTENTIOUS
ITEM
WHERE WE HAD TO HAVE A
BOARD
VOTE AND MAKE A DECISION WHERE

THERE WERE WINNERS AND LOSERS IS

NOT WHAT SEBASTOPOL
PORCHFEST
SHOULD BE ABOUT.

IT SHOULD BE ABOUT WIN-
WIN, AND
I'M COMMITTED WITH
TALKING WITH
ANY OF MY NEIGHBORS ABOUT HOW
WE
CAN KEEP MOVING THAT
FORWARD
INTO THE FUTURE, NOT JUST IN OUR

NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THROUGHOUT THE
ENTIRE CITY.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ERIC, FOR YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

AGAIN, IF WE CAN KEEP
THE

REACTIONS DOWN SO WE
CAN
FACILITATE THE REST OF
THE
DISCUSSIONS HERE.

THANK YOU,
MARY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,
PLEASE?

YES, I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GREAT.
GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SO I THINK JUST IN
REFLECTING
ON SOME OF THE COMMENTS
TONIGHT,
SOME OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT

WERE IN WRITTEN FORM THAT
I'M
SURE WON'T BE DISCUSSED
BY
COUNCIL AT ALL TONIGHT.

THOSE ARE THINGS BY
CITY MAYOR
AND REALLY DON'T GET BROUGHT
TO
THE TABLE AT
ALL.

AND ALSO SOME OF THE
INVOLVEMENT
AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND
THE
REGIONAL LEVEL, I'M REALLY

HOPING THE COUNCIL CAN
REFLECT
ON WHAT RESPONSIBILITY THEY

BELIEVE THEY HAVE TO OUR CITY
TO
ENGAGE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL.

YOU KNOW, I'M HEARING ABOUT THIS
SMART TRAIN INITIATIVE THAT'S
GOING TO BE COMING ON TO THE

BALLOT.
AND I REFLECT ON HOW WE
DON'T
HAVE A SMART CONNECTOR
COMING
OUT TO SEBASTOPOL.

AND SO WHAT KIND OF ADVOCACY
IS
THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
DOING
WITH THE COUNTY LEVEL, WITH
OUR
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TO
ACTUALLY BRING
PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION TO SEBASTOPOL,

RIGHT.
WE'VE GOT ISSUES
WITH HOUSING IN
THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL.

WHAT IS THE ENGAGEMENT THAT WE
HAVE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL TO BE

INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF LOW
INCOME, HIGH DENSITY
HOUSING
THAT WE HAVE IN OUR URBAN CORE.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
THAT
WE HAVE AS A CITY TO BE WORKING

REGULARLY WITH OUR COUNTY

OFFICIALS, AND REALLY,
HONESTLY,
BRINGING THAT STUFF BACK TO THE

CITY AND COMMUNICATING THAT

THROUGH OUTREACH,
COMMUNICATING
THAT OUT THROUGH PUBLIC
CHANNELS
THE RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
THAT
WE ARE DOING WITH
THE COUNTY.
BECAUSE I DON'T SEE IT, RIGHT.

AND MAYBE YOU'RE GOING TO
GO
AHEAD AND PUT IT IN A
ORAL
REPORT THAT YOU SPEAK OUT AT

10:00 AT NIGHT.

BUT WE'RE NOT GOING HEAR IT.

AND IT'S NOT REALLY CLEAR TO
ME
THAT YOU'RE BUILDING
MOMENTUM IN
THOSE CONNECTIONS WHEN
YOU'RE
NOT ADVOCATING FOR THE CITY
AT
THE COUNTY LEVEL AND YOU'RE
NOT
WORKING WITH THE COUNTY.

SO LET'S HEAR MORE OF THAT SO

THAT WE
CAN BUILD IN SPACES
WHERE WE DO FIND GOOD ALIGNMENT

AND PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
COUNTY,
BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR
TO ME
THAT WE'RE GETTING THE
RESOURCES

THAT WE NEED FROM THE COUNTY
BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ASKING.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT, HE WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.
IF THERE IS ANYONE IN
CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT?

YES.
HI.

I'M SO SORRY TO CONTINUALLY

PROMOTE PORCHFEST, AND I KNOW

YOU GUYS HAVE HEARD A
LOT ABOUT
IT ALREADY, SO I APOLOGIZE.

I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE.

OKAY.
SO MY NAME IS RICK AND I
LIVE IN

THE CORNER OF MAPLE AND
HIGH
STREET AND I'M ONE OF
THE HOSTS
OF STAGES IN PORCHFEST.

I WANT TO STRONGLY SPEAK
IN
SUPPORT OF PORCHFEST AND
THE
ENERGY AND DYNAMISM THAT
IT
BRINGS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IT'S A LOCALLY PRODUCED
ORGANIC
EVENT PUT TOGETHER BY
LOCAL
PEOPLE
IN A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD
IN SEBASTOPOL.

IT'S ONE OF THE TYPES OF
EVENTS
THAT DEFINES OUR COMMUNITY
AND
MAKES IT THE SPECIAL PLACE THAT

IT REALLY IS.

THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE
ON
SATURDAY FROM 12 NOON UNTIL
6:00
P.M., BUT DOES NOT AFFECT PEOPLE

GOING TO WORK.

IT'S DURING THE WEEK, AND
IT
ENDS WELL BEFORE THE EVENING.

THE ORGANIZERS HAVE ASSEMBLED A

LARGE CREW OF VOLUNTEERS, ALL

LOCAL.
THEY WOULD ADDRESS MANY OF
THE

ISSUES WHICH HELP KEEP THE
EVENT
SAFE AND RESPECTFUL.

THEY HAVE REACHED
OUT
EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD TO SOLICIT OPINIONS
AND TO IMPROVE EVERY ASPECT OF
THE EVENT.

THEY'RE WORKING HARD
HAND IN
HAND WITH THE CITY AND THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE
SURE
THAT EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE WHO
ARE
FEELING -- THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
FEEL THAT HOSTING AN EVENT IN
A
NEIGHBORHOOD IS INAPPROPRIATE
OR

INVASIVE.

AND WHILE MANY OF THESE CONCERNS
ARE VALID TO SOME DEGREE, THE

OVERALL BENEFIT TO THE TOWN,
ITS
COMMUNITY, AND MANY OF
THE
NEIGHBORS WEIGHS HEAVILY IN THE

POSITIVE.
THE ORGANIZERS HAVE
BENT OVER
BACKWARDS TO MITIGATE ALL THESE

CONCERNS, INCLUDING OFFERS
TO

POST VOLUNTEERS AT
SITES, REDUCE
NOISE LEVELS, BLOCK OFF AND

PATROL INTERSECTIONS.

RICK, YOU HAVE ABOUT 15

SECONDS LEFT.

OKAY, GOTCHA.

THIS EVENT IS EXACTLY THE
KIND
OF EVENT THAT
DEFINES OUR TOWN.
IT'S LOCAL IN NEARLY EVERY
WAY
AND RUN WITH INTEGRITY AND
JOY.
I WONDER IF THE CITY COUNCIL
CAN
BE A PARTNER FOR PORCHFEST
IN
THE FUTURE.

IT'S A GREAT EVENT.

WE SHOULD DEFINITELY PARTNER
UP.

RICK, THAT'S TWO MINUTES.

THANKS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC

COMMENT.

OKAY.

NEXT, I WOULD GO BACK OUT TO

ZOOM.

TRY TO KEEP THE PHYSICAL
REACTIONS DOWN SO WE CAN
MOVE
THROUGH AND KEEP DECORUM.

THANK YOU.

ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GO
AHEAD.

I POSTED A PUBLIC COMMENT.

I DON'T THINK
IT'S RELATED TO
THIS MEETING.

BUT IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO
SOMETHING THAT THE
MAYOR SAID
LAST WEEK ABOUT THE FACT THAT
THE CITY REALLY DOESN'T DO
MUCH
FOR
THE HOMELESS.
AND HE WAS LITTLE
BIT
EMBARRASSED WHEN HE
WITH THE
OTHER MAYORS.

AND I HOPE I DIDN'T MISQUOTE

YOU.

I WANT PROMPTED ME TO WONDER HOW

MUCH ARE WE SPENDING ON THE

HOMELESS.

I DID SOME ESTIMATES.

THE POLICE STAFF COSTS

AND

ESTIMATING 50%, TAKING

PUBLIC

WORKS COSTS AND ESTIMATING

MAYBE

AN FTE OR TWO THAT SPEND OR THE

DAY OR THE MORNINGS

CHECKING ON

THE HOMELESS AND CLEANING UP

AROUND THE CITY BUILDINGS,

WHICH

WE'VE HEARD THAT THEY DO.

AT ONE TIME DANTE SAID 60%

OF

HIS TEAM'S TIME WERE SPENT ON

HOMELESS AND HOMELESS-RELATED

ISSUES.

I TOOK THE LOWER NUMBER.

BUT YOU GO THROUGH THAT AND

ASSUME THAT STAFF

IS SPENDING

SOME TIME ON THE NEW

GRAVENSTEEN

COMMONS AS WELL AS

ELDERBERRY

AND THE ISSUES THAT HAVE RISEN

THERE.

IT TURNS OUT THAT WE SPEND MAYBE

\$1300 OR \$1400 PER CITIZEN
IN
OUR BUDGET FOR THE 7800
PEOPLE
THAT LIVE HERE.

AND WE SPEND SOMETHING LIKE

\$20,000 FOR EVERY
HOMELESS
PERSON WHEN YOU ADD UP THOSE
COSTS.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY

APPRECIATES THAT.

IT'S A HUGE COST TO THE CITY
IN
THE WORLD WHERE HOUSING FIRST IS

SUPPOSED TO SOLVE THAT,
BECAUSE
YOU PUT THEM INTO HOUSING,
AND
THE CITY DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY
ALL
THESE COSTS.

WE HAVE NO OPTIONS ON THAT

BECAUSE WE DON'T
CONTROL WHO
GOES WHERE.

THE COUNTY
DOES.
AND I THINK AT THIS
POINT, WE
NEED TO HAVE A STRONGER

ADVOCACY, AS MENTIONED BY
A
COUPLE OF PEOPLE, WITH
THE
COUNTY IN TERMS OF
THEY SHOULD

BE PAYING
FOR THIS.

WE SHOULDN'T BE PAYING FOR THIS.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC

COMMENT.
AND NEXT I'LL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.
BUT BEFORE I DO, CAN I JUST
GET
A SHOW OF HANDS ABOUT HOW
MANY
MORE SPEAKERS WOULD LIKE
TO
SPEAK DURING PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA?

SINCE IT WAS PORCHFEST, I'M
AT
THE MAX FOR THE 20 SPEAKERS.

SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO
GIVE
ANOTHER TEN MINUTES --

ANOTHER TEN MINUTES IF
THAT'S
OKAY WITH MY FELLOW

COUNCILMEMBERS.

I MEAN, I WOULD BE IN
FAVOR
OF LETTING EVERYONE
SPEAK SINCE
WE CANCELED THE ITEM WITH
NO
NOTICE AND THEY SHOWED UP
TODAY,
THAT THEY'RE HERE TO SPEAK ON

AN
ITEM THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD NO
TIME LIMIT ON.

OKAY.

THOUGHTS?

UNLIMITED?

WE DO RESERVE AND WE AGREED ON
THE 40 MINUTES TOTAL.

SO DO WE GO BEYOND 40 MINUTES?

I'M LOOKING TO MY LEFT.

CAN I JUST GET A SHOW
OF
HANDS ONE MORE
TIME?
I'M SORRY.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR,
FIVE.
SO IT WOULD BE ABOUT TEN MORE
MINUTES.

OKAY, TEN MORE MINUTES
THEN,
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

SO NEXT I'LL COME INTO CHAMBERS.

I NEVER KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO

FEEL WHEN I GET UP HERE.
WOO.

WASTE MY SECONDS.

AM I WASTING MY SECONDS TO

BREATHE, HUH.

MY NAME IS DEIRDRA DOOLING.

AND JENNIFER SHOWED UP.

I STAY AT ELDERBERRY COMMONS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M EMOTIONAL
TODAY.

I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY COOL.

I
STAY THERE.
I DON'T LIVE THERE.

AS I CAME OVER HERE, I REWROTE

MY TWO MINUTES
LIKE PROBABLY
FIVE TIMES, I HAVE IT ON PAPER.

AND IT'S LIKE -- I CALL
HER
FENTANYL LADY.

I KNOW THAT MIGHT SOUND HARSH
TO
THE BLEEDING HEARTS, BUT I
HAVE
TO LIVE WITH IT.

AND I'VE OFFERED PEOPLE TO COME

TO STAY IN MY SPACE, YOU KNOW.

COME LIVE NEXT TO ELDERBERRY.

COME LIVE IN ELDERBERRY AND

EXPERIENCE WHAT I HAVE TO
EXPERIENCE.

JUST PULLED SOMEBODY LAST NIGHT.

AND AS I
LEFT, THE SECURITY
GUARD WAS THERE.

AND LIKE PEOPLE WERE RUNNING
THROUGH THE BACK GATE.

THEY DIDN'T COME OUT TO CHECK.

SOMEBODY'S GOT SOME GOOD
STUFF
THIS WEEK.

LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD DRUGS,

RIGHT.
SO ANY WAY, I'M BEING A LITTLE

SARCASTIC.

I'M TRYING JUST LIKE HOW
MANY
MORE SECONDS.

OH, THE TIMER.
I GOT 55 SECONDS.

AND THERE IS SOME CHANGES THERE.

THEY NOW WILL SERVE YOU
COFFEE
AND MUFFINS ONCE A WEEK.

THEY ADD WATERMELON IN THE

COURTYARD.
AND YES, THAT DOES SOUND

SARCASTIC, BUT THIS IS WHAT I'VE
SEEN THAT HAS CHANGED.

TODAY I WAS TALKING TO THE

MAINTENANCE GUY WHO WAS
PICKING
UP A BUNCH OF DOG POOP IN
THE
COURTYARD BECAUSE PEOPLE AREN'T

PICKING UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

AND THE CASE MANAGER COMES OUT.

THEY NEVER TALK TO ME.

AND SHE GOES YOUR VOICE IS
TOO
LOUD IN THE COURTYARD.

WHAT ABOUT FENTANYL LADY UP
ON
THE PORCH WHO HAS BEEN
GAKED OUT
ON DRUGS SINCE SATURDAY?

AND SHE LOOKS UP AS IF -- AS
IF
SHE WENT UP THERE ALL CONCERNED.

YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER.

SHE IS TALKING GIBBERISH
BECAUSE
SHE IS FRIGGING BLASTED.

ANY WAY, HAVE I TWO SECONDS.

THAT'S IT.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE.

IF ANYBODY EVER WANTS TO TALK
TO
ME ABOUT IT.

THANK
YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC

COMMENT.

NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM
IF
THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM.

MARY, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,
PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GREAT.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

WELL, I'M WONDERING ABOUT
WHO'S PAYING FOR ADDITIONAL

POLICE.
WHAT ABOUT LINDA HOPKINS PAYING

FOR SOME ADDITIONAL POLICE.

WHAT ABOUT IF WE ASK HER TO
UNFREEZE THAT OFFICER'S -- I'M

SORRY, MY NOTES ARE ALL
SCREWED
UP -- FOR ONE OF THE OFFICERS.

AND I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD
PAY FOR THAT.

AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN
JEFF WEAVER
WAS HERE, THERE WERE TWO MORE

OFFICERS.
AND WHEN JEFF WAS HERE,

WE
DIDN'T HAVE ELDERBERRY COMMONS.

WE DIDN'T HAVE AS MANY HOMELESS

HERE.
I THINK WE HAD ABOUT THREE.

SO ANY WAY, THAT'S MY COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MARY, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME INTO
CHAMBERS.
IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS
WHO
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

MY NAME IS JEFF LUNTZEL,

L-U-N-T-Z-E-

L-U-N-T-Z-E-L.
IN PETALUMA, THEY CALL ME EL

JEFE, THE BOSS.

I WAS HOMELESS FOR THREE
YEARS
BETWEEN TRACY, CALIFORNIA AND

PETALUMA.

THERE IS A LOT OF BROKEN
THINGS
IN OUR SOCIETY, BUT THERE IS
A
LOT OF GOOD THINGS.

I CURRENTLY HAVE HOUSING.

AND I MADE A LITTLE TRIP TO
A
PLACE CALLED LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA

WHERE I WON A WHOLE LOT OF
MONEY.

THAT'S NOT THE REASON I'M NOT

HOMELESS.
I HAD A LOT OF HELP FROM
PEOPLE LIKE
MARY -- LIKE MARY ISAAC.

I'M BUYING SONOMA JOE'S
CASINO
ON THE FREEWAY THAT YOU HAVE

SEEN EMPTY AND VACANT FOR YEARS
AND TURN IT BACK INTO A

RESTAURANT, BAR AND POKER ROOM.
I'VE BEEN PLAYING POKER FOR 51

YEARS.
I'M A PROFESSIONAL.

YOU SEE, I HAVE TWO EX-WIVES.

I HAD TO HIDE SOME MONEY
SOMEWHERE.

YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN A PUPPET, A

PAUPER, A PILOT, A KING,
I'VE
BEEN UP AND DOWN AND OVER
AND
OUT AND I KNOW ONE THING.

EACH TIME I FIND MYSELF
FLAT ON
MY FACE, I PICK MYSELF UP

AND
GET BACK IN THE
RACE.

THAT'S LIFE.
THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

YOU'RE RIDING HIGH IN
APRIL AND
YOU'RE SHOT DOWN IN MAY.

BUT I'M GOING TO CHANGE
THAT
TUNE COME JUNE.

AND IF NOTHING IS SHAKING
COME
HERE THIS JULY, I'M GOING ROLL

MYSELF UP IN A BIG BALL AND
DIE.
MY, MY.

OKAY.

ONE OTHER THING.

JEFF, YOU HAVE 20 SECONDS.

I WANT TOTO
EVERYBODY
THAT'S HELPED ME.

I HAVE THREE BEAUTIFUL
CHILDREN,
FIVE GRANDKIDS, ANOTHER ONE
ON
THE WAY.

THEY DIDN'T HELP ME FINANCIALLY.

I HAD TO HELP
MYSELF.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?

I DON'T GIVE A FLYING F ABOUT
MONEY.

JEFF, THAT'S
TWO MINUTES.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

VAYA CON DIOS, GO WITH
GOD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC

COMMENT.
NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

GEORGES, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.
CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

DID YOU HEAR ME?

I CAN HEAR
YOU.
CAN YOU
SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I
CAN.

GREAT.

GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC

COMMENT, PLEASE.

I JUST HAVE A QUESTION

FOR
OUR MAYOR.

I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHY HE HAS

EXHIBITED SUCH A SEEMINGLY
DEEP
SEATED DISDAIN DISDAIN POLICE

SERVICES IN SEBASTOPOL THROUGH A

FEW CHIEFS
AND OVER HIS CAREER
AS A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER.

AND IT -- MAYBE IT'S HIS -- AS
A
PUBLIC DEFENDER IN SAN

FRANCISCO, I'M NOT SURE, BUT
IT
JUST IT SEEMS TO ME BASED ON
THE
VIDEOS I'VE WATCHED
IN THE
COUNCIL MEETINGS WHEN I
CAN'T
ATTEND VIA ZOOM THAT HE SEEMS TO

HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE
ATTITUDE
TOWARDS OUR POLICE SERVICES.

AND I'D HOPE HE'D MAYBE
TAKE A

MOMENT TO EXPLAIN THAT THAT'S

ALL.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.

IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS

THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

GOOD EVENING.

I'M DAVE TABER.

RECENTLY MOVED HERE TO

SEBASTOPOL.
VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT.

AND WE MOVED TO THE 700 BLOCK OF
HIGH STREET.

PART OF THE REASON THAT
WE MOVED
THERE WAS BECAUSE OF
PORCHFEST
LAST YEAR, WHICH WE
ATTENDED,
AND I PLAN TO VOLUNTEER THIS

YEAR.
I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH VIBRANT
LOCAL CULTURE IS PART OF WHAT
MAKES US TICK.

AND WE NEED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF
THAT.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT.

THANK YOU.

I WILL GO UP TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM
THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE
AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

VIRTUALLY.
SEEING NONE, I'LL COME BACK TO

CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN
CHAMBERS?

HELLO, I'M MARIAH, AND
BEHALF
OF THE CHAMBER AND BOARD OF

DIRECTORS, I JUST WANTED
TO
SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF

PORCHFEST.

I THINK EVERYTHING THAT
THE
SPEAKER SAID I WOULD
REITERATE
THE SAME.

AND THE VALUE IN AN EVENT LIKE

THIS THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO
TOWN
TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE

OF SEBASTOPOL WHICH IS VERY
MUCH

ABOUT ART AND MUSIC.

AND IF WE CAN SUPPORT THE

MUSICIANS, THE ARTISTS,
GIVE
SOMETHING FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO

DO, AND DRAW PEOPLE TO
TOWN, I
THINK IT'S JUST A TRIPLE WIN.

WE ARE HOSTING AN
EVENT AFTER
PRIM

PRIMERA ART SPACE.

IT'S 5:30 THIS THURSDAY.

AND YOU CAN MEET THE
PORCHFEST
TEAM AND CHECK OUT CHIMERA ART

SPACE IF YOU HAVE NOT. YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

NEXT, I'LL GO BACK OUT TO
ZOOM.
IF THERE IS ANYONE ON
ZOOM
PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A
COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE

AGENDA.

SEEING NONE, I'LL COME BACK
INTO
CHAMBERS IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN

CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

MY NAME IS KAREN DEREST, AND

I
LIVE AT 491 HIGH STREET.

I AM VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE
TO
SPEAK ON BEHALF OF PORCHFEST.

I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE IS
A
PATTERN THAT WE HAVE AS
HUMANS
TO GO TOWARDS THE
OPPOSITIONAL
VOICE INSTEAD OF THE ONE THAT
IS
FILLED WITH JOY.

AND I DON'T KNOW ANOTHER
EVENT THAT
BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY TO MY

NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT WAS FILLED WITH PEOPLE,

CHILDREN, YOUNG
PEOPLE, OLD

PEOPLE CELEBRATING COMMUNITY
TOGETHER.

AND THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T

PRIORITIZE THAT, WE CAN'T
SAY
THIS IS WHO WE WANT TO BE AS A

COMMUNITY, THIS WHO WE STAND FOR

INSTEAD OF GIVING IN TO

OPPOSITION MAKES ME
SAD.

AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN FIND
A
WAY TO BRING THIS BACK TOGETHER

AS A COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE

DESERVE THAT.

WE DESERVE THAT JOY.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC

COMMENT.

THANK YOU.

WE WANT TO KEEP MOVING ALONG

HERE.
SO PLEASE REDUCE THE PHYSICAL --

THANK YOU.

I'LL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM
THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE

AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND
VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, I'LL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.
IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS

THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

HI.

MY NAME IS DORENA.

I LIVE ON LONE PINE ROAD,

AND
I'M A MUSICIAN.

AND I'M -- I WAS
REALLY
DISAPPOINTED TO COME
TOGETHER
AND TO HEAR THAT PORCHFEST HAD

BEEN SHRUNK FROM ITS ORIGINAL

IDEA.

I ATTENDED LAST YEAR, AND
THIS
YEAR MY GROUP, WE SING
BALKAN
VILLAGE MUSIC, WHICH IS NOT --

IT'S NOT EASY TO FIND
ANAN
AUDIENCE FOR THIS.

IT'S VERY SPECIFIC, AND IT'S

VERY OLD, AND IT'S
VERY
WONDERFUL.

AND IT REALLY IS ABOUT
THE
COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER IN

DANCE AND SONG FROM A VERY,
VERY
OLD SET OF CULTURES.

AND WE WERE VERY EXCITED TO
BE
ON THE STREET THAT WAS
PART OF
THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF EXPANSION.

AND THE HOUSE WHERE WE
WERE
GOING TO PERFORM WAS PART OF
A
HUGE NEIGHBORHOOD MOVEMENT.

ALL OF THESE NEIGHBORS WERE

COMING TOGETHER TALKING ABOUT,

YEAH, WHAT ARE WE GOING
TO DO?

HOW IS IT GOING TO WORK,
AND
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?

AND WHO ELSE CAN WE BRING IN?

IT WAS JUST THIS HUBBUB
OF
ACTIVITY OF THE KIND THAT I KNOW

PEOPLE ARE REALLY THIRSTY
FOR,
ESPECIALLY SINCE COVID
HAS KIND
OF INHIBITED OUR ABILITY TO
COME
TOGETHER PEACEFULLY AND

FRUITFULLY.

SO I -- ON BEHALF OF
OTHER
MUSICIANS LIKE MYSELF AND
OTHER
NEIGHBORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE

THIS HAPPEN,
I URGE THE COUNCIL

TO SUPPORT IT.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC
COMMENT.

AGAIN, HE WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM
THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC

COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, I WILL COME
BACK
INTO
CHAMBERS.
IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS?

I WANT TO MENTION
THAT
PORCHES MAKE OUR WHOLE CITY

SAFER.

YOU LOOK AT A LOT OF NEW
SUBDIVISIONS, THE ONLY
PORCH
THEY HAVE IS A FAKE FACADE
THAT
WOULD BE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE SIT

ON THE PORCH TO GET
TO LEARN
YOUR NEIGHBORS.

SO HAVING PORCHES, WE'RE
LUCKY.
ANYTHING WE CAN DO WITH
PORCHES
IS WONDERFUL.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.

GET TO KNOW YOUR
NEIGHBORS, AND
THAT IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO DO

IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT I'LL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM.

IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM
THAT

WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE

AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, HE WILL COME BACK

INTO CHAMBERS.

IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS

THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

MY NAME IS ANNE HAMILTON.

I'M A CITIZEN IN
SEBASTOPOL.
I WAS INVOLVED WITH
PORCHFEST
LAST YEAR, AND I JUST HAVE
TO
SAY FROM THE VOLUNTEER SIDE,

PEOPLE WERE ECSTATIC TO BE

INVOLVED.
YOU LOOKED AROUND ON THE
STREET,
AND THERE WERE FAMILIES
WITH
YOUNG KIDS HAVING PICNICS.

THE 20-SOMETHING CREW
WAS THERE
BECAUSE THERE WAS A PLACE FOR

THEM TO BE PLAYING MUSIC.

IT FELT SAFE AND LOVELY AND
A
BIG COMMUNITY GATHERING.

AND PEOPLE KEPT COMING UP

ALL
DAY SAYING THIS IS THE KIND
OF
PLACE I WANT TO LIVE IN.

SO I HOPE WE LOOK AT THE THE

OF REINSTATING IT AT
THE LEVEL
THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE THIS

YEAR BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A BIG

LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND
THERE

IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AROUND

IT.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ANNE, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT, I'LL GO OUT TO
ZOOM.
IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM
THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE

AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

VIRTUALLY.
SEEING NONE, I'LL COME BACK
INTO

CHAMBERS.
IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS

THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

HI, I'M ELIZABETH.
AND MOVED HERE IN 2018.

I DELVED RIGHT INTO THE
COMMUNITY AS I HAVE NO FAMILY
HERE, AND SO TURNED
TO COMMUNITY
AS A WAY TO HAVE SUPPORT FOR MY
CHILDREN AND MYSELF.

AND I'VE BEEN REALLY INVOLVED
IN
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES IN
THIS
COMMUNITY THAT UNITE US,
THAT
STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES,
AND OF
COURSE GIVE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO BE
INVOLVED.

AND I
AM ONE OF THE BOARD
MEMBERS FOR PORCHFEST.

AND PORCHFEST'S WHOLE MISSION
IS
TO CREATE A SENSE OF
COMMUNITY
AND STRENGTHEN BONDS BETWEEN THE
NEIGHBORS WHILE SUPPORTING THE

MUSIC AND THE ARTS.

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT'S
DONE.

AND IT'S MY HOPE THAT THE
CITY
WILL CONSIDER TO PARTNER WITH
US
SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE

THIS
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

AND BRING IN DIVERSE MUSIC THAT

AREN'T USUALLY GIVEN
THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GOT TO
CHECK
IT OUT LAST YEAR, BUT THERE
WERE
SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AND SO
MANY
DIFFERENT
BANDS THAT WE HAD
NEVER HEARD OF BEFORE.

IT WAS A REALLY
BEAUTIFUL
DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY TO SEE
ALL
THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
ALL THESE
FAMILIES AND PEOPLE THAT
ARE
CHOOSING TO MOVE TO
THIS
COMMUNITY JUST BECAUSE OF
WHAT
THEY'VE
SEEN THAT THIS COMMUNITY
IS CAPABLE OF.

AND IT'S DEFINITELY WHY I MOVED
HERE.

I ABSOLUTELY FELL IN LOVE WITH
FLORENCE STREET.

I FELL IN LOVE WITH GRATEFUL

BAGEL, AND JUST ALL
THE
WONDERFUL THINGS
THAT THIS
COMMUNITY OFFERS.

AND I CAN SEE US
EVENTUALLY
HAVING PORCH FEST ON
FLORENCE
STREET AND OTHER PARTS OF
THIS

COMMUNITY.
AND SO I JUST REALLY WANT
TO
ENCOURAGE THE CITY AND THE

COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER
PARTNERING
WITH US.

AND I THINK MY
DAUGHTER WANTED
TO SAY SOMETHING AS
EL.
YOU DON'T WANT THE SAY ANYTHING?

OKAY.

WELL, HER NAME IS LUCY, AND
SHE
REALLY, REALLY HAD A GOOD
TIME
LAST YEAR.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXTLY GO OUT TO
ZOOM.
IF THERE IS ANYONE ON
ZOOM THAT
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENTS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR
HAND
VIRTUALLY.

SEEING NONE, I WILL
COME BACK

INTO CHAMBERS.

IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT.

SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS

CLOSED.

THANK YOU, MARY.

AND I JUST WANT TO DIRECT A

QUESTION JUST FOR CLARITY.

STAFF PULLED THE ITEM BECAUSE OF

THE PULLING OF THE APPLICATION?

THE APPLICANT REACHED
OUT,
WITHDREW THE APPLICATION FOR

THIS TIME.

THEY HAD TOLD US THAT
THEY WERE
GOING TO BE LOOKING AT DOING
AN
EVENT AT THE SEBASTOPOL CENTER

FOR THE ART AS WELL AS AT THE

IVES PARK.

THEY WILL SUBMIT THE
SPECIAL
PERMIT APPLICATION.

WE DID ALSO DISCUSS
POTENTIAL
WAIVER OF FEES.

IF THAT'S A REQUEST,
THAT WILL

COME BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL
AS

WELL.

THANK YOU, MARY.

ALSO, TO RESPOND BRIEFLY TO
SOME
OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS
ABOUT
WHAT WE'RE DOING IN REGARDS
TO
COUNTY AGENCY, I WOULD
REALLY
HOPE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT
ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT DIFFERENT

COUNTY AGENCIES ARE
DOING,
PLEASE MARK AUGUST 5th ON YOUR
CALENDAR.

THE NEW DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR

HOMELESS SERVICES FROM
THE
COUNTY HAS BEEN INVITED TO

PRESENT TO ALL OF US.

SO PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR

QUESTIONS.
COME PREPARED BECAUSE THAT'S
THE
TIME TO ASK THE QUESTIONS
ABOUT
WHAT THEY'RE DOING OR
NOT DOING.
SO THANK
YOU.
I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT IN

THERE.

YES, COUNCILMEMBER

HINTON?

CAN I BE ALLOWED TO JUST
MAKE
A FEW COMMENTS AT THIS TIME?

SURE.

I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THE
PUBLIC THAT SPOKE TO US ABOUT
PORCHFEST AND JUST SAY THAT
I
WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED, HAVING
READ THE HOLD AGENDA MEETING TO

NOT BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN ON THE
ITEM.

I UNDERSTAND THAT
FOUNDERS AND
THE STEERING
COMMITTEE, YOUR
COMMITTEE HAS PULLED THE ITEM.

BUT IT'S HARD BECAUSE WE'RE
NOT
ALLOWED TO WEIGH IN BECAUSE
THE
ITEM HAS BEEN
PULLED.
IT'S DISAPPOINTING, AND I'M SURE

IT'S DISAPPOINTING FOR YOU
GUYS
THAT YOU HAD SOME PUSHBACK.

I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY
WELL
THOUGHT
OUT, BUT JUST DON'T
ASSUME THAT AS A COUNCIL OR
A
CITY THAT WE'RE NOT
SUPPORTING

YOU BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD
THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
THE

SUBJECT.
SO I HOPE TO SEE IT BACK.

ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER?

YES, I WANT TO ADDRESS ONE OF

THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT THIS
COUNCIL
WON'T ADDRESS ALL
THE
COMMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE

TONIGHT, AND THERE'S A
LEGAL
REASON FOR THAT.

IT'S CALLED THE BROWN ACT, I

BELIEVE.

IF
IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA, WE
CAN'T DISCUSS IT.

AND SO I JUST WANT THE MAKE
THAT

CLEAR.
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO IGNORE

ANYONE HERE.

IF IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA, WE

JUST CAN'T DISCUSS IT.

AND THAT'S A LEGAL
REASON.

THANK YOU.

WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
THE
CONSENT
CALENDAR.
THE TWO ITEMS THAT ARE HERE
ARE
THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY
COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 1st,

2025.
AND NUMBER TWO, APPROVAL
OF CITY
COUNCIL INVITING
REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE CITY'S LABOR UNIONS
TO
PARTICIPATE IN A
COLLABORATIVE
DISCUSSION IN A PUBLIC CITY

COUNCIL MEETING TO
EXPLORE
STRATEGIES FOR GROWING
AND
SUPPORTING ENTRY-LEVEL
POSITIONS
WITHIN THE
ORGANIZATIONS,
INCLUDING STRATEGIC USE OF

OUTSOURCING
TO OPTIMIZE STAFFING
RESOURCES.

NUMBER 3, RECEIPT OF REPORT ON

SCTA FUNDING PROGRAM CYCLE
2
PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025-'26 THROUGH

2030 THROUGH '31 AND
AUTHORIZE
STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH

GRANT
APPLICATIONS TO SCTA.

AS FAR AS FISCAL
IMPACT,
APPROVAL OF THIS ACTION
WOULD
NOT HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT IN

FISCAL JEER '25-'26.

HOWEVER, IF A GRANT IS AWARDED

THERE WOULD BE IMPACT
STARTING
FISCAL YEAR '26-'27 AWARDED
IN
THE SCTCTA CYCLE FUNDING
PROGRAM
IF AWARDED, A FUTURE
FUNDING
AGREEMENT WITH SCTCA
COMMITTING
TO THE LOCAL MATCH WOULD
BE
BROUGHT TO COUNCILCOUNCIL APPROVAL.

NUMBER 4, ADOPTION
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF

CDTFA OF A HALF SENT SALES TAX

APPROVED TATARINOV 5th, .

DUE TO AMBIGUITY IN THE STATE

LAW, THE CITY PREVIOUSLY
WAIVED
COLLECTION OF A QUARTER CENT TAX

AUTHORIZED BY MEASURE U.

THE RECENT CHANGE ALLOWS THE

CITY TO COLLECT THE FULL 1/2.

THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT
FOR
THE ITEM.

BASED IN CHANGE IN STATE
LAW,
THE ADOPTED BUDGET
ASSUMES
IMPLEMENTATION OF A FULL 1/2

TAX.

AGREEMENT INSURES THE CITY
WILL
AGREE THE FULL HALF CENT
UNTIL
SUCH TIME AS THE FULL
TAX
IMPLEMENTED BY CDTFA.

SO I'M LOOKING TO MY
COLLEAGUES
NOW TO MY LEFT TO SEE IF
ANYONE
WOULD LIKE TO PULL AN ITEM.

TO MY RIGHT TO SEE IF ANYONE

PULL AN ITEM.

MARY?

THIS IS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 ON

THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE A
PUBLIC ITEM ON ONE OF THE
ITEMS,
IT IS, AGAIN, A TWO-
MINUTE
PUBLIC COMMENT IN
CHAMBERS

FIRST, AND THEN I'LL GO OUT TO
ZOOM.

HI.

STEVE PEARCE.

I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND
IN
PARTICULAR TONY BERTALERO
AND
OUR PUBLIC WORKS STAFF FOR

MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS
GRANT
APPLICATION TO SCTCA.

HOPEFULLY HAVE I THE ACRONYMS

CORRECTLY.
THIS IS KIND OF
AN IMPORTANT

MILESTONE FOR OUR CITY HERE.
WE DID THIS ACTIVE

TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND
THIS IS

OUR FIRST STEP.
AND I'M ENCOURAGED WITH THE LIST

OF ITEMS THAT WAS BROUGHT

FORWARD BY STAFF.

I THINK THERE ARE SOME
ITEMS
THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
BRING IN
SOONER BECAUSE THE
FIRST
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
ITEM
WOULDN'T REALLY HIT UNTIL 2027.

THERE IS SOME SMALL ITEMS THAT

DON'T COST MUCH THAT
REALLY HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAYBE
BRING
THEM FORWARD MUCH SOONER.

AND THEN THERE IS SOME

BIGGER
ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE
LIST
THAT I THINK THERE IS
SOME
INTEREST FROM THE COUNCIL
AND
THERE MAYBE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR
FUNDING FROM SCTCA.

AND THAT IS OUR DESKTOP
STUDY
FOR THE BIKE TRAILS.

BECAUSE THE BIKE TRAILS ARE
NOT
ON THIS LIST RIGHT NOW,
AND I
THINK THERE IS A
GENERAL

INTEREST.
NOT SURE IF IT'S POSSIBLE
FOR
THAT GRANT MONEY
TO BE USED FOR
THAT.

I SEE COUNCILMEMBER, PROBABLY
NOT POSSIBLE.

THAT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE WE
NEED TO LOOK AT THE LONGER TERM

ITEMS.
AND IN REGARDS TO PROBABLY
THE
BIGGEST ITEM ON THE LIST I
THINK
THINK
WISE IS THE LIBBY
PARK
TRAIL THAT GOES THROUGH THE PARK

THAT'S KIND OF A GOAT TRAIL
RIGHT NOW.

AND WE NEED TO
HAVE SOMETHING
THAT WORKS FOR PEDESTRIANS
AND
FOR BICYCLISTS.

AND GIVEN WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE
FENCE PROJECT IN LIBBY PARK,
A
GREAT VOLUNTEER EFFORTEFFORT
WE
CAN PROBABLY DO SOMETHING
SIMILAR AND DROP OUR CROSS.

YOU HAVE ABOUT TEN
SECONDS.

THAT WAS DONE BY ROTARY,
BUT
THERE IS NOT PEOPLE THAT WE
CAN
GET TOGETHER AND DO
SOMETHING
SIMILAR ON THAT
TRAIL.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC

COMMENT.
NEXT I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

KYLE, YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,
PLEASE?

THERE WE
GO.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GREAT.
GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

YOU KNOW, I'M LOOKING AT THIS
AGENDA ITEM ABOUT INVITATION
TO
CITY LABOR UNIONS FOR
A
COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION
ON
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AND
STRATEGIC STAFFING APPROACHES.

AND, YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT
TO
CUT THROUGH SOME OF THE
NOISE
HERE AND JUST MAKE SURE
THAT
WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING IS

LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN OUR OWN
COMMUNITY WORKFORCE.

IT'S CONCERNING TO ME TO BE

HEARING ABOUT OUTSOURCING
LABOR,
AND I UNDERSTAND THE IDEA
HERE
THAT, LIKE, IF YOU'VE
GOT
SPECIFIC LOWER CAPACITY OR

NON-CORE FUNCTION LABOR,
THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
OUTSOURCING

THAT.
THE CONCERN I HAVE HERE IS THAT

ONE, WE DO HAVE LABOR

UNIONS,
AND THE LABOR UNION AGREEMENT S
AGREEMENTS
YOU HAVE KIND OF STICKLATIONS

THERE ABOUT WHO WE ARE HIRING

AND WHAT CUTES THE WORK OF OUR

EMPLOYEES.
SO I GUESS REALLY THIS IS A

MESSAGE TO OUROUR STAFF
WHO
ARE UNIONIZED TO
VERY TAKE
SERIOUSLY ANY SORT OF
PROPOSAL
OF OUTSOURCING WORK AND

OUTSOURCING LABOR BECAUSE
IT IS
A VERY SLIPPERY SLOPE TO A POINT

WHERE WE ARE
SPENDING HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS,
CONTINUING TO SPEND HUNDREDS
OF
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
OUTSOURCING
HIGH COMPLEX LABOR IN TERMS OF

OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,
AND
THAT WAS JUST STRICTLY AS
A
RESULT OF OUR FAILING TO HIRE
AN
ENGINEERING MANAGER FOR
YEARS
AND YEARS AND
YEARS.
AND THE COSTS EXPLODED FOR THAT

DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF

OUTSOURCING LABOR.

I THINK IT'S A LITTLE
SHORT
SIGHTED TO THINK THAT

OUTSOURCING LABOR IS A

COST-SAVING MEASURE.

AND I WOULD ACTIVELY
ENCOURAGE
OUR UNIONS TO REALLY LOOK
AT
THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE COMING
TO
ANY SORT
OF AGREEMENT TO

OUTSOURCING LABOR.
THANKS.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR

PUBLIC COMMENT.
NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.

IF THERE IS ANYONE IN
CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A
CONSENT ON THE CALENDAR ITEMS 1

THROUGH 4?

SEEING NONE, ITEM IS CLOSED.

OH, SORRY, KATE JUST JUMPED HER

HAND.

KATE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,

PLEASE.

I AM UNMUTED, THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO
SUPPORT I
BELIEVE HIS NAME IS STEVE

PEARCE.

I WANTED TO SUPPORT HIS -- HIS

CALL FOR A PEDESTRIAN
BICYCLEBICYCLE
TRAIL THROUGH WALTER LIBBY PARK.

I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

I ALSO SUPPORT BOTH THE APPLE

BLOSSOM AND GRAVENSTEEN BIKE

TRAILS.

I THINK THOSE WOULD BE A

TERRIFIC ADDITION TO OUR CITY.

AND I WAS LOOKING THROUGHTHROUGH

ITEM, AND I SAW -- ARE YOU
GUYS
PLANNING ON PUTTING ANY
SIDEWALK
ON PALM IN BETWEEN MAIN
STREET
AND PETALUMA AVENUE?

I KEEP ASKING FOR THIS BECAUSE

THERE IS TWO MAJOR CROSSWALKS

THERE, BUT THEN THERE IS
NO
ADJOINING SIDEWALK.

SO IT'S KIND OF A VERY MIXED

PORTRAIT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN IN
THAT AREA.

SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CITYCITY

TO, YOU KNOW, I THINK
IT'S
PROBABLY A HALF A BLOCK WORTH OF

SIDEWALK THAT COULD CONNECT
TWO MAJOR
CROSSWALKS THROUGH AND
TWO
MAJOR INTERSECTIONS.

I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S ON
THERE

OR NOT.
BUT IF IT'S NOT,
I WOULD REALLY
STRONGLY ADVISE FOR THAT.

AND YEAH, AND I WAS
VERY
ENCOURAGING LOOKING THROUGH
THE
PAVEMENT LIST AND SEEING
WHAT
ROADS WILL
BE PAVED YEAR BY

YEAR.

SO THANK YOU.
BYE-BYE.

THANK YOU, KATE, FOR YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO
CHAMBERS.

IF THERE IS ANYONE
IN CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A
COMMENT ON THE CONSENT
CALENDAR
ITEM.

SEEING
NONE, CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM IS
CLOSED.

THANK YOU.

IS THERE FURTHER DISCUSSION
OR
MOTION?

I'LL
GO AHEAD AND MOVE THE
CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1
THROUGH

4.

I'LL SECOND.

THANK YOU.

MARY?

SO MOVED BY
COUNCILMEMBER
HINTON AND SECONDED
BY
COUNCILMEMBER MAURER TO
MOVE
CONSENT ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

AYE.

MAURER?

YES.

VICE
MARILUS WHICH IS ABSENT.
SO THE MOTION PASSES 4-1 WITH

CARTER, HINTON, MAURER IN
SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

AS INDICATED BEFORE BY MARY,
NUMBER 5 WILL BE COMING BACK
ON
AUGUST 5th.

MOVING TO THE INFORMATIONAL
ITEM
NUMBER 6, WHICH IS
A
PRESENTATION FROM THE CHAMBER
OF
COMMERCE AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

ON THE MAIN STREET AMERICA
PROGRAM.

AND THE RESPONSIBLE
DEPARTMENT
IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR.
AS FAR AS FISCAL IMPACT, THERE

IS NO FISCAL
IMPACT ASSOCIATED
WITH RECEIPT OF
THIS ITEM.
I'M
TURNING IT TO THE
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OR TO MARY.

SO THIS WOULD
ACTUALLY
FALL -- THIS WAS REQUESTED BY

OUR MAYOR TO HAVE THE ITEM
COME
FORWARD TO THE CITY

COUNCIL.
THIS IS ABOUT THE MAIN
STREET
AMERICA PROGRAM THAT THE CHAMBER

WENT TO IN OREGON, CORRECT ME
IF
I'M WRONG.

EUREKA.
I'M SORRY.

THAT WAS CLOSE.

IT'S ON THE
BORDER.
THEY WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHORT

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
ON
THIS ITEM.

THERE IS NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN

AT TONIGHT'S MEETING, BUT
THE
COUNCIL CAN GIVE
DIRECTION AFTER
THE PRESENTATION.

I WANT TO INTRODUCE MARIAH AND

ANDREA, IF THEY CAN COME AND
DO
A PRESENTATION.

YES, THANK YOU BOTH VERY

MUCH.
AND THANK YOU,
ANDREA IN
PARTICULAR FOR EMAILING ME
ABOUT
THE FACT THAT YOU AND
MARIAH
WENT TO THE CONFERENCE.

SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR GOING TO
THE CONFERENCE.

AND JUST FOR THOSE FOLLOWING

ALONG AT HOME, ANDREA HAS

PRESENTED US WITH A BINDER
WITH
SOME PAGES IN IT WHICH
HOPEFULLY
THEY'LL BE GOING OVER FOR THE

PUBLIC AS WELL
ONLINE.
THANK YOU.

YEAH, I'LL START.

YEAH, AS MAYOR ZOLLMAN

MENTIONED, ANDREA AND I WENT
ON
A ROAD TRIP TO EUREKA.

WAS IT NOVEMBER?

YEAH.
WE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE

WERE GETTING OURSELVES
INTO.

I THINK JON JAY
HAD RECOMMENDED
THE U.S. MAIN STREET PROGRAM.

WE SPENT TIME ON THE WAY
UP
STOPPING IN EVERY SMALL TOWN

THAT WE COULD
TO OBSERVE THEIR
DOWNTOWNS.

WHAT EACH TOWN DID
DIFFERENTLY,
WHAT WE SAW AS THINGS

THAT COULD
BE IMPROVED, WHAT WE SAW AS

THINGS THAT INSPIRED US FOR
SEBASTOPOL.

THE CONFERENCE ITSELF WAS
HIGHLY
INFORMATIONAL.

I THINK THIS PROGRAM IS ONE
THAT

WOULD BE A GREAT MATCH FOR
SEBASTOPOL RIGHT NOW.

IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT THE
REVITALIZATION OF THE DOWNTOWN

CORRIDOR.
IT'S IN 44 STATES, AND TOWNS
THAT HAVE SIGNED UP HAVE SHOWN
AN INCREASE IN NEW SHOPS

OPENING, AN INCREASE IN
FOOT
TRAFFIC, ALL KINDS OF
BENEFITS
OF BEING A MEMBER
OF THIS

ORGANIZATION, AND IT'S NOT VERY
EXPENSIVE.

IT'S ONLY ABOUT \$800 A YEAR.

SO -- OH, THREE TO
SIX.
BUT ON THAT NOTE, I WANT TO
LET
ANDREA GO AHEAD AND MAKE A
MORE
FURTHER PRESENTATION WHAT WE

LEARNED.
YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION.

OKAY.

SO THE ORGANIZATION IS A

NONPROFIT.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
ANY
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, AND
THEY

PARTNER UP HERE WITH VISIT
CALIFORNIA.

AND WHAT THEY DO IS
BASICALLY,
I'M GOING TO READ FROM HERE,
IT
SUPPORTS -- HELLO.

SORRY.

IT SUPPORTS OVER
1,200
COMMUNITIES IN
RESTORING
ECONOMIC VITALITY IN THEIR

DOWNTOWNS THROUGH FLEXIBLE
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FRAMEWORK.

AND A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT I
HEARD BEFORE ABOUT THE PORCHFEST

AND I READ ABOUT THE THING
THAT THAT
GOING TO HEAD, THE

GARDENING, THAT ALL PULLS IT ALL
TOGETHER, WHICH IS REALLY NICE.

ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE

ORGANIZATION IS
THAT THEY HAVE
SPECIALISTS FOR EVERYTHING.

SO THEY HAVE A DEPARTMENT THAT
WOULD HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GET
LOANS.

THEY WOULD HAVE A DEPARTMENT
THAT WOULD HELP WITH LETTING YOU
KNOW WHAT LEGISLATION IS ON THE
GOVERNOR'S DESK THAT CONCERNS
MAIN STREETS.

THEY ALSO HAVE
AN EXTENSIVE
THING OF GRANTS THAT THEY DO

HELP, AND THEY ACTUALLY HELP
US.
SO THERE IS A PLETHORA OF
THESE
SPECIALISTS WHO ARE LAWYERS AND

CPAs AND YOU NAME IT, THEY'RE
THERE.

AND IT'S JUST THE THING
THAT
STRUCK ME IS TO HAVE ONEONE

THAT WE COULD GO TO FOR ALL
OF
THE ISSUES THAT WEWE

SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION ON
AND
NOT HAVE TO KEEP IS PIECING
IT
OUT WOULD BE GREAT.

AND I THINK IT WOULD HELP UNIFY.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
RIGHT

NOW.
THE COST IS MINIMAL.

AND I WAS JUST REALLY
IMPRESSED
ABOUT HOW THAT THEY NOW HAVE
A
PROVEN SETUP, SO BASICALLY
WHAT
THEY DO IS THE MAIN STREET'S

FOUR-POINT APPROACH IS DESIGN,

IMPROVE STREET SCAPES, SIGNAGE

AND AESTHETICS, AND PROMOTION,

MARKET OUR DOWNTOWN TO
LOCALS AND
VISITORS,
ORGANIZATION, BUILD
PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS CITY,

BUSINESS AND BUSINESS GROUPS.

IT HAS WORKED IN 27 STATES NOW

AND I REALLY BELIEVE
THAT THAT
WOULD BE A VERY, VERY
GOOD
OVERVIEW TO TAKE A LOOK AT
AND
THEN SEE HOW WE CAN
TAKE
EVERYBODY'S CONCERNS AND
WORK
TOGETHER INSTEAD OF
HAVING
EVERYBODY IN
SEPARATE

DIRECTIONS.

WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING.

THIS JUST HELPS US ALL BRING IT

TOGETHER.

DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS?

I WILL OPEN IT UP AND I WANT
TO MAKE SURE MAKE PRESENTATION IS

COMPLETE.

I HAVE ONE.

SURE.

THERE WERE PEOPLE FROM
SMALL
TOWNS AND FROM ALL OVER
THE
STATE AND I THOUGHT THAT
SOME OF
THE ISSUES WE HAVE IN

SEBASTOPOL, I SAID TO
ANDREA,
IT'S SO UNIQUE TO SEBASTOPOL.

WHAT I FOUND IS THAT WAS
NOT
REALLY THE CASE.

THERE WAS A LOT OF
OVERLAP IN
THE CHALLENGES THAT A SMALL

DOWNTOWN FACES.

YOU KNOW, OUR -- THE
UNIQUE
SPECIFIC ISSUES WE ALL KNOW
WE

HAVE ARE THE ROADWAYS, THE
TWO-WAY/ONE-WAY
SITUATION AND
THE FACT THAT THE TOWN WAS
BUILT
AND TWO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS AND
HIGHWAYS ARE BUILT IN THE MIDDLE
OF DOWNTOWN.

THERE WAS OPPOSITION TO IT FROM
SOME, BUT THE VALUE IN THE
BARLOW NOW, THIS IS A FACT,
IT
BRINGS PEOPLE TO TOWN BUT HOW
DODO
BRIDGE
THAT GAP.
THIS ORGANIZATION IS ONE
THAT
CAN HELP US WITH THOSE
CHALLENGES.

SO YEAH, WE'RE BOTH ALL
ABOUT

IT.
YEAH, IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS,
PLEASE ASK.

HOLD ON.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE
THE
PRESENTERS ARE DONE.

MY THING IS I WAS JUST AMAZEDAMAZED

HOW MANY SMALL TOWNS WE
WENT
THROUGH, AND THE ONES THAT HAD
A

LOT OF PARKING ALSO HAD A LOT
OF
EMPTY STOREFRONTS.

I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT

WHERE WE ARE ALL UPSET
THAT
THERE'S NOT A LOT OF
PARKING,
BUT I THINK WE NEED TO REMIND

PEOPLE, TOWNS THAT DON'T HAVE
A
LOT OF PARKING AND ARE FULL MEAN

THEY ARE DOING WELL, BECAUSE
WE
SAW A LOT OF THEM.

AND YOU TOLD ME, COUNCILMEMBER

CARTER, YOU DROVE THROUGH

EUREKA, AND IT WAS AMAZING.

I DID PUT THE LINK THERE SO
YOU
CAN READ ABOUT IT, AND EVERYBODY

ELSE IS, TOO, AND YOU CAN GAIN
A
LOT OF INFORMATION.

I WANT TO MAKE
SURE
EVERYTHING IS
OUT -- PLEASE,
THIS IS YOUR TIME TO BE HERE.

STOPPING IN THE
VISITORS
CENTERS AND CHAMBERS IN THE

TOWNS, TOO, WAS INTERESTING.

WHAT I FOUND, FOR
EXAMPLE, IN

THE EUREKA CHAMBER, PART OF
THE
"STAR WARS" FILMS WERE FILMED UP

THERE, AND THEY REALLY DIVE INTO

THE CULTURE OF WHAT MAKES
THEIR
TOWN UNIQUE, SPECIFICALLY,
LIKE,
THERE WAS A BIG R2D2 IN
THE
MIDDLE OF THE VIDEO CENTER,
AND
SCENES FROM THE FILM
IN
DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES IN
EUREKA,
AND IT MADE ME THINK OF

SEBASTOPOL, AND THE CHAMBER
IS
NOT JUST A CHAMBER BUT
A

VISITORS CENTER.
WE REMODELED AND REBRANDED
AND
WE HAVE SEBASTOPOL T-SHIRTS
AND
WATER BOTTLES AND I
NOTICED THIS
AS A CHARACTERISTIC AS A LOT OF

THE DIFFERENT VISITORS
CENTERS,
AND THAT WAS EDUCATIONAL TO
ME
TO SEE HOW OTHER TOWNS ARE
DOING

IT.

THANK YOU.

NOW I WILL OPEN IT UP
FOR

DISCUSSIONS.I
WILL GO TO

COUNCILMEMBER
MAURER.

THIS COUNCIL VOTED TO
SUPPORT
THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES
AND WE
VOTED TO GIVE ANOTHER \$15,000 TO

SOMETHING TO CONNECT THE
BARLOW
TO DOWNTOWN, AND WE VOTED
ON
THAT AT THE LAST MEETING.

I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS.

YOU SAID THAT -- I WANT TO
MAKE
IT CONCRETE SO I UNDERSTAND
HOW
IT WORKS.

THE PRICE TAG IS RELATIVELY

INEXPENSIVE, RIGHT, FOR
THE
SERVICES YOU ARE OFFERING,
BUT I
DON'T TOTALLY UNDERSTAND HOW
IT
WORKS.

IF WE TAKE ONE LITTLE
ISSUE,
LIKE THE ISSUE OF CONNECTING THE

BARLOW TO
THE DOWNTOWN.
HOW WOULD THAT WORK IN TERMS
OF
BEING A MEMBER OF THIS

ORGANIZATION?

THEN WHO WOULD DO --
HOW WOULD
YOU GET THE HELP?

THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING
TO
UNDERSTAND AND THEN I HAVE ONE

MORE QUESTION AFTER THAT.

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT?

YEAH, DID YOU SAY YOU
HAVE

ANOTHER QUESTION?

YES, BUT --

ANSWER THIS ONE FIRST?

YES, PLEASE.

I'M SPACING --

IT'S FINE.

THIS WILL BE A
LEARNING

EXPERIENCE.
IT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

WE WILL LEARN AS WE GO.

I KNOW WE HAVE A TEAM OF
EXPERTS
AND WE WILL PROVIDE THEM
WITH
OUR SPECIFIC CHALLENGES ON
THE
SITUATION AND GET GUIDANCE IN

TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING, AND
I
THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU
ARE

ASKING.
IT'S GOING TO BE A MATTER OF THE

COLLABORATION AND
CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THE COMMUNITY AND
BUSINESS
OWNERS TO REALLY IMPLEMENT
THE
PLANS AND SUPPORT FROM THE CITY,

DEPENDING ON WHAT THE
PARTICULAR
ISSUE MIGHT BE.

RECENTLY, WE, THE
DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION AND THE CHAMBER, AS

YOU KNOW, WERE IN THIS PROCESS

OF, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, A MERGER.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAMBER
OF
COMMERCE HAS THREE
DOWNTOWN
BUSINESS OWNERS ON OUR BOARD
OF

DIRECTORS.
WHEN I STARTED A FEW YEARS AGO

WE DID NOT HAVE ONE.

THAT COLLABORATION IS
TAKING
PLACE WITHIN THE CHAMBER NOW.

WE HAVE ANDREA, TODD FROM
SPRINT
AND OUR NEW PRESIDENT IS
MOLINA
MOORE OVER THE BLISS SPA.

THESE PEOPLE ARE INVESTED
IN
IMPROVING THE DOWNTOWN.

THINK OF THE ORGANIZATION
AS,
LIKE, A LIBRARY.

IT'S A LIBRARY, BUT IT'S NOT

BOOKS, IT'S PEOPLE, WHO ARE
ALL
EXPERIENCED IN MAIN
STREET
DOWNTOWN ISSUES.

SO WE BASICALLY HAVE OUR
OWN
ISSUES.

WE GO TO THEIR LIBRARY AND
WE CAN
GET THE INFORMATION THAT
WE
NEED TO BE ABLE TO
IMPLEMENT
THINGS INSTEAD OF HAVING TO

RE-WRITE SOMETHING.

THAT'S THE THING THAT
IMPRESSED
ME THE MOST IS THEY ARE
A
PLETHORA OF PEOPLE THAT CAN
SAY
WE HAVE
THIS ISSUE.
THEY HAVE SEEN IT AND THEY
HAVE
DONE IT
AND HAVE BEEN THROUGH IT
AND THEY HAVE THE
SPECIALISTS
THAT WILL HELP US, PUT US IN
A
DIRECTION SO WE CAN DO
SOMETHING
WITH THE BARLOW.

IS THERE AN ADDITIONAL COSTS?

SAY YOU ARE A MEMBER AND

YOU
WANT TO REACH OUT WITH THIS

QUESTION, AND WE WILL
NEED
SOMEBODY TO REACH OUT WITH A

QUESTION, RIGHT?

DOES IT COST MORE?

YOU HAVE A QUESTION, AND
YOU
WILL REACH FOR THIS
DEPARTMENT
AND IS THAT ANOTHER
CHARGE?

NO, IT'S NOT, BECAUSE IT'S
A
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SO THEY
DO -- THEIR ORGANIZATION IS
SO
HUGE THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO
DO
THAT.

SO IT WOULD BE BASICALLY, LIKE I

SAID, AN EXCELLENT LIBRARY FOR
A
SMALL TOWN LIKE OURS.

WE'RE AT THE POINT WHERE
I THINK
IT'S PERFECT.

WE'RE HISTORIC.

WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS
GOING
FOR US, OBVIOUSLY.

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
PROMOTE
SUPER SATURDAY FOR AT LEAST 13

YEARS NOW.

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
SUPPORT
THE DOWNTOWN -- IT'S THE
53rd
ACTUAL SIDEWALK SALE,
AND I
DON'T THINK PEOPLE EVEN REALIZE

THAT.

I DON'T SEE THE APPLE
FESTIVAL
SAYING THAT'S A FUNDRAISER.

SO THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN BE

DONE, AND I KNOW
AT THIS POINT I
NEED HELP.

FORTUNATELY, THE ONLY
ONE
HELPING NOW HELPING WITH
THE
TRANSITION DOWNTOWN, SIMPLY

BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE
EITHER
DON'T WANT TO GIVE THEIR TIME
OR
THEY ARE BUSY AND
I UNDERSTAND
ALL THAT, AND I THOUGHT IT
WAS SO
IMPORTANT, BECAUSE --

NOW TO MY RIGHT.

A QUESTION AND THEN
A

COMMENT.
SO YOU ARE SAYING THE

CHAMBER/DOWNTOWN IS GOING TO

JOIN THIS
ORGANIZATION?

YES.

OKAY.

SO YOU ARE NOT ASKING
FOR
FINANCIAL SUPPORT, YOU ARE JUST

KIND OF PRESENTING TO US --

IT WOULD BE NICE, BUT, NO.

WE HOPEFULLY CAN ONCE WE
LOOK
AT OUR BUDGET CAN SEE
ABOUT
BUDGETING FOR THAT.

YEAH.

THEN, JUST A POINT OF
HISTORY
THAT THE DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION
DID BELONG TO THE
ORGANIZATION,
AND I ATTENDED A CONFERENCE
BACK
IN PALM SPRINGS BACK IN
THE
EARLY '90s.

IT'S JUST KIND OF COMING
BACK TO
THE ROOTS.

I WILL SAY MY OWN PERSONAL

EXPERIENCE IS THE MOST

BENEFICIAL PART OF THAT
IS THAT
THOSE OF US THAT CAME
TO
SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN AND

WENT TO
THE CONFERENCE LIKE YOU TWO
DID
IN PALM SPRINGS AND THEN
CAME
BACK WITH ALL THAT
EXCITEMENT
AND IDEAS, SO IF YOU CAN GET THE

PEOPLE INVOLVED -- WE PAID FOR

IT OURSELVES, AND OF COURSE
THE
MEMBERSHIP WAS COVERED BY
THE
DOWNTOWN.

ANYWAY.

I THINK THAT WILL BE
REALLY
POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME,
BECAUSE,
LIKE I SAID, I'M LISTENING
TO

PORCHFEST.
I'M LISTENING TO PEOPLE
THAT
WANT THESE THINGS TO
HAPPEN AND
THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE THEY
CAN
COLLABORATE OR A PLACE WITH

RESOURCES, SO WITH
PORCHFEST,
ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY PULLED
OUT
AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE AT THE

CENTER OF THE ARTS.

IF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE MAIN

STREET HAD KNOWN ABOUT IT,
WE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
HELP

WITH THAT.
ANY ORGANIZATION WITHIN

SEBASTOPOL THAT MAYBE WANTS TO

MAKE MORE MUSIC OR TAKE THE

THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT
THAT
WE ALREADYALREADY HERE, AND I

MENTIONED THE SIDEWALK SALE,
AND
I MENTIONED THE SIDEWALK SALE --

WHAT WAS THE OTHER ONE WE HAVE

GOING?
ANYWAY, THE MUSIC, THEY HAVE
ALL
OF THESE THINGS, BUT THIS
WOULD
HELP BRING IT ALTOGETHER
SO WE
ARE NOT DIFFERENT ARMS DOING IT.

WE ARE ALL VERY BUSY, AND THIS,

TO ME, AS A BUSINESS PERSON,
AND
I HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 40

YEARS, MAKES THE MOST SENSE

BECAUSE TRYING TO RE-INVENT THE

WHEEL CONSTANTLY IS JUST --

IT'S -- IT'S A WASTE OF TIME
AND
WE HAVE A LOT TO DO.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

ACTUALLY, LET'S GET TO

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER FIRST.

ALL I SIMPLY WANT TO
SAY IS
THAT I'M GLAD YOU HAVE COME WITH

THIS RESOURCE HERE TO TELL
US
ABOUT IT.

WE, AS GOVERNMENT, SHOULD
BE
EMPOWERING DOWNTOWN TO DO
ITS
THING AND NOT DO IT FOR

DOWNTOWN.
BUT WE WANT TO CREATE THE
SPACE
THAT ENABLES YOU TO DO YOUR

THING, RIGHT?

I'M REALLY GLAD YOU ARE
NOT
GOING TO RE-CREATE THE WHEEL.

THERE'S SO MANY RESOURCES OUT
THERE, IT'S RIDICULOUS.

HAS COUNCILMEMBER HINTON
SAID,
THIS HAS BEEN AROUND
QUITE A
WHILE AND PEOPLE
UNDERSTAND OUR
SITUATION VERY WELL.

MAYBE WHAT I CAN ASK YOU
GUYS TO
DO IS KIND OF ORGANIZE,
LIKE,
HOW WE CAN HELP
YOU.
THE NEXT THING ON THE AGENDA

TONIGHT IS BUSINESS --
ECONOMIC

GARDENING FOR THE CITY,
AND
THAT'S WHERE, YOU
KNOW,
HOPEFULLY AT THAT POINT YOU'LL

HAVE SOME OF YOUR IDEAS MORE

FORMULATED, NEEDS,
REQUESTS,
THINGS LIKE THAT, SO WE CAN
HELP
DRIVE MOMENTUM.

I'M STARTING TO SEE A
LITTLE
MORE MOMENTUM DOWNTOWN.

ALL IT TAKES IS JUST A
LITTLE
FRICTION FROM PEOPLE, JUST NOT

LIKE, IT'S JUST ANOTHER
TABLE
PLAN AND WE'RE NOT
DOING
ANYTHING.

ONCE YOU START SEEING
RESULTS,
IT GETS BETTER, AND WE'RE AT
THE
PLACE AND SEBASTOPOL IS AT
THE
PLACE WHERE WE ARE SEEING
A
LITTLE MORE INCREMENTAL

MOMENTUM, AND ANYTHING
YOU CAN
DO TO GATHER WHAT WE CAN DO
BY
THAT POINT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

YEAH, AND I THINK ONE OF
THE
FIRST THINGS WE NEED TO DO
IS
REACH OUT TO, LIKE, PORCHFEST.

WE NEED TO REACH OUT TO
PORCHFEST AND THE OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE THAT'S
WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS AND
THAT'S
WHERE I CAN FIND OUT MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S
NEEDED
AND PRESENT IT TO YOU
GUYS.
THIS IS, LIKE, IN THE
VERY
BEGINNING STAGES.

APPRECIATE THAT.

BACK TO COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I HAD ANOTHER QUESTION.

I WAS JUST CONFUSED.

YOU SAID -- I WANT TO
CLARIFY
THIS THING ABOUT WHEN
THERE
WASN'T A LOT OF PARKING,
THEN
THE BUSINESSES DID BETTER.

I WAS CONFUSED BY THAT.

WHAT I MEANT IS IF
WE GO
THROUGH A TOWN AND THERE WERE

VERY
FEW CARS --

UH-HUH.

SO THEREFORE THERE WAS A
LOT
OF PARKING FOR
US --

UH-HUH.

THE TOWN WAS DEAD.

IT WAS LIKE A GHOST
TOWN.

WAS THAT A COMMENT ABOUT OUR

PARKING SITUATION?

NO, I HAVE BEEN
TRYING TO
EXPLAIN TO MERCHANTS AND
OTHERS,
IT'S A CHALLENGE TO ANY CITY
FOR
PARKING, AND IT'S IRRITATING.

THERE'S NOT ONE CITY
THAT DOES
WELL THAT DOESN'T HAVE
ISSUES
WITH PARKING, SO I KIND OF
WANT
TO GET THAT OFF THE TABLE
AT

SOME POINT.

OKAY.

I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU
THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TELL US THE
DATE
FOR THE SIDEWALK SALE AND
THE
DATE FOR THE MOVIE NIGHT.

YEAH, THAT IS GOING TO BE
THE
WEEKEND OF JULY 26th AND 27th.

AND ON THE SIDEWALK SALE

WEEKEND ON SATURDAY WE'LL
HAVE
LIVE MUSIC IN THE PLAZA
WITH
SCHOOL OF ROCK, WHICH IS A LOCAL
KIDS BAND YOU PROBABLY HEARD OF.

THEY DRAW IN -- MOST OF
THESE
KIDS GO TO SCHOOLS ALL OVER
THE
COUNTY SO PEOPLE COME FROM
ALL
OVER TO WATCH THESE KIDS.

I GUESS WE ARE
GETTING
COMMENTS ABOUT --

SO SATURDAY THE 26th,
LIVE
MUSIC IN THE PLAZA, AND WE WILL
HAVE BEER AND WINE FOR SALE FROM
3:00 TO 5:00 IN THE
AFTERNOON,
AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING
EVERYBODY
TO COME OUT AND SHOP LOCALLY
AND
STOP IN THE PLAZA AND ENJOY
MUSIC, HAVE A GLASS OF WINE.
MOVIE NIGHT IS AUGUST 2nd.
THAT'S A SATURDAY ON THE LITTLE
LEAGUE FIELD.

THIS IS OUR THIRD ANNUAL.

WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL --
NOT
SCHOOL OF ROCK, BUT WE
ARE
PLAYING RATATOUILLE, AND IT'S

ABOUT A RAT THAT IS A CHEF.

MOVIE NIGHTS HAVE
BEEN
INCREASINGLY A NICE SUCCESS.

WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP IT
FREE TO
THE COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR

SPONSORSHIPS AND THE
RIALTO
PROVIDES POPCORN AND IT'S
NICE
TO TAKE CARE OF THE TOWN AND
OUR
COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND IT'S FUN.

GREAT.

I WANT TO ADD ONE MORE
THING
WITH REGARD TO
THESE
IMPROVEMENTS.

I THINK -- I KNOW THERE ARE A
LOT OF INITIATIVES AND A LOT OF
GROUPS OPERATING SEPARATELY
WITH
INTENTIONS OF IMPROVEMENT
IN
DIFFERENT WAYS, WHETHER IT'S
THE
PARK BIKE PATHS OR
IMPROVEMENTS,
AND I HAVE BEEN THE

DIRECTOR OF
THE CHAMBER FOR ALMOST
THREE
YEARS NOW, AND ONE OF THE
THINGS
I HAVE HEARD
REPEATEDLY,
DISCUSSED REPEATEDLY AND I
JUST
HAVE NOT SEEN THE MOVEMENT
YET
IS THE DOWNTOWN AND THE PLAZA.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

THERE ARE LONG-TERM PLANS
THAT
HAVE TO HAPPEN, BUT MY
THOUGHT
IS WHAT CAN WE DO RIGHT NOW?

I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER
SHOP
CLOSE DOWN ON MAIN STREET.

EVEN THE SMALLEST THINGS,
LIKE
ONE OF THE TOWNS WE WENT

THROUGH, EVERY SHOP HAD
A
LITTLE -- NICE LITTLE
FLOWER
BASKET IN FRONT OF IT AND HOW

HARD WOULD SOMETHING LIKE
THAT
BE TO JUST TAKE ONE STEP
TOWARDS
MAKING IT LOOK A LITTLE MORE

LOVED.

WE ALREADY HAVE SOMEBODY

WILLING TO
DO THAT.

WE DO.

I'LL WATER THEM.

GREAT.

THERE YOU GO.

IF THERE ARE NO MORE
QUESTIONS,
WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

YOU GUYS CAN GO AHEAD
AND
TAKE A SEAT.

THANK YOU.

SO THIS IS PUBLIC
COMMENT ON
THE PRESENTATION FROM
THE MAIN
STREET PROGRAM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
A
COMMENT ON THIS INFORMATIONAL

ITEM, I WILL GO INTO
CHAMBERS

FIRST.
WOULD ANYBODY LIKE TO
MAKE A
PUBLIC COMMENT?

SEEING NONE.

I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMOOT MUTE
YOURSELF, PLEASE.

THIS
IS TERRIFIC.

I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING
FOR
SOMETHING TO MAKE DOWNTOWN
OR
THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WORK

BETTER, AND PEOPLE ARE GETTING

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS AND
IT'S
A TERRIFIC MOVEMENT AND I HOPE

IT KEEPS GOING.

I WOULD ADD TO THE
DISCUSSION,
NOT ONLY THE GOAL OF A MORE

VIBRANT COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO
ONE
THAT IS FISCALLY HEALTHY,
WHICH
MEANS AS THESE
ACTIVITIES ARE
TAKING PLACE, WE ARE
THINKING
ABOUT HOW DO WE INCREASE
SALES
TAX REVENUE, AND I HATE TO TAKE

IT BACK TO THE NUMBERS
BUT AT
THE END OF THE DAY IF WE CAN'T

GROW SALES TAX FASTER THAN

INFLATION, IT CAN'T SURVIVE
AND
THERE HAS TO BE A RELATIONSHIP

THERE, AND THE KINDS OF THINGS

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
HAVEHAVE
CHANCE OF MAKING IT BETTER.

IT CAN'T JUST BE THE BUSINESS

COMMUNITY.
IT HAS TO BE THE CITY.

THEY HAVE TO BE LINKED IN A
WAY
WHERE IF SOMETHING LIKE

PORCHFEST COMES UP AND THERE
ARE
ISSUES, MARY KNOWS WHO TO
CALL
IN THE GROUP OF CITY PEOPLE
THAT
WANT TO TAKE ON A PROBLEM LIKE

THAT, AND SAY, GO TALK TO THESE
PEOPLE, THEY CAN HELP YOU.

BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOMEBODY TO
TALK TO AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN
UP UNTIL NOW AS FAR AS I CAN
TELL.

THERE WAS A GREAT
DISCUSSION
ABOUT IMPROVING THE TRASH CANS.

THERE'S ALSO A PROBLEM WITH THE CITY.

I GO TO A LOT OF SMALL
CITIES
AROUND THIS COUNTRY AND ALL
OF
THEM HAVE BETTER SIGNS THAN
WE

DO.
WHERE IS THE PARKING?

WHERE IS THE FOOD?

WHERE IS THE SHOPPING?

IT'S
AWFUL HERE.
IN PROMOTION, I AM ABOUT

A
THOUSAND YARDS RIGHT NOW FROM
A
TOURISTS FOR SURE DISPLAY.

EVERY TOWN IN THE COUNTY HAS A
BROCHURE IN THAT DISPLAY EXCEPT
SEBASTOPOL, AND THAT'S A
COMMERCE RESPONSIBILITY.
THANK YOU.

I WILL COME BACK IN
CHAMBERS,
IF THERE'S ANYBODY THAT
WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT?

SEEING NONE, GOING BACK OUT TO
ZOOM.

KATE, CAN YOU UNPHAOUT MUTE YOURSELF,

PLEASE.
CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

I HAVE A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

ONE IS TO USE A SURVEY
MONEY
SURVEY FOR YOUR BUSINESS
OWNERS,
WHICH WOULD BE A QUICK
AND EASY
WAY TO OLICIT WHAT
BUSINESS
OWNERS
THRIVE, AND THEY CAN DO
IT ONLINE SO IT DOESN'T TAKE
MUCH OF THEIR TIME.

AND THE SECOND THING, I AM
EXCITED TO
SEE THERE'S SOMETHING
TO CONNECTION MAIN STREET TO THE
BARLOW, AND THAT CONNECTION
MIGHT HAPPEN THROUGH THE
PLAZA
AND I AM WONDERING IF THAT COULD
BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPRUCE
UP
THE PLAZA WITH NEW BENCHES AND
PLANTING.

AND THEN THE THIRD THING
IN
RELATION TO WHAT ROBERT
WAS
TALKING ABOUT, I THINK
IT WOULD
BE GREAT IF THE COUNCIL
AND
MARIAH AND ANDREA WALKED UP
AND
DOWN THE STREETS AND LOOKED
AT
WHERE THERE'S DUPLICATE
SIGNAGE
AND MAYBE REMOVE DUPLICATE
SIGNAGE TO REMOVE VISUAL

CLUTTER.
ALSO, LOOK AT ALL THE POLES,
THE
LIGHT POLES AND UTILITY
POLES
AND TRY TO SEE IF THERE'S A
WAY
TO CLEAN THEM UP SO THEY ARE
NOT
JUST COVERED WITH GRAFFITI ALL

THE TIME.
THEN I'M WONDERING IF THERE
ARE
WAYS THAT BUSINESS OWNERS OR
THE
CITY OR THESE DIFFERENT GROUPS

CAN GET TOGETHER TO THINK
ABOUT
THE RITE
AID SPACE THAT WILL
SOON BE VACANT BECAUSE IT'S
A
HUGE LOT IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN.

I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE

PROACTIVE ABOUT THAT
SPACE,
OTHERWISE IT WILL BECOME AN

ENCAMPMENT AND CAN BECOME A

PLACE FOR BAD ACTORS AND
PEOPLE
TO HANG OUT THERE WITHOUT ANY

SORT OF -- YOU KNOW, IF
THE
LANDLORDS DON'T GIVE
PERMISSION
TO THE POLICE, THEY WON'T BE

ABLE TO GO ON TO THE LOT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KATE, FOR YOUR

PUBLIC
COMMENT.

OLIVER, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF,
PLEASE?

CAN YOU SEE THE
TIMER?

YEAH.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS GREAT.

THANK YOU, MARIAH, AND THE
OTHER
LADY, ANDREA.

REALLY GOOD.

THERE'S ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT

HERE, AND YOU SEE THIS
IN SAN
FRANCISCO A LOT, WHEN THERE
ARE
NOT MANY BUSINESSES OPEN,

UNFORTUNATELY YOU TEND TO GET A

LOT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE
MOVING
INTO THOSE SPACES, WHICH IS
WHAT
IS HAPPENING IN SEBASTOPOL.

ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO
REVITALIZE
THE PLAZA, WHICH IS WHAT YOU
ARE
RECOMMENDING, I THINK IS A
GOOD
THING.

THAT BASICALLY SHOWS THAT
THE
SPACE IS BEING USED AND
AS
PEOPLE DRIVE PAST THEY
SEE
THERE'S ACTUALLY ACTIVITY GOING

ON, NOT FROM DRUNK
PEOPLE
PLAYING FRISBEE AND SMOKING

WEED, WHICH IS WHAT PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN COMMON ENTING ON.

SOME OF THE COMMENTS ABOUT

EUREKA, AND THE IDEA OF
HAVING
AUDIO AND VISUAL
PRESENTATIONS
IS IMPORTANT.

I THINK IT WOULD BE
WONDERFUL TO
HAVE A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IOSK
IN THE PLAZA.

MANY ARE WONDERING INTO
THE
DOWNTOWN AREA.

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO
HAVE
SIGNAGE POINTING TO WHERE THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS IN THE

CITY.
THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

ANYWAY, GREAT PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK IN
CHAMBERS IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN
CHAMBERS?

HI, THERE, MY NAME IS

BILL
AND I'M -- I WORK WITH HOT MONK

TAVERN AND ALSO ON THE
CHAMBER
BOARD.

I WAS ACTUALLY BORN AND
RAISED
IN EUREKA.

I WAS -- IT'S SO DEPRESSED UP

THERE, AND I VISITED, OH,
MAYBE
TWO MONTHS AGO, AND WHAT
THEY
HAVE DONE WITH THE DOWNTOWN

AREA, ESPECIALLY THE OLD
TOWN
AREA
IS PHENOMENAL.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

THEY ARE REALLY --
THEY'RE
BUILDING ON THAT OLD TOWN FEEL,

YOU KNOW.

WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL
LITTLE
DOWNTOWN HERE, TOO, THAT
HAS
THAT OLD TOWN FEEL.

YOU KNOW, YOU PUT THOSE FLOWERS

OUT THAT THEY ARE TALKING
ABOUT
AND THAT JUST LIFTS THE WHOLE

SPACE.
THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING

ABOUT CONNECTING THE BARLOW
WITH
DOWNTOWN.

THAT'S GREAT.

IF WE COULD PUT A LITTLE
TRAIL
OVER TO HOT MONK, TOO,
THAT
WOULD BE AWESOME, BECAUSE WE'RE

JUST KIND OF -- WE'RE OFF OF

DOWNTOWN,
ACTUALLY, JUST A BLOCK
OFF BUT THAT'S A LONG WAYS WHEN

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
FOOT

TRAFFIC.
ANYWAY, I WHOLLY SUPPORT THIS.

I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE FUN.

I THINK IT WILL BRING A LOT
TO
THE CITY.

AND ANY OTHER SUPPORT WE CAN
GET
FROM THE COUNCIL WOULD BE

AWESOME.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, BILL, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I GO OUT TO ZOOM.

MICHAEL, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT

MARIAH AND ANDREA.

IT'S NOT EASY TO GET EVERYBODY

TOGETHER IN THE DOWNTOWN, SO

I
JUST WANT
TO SUPPORT THEIR

EFFORTS.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN
CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM.

LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,

PLEASE?

I WAS JUST GOING TO MAKE THE

REMARK, I NEED TO GO TO THE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BUILDINGS
BECAUSE I DID NOT REALIZE

THEY
WERE SELLING SEBASTOPOL

T-SHIRTS.

MAYBE THIS KIND OF STUFF SHOULD
BE MAYBE ADVERTISED SOMEWHERE?

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK
INTO
CHAMBERS.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN
CHAMBERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
PUBLIC
COMMENT?

SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT
IS

CLOSED.

THANK YOU, MARY.

ARE THERE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS

OR DISCUSSIONS FROM MY
COLLEAGUES
BEFORE WE GO FORWARD.

JUST A QUESTION OF
STAFF,
COULD WE DISCUSS THE IDEA
OF
FUNDING THIS NOW, OR DOES
THIS
NEED TO
COME BACK AT ANOTHER
DATE FOR FUNDING?

IT WOULD NEED TO COME

BACK,
BECAUSE IT'S NOT ON
THE AGENDA.

OKAY.

YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR
ACTION
TO STAFF TO BRING THIS
ITEM

BACK.

WELL, I WOULD DO THAT.

YOU KNOW, I FEEL I'M
REALLY
GRATEFUL THAT YOU BROUGHT
THIS
HERE TONIGHT.

I WOULD, AS LONG AS I GET
A
SECOND HERE, TO BRING IT BACK

FOR THE IDEA OF FUNDING, A

ONE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP.

YEAH, YOU CAN DO A
GENERAL
CONSENSUS AND COUNCIL

CONSIDERATION, AND THERE IS NO

MOTION BUT IT WOULD BE
A
DIRECTION FROM STAFF IF THERE'S

CONSENSUS.

THANK YOU.
OKAY.

GOT IT.

YES.

YEP.

YES.

I MEAN, WE'RE NOT
TALKING
ABOUT IT OR MAKING COMMENT AT

THIS POINT, IT WILL COME
BACK?

YEAH, THE REQUEST FOR
THE
MEMBERSHIP.

IT'S FINE TO COME BACK.

WITH THAT, IS THERE
MOVEMENT
TO SEND IT TO BUDGET
COMMITTEE
TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE
OKAY
WITH WHATEVER THE AMOUNT WAS,

\$600, OR IS THAT TOO MUCH

DIRECTION?
I DON'T KNOW, ALEX.

[INAUDIBLE].

THE DIRECTION AS PARTPART --

TO SEND
IT THROUGH THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE IF THAT'S WHAT THE

COUNCIL WANTS, THAT COULD BE

THE
DIRECTION.

YES, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

I AM KIND OF CURIOUS, IF
WE
ALREADY HAVE THE MONEY, IF
WE
COULD JUST ALLOCATE IT --

IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA
TONIGHT, SO TO DISCUSS FUNDING

THAT, THAT WOULD NEED TO
COME
BACK AND CITY STAFF CAN
REVIEW
IT TO SEE WHAT ACCOUNT WE
WANT
TO PULL IT FROM.

IT'S A MINOR AMOUNT AND I DON'T

HAVE THE SPECIFICS YET AND
I
HAVE HEARD THE AMOUNT CAN
RANGE
FROM 300 TO
600.

SURE.

IF IT'S COUNCIL'S DIRECTION
TO BRING IT BACK, WE WILL
BRING
IT BACK.

COUNCILMEMBER
MAURER?

I BELIEVE WE HAVE MAYBE 3900

ABOVE, AND THE MONEY IS THERE
AND WE STILL HAVE A BALANCED

BUDGET.

SOUNDS RIGHT.

I HAVE A QUESTION, FIRST OF
ALL, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE --

WE'RE UP HERE AS A FULL
COUNCIL,
RIGHT, AND WE'RE JUST TRYING TO

FOLLOW PROTOCOL.

AND NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE TO
LOOK
AT THIS WITHIN ALL
OUR
ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTIRE BUDGET.

I APPRECIATE THE
PRESENTATION
BUT I'M NOT WILLING TO PULL
THE
TRIGGER ON THIS TONIGHT, SO
IT'S
FINE TO BRING THE AGENDA
ITEM
BACK AS
PROTOCOL.

THANKS.

WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE.

THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS
FOR
BRINGING THAT FORTH AND
BEING
HERE AND PREPB SENTING AND FIELDING

QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU.

NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
AGENDA
ITEM NUMBER 7, THE
CONTINUED
ITEM FROM JULY 1st WHICH IS THE

LIBRARY STAFF AND
COMMITTEES,
AND IT'S TO RECEIVE THE
REPORT
FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE
AND
DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDED
ACTIONS
IN THE REPORT.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS
RECEIVE
REPORT FROM CURRENT AD
HOC
COMMITTEE, DISILLUSION OF THE

CURRENT AD HOC COMMITTEE,
AND
CREATION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE --
THE
RECOMMENDATION IS THE BUILDING

FOR THE COMMONS FOR JULY 21,

2005, TO JUNE 30th, 2026,
AND
THE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND

OPPONENT TO BE RETURNED FOR

CONSIDERATION.
AND THE FISCAL IMPACT, AND

HOWEVER STAFF TIME WILL BE

REQUIRED, AND SO ARE
THERE
QUESTIONS FROM ALEX -- I
THINK
TO MY LEFT BEFORE WE GO OUT TO

PUBLIC COMMENT,
COUNCILMEMBER
CARTER?

I DON'T REALLY -- NO,
I DON'T
HAVE A
COMMENT PFP .
I SUPPORT THIS BUT NOT SURE
WHAT
TO SAY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM
MY
COLLEAGUES BEFORE WE GO OUT
TO

PUBLIC COMMENT?

NO.
MARY?

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE

STAFFING FACILITIES AD
HOC
REPORT OUT.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN CHAMBERS?

I'M ON THE AD HOC WITH

STEPHEN, AND I AM
THE
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIBRARY
COMMISSION.

YOU HAVE GOTTEN A LOT
OF
INFORMATION FROM US.

SARAH AND I HAVE
WRITTEN

LETTERS.
I JUST WANT TO TAKE A
MOMENT TO
THANK YOU FOR READING THROUGH
EVERYTHING.

I KNOW IT TAKES A LOT OF YOUR
TIME AND
IT'S -- IT'S
APPRECIATED.

AND I THINK WE'RE READY TO GO AS
SOON AS WE GET WORDWORD
START
WORKING ON THIS.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC

COMMENT.
NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF?

I MISUNDERSTOOD AND I THOUGHT

I WAS GOING TO GET TO HEAR
LIKE
A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

WILL THE REPORT BE AVAILABLE
ONLINE ANYWHERE?

YEAH, THE AGENDA REPORT IS
AVAILABLE UNDER THE CITY
COUNCIL
MEETING FOR TODAY, FOR
TONIGHT,
ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ON THERE.

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR

PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO

ZOOM -- SORRY, CHAMBERS.

SEEING NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO

ZOOM.

KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF,

PLEASE?

YEAH,
I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE
TIMER?

YEAH,
I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON THE

LAST COMMENTER'S COMMON ET HERE.

THIS IS A VERY, VERY
RUSHED
AGENDA ITEM WITH VERY LITTLE

ACTUAL PRESENTATION, AND SO
I
JUST WANT THAT TO BE KNOWN

BEFORE WE MOVE INTO COMMENTS
BY
THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING PUBLIC

COMMENT.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT

WHILE, YES, WE HAVE GOT AN
AGENDAIZED ITEM ON LINE, AND
THE
LACK OF ACTUAL COMMUNICATION
BY COUNCIL
MEMBERS ON THIS
AGENDA
ITEM PRIOR TO GOING TO
PUBLIC
COMMENT IS TELLING AS WELL
AS
THE LACK OF ACTUAL REPORTING
OUT
TO THE PUBLIC IN A VOCALIZED

MANNER ON THIS AGENDA ITEM
PRIOR
TO GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENT
IS
ALSO TELLING AS WELL.

SO WHAT WE WILL THEN HEAR
NEXT
IS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER PUBLIC

COMMENT?

WILL WE HEAR ROBUST
COMMENTS
AMONG COUNSEL MEMBERS, AND
THAT
WOULD BE WHAT SHOULD BE

HAPPENING PRIOR TO
PUBLIC
COMMENT OR WILL WE SEE A BLANKET

WITH A MOTION AND A SECOND AND
A
PASS WITH LITTLE DEBATE.

EITHER WAY IT SUGGESTS TO
ME
THERE SHOULD BE
GREATER
ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC BOTH

IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE ITEM

AS WELL AS COUNSEL
MEMBERS
COMMUNICATING WITH THE
PUBLIC
PRIOR TO GOING TO
PUBLICPUBLIC

COMMENT.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR
YOUR
PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK
IN

CHAMBERS.
IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN
CHAMBERS
WITH A PUBLIC COMMENT, SEEING

NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM.

CAN YOU UNMUTE
YOURSELF?

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE
TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD.

WE HAVE HAD THIS DISCUSSION

BEFORE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS,
AND
I AM LOOKING AT PAGE 14
ONLINE,
NUMBER 7, AND THEY
ARE
TALKING ABOUT SEBASTOPOL

COMMONS, A COMMERCIAL
KITCHEN

AND PUBLIC RESTROOM, AND A
CHARGING CENTER, PARK AND
RIDE, A
TRANSIT STOP AND SHOP
SPACE,
AND YOU ARE SITTING IN
THE
COMMUNITY CENTER NOW, AND
WE HAD
THIS CONVERSATION, I THINK,
LAST
YEAR, OR THIS DISCUSSION THAT
WE
ALREADY HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER.

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND
WHY
THERE'S THIS KIND OF
ALMOST
OBSESSION WITH CONVERTING
THE
LIBRARY INTO SOMETHING ELSE.

I UNDERSTAND IT'S SMALL, THE
LIBRARY, WHICH IS FAIR ENOUGH.

SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE
CITY
RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE
IN
SEBASTOPOL AND WE HAVE A COUNTY

LIBRARY AND COMMINGLING IT
FROM
A BUDGET PERSPECTIVE IS A
RECIPE
FOR TAXPAYERS TO BE PAYINGPAYING

FOR A COUNTY RESOURCE AND WE

HAVE BEEN DOWN THAT TIME BEFORE

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, SO
THAT'S
MY CONCERN ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT.

THESE THINGS JUST SEEM TO
RUN

AND RUN REGARDLESS OF WHAT
IS
DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

YOU KNOW, HERE WE ARE AGAIN

TALKING ABOUT A COMMONS.

WE HAVE ELDERBERRY COMMONS,
AND
NOW A LIBRARY COMMONS.

THERE'S SOMETHING
STRANGE
PHILOSOPHICALLY ABOUT ALL
THIS
AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK
IN
CHAMBERS, IF THERE'S ANYBODY
IN
CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

A COMMENT.

SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK
OUT TO

ZOOM.
ROBERT, CAN YOU UTE
YOURSELF,

PLEASE.

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I GUESS I PRETTY MUCH AGREE
WITH WHAT EVERYBODY HAS SAID
SO

FAR.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS
IS
ABOUT.

I HAVE READ IT A COUPLE
TIMES
AND THERE'S A LOT OF JARGON
IN

IT.
IT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT AS
A
LIBRARY BUT WHEN YOU READ AROUND

THE SIDES OF IT, IT'S A BUNCH
OF
OTHER STUFF, TOO.

THE OTHER STUFF ISN'T VERY
WELL-DEFINED.

I REMEMBER, I THINK WHEN
THE
MAYOR FIRST STARTED
TALKING
ABOUT THIS AS AN IDEA BEFORE HE

WAS MAYOR, IT WAS THE IDEA OF
BRINGING THE LIBRARY AS A HUB

THAT WOULD BRING SOCIAL
SERVICES
AND HELP ADDRESS OUR HOMELESS

PROBLEM.
THAT DIDN'T GET MUCH
TRACTION,

BUT I GET THE FEELING
THAT'S
STILL PART OF THIS.

THE SECOND PART OF THIS, THERE'S

A LOT OF WORK, AND THIS
IS
GREAT -- THERE'S FIVE
OTHER
ISSUES IN THE CITY THAT I
WISH
WE HAD THIS MUCH HARD
THINKING
AND ANALYSIS ON, BUT PRACTICALLY

SPEAKING, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO

PUT THIS THING?

THERE'S NOT A LOT OF GREAT

SPACES AROUND THAT YOU WILL

LEVEL AND BUILD SUCH A THING.

AND PRACTICALLY
SPEAKING,
THERE'S NOWHERE TO PUT IT.

IS IT REALLY WORTH THE ENERGY
TO
PUT INTO THIS EFFORT?

THAT'S ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PUBLIC
COMMENT.

NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN CHAMBERS

THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A

PUBLIC

COMMENT?

SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK
OUT
TO ZOOM.

IF THERE'S ANYBODY ON ZOOM THAT

WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
COMMENT,
RAISE YOUR ND.

SEEING NONE, THIS IS THE
END OF
THE
PUBLIC COMMENT.

IT HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA FORA
WHILE, AND THAT WAS A
HUGE
OVERSIGHT ON MY PART.

IN ESSENCE, THE GROUP HAS SPENT

TWO YEARS TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT
HOW TO GET A BIGGER SPACE AND

WHAT WE LEARNED IN THE TWO

YEARS, WE HEARD, WHY DO WE CARE?

THIS IS A COUNTY PROBLEM.

IT'S A COUNTY LIBRARY.

TO BE CLEAR, THERE'S NO COUNTY

LIBRARY.

IT'S A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM,
BUT
EACH CITY IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR
COMING UP WITH THE
SQUARE
FOOTAGE OF THE LIBRARY.

ALL THE COUNTY

LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION DOES IS SUPPLY

THE PERSONNEL FOR WHATEVER
SIZE
BUILDING WE AS A MUNICIPALITY

COME UP WITH.

WHERE WE LANDED ON THIS IS
THE
FACT THAT WE DO DEFINITELY
NEED
TO THINK BIGGER AND HAVE
THE
LIBRARY PERHAPS BE A
TENANT OF
THE BUILDING, BUT AS A WHOLE
WE
NEED MORE SPACE FOR THE
LIBRARY,
FOR OUR SENIOR CENTER, FOR
MANY
OTHER ENTITIES THAT HAVE COME

BEFORE THE COUNCIL SAYING
WE
NEED MORE PHYSICAL SPACE.

THIS IS HOW THIS EVOLVES
FROM
JUST A LIBRARY THING TO
A
BIGGER -- WHAT IS NOW BEING
PUT
FORTH AS A COMMONS.

WHERE WE ALSO GOT THIS IDEA
FROM
IS FROM OUR SISTERSISTER IN JAPAN

WHO OUR VICE MAYOR WAS THERE.

THEY ALSO NEEDED A BIGGER
SPACE
FOR THE LIBRARY AND
ASSOCIATED
SERVICES AND THEY PARTNERED
UP
WITH A PRIVATE BOOK ENTITY.

AND THE CEO IS TRYING TO WORK

WITH THE CITY TO COME UP
WITH
WITH A FACILITY LIKE WHAT IS

BEING PROPOSED AND IF THE

COUNCIL VOTES FOR THE
CREATION
OF THIS, HE WOULD BE WILLING
TO
SIT ON
THERE.

BIGGER PICTURE, THOUGH, WHEN
THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S

ASSOCIATION VOTED ON THE TOP

THREE PRIORITIES THAT
ALL
COUNCILMEMBERS WANT TO WORK

WITH, AT LEAST TWO BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, IT WAS THE
NUMBER
THREE PRIORITY.

IT WAS HOMELESS, MENTAL
HEALTH,
AND THEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

AND THEN COMMON FACILITIES AND

SERVICES.
THIS, IF MY
FELLOW
COUNCILMEMBERS WOULD WANT
TO
ENTERTAIN THIS, THIS WOULD
HELP
WITH OUR COUNTY MOVEMENT
WITH
WHAT WE ARE DEFINING AS FAR
AS
SHARED SERVICES AND SHARED

FACILITIES, WHICH COULD ALSO BE
APPEALING BECAUSE THE
EIFD WITH
THE COUNTY IS STUFF THAT WE ARE
STILL CONTINUING TO EXPLORE.

SO THERE'S THAT PRONG THAT
WE
COULD MEET WITH OUR ONGOING
WORK
ON THE COUNTY LEVEL, BUT TO
MEET
OUR CITY GOALS THAT WE HAVE
AS
INDICATED IN THE STAFF
REPORT,
COMMUNITY VITALITY.

WE JUST HEARD ABOUT
THAT
TONIGHT, ABOUT HOW TO GET
PEOPLE
OUT OF THEIR HOUSES,

INTERMINGLING, HENCE THE
PURPOSE
OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALSO SOMETHING
THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED IN THIS

AS LONG AS AND AS
WELL AS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

THE ONE THING I WANT TO CONVEY
IS, WE ALL WORK, WE DO, AND AT

THE END OF THE DAY, THE
CONCEPT
IS WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING
TO
COME FROM?

I WILL TELL YOU DEFINITIVE

TEE,
NO OTHER COUNTY AGENCY, CH --

WHATEVER IT'S CALLED NOW,
SCTCA
DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY AND IS

NOT RAISING THE MONEY FOR
US,
AND THEY DO NOT HAVE
AN
ASSOCIATED FOUNDATION THAT
COULD
HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THESE TYPES

OF PROJECTS.

IF ANYBODY KNOWS OF ONE,
PLEASE
EDUCATE ME.

ALSO THIS AGENCY HAS A LOT OF

MONEY, LIKE THE RESERVE
AMOUNT

IS HUGE.
SO I'M JUST SAYING THAT
DOING BETTER
PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE
SONOMA COUNTY
LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION ITSELF COULD
REAP
BENEFITS FOR US AND US LOCALLY.

I WILL STOP THERE AND APOLOGIZE

TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE
PUBLIC
FOR NOT PUTTING THIS
FORWARD
BEFORE WE WENT TO PUBLIC

COMMENT.

I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THAT

READING THE AGENDA ITEM,
IT
WILL -- MAYBE THIS IS WHY
WE
DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF COMMENTS IN

THE BEGINNING IS BECAUSE
IT'S
REALLY A TRANSFER FROM
THE
EXISTING LIBRARY AD HOC IN
MY
MIND TO A NEW AD HOC WITH A NEW

VISION, AND WE HAVE
HEARD FROM
THE SENIOR CENTER,
AND THEY HAVE
BEEN IN FRONT OF US, THEY NEED A

BIGGER SPACE, AND IT TALKS ABOUT

PARTNERING POSSIBLY IN
ONE
BIGGER DEVELOPMENT WITH A SENIOR

CENTER.
MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE
NEW
COMMITTEE WITH THE NEWER UPDATED

MISSION MIGHT BE ABLE
TO
EXPANDED ON THE NEW IDEAS TO

HELP GET THE FUNDING.

THE FIRST PRESENTATION IS
THE
CAPITAL FUNDING.

WE KNOW WE HAVE A NEW

ORGANIZATION AND NEW
FOUNDATION
FOR SEBASTOPOL.

WHO KNOWS?

I THINK MAYBE THIS COMMITTEE
MIGHT APPLY FOR SOME OF THOSE
FUNDS.

OF COURSE, I'M GOING TO
BE
SUPPORTING IT TONIGHT, BUT
DON'T
ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF COMMENTS UP
FRONT UNTIL WE HEAR FROM THE
PUBLIC.

THANK YOU, MAYOR ZOLLMAN,
FOR
GOING BACK AND GIVING HISTORY
SO
WE CAN EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

THANK YOU, IN THREE PLACES
IT
SAYS TO IMPROVE THE SCOPE OF
WORK, AND I'M THINKING IT'S
PROBABLY NUMBER TWO, REQUEST
AND

RECOMMENDATION.
IS THAT THE SCOPE OF WORK?

IT'S PAGE 12 -- IT STARTS ON
PAGE 11 OF 22, SO JUST TO

CLARIFY.
IS THAT WHAT YOU CONSIDER THE
SCOPE OF WORK?

IT'S DEFINITELY A SUGGESTION

FOR SCOPE OF WORK BECAUSE WHEN

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO
CONTINUE
THIS LIBRARY WORK FOR
THE
ADDITION OF THE FEASIBILITY

STUDY, BUT IN THE COURSE OF ALL

THIS WE LEARNED WHAT

ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE, AND
WE
NEEDED TO DEFINITELY
THINK
THROUGH THINGS MORE, COME
UP
WITH BETTER STRATEGIES, DO
MORE
RESEARCH BEFORE WE COULD

ACTUALLY EVEN TAKE THEM
UP ON
THE LIMITED OFFER TO DODO

FEASIBILITY STUDY, WHICH I
THINK
THEY PRELIMINARY HAD THE OFF
FOR
75,000 FOR THE STUDY, AND
THAT'S
WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS NOT
GOING TO
BE SOMETHING WE COULD AGREE TO.

YES, WHAT SUGGESTED
THERE COULD
BE A SCOPE, BUT THEN, OF COURSE,

MY COLLEAGUES CAN SAY COMPLETELY

DIFFERENT THINGS,
COUNCILMEMBER

MAURER.

I READ THIS REPORT A COUPLE

TIMES, AND JUST TO BE HONEST,
IT
FEELS VERY OVERWHELMING AND SORT

OF CONFUSING, TO READ THIS
AND
TRY TO GRASP -- YOU KNOW, I GET

IT IN A WAY, BUT I THINK REALLY

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS
YOU NEED
TO NARROW THE SCOPE, BECAUSE THE

SCOPE IS INCLUDING ALL KINDS
OF
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN TERMS OF

THE COMMITTEE.

SO SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR
THE
ARTS, I HAVE NOT HEARD
THEM SAY
THEY NEEDED A NEW BUILDING.

RIGHT NOW THEY ARE RENTING
OR
THEY ARE LEASING THAT
BUILDING
FROM THE COUNTY AND IT'S
A
BEAUTIFUL SPACE FOR THEM.

THE FAITH COMMUNITY,
USUALLY
THEY HAVE ALL THEIR OWN

BUILDINGS, SO IT'S JUST --
IT
SEEMS LIKE IN TERMS OF THE

MEMBERSHIP, THAT SCOPE IS, IN
MY
OPINION, JUST KIND OF ALL
OVER
THE MAP HERE.

I THINK IF YOU NARROWED IT
TO

JUST THOSE PLACES IN
SEBASTOPOL,
THE LIBRARY, THE SENIOR CENTER

AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER,

PERIOD, WHO REALLY NEED THEIR

BUILDINGS ADDRESSED, SO
THE
COMMUNITY CENTER REALLY NEEDS

A
BUILDING ADDRESSED AND I KNOW
WE

HAVE AN AD HOC
COMMITTEE DEALING
WITH THAT RIGHT NOW, BUT
THAT'S
CRITICAL BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD
IF
THAT BUILDING FLOODS AGAIN, IT

WON'T BE INSURED.

THEN THE LIBRARY IS
TOO SMALL
AND THE SENIOR CENTER IS TOO

SMALL, SO IF YOU NARROWED THE

SCOPE, I THINK IT WOULD MAKE

MORE SENSE TO ME INSTEAD
OF
INCLUDING ALL THESE OTHER

ORGANIZATIONS.

AND THEN I'M NOT SURE AT
THIS
TIME -- IS THE CITY STAFF RIGHT

NOW INVOLVED IN THIS AD HOC

COMMITTEE?

WE HAVE BEEN JUST DOING
IT,
SETTING UP THE MEETINGS AND

THINGS LIKE THAT BUT NOT
DEEPLY
INVOLVED WITH THE WORK
AT ALL.

OKAY.

SO I WOULD BE CAREFUL WITH, YOU
KNOW, PUTTING CITY STAFF IN
TERMS OF USING UP THEIR TIME
RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE ARE SHORT
STAFFED.

BUT I WOULD ALSO SUPPORT
THIS
DIRECTION BUT LIMIT IT.

BECAUSE THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

YEAH, I UNDERSTAND THIS IS
A
COMPLETE RETHINKING ABOUT

MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND THE WAYS
WE
CAN SUPPORT OUR CITY

ORGANIZATIONS IN A
MORE
EFFICIENT MANNER, SO I THINK
TO
ADDRESS COUNCILMEMBER
MAURER'S
ISSUE WITH THE AMOUNT, THE

SCOPE, IT'S A LITTLE BIT

INCLUSIVE JUST IN CASE, SO
IT'S
A LITTLE BIT, LIKE, WE
DON'T

WANT TO DISCLOSE SOMETHING
IF
THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO

COMBINE RESOURCES OR TO MANAGE

THINGS MORE EFFECTIVELY, SO
I'M
IN FAVOR OF A BROADER SCOPE.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT HAS TO

HAPPEN.
IT'S JUST -- IT'S JUST WE
DON'T
WANT TO LIMIT THE ABILITY
FOR
THE GROUP OR WHATEVER TO
RETHINK
THIS THOROUGHLY AND THROUGH AND
USE
ALL
THE RESOURCES THAT ARE
AVAILABLE TO US.

THANK YOU.

OTHER COMMENTS LOOKING TO MY

RIGHT, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

IT SAYS HOWEVER STAFF
TIME
WILL BE REQUIRED.

IS THERE A FIRM PROPOSAL OF HOW
MUCH STAFF TIME THE ORGANIZATION

IS LOOKING?

BECAUSE I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT

THAT AS WELL.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO PROMISE
OUR

STAFF TIME AWAY, AND I WANT
TO
SAY YES BUT SERVE IN THE
WAY
IT'S BEEN SERVING, WHICH IS
THE
MEETING SETUPS UNTIL YOU NARROW
THAT IN.

LOOKS LIKE A QUARTERLY REPORT
IS
SUPPOSED TO COME,
AND THAT WOULD
BE GREAT.

YEAH, OUR AD HOC KNOWS
THE
STAFF'S TIME IS UNDER
PRESSURE,
AND IF IT MOVES FORWARD IT WILL

BE LIMITED TO WHAT MARY
SUGGESTED,

AND SHE CAN WAIT
UNTIL I GET THERE AND THEN CLICK

OFF AND GO TO WORK.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR A MOTION?

I MOVE.

I DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

CAN I DO THE MOTION FOR
YOU
AND THEN SOMEBODY CAN
SECOND?

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THE MOTION WOULD BE
TO
APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AND

RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE
CURRENT AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND

THE CREATION OF A NEWLY NAMED

COMMITTEE FOR THE NAMED

COMMITTEE FOR THE
BUILDING
COMMONS FOR A PERIOD OF
ONE
YEAR, APPROVAL OF THE
BROAD
SCOPE OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN

DISCUSSED, AND THEN THE
FACT
THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS --
THE
COMPOSITION AND OPPONENT WILL BE

RETURNED TO A FUTURE COUNCIL

MEETING FOR
APPROVAL?

SO MOVED.

SECONDED?

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER
CARTER
AND SECONDED BY MAYOR
ZOLLMAN
FOR THE ACTIONS I JUST
STATED,
AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE AD

HOC, AND THE APPROVAL OF THE

BROAD SCOPE OF WORK AND
THIS
ITEM WILL
RETURN TO THE FUTURE COUNCIL
MEETING?

MOTION PASSES 4-1

BEFORE I CALL THE NEXT AGENDA

ITEM, WE HAVE BEEN GOING
FOR
ALMOST TWO HOURS.

IS THERE A REQUEST TO TAKE A

SHORT -- YES.

WE WILL TAKE A RECESS FOR ONLY
FIVE MINUTES, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

[CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

LOOKS LIKE EVERY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES IS BACK, WE'RE GOING TO DO A TECH CHECK. CODY, ARE WE, ARE WE OKAY? OKAY. CODY, ARE WE ALL GOOD? ALL RIGHT. GOOD. CODY, TECH CHECK IS GOOD, MARY, ARE WE OKAY? WE ARE RESUMING AND WE'RE GOING TO CALL AGENDA ITEM NUMBER EIGHT, WHICH IS ITEM CONTINUED FROM JULY 1st, 25. CITY COUNCIL MEETING, DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS, AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE PROTOCOL, AUTHORITY TO CANCEL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, THE REQUESTER IS COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, AND THE FISCAL IMPACT, THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

SURE. IN ADDITION TO PAGE ONE IS THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE. I THINK IT'S IRONIC THAT THIS IS THE MEETING THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD, HAD THIS ISSUE NOT COME UP. AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A FULL AGENDA TONIGHT AND WE KEEP HAVING A FULL AGENDA, AND I BELIEVE THAT IT CAME UP IN AGENDA REVIEW, AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S WHERE CANCELED MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE. BECAUSE, OCCASIONALLY, THERE'S PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE ABSENT, AND THEY MIGHT WANT TO MOVE THE MEETING AROUND, AND THIS SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE FULL COUNCIL. AND WE DID DECIDE THIS ISSUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND APPROVE OUR CALENDAR. SO, A LOT OF THESE PROTOCOLS WERE CREATED, AND I DIDN'T REALLY SEE THE IMPACT, AND I DO BELIEVE WE SHOULD REVIEW PROTOCOLS OCCASIONALLY, AS THINGS DO COME UP, THAT'S WHY I REQUESTED THIS AGENDA ITEM. WITHIN THIS AGENDA ITEM, ALSO, I HAD A COUPLE OTHER THINGS TO BE BROUGHT UP. ON PAGE THREE, IT SAYS, OR SHALL BE SCHEDULED FOR CANCELLATION UPON APPROVAL OF AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE. REGULAR MEETINGS. SO, IT'S LISTED THERE IN OUR PROTOCOLS AGAIN, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK TONIGHT ABOUT A CLOSED SESSION, IT LOOKS LIKE THE WAY I READ THIS I WOULD LIKE THE ATTORNEY'S ADVICE, I UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY THE ATTORNEY OR THE MAYOR COULD CALL A CLOSED SESSION. BUT, THE ATTORNEY IS NOT MENTIONED, UNLESS I MISSED SOMETHING ON PAGE FOUR. AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT ALSO BEING ADDED, LIKE IT IN ON THE PROTOCOLS THAT A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL COULD CALL CLOSED SESSION. AND THEN, I BELIEVE WE'VE HAD CONFUSION ABOUT A PROTOCOL, IF IT'S OKAY TO BRING THIS UP, ON ITEM EIGHT, WHICH IS, WHEN MOTIONS ARE MADE AND SECONDED, THEN THE PROCEEDS

OFFICER MUST CALL FOR A VOTE OF THE BODY WITHOUT DEBATE ON THE MOTION, AND OCCASIONALLY WE HAVE RUN INTO ISSUES WHERE PEOPLE CALLING MOTION, AND A SECOND QUICKLY, WHEN SOMEBODY ELSE HAS NOT SPOKEN, AND HASN'T HAD A CHANCE TO BE RECOGNIZED YET, I DON'T THINK WE'RE FOLLOWING THIS PROTOCOL AT ALL TIMES, BECAUSE WE SET THIS IN OUR RULES, AND THE ISN'T ALWAYS PRACTICAL. AS I BRING THIS FORTH, I AM ALSO BRINGING THOSE ADDITIONAL THINGS UP FOR DISCUSSION.

THIS IS A QUESTION FOR STAFF, I THOUGHT THIS ITEM WAS JUST THAT ONE PARAGRAPH, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON IS ADDING SEVERAL MORE ITEMS. CAN THAT HAPPEN? AND WE CAN DISCUSS THIS? OR NOT.

ALEX?

WHILE THE AGENDA REPORT ONLY LISTS ARE THAT ONE THING, THE AGENDA IS THE TITLE AND RECOMMENDATION ABROAD TO DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS, RULES FOR COMICS OF ITS MEETINGS, CIVIL CITY BUSINESS, SO YOU CAN DISCUSS THINGS WITHIN THOSE OTHER PROTOCOLS AS WELL.

OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK COUNCILMEMBER HINTON TO WALK US THROUGH EXACTLY THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO LOOK LIKE, PAGE NUMBER AND PARAGRAPH, ET CETERA, SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND.

SURE, AND IT CAME UP ONCE I DID THE FULL REVIEW, SO, AGAIN, REVIEWING THE FIRST PART IS AT THE BOTTOM OF NUMBER EIGHT,

PAGE NUMBER?

PAGE ONE, THAT'S THE ORIGINAL AGENDA ITEM. IT'S CALLED OUT. THEN, YOU MAY NOTE THAT, LET ME SEE, HERE. THIS ALLOWS I BELIEVE, ANYWAY, THAT'S THE FIRST PART. NUMBER TWO, IS PAGE THREE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE LAST LINE IN THE REGULAR MEETINGS, IT SAYS, THE REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD, AS WE KNOW THEY'RE HELD, TWICE A MONTH, OR, RIGHT HERE AGAIN, SHALL BE SCHEDULED FOR CANCELLATION UPON APPROVAL OF AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE.

SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE STRIKE THAT?

I AM SUGGESTING THAT, WE STRIKE THAT, ANY CANCELLATION MEETINGS THAT AREN'T AN EMERGENCY SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ON THE CALENDAR BY THE FULL COUNCIL.

DO YOU HAVE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR THAT OR YOU JUST STRIKING?

I THINK WE COULD JUST STRIKE IT. OR THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE COULD BE TAKEN FROM THIS FIRST ONE, WHEN A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HAVE AGREED, OR SOMETHING. BUT I THINK WE KNOW WITH THE MAJORITY, COULD CHANGE THE MEETING.

OKAY.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

SHE HAS MORE.

THEN ON THE VERY BOTTOM PARAGRAPH OF PAGE FOUR, THE WAY I READ IT, I ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD CLOSED SESSIONS COULD BE CALLED BY BOTH THE MAYOR AND OUR CITY ATTORNEY, I THINK I LEARNED THAT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY, ACTUALLY, BUT WHEN I READ THIS I DIDN'T SEE THAT IT COULD BE CALLED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND I ALSO FEEL LIKE A CLOSED SESSION SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE CALLED BY THE MAJORITY OF COUNCILMEMBERS.

CAN I ADDRESS?

GO FOR IT, SO, THAT'S ACTUALLY IN A DIFFERENT POLICY, THAT'S IN POLICY NUMBER SIX. WHICH IS NOT IN THIS POLICY WHERE IT SAYS CLOSED SESSIONS MAY BE SCHEDULED BY THE AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH

POLICY, ALTERNATELY THE CITY ATTORNEY MAY SCHEDULE CLOSED SESSION. SO, THE LANGUAGE IS IN A DIFFERENT POLICY.

THE LANGUAGE FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY.

CORRECT. SO, I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, WHY, I THINK THAT THE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE ABLE TO CALL FOR A CLOSED SESSION AS WELL. I'M NOT SURE WHY IT NEEDS TO BE ONLY THE MAYOR, OR ONLY THE CITY ATTORNEY. AND BY THE WAY, IS EXCLUDING THE CITY MANAGER. SO, I'M INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT THAT. I THINK IT'S VERY LIMITING. AND, THESE POLICIES WERE CREATED BY THE MAYOR AND THE VICE MAYOR AND PUT FORTH AND CURRENTLY THE POLICY PROTOCOL SUBCOMMITTEE IS ALSO THE CURRENT MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. TO BE FAIR, I JUST DON'T THINK, AS NOW I'M READING THEM THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY IMPACTED US FOR A WHILE. SO, AND THEN, LASTLY, THE LAST ITEM I'D LIKE TO BRING UP, IS ON PAGE NINE, IT'S UNDER TYPES OF MOTIONS. AND IT SAYS WHEN THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS ARE MADE AND SECONDED, THE PRECEDING OFFICER, WHICH IS USUALLY THE MAYOR, MUST IMMEDIATELY CALL FOR A VOTE OF THE BODY WITHOUT DEBATE ON THE MOTION. SO, WE HAVE IN PRACTICE, I THINK STRUGGLED WITH THIS A BIT. I, MYSELF, HAVE FOLLOWED THESE NEW PROTOCOLS, AND THEN OFFERED HIM A BECAUSE I CAN OFFER AN ALTERNATE MOTION, WHICH THEN GOES FIRST, BEFORE THE MOTION. BUT IT REALLY, THE WAY THIS IS WORDED, THE WAY I UNDERSTAND THIS IS, IF SOMEBODY JUST OFFERS A MOTION IN SOMEBODY ELSE SECONDS AND SOMEBODY ELSE OVER HERE IS WAITING TO TRY AND DISCUSS IT, THEN WE'RE REALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO GET CALLED ON. WE'RE MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS THE MOTION AND THEN A VOTE.

I JUST WANT TO ASK A QUESTION, TOO, I GUESS I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER EIGHT, IS IN REFERENCE TO THE POLICY, SEVEN. ABOUT THE CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS. SO, ALEX, IS POLICY SEVEN THE ENTIRE PAGE NUMBERS FROM ONE TO 15? I'M CONFUSED ABOUT THE NOTICING OF THIS.

YES, POLICY SEVEN IS, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG EXACTLY, BUT IT IS OVER FIVE PAGES LONG.

OKAY. COULD, OKAY. SO, THERE YOU GO.

13 PLATE PAGES LONG, MARY TELLS ME.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THESE ARE ADDRESSING TYPES OF MOTIONS, NOT JUST A GENERAL MOTION. SO I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT.

CAN I ASK THE QUESTION? I HAVE UNDERSTOOD, AND WE HAVE STRUGGLED WITH THIS, SO I'D LIKE TO JUST GET IT CORRECTED, IF SOMEBODY MOVES TOWARDS A MOTION AND SOMEBODY SECONDS, MANY TIMES WE'VE SEEN NOBODIES FAULT SOMEBODY IS LOOKING ONE DIRECTION, WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD LIGHT SYSTEM, THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE WAY I READ THIS IS THEN, I'VE BEEN DIRECTED THAT IT'S HARD FOR US TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A COMMENT, THAT'S THE WAY I'M READING IT AND THAT IN PRACTICE HOW WE STRUGGLED WITH THIS, AM I CORRECT?

UNDER OUR POLICIES, CERTAIN MOTIONS, THE TYPES OF MOTIONS, MOTION TO ADJOURN, MOTION TO RECESS, SO ON AND SO FORTH, THOSE REQUIRE IMMEDIATE VOTES. UNDER POLICY. NOT ALL OF MOTIONS REQUIRE OUR IMMEDIATE VOTE, CERTAINLY IF THE COUNCIL WANTED FOR SIMPLICITY WE COULD JUST TAKE OUT THAT REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE IMMEDIATE VOTES FOR ANY MOTION, SO THAT COUNCILMEMBERS MAY ALWAYS OFFER THEIR COMMENTS BEFORE A VOTE. IF THAT'S THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL.

I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK. WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE, WE CAN'T, YOU KNOW? I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

THERE IS NO REASON THE COUNCIL CAN'T MODIFY THEM AS IT WANTS.

I APPRECIATE THIS BECAUSE I ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT YOU COULD RUSH MOTION, SECOND, BUT I LEARNED EARLY ON THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING. BECAUSE IT'S NOT VERY COURTEOUS, JUST BECAUSE IT SECONDED YOU DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO GET RIGHT TO THE BOAT YOU CAN HAVE TO CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OR ENTERTAIN PEOPLE,, RIGHT?

SO I'D JUST LIKE TO CLEAN IT UP, I FIGURED SINCE WE WERE GOING THROUGH THIS I LIKE TO CLEAN UP A COUPLE OF THESE THINGS SO THAT WE'RE STRAIGHT ON IT, SOMETIMES IT IS CONFUSING APPEAR, AND I JUST WANT IT TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE.

OKAY. SO, WHAT, SHOULD WE JUST TAKE ABOUT OR SEND IT BACK TO STAFF?

WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND, IF WE CAN GET CONSENSUS, WE GO ONE AT A TIME THEN WE'LL MAKE THOSE CHANGES AND BRING IT BACK AND PUT IT ON CONSENT FOR YOU TO ADOPT.

THAT WOULD BE GOOD. I NEED TO SEE IT ALL BEING PROPOSED, I CAN'T REALLY, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO CONCEPTUALIZE WORDING. YEAH. IS THAT GOOD? I'M SORRY.

YEAH, PUBLIC COMMENT AND THEN,

YEAH, ARE WE ALL GOOD BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY, THANK YOU. ARE WE GOOD BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT? MARY, PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THIS IS FOR AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE PROTOCOLS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING THAT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY, KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE YOU MARK THANK YOU, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I THINK WATCHING THIS COUNCIL OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND TO SEE THE CHANGES TO PROTOCOLS ALONG THE WAY, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS COUNCIL DO A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH IN THAT SPACE. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT SOMETIMES CHANGES IN PROTOCOLS ARE BEING DONE TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS, I'VE SEEN CHANGES TO PROTOCOLS AROUND PUBLIC COMMENT, I'VE SEEN CHANGES TO PROTOCOLS AROUND THE AGENDA REVIEW, AND IT'S, IT'S CONCERNING TO ME, THE PACE AT WHICH PROTOCOLS ARE CHANGING ON COUNCIL OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AND HOW, MAYBE, THESE PROTOCOLS ARE NOT IN ALIGNMENT WITH WHAT OTHER CITIES MAY BE DOING. SO, I WOULD JUST SUGGEST, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING LIKE A RADICAL CHANGE, DEPARTING FROM ROBERTS RULES REGARDING MOTIONS SECONDS AND BOATS, WE'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY DRAMATIC CHAOS COMING FROM THE ELECTION OF MAYORS IN THIS COUNCIL , THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO POLITICIZING THE MOTION, SECOND, CALL TO BOAT PROCESS. SO, AGAIN, CONCERNED ABOUT PROTOCOLS CHANGING FOR PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL, COUNCILMEMBERS FAVOR, CHANGES TO MANY OF THESE PROTOCOLS THAT MAY BE OUTSIDE OF THE NORM OF THE VOLUME OF CHANGES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, AND WOULD INVESTIGATE FURTHER BEFORE YOU MAKE LARGE-SCALE DECISIONS.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A

PUBLIC COMMENT, SEEING NONE, I WILL GO BACK TO ZOOM, IF THERE IS ANYONE IN ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ITEM, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY, SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

I WILL RESPOND TO THE COMMENTOR IN THE FACT THAT WHEN THE PROTOCOLS WERE INITIALLY APPROVED BY ALL OF US, I'D HAVE TO SAY MARY DID ALL THE WORK, I REMEMBER THE AGENDA REPORTS, SHE WENT AND LOOKED AT CLOVERDALE, SHE WENT ALL OVER THE STATE, COME FORWARD WITH THE DIFFERENT PROSPECTS THAT WE COULD GO THROUGH. SO, I WANT TO PUT IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE DIDN'T WILLY-NILLY COME UP WITH PROTOCOLS, BUT I ALSO APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON THAT, YOU PASS THINGS AND THEN IN THEORY IT CAN GO DIFFERENT WAYS, AND IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO EXAMINE THINGS. SO, ARE THERE OTHER DISCUSSIONS BEFORE WE END OUR MOTION? COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

I WOULD SUPPORT THE FIRST EDITOR WAS PROPOSED IN THE STAFF REPORT, I WOULD SUPPORT THE SECOND EDIT ON PAGE THREE, THE LAST LINE, REGARDING STRIKE THAT, STARTING WITH THE WORD OR COMMENTS PAGE THREE, AND FOR THE LAST ONE I THINK IT'S MORE COMPLICATED. IS THERE STILL AN AD HOC POLICY COMMITTEE, AND IF THERE IS I'D LIKE TO SEND IT BACK AND MAYBE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON CAN WORK, ARE YOU ON IT? YOU'RE NOT?

AND THERE'S TWO MORE ITEMS IF WE'RE GOING TO SEND IT BACK.

I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THOSE GET SENT BACK AND RUN BY THE CITY ATTORNEY SO THAT WE HAVE THE CLEAR, LIKE WE DO ON THE STAFF REPORT, CLEAR EDITS. THAT'S JUST MY SUGGESTION.

I MEAN, I'LL WEIGH IN, CLEAR EDITS I THINK WOULD BE GOOD, HONESTLY I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING THROUGH THE FIRST TWO, I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE GOING THROUGH ALL THE REST OF THIS 15 PAGE POLICY. I MISSED THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT SENT BACK, TOO, FOR CLEAR EDITS, STRIKEOUT, SUGGESTED WORDING, ALL OF THAT.

IF WE CAN RUN THROUGH THE THREE, FOUR ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, AND GET THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN IF YOU WANT US TO TAKE THEM, WE'LL TAKE DIRECTION AND COME BACK WITH A REDLINE, SO IT'S CLEAR TO THE COUNCIL.

YOU WANT ME TO STATE THEM AND EVERYBODY CAN THUMB UP, THUMBS DOWN? OKAY, SO THE ONE IS, AS COUNCILMEMBER MAURER STATED ON PAGE ONE, THAT'S THE LANGUAGE PRESENTED HERE, I THINK I'M FINE WITH AS IT READS TONIGHT. OKAY.

SURE.

ITEM TWO IS ON PAGE THREE, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER SUGGESTED, AND I SUGGEST JUST STRIKING, STARTING AT THE, OR SHALL BE SCHEDULED BY AGENDA REVIEW. THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF REPORT. ITEM TWO. ITEM THREE, TO GO BACK TO THE PROTOCOLS COMMITTEE, WOULD BE AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE FOUR, AND THAT'S REGARDING WHO CAN CALL A CLOSED SESSION. I THINK IT'S CONFUSING, AND RIGHT NOW IT'S ONLY THE MAYOR OR THE CITY ATTORNEY. AND I THINK THAT THAT COULD BE EXPANDED. AND SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE THE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL, OR, TO SEND THAT ONE BACK TO THE COMMITTEE, YEAH.

THE FOURTH ITEM IS THIS, HOW WE'VE STUMBLERED OVER EACH OTHER IN PAGE NINE, WHICH SAYS, WHEN MOTIONS ARE MADE AND SECONDED, THE PRECEDING OFFICER MUST IMMEDIATELY CALL FOR A VOTE WITHOUT FURTHER DEBATE. LET ME READ IT, OR COMMENTS. SO THAT, I KNOW WE'VE STRUGGLED ON IT, SO I'D LIKE IT CLARIFIED.

SURE, I'M HAPPY.

SEND IT BACK.

YEAH, SEND IT BACK. THOSE ARE MY ITEMS.

OKAY, MARY, ARE YOU CLEAR ON WHAT WE'RE DOING?

CAN I MAKE ONE SUGGESTION BEFORE YOU MAKE A MOTION?

IT'S NOT THAT, IT'S, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK THE AGENDA ITEM, I'M SORRY, LET ME MAKE SURE I HAVE THE POLICY RIGHT. COUNCIL POLICY NUMBER SIX, WHICH ADDRESSES THE CLOSED SESSION. THE COUNCIL POLICY THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW IS JUST THE PROCESS OF THE CLOSED SESSION. TWO EXTENDED CAN A LATER HOUR, IT DOESN'T SAY WE CAN START IT. THE OTHER PROTOCOL OR POLICY DOES STATE IT. SO, WE SHOULD BRING THEM BOTH BACK.

I THINK YOU SHOULD, THOUGH STILL ONLY SAY THAT TWO PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO CALL CLOSED SESSION.

I WOULD LIKE AS PART OF THE MOTION THAT THAT POLICY WOULD COME BACK AS WELL.

SURE.

OKAY, YEAH. SURE. OKAY. DOES SOMEONE NEED TO MAKE A MOTION? IF NOT, CAN YOU STATE IT AND SOMEBODY CAN MOVE IT? WHAT YOU THINK?

I DON'T THINK WE NEED A FORMAL MOTION OF THIS, COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO RETURN THESE UP ON THE DISCUSSION OF THE CHANGES WE JUST DISCUSSED.

SURE, OKAY, THERE WE GO. THEN WE ARE MOVING ALONG. SO NOW WE'RE ON TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER NINE, APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM EVENT, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL IS PROPOSING TO HOST AN ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM EVENT AIMED AT SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF HOMEGROWN BUSINESSES. THIS IS BEEN REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARTER TO RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, FISCAL IMPACT, \$3000 HAS BEEN APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 25-26 CITY BUDGET FOR THIS EVENT. AND THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WHICH I GUESS WE ARE GOING TO OUR INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

YES, SO THIS, AGENDA ITEM IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILMEMBER CARTER, WHO'S BEEN THE EXPERT, I KNOW HE WAS WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR WHO IS OUT RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO ASK COUNCILMEMBER CARTER IF HE WANTS TO PRESENT HIS AGENDA ITEM AS TO WHAT HE'S REQUESTING AND I BELIEVE HE SPOKE WITH THE CHAMBER ON THIS AS WELL IN THE DOWNTOWN IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

YEAH. BASICALLY THIS IS TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH A WORKSHOP. SCENARIO. WHERE WE GATHER AT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT MAY FEEL A LITTLE BIT OUT OF TOUCH WITH US, SO THAT WE CAN ORGANIZE THROUGH A FACILITATOR WORKSHOP HOW THE CITY CAN BEST HELP THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE THESE TWO LOVELY PEOPLE FROM THE CITY COME TO US TONIGHT, WITH SOME WAYS TO IMPROVE THE DOWNTOWN AND WE WANT TO EMPOWER THAT. WE NEED TO FACILITATE THAT, BY HAVING A VENUE WHERE OTHER PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS THEIR KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, FEELINGS, WHAT, WHAT'S INHIBITING THEM, HOW THE CITY COUNCIL CAN BEST PROVIDE A WAY FOR THEM TO MOVE ON. WHAT THIS SPECIFICALLY DOES IS, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT HAS PROVEN LEGS, AND WORKS SINCE THE LATE 90s, TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES THAT ALREADY EXIST. SO WE DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT FISHING FOR NEW BUSINESSES, ADDING TAXES OR WHATEVER TO GET SOME BRAND-NEW BUSINESSES IN THAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT DO THE CITY WELL, BUT MOSTLY FOCUS ON THE BUSINESSES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE AND

PROVIDE THEM RESOURCES AND EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP, DATA, AND SUPPLY THEM A VENUE FOR THEM TO COMMUNICATE, LIKE, OUR WATER BILL IS TOO HIGH, THESE KINDS OF THINGS.

YES, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD, I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL AND WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY SITE, THIS HAS GOT A HUGE PROVEN TRACK RECORD BACK TO THE 1970S. IT WAS, IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE, AND THE DATA IS THERE TO SUBSTANTIATE IT ALL, SO I LOVE IT. IT'S REALLY GREAT, TIED IN WITH OUR EARLIER INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION. WONDERFUL PEOPLE FROM OUR CHAMBER, SO YES, I LOVE IT, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

I'M WONDERING, HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM THE MAIN STREET AMERICA PROGRAM? AND HOW WILL, HOW DOES THIS IMPACT OUR STAFF? BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ONLY A PART-TIME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PERSON. HOW DOES IT IMPACT STAFF?

AGAIN, SO, THIS, I'M GOING TO VOLUNTEER MY OWN PERSONAL TIME TO HELP FACILITATE THIS, BUT, FUNDAMENTALLY, I DON'T, I'M NOT REALLY POSITIVE WHERE OUR STAFF SITS AS FAR AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUT MAYBE WE COULD PUT THIS FURTHER OUT INTO THE FALL. BUT FUNDAMENTALLY IT SHOULDN'T REQUIRE TOO MUCH STAFF TIME, AS THIS IS MOSTLY JUST A FEEDBACK GATHERING MECHANISM. WITH THE CITY. WITH THE CITY'S BUSINESSES. RUPEE YOUR SECOND QUESTION?

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GATHER THAT FEEDBACK? IS IT GOING TO BE AN ACTUAL EVENT IN A SPACE? SURVEY ?

SO, AS WE PUT FORWARD IN THE BUDGET, AND THE BRAINSTORMING SESSION, THIS IS ACTUALLY ONE MEETING, AND THE \$3000 COVERS THE VENUE, ANY ANCILLARY THINGS, HOPEFULLY IT CAN COST LESS THAN \$3000, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY THIS IS FACILITATING A WORKSHOP WITH THE BUSINESSES THAT EXIST, AND THAT'S NOT WHAT MAIN STREET AMERICA IS, MAIN STREET AMERICA IS A RESOURCE, AND THIS IS THE VENUE FROM WHICH THE CITY STARTS SUPPORTING BUSINESSES. AND EVENTUALLY, EVENTUALLY, THE GOAL MIGHT BE TO PROVIDE, THIS WOULD BE THE MECHANISM TO PROVIDE US, BRANDS FOR A NEW SCIENCE, THE DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE MAY NOT BE THE GREATEST OR SOME BUSINESSES MAY NEED SOME HELP, WITH THEIR STORM FRONTS OR SOMEONE LIKE THAT, THE CITY CAN USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, BUT APPROPRIATE \$3000 SO WE CAN HELP WITH ONE BUSINESSES SIGN OR SOMETHING THAT THEY MIGHT NEED. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS UNTIL WE WORKSHOP IT.

SO FOR EXAMPLE YOU MIGHT HOST AN INITIAL EVENT HERE, AT THE YOUTH ANNEX, AND INVITE THE BUSINESSES TO COME. OKAY.

AND, WHO WOULD FACILITATE IT?

WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SO THEY'RE GOING TO DO HALF OF IT, AT LEAST HALF OF IT, AS FAR AS THE CITY GOES, THAT'S A LITTLE BIT TBD. NOT TOTALLY SURE, BUT I'M WILLING TO VOLUNTEER MYSELF.

I DO THINK ONCE WE SCHEDULE THIS EVENT, THAT WORKING WITH THE CHAMBER, I AGREE, I'M GOING TO DISAGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER CARTER FOR A SECOND, I THINK IT GOES WITH MAIN STREET, BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM TO KNOW. SO, THERE IS IS MORE ABOUT THE COLLABORATION OF EVENTS AND THINGS, IT SOUNDS LIKE, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DELVE INTO HELPING BUSINESSES AND WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE FOR SEBASTOPOL, HOW TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL BUSINESSES, WHAT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED TO SUSTAIN AS WELL AS BRINGING IN THE TYPES OF

BUSINESSES THAT WE WANT. THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE EXPERTS IN THIS FACILITATION, SO I THINK WE WOULD FIND SOMETHING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT KNOWS THE COMMUNITY AND NOT HAVING TO FACILITATE THIS WORKSHOP. STAFF TIME IS GOING TO BE MORE ABOUT TO SET UP THE VENUE, GET THE INVITATIONS OUT, FOR THE BUSINESSES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, I DON'T ANTICIPATE A HUGE AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME TO DO THIS, AND I WOULD NOT HAVE OUR CONSULTANTS DO THAT, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE WOULD DO IT STAFF LEVEL.

GREAT. OTHER QUESTIONS? LOOKING TO MY RIGHT, THOUGH, BACK TO COUNCILMEMBER MAURER.

WHICH DEPARTMENT WITH THIS BALL TO, THEN?

IT WOULD FALL TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BUT, SINCE WE HAVE A CONSULTANT, THAT DEPARTMENT IS NOW FALLING UNDER ME RIGHT NOW SO WE ARE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL OF IT.

ALL THE SCHEDULING WOULD FALL TO YOU.

WE HAVE STAFF. THERE IS ADMINISTERED OF ASSESSMENT THAT I COULD USE TO DO THINGS LIKE THAT, SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT AS WELL. OKAY.

NO OTHER QUESTIONS? I GUESS WE'RE GOING OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAMMING EVENT, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST.

SEEING NONE I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? THANK YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I'M OFFERING FREE ADVICE, I THINK WHEN THIS WAS THOUGHT OF BY PHIL, WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHAMBER'S PROPOSAL. IT DOES SOUND TO ME LIKE THEY SHOULD BE PART OF THE SAME INITIATIVE. TO MAKE THE CITY BETTER, AND MAYBE PHIL AND MARY SHOULD GO BACK AND HAVE A MEETING WITH THE CHAMBER PEOPLE THAT WERE PRESENTING EARLIER, AND DISCUSSED HOW CAN THIS BE PUT TOGETHER IN ONE PACKAGE THAT HAS A PLANETS MOVING US FORWARD? THAT'S MY THOUGHT, THANKS.

THANK YOU, ROBERT, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL COMMIT TO CHAMBERS, IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT CAN MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS FLOAT CLOSE ON THIS ITEM.

BRINGING IT BACK TO THE DAIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND/OR MOTION, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO OUR CALLER, WHEN THE CHAMBER AND THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION PRESENTED TODAY, MAIN STREET.ORG OR WHATEVER, THIS CAN FIT IN PERFECTLY, THESE, THEY'RE THE SAME THING.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

WHEN WE APPROVE THIS IN THE BUDGET WE DIDN'T APPROVE A TIME OF YEAR, AND FOR ME, I REALLY QUESTIONED THAT FALL IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THIS WITHIN OUR FISCAL BUDGET. CURRENTLY WE HAVE OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERSON OUT, WE HAVE CONSULTANTS IN THOSE ROLES, WE HAVE AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER, WE HAVE A CHAMBER PRESENTATION WE HEARD TONIGHT ABOUT MAIN STREET, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD ON THAT, WHICH COULD HELP COORDINATE TOGETHER WITH THIS. I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT MOVED TO SPRING. WHEN WE HAVE OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERSON BACK, AND PROBABLY, I'M GLAD MARY IS DOING EVERYTHING FOR US BUT WE HAVE MORE BANDWIDTH. IT FEELS LIKE

WE'RE RUSHING THIS. AND I APPRECIATE BEING EXCITED ABOUT IT, I ON ONE HAND DON'T WANT BUSINESS TO WAIT BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I DON'T WANT TO BITE OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW WHEN WE ARE SO BUSY AND SO SHORT-STAFFED RIGHT NOW. FEELS LIKE A PROJECT TO PLAN IN SPRING WHEN WE HAVE MORE STAFF TO HELP SPREAD THE LOAD. ALSO STAFF THAT WILL BE WITH US TO HELP IMPLEMENT THIS. EVEN THOUGH I APPRECIATE ALL YOUR TIME, OUR JOB IS TO MAKE POLICY NOT IMPLEMENTATION, WE NEED TO COUNT ON OUR STAFF TO TAKE IT AND RUN WITH IT. I HATE TO LAUNCH IT AND WE'VE DONE THESE TYPES OF THINGS BEFORE, WE'VE DONE STUDIES AND WE HAVE NO BANDWIDTH TO FILL THE POSITIONS. I WOULD RATHER WAIT ON THIS TILL SPRING, THAT'S MY FEEDBACK.

I DO UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS ABOUT TIMING. BUT, COULD WE NOT JUST APPROVE THIS WITH, LIKE, A TIMING OF THE ACTUAL FORUM TVA? OR SHOULD WE JUST NOT CONSIDER THIS AT ALL? I'M TRYING TO GET A WILL OF WHERE MY COLLEAGUES ARE. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

OF COURSE, CONCILIATORY TO THE AMOUNT OF STAFFING TIME THAT WE HAVE, WE BASICALLY NEED TO INTERACT WITH THE CITY NOW. I THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO ROLL IT OVER. THIS IS MOSTLY INFORMATION FOR THE CITY AND HOW IT CAN WORK. THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO ON THEIR OWN AND BEGIN TO DO THAT, AND I HOPE THAT THEY WILL. BUT IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO INTERACT NOW, IN THE FALL, IN CHRISTMAS, FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT THE CITY DOES WITH THE DOWNTOWN, IS INFORMATION. I THINK ALL OF THAT IS USEFUL. THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT, MAYBE A FOUR HOUR WORKSHOP TAKES, ISN'T SIGNIFICANT. BUT THE LEARNING THAT OCCURS WITH THAT, THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE BUILD WITH OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, IS INVALUABLE. AND CAN HELP ALL THE WAY THROUGH CHRISTMAS SEASON, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE JUST A SHAME TO PUT IT OFF.

OKAY. FURTHER DISCUSSION?

YES. OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE GOALS SESSION THAT WE HAD ON APRIL 1st, THIS WAS A UNANIMOUS GOAL, I WOULD NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE PUSHING IT INTO NEXT YEAR. I THINK HAVING THIS SHOWS OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES THAT WE'RE HERE FOR THEM, THAT WE CARE, THAT WE WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED. I LIKE THAT, I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT OUR STAFF RIGHT NOW. DO WE HAVE THE BANDWIDTH TO IMPLEMENT, OR WHAT WE COULD DO IS GATHER THE INFORMATION, AND IMPLEMENTED IN TERMS OF OUR GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR. BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO GATHER INFORMATION, AND MAKE GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR. SO MAYBE, BUT THEN AGAIN, YOU DO A STUDY AND THEN YOU DON'T, YOU DON'T IMPLEMENT IT, AND THE NEEDS CHANGE. SO, I, I WOULD ALSO HAVE CONCERNS WITH THE IDEA OF A FOUR HOUR WORKSHOP, I GUESS I THINK BUSINESS OWNERS ARE QUITE BUSY. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE THE BANDWIDTH FOR A FOUR HOUR WORKSHOP, I WOULD THINK MAYBE DO A COMBINATION OF THINGS, LIKE YOU HAVE A TWO HOUR WORKSHOP, GATHER PEOPLE, LET EVERYBODY TALK, TELL US WHAT YOU NEED. AND PARTNER THAT WITH A SURVEY , PARTNER WITH THE CHAMBER. AND THE DOWNTOWN, TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT, HELP IMPLEMENT THE SURVEY. BUT DO IT MULTIFACETED BECAUSE MAYBE NOT EVERYONE COULD COME BUT THEY BE WILLING TO TAKE A SURVEY. BUT, SOMEHOW DO THOSE COMPLEMENTARY THINGS BUT DEFINITELY WORK WITH THE CHAMBER AND THE DOWNTOWN, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE MERGED RIGHT NOW, BUT, THAT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION. AND I WOULD SUPPORT IT SOONER. RATHER THAN WAITING.

I SUPPORT NOT DELAYING THIS, EITHER. BACK TO YOU, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER, AFTER YOU'VE HEARD ALL OUR THOUGHTS, WHAT YOU THINK?

SO, JUST, TO HELP YOU WITH SOME OF THOSE ANSWERS, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FOUR, IT CAN BE TWO, BUT, I'M ALMOST POSITIVE A SURVEY WON'T WORK. YOU CAN SURVEY YOUR LIFE OUT AND, UNLESS YOU HAVE DIALOGUE INTERACTION, DEBATE, AND FREE FLOW OF IDEAS, BRAINSTORMING, GETTING EVERYBODY TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM WHERE PEOPLE CAN INTERACT, IT'S NOT GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING THAT A SURVEY WOULD. AND WE DON'T HAVE TO, THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A STUDY THAT WE BOOKSHELF, WE ARE GOING TO LEARN FROM IT IMMEDIATELY. AND IT'S GOING TO INFORM OUR DECISIONS AS A COUNCIL ON THE DAIS.

OKAY.

I'M NOT SUGGESTING THE SURVEY REPLACE THE WORKSHOP. I'M SAYING IT SUPPLEMENTS THE WORKSHOP. I THINK IT CAN BE HELPFUL TOOL. MY EXPERIENCE.

MORE DISCUSSION OR A MOTION? COUNCILMEMBER CARTER, DO YOU WANT TO MOVE? OF COURSE YOU CAN.

ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO MOVE THIS, CAN YOU HELP ME WITH THE WORDS?

YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAMMING EVENT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH COORDINATION AND LIMITATION.

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

THANK YOU, SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARTER, SECONDED BY MAYOR ZOLLMAN TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM EVENT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH COORDINATION AND LIMITATION, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

YES.

MOTION PASSES 4-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS CARTER, HINTON, MAURER, MAYOR ZOLLMAN IN SUPPORT AND VICE MAYOR McLEWIS ABSENT.

MOVING ON TO A NUMBER 10, THE CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FEE WAIVER FOR THE LIVING PIECE WALL INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FEES, WAIVERS SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION BE OF \$150 DAILY USE FEE OF 250, AMPLIFIED SOUND FEE OF \$50 FOR A TOTAL OF \$450. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT IS THE CITY ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, FISCAL IMPACT IS THE FEE WAIVER TOTAL OF \$450, AS I SAID AT THE BEGINNING, ABOUT RECUSING MYSELF ON THIS, I DID CHECK WITH ALEX, HE SAID YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO RECUSE IF YOU RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS NOT THE CASE, OR YOU WILL MAKE A DECISION BASED ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH, I DO BELIEVE I WOULD, BUT, JUST TO BE IN AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A NONPROFIT AND EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT ON THE BOARD BECAUSE I KNOW I CAN'T BE ON THE BOARD OF ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, I'M JUST ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE, BUT IN AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION I'M GOING TO RECUSE MYSELF, LEAVE THE ROOM, TURNING IT OVER TO MARY, ALICE TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION.

COUNCILMEMBERS, NORMALLY IF THE MAYOR IS NOT THERE, VICE MAYOR WOULD PARTICIPATE, WOULD LEAD THE MEETING. ABSENT THAT OUR POLICY

TODAY IS THAT COUNCIL IS SUPPOSED TO DIRECT SOMEONE TO LEAD THE MEETING. TRADITIONALLY, THAT'S SOMEONE WHO'S HAD THAT ROLE BEFORE, AND IS THE MOST SENIOR, NORMALLY WE WOULD DESIGNATE. UNLESS THE COUNCIL FEEL STRONGLY IT MAKES SENSE JUST TO DESIGNATE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON FOR THIS BRIEF ITEM. IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S CONSENSUS FOR THAT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO DO THAT.

SURE. AS THE MAYOR JUST ANNOUNCED THE ITEMS, IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT?

I'M LOOKING FOR A DATE ON THIS.

ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU THE DATE, RIGHT NOW IT'S SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, - FOR THE 13th, WHICH IS NOT THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, HAVEN'T GOTTEN IT OFFICIAL YET, BUT THEY'RE HAVING SCHEDULING ISSUES.

THAT THE SAME DATE AS PORT CHEST, THE 13th.

OKAY. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE'S ANYBODY REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION THAT WE COULD ASK QUESTIONS TOO. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME? MARY, HAVE WE GIVEN THEM A DISCOUNT IN THE PAST? SOMETHING THEY REQUESTED AND IS IN LINE WITH OUR PAST?

IT IS.

ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS, CAN WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REQUEST FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE PIECE WALL, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL COME TO IN CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING THEM I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE WAIVER OF FEES, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

OKAY. ANYBODY WANT TO, YEAH?

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE FEE WAIVER.

SECOND.

OKAY, WE HAVE A FIRST AND SECOND, MARY?

SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARTER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAURER TO APPROVE THE FEE WAIVER FOR THE PEACEFUL INDUCTION CEREMONY. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

YES.

VICE MAYOR McLEWIS?? AND MAYOR ZOLLMAN ARE ABSENT, MOTION PASSES 3-2 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS CARTER, MAURER, HINTON IN SUPPORT, VICE MAYOR McLEWIS AND MAYOR ZOLLMAN ABSENT, I WILL GO GET THE MAYOR TO RETURN TO THE DAIS. THERE HE IS.

MAKE SURE. OKAY. SO, AGENDA ITEM 11. WE'RE NOT DOING. SO NOW ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

SO THIS IS THE TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO SPEAK DURING THIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING THEM I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND YOU DID NOT SPEAK AT THE EARLIER ONE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, NOW WE'RE MOVING INTO THE LAST PART, WHICH IS COUNCILMEMBER REQUEST FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? LOOKING TO MY RIGHT, LOOKING TO MY LEFT, SEEING NONE. WE'RE GETTING INTO CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT OUTS AND TO OUR WONDERFUL INTERIM CITY MANAGER FIRST.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I WON'T READ THEM ALL, BUT ATTACHED TO THE PACKET IS THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE OF THE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENED, WE DID RECEIVE, YOU WILL SEE IT IN YOUR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK, WE DID RECEIVE A CHECK FROM GRAFTON COMMONS FOR THEIR BILLING PERMIT, YESTERDAY. AS I SAID AT THE LAST MEETING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY MANAGER RECRUITING FIRM WILL BE COMING AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR APPROVAL AT THE COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

GREAT, TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR REPORT OUTS? COUNCILMEMBER HINTON? SURE. I ATTENDED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR SCT CA, AND THE FULL BOARD MEETING, ON JULY 14th, THE MAIN ITEMS THAT ARE HAPPENING IS THAT A CLOVERDALE HAS PULLED OUT OF THE BAY WRITTEN PROGRAM BY A VOTE OF THEIR COUNCIL AND SEVASTOPOL IS THE LAST CITY MUNICIPALITY STANDING IN BAY RAN WHICH IS OUR WATER SAVING MEASURE THAT WE APPROVED IN OUR CPA HAS MANAGED FOR AS MANY YEARS AS IT'S BEEN IN EXISTENCE. THEY HAVE A PROPOSAL THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND TRY TO, THEY THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE DISSOLVED. AS I'VE REPORTED BEFORE, THEY HAVE AT LEAST ONE FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME PERSON THAT WORKS IN THEIR ORGANIZATION THAT WILL BE IMPACTED IF THAT FUNDING IS LOST. THEY'RE GOING TO WIND IT DOWN AND ARE NOT ACTIVELY SOLICITING IN THE CITY OF SEVASTOPOL BECAUSE THEY GOT TO WIND US DOWN FROM THIS OFFICIAL PROGRAM. IF IT IS DISSOLVED, AND IT'S LOOKING LIKE THAT IS WHERE IT'S GOING. THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT ANOTHER CLIMATE ACTION TYPE OF PROGRAM IS APPROVED, AND I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF DETAILS ON THAT. AND IT WOULD BE BAY AREA WIDE AGAIN, AND IF IT'S APPROVED THEN, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REALLOCATE THE POSITIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. WITH NEW FUNDING. SO, THAT'S A PRETTY BIG THING FOR OUR CPA, JUST, EVERYBODY IS HOPEFUL THAT THAT WILL GET RESOLVED, THESE ORGANIZATIONS USE A LOT OF TERMS LIKE MASCOTS, SO I GRABBED A COUPLE OFF THE TABLE. BECAUSE THE OTHER THING IS THAT REALLY HAPPENING, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF TALK AND IT WAS BROUGHT UP TONIGHT, BUT, THAT MOST WRITERS ARE CHOOSING RIGHT FOR THEIR REGIONAL TRIP, SO THERE IS MASCOTS DOING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDING THAT GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS TRIPS ARE REDUCED. THAT ONLY SOME ARE OFFERED THAT ARE LONGER COMMUTE, THAT WOULD GO ALL THE WAY INTO THE BAY AREA WITHOUT THE STOPS ALONG THE WAY. IT DOES DESERVE SINCE WE HEARD FROM A SPEAKER THAT I HAVE CONTINUED TO BE VERY, VERY VOCAL SINCE I WAS ELECTED IN 2016 ABOUT US PAYING AND NOT GETTING REPRESENTATION ON THAT BOARD. MANY, MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS, I'VE TALKED TO GRACE ROGERS AND MARK MCGWIRE AND VICTORIA FLEMING, THEY HAVE PROMISED THAT OUR VOICES WILL BE HEARD. SEVASTOPOL AND CITY OF SONOMA ARE IN THE SAME BOAT. WE DO KNOW THAT THEY ARE GOING OUT FOR A TAX EXTENSION. I HAVE NOT YET ENDORSED THAT CAMPAIGN ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO, BECAUSE I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET OUR PROBLEM SOLVED, SO I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE, WE DO WORK ON THESE REGIONAL BOARDS AND WE WORK WITH OUR ELECTED FOLKS AND A LOT OF TIMES THOSE ELECTED FOLKS THAT WE GET TO KNOW AT THE

LOCAL LEVEL GO ON TO REPRESENT US IN SACRAMENTO AND THAT GIVES US A LITTLE MORE. AND ALSO IT'S A SIDE NOTE BUT WE DID SEE ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR THAT WE WORKED REALLY CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO GET OUR SALES TAX IMPLEMENTED IN A POSITIVE WAY. SO SOMETIMES THESE THINGS AREN'T OBVIOUS TO THE PUBLIC BUT I THINK THAT WE'RE DOING A REALLY GOOD JOB ON THAT. ANYWAY, THAT'S MY VERBAL REPORT OUT. IT WAS THE SHORTEST MEETING I'VE EVER READ ATTENDED. AT OUR CPA. THIS FRIDAY OR THIS MONDAY. THIS LAST MONDAY, THANKS.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER?

I STARTED A PROJECT, I WANTED TO LET COUNCIL AND STAFF KNOW, OF OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WAS TALKING ABOUT A GRANT SHE WANTED, A CULTURAL GRANT, AND SO I STARTED GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT SEVASTOPOL AND WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT SEVASTOPOL, WHAT IS SEVASTOPOL'S HISTORY AND CULTURE, AND HOW MANY RESTAURANTS DO WE HAVE IN TOWN? SO I CREATED A SPREADSHEET OF ALL THE RESTAURANTS, I THINK I'M UP TO 97 PLACES THAT YOU CAN GET TO EAT OR DRINK. AND I INCLUDED HOT BARS, AND FIESTA AND ALL THESE PLACES BUT, I WANTED TO OFFER IF ANYBODY WANTED A COPY OF THAT, I CAN SEND IT TO MARY AND OFFER TO COUNCIL. YEAH. SO, MY GOAL IS TO TRY EVERY SINGLE PLACE. AND I'M HAVING FUN WITH THAT. I'M A LIAISON TO THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, I WENT TO THEIR BELONGING PROJECT, THEY HAVE ALL THIS REALLY COOL PUBLIC ART AND THEY HAD IT OPEN SO YOU COULD WALK THROUGH THE FENCE, AND THAT WAS REALLY NICE, I'VE BEEN TO PEACE TOWN, MY HUSBAND AND I CELEBRATED OUR 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. SO THAT WAS A BIG DEAL FOR ME, MEANINGFUL TO ME, THAT'S ALL.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

CAN I JUST ADD ON THAT I DIDN'T GET A REPORT OUT BY RESTAURANT WALK, YOU JUST REMINDED ME, I DID WANT TO SAY THAT I DID MY FIFTH ANNUAL, I WALKED LOCAL AND SEVASTOPOL ON THE 28th OF JUNE, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO REPORT IT OUT, BUT THAT IS A SUPER POPULAR WALK, DID SOME NEWER RESTAURANTS, WE HAD SOME OLD FAVORITES, YOU JUST LOST ONE FROM ROMAN THAT'S MOVING TO TEXAS AND HE'S DONE MY WALK, I THINK, EVERY YEAR. IT WAS A SPECIAL TIME. AND I AGREE, WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT RESTAURANTS, AND WE GOT TO STUFF OURSELVES THAT MORNING.

IN ADDITION TO MY REGULAR MEETINGS, THE VICE MAYOR AND I HAVE SPENT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME, AGAIN, GETTING BACK TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING, SPECIFICALLY IN REFERENCE TO ELDERBERRY COMMONS, AND WITH THE PENDING STARTING THE DIGGING, FOR OUR COMMONS. LOTS OF MEETINGS. HUGE MEETINGS. ALEX, MARY, ATTENDED ONE, WHICH WAS A STATUS CHECK IN, WITH SUPERVISOR HOPKINS AND A TON OF PEOPLE FROM THE COUNTY, TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR REDUCING THE CITY EXPENSES BY WAY OF POLICE TIME AND THE RESPONSE TO ELDERBERRY COMMONS. A LOT OF DIFFERENT THOUGHTS ABOUT WHETHER THE CITY COUNCIL, AT ANY TIME, LOADED TO APPROVE THAT PROJECT. STATEMENTS WERE MADE, TO THE FACT THERE WAS A VOTE. ONE VERSION OF THIS COUNCIL TO APPROVE THAT PROJECT. SINCE THAT STATEMENT WAS MADE, THERE'S BEEN RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND MOVING FORWARD WITH WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO THE COUNTY ABOUT WHETHER ANY CITY COUNCIL DID EFFECTIVELY VOTE TO HAVE THAT PROJECT HAPPEN. AND ONCE THAT DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED, ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED WITH THAT, ALSO, FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THERE

WILL BE AN FAQ ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND IT WILL BE LAUNCHED ON THE CITY SITE. SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OUR REQUEST, REIMBURSEMENT FROM POLICE, THAT WAS A NO. THAT CAME OUT OF THAT MEETING ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER THINGS. I WILL SAY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ESPECIALLY QUESTIONING WHAT ARE WE DOING, ON OUR DIFFERENT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN ALLOCATED AND A LOT OF WORK CONTINUE TO BE ALLOCATED IN REFERENCE TO WHAT'S GOING ON AT GROVE AND STEEN COMMONS. THE PENDING WORK, AND THE ONGOING WORK AT ELDERBERRY COMMONS. TO THE POINT WHERE IT IS NOT JUST US, MAYORS, FIVE OF US STARTED TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS DIVISION, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS DIVISION, WHO I MENTIONED, HOPEFULLY EVERYONE WILL HAVE ON THEIR CALENDAR TO COME AND ASK HIM MANY QUESTIONS ON AUGUST 5th BECAUSE HE, ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER PEOPLE FROM THAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE COMING TO ANSWER ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH DO WE PAY FOR EACH OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE? QUESTIONS LIKE THAT, AND ALSO, REIMAGINING HOW, WITH A LIMITED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES WE HAVE, AND THE PENDING SLASHING OF THOSE MONEY, WHAT ARE WE REALLY GOING TO DO? IN REFERENCE TO THOSE THAT ARE VULNERABLE ON OUR STREETS, POLICE, OTHER NEEDED RESPONSES. I SAY ALL THAT, THE FACT THERE'S A LOT OF WORK, MAYBE WE'RE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB OF COMMUNICATING IT BUT WE'LL TRY TO DO BETTER ON THAT FRONT. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

I WAS JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD GET A CALENDAR INVITE FOR THAT, AUGUST 5th THING. I WILL FORGET.

THAT WILL BE COMING HERE.

THAT WILL BE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THE PRESENTATION.

AND FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW, PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.

I'M SORRY, OUR PUBLIC WORKS, CITY ENGINEER HAS LEFT, I KNOW THE COUNCIL KNOWS THIS AND STAFF KNOWS THAT BUT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MARK HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT. SO HIS LAST, HIS RETIREMENT DATE IS AUGUST 10th, HIS LAST DAY IS JULY 24th. SO, I WILL BE HAVING AN INTERIM CITY ENGINEER FOR NOW SO THAT WE CAN SIGN ALL OF OUR GRANTS, CALTRANS PERMITS, THINGS LIKE THAT, AND BE DOING A RECRUITMENT FOR THAT POSITION AS WELL. AND BASED, COUNCILMEMBER MAURER ON THE PUBLIC , THE CALLS, I WANT TO SAY THERE'S A SPECIAL MEETING NEXT WEEK, THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE CULTURAL OUR DISTRICT GRANT, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THAT, THAT ITEM WILL BE COMING TO THE COUNCIL AUGUST 5th TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION, AND REGARDING THE RIGHT AID, I WILL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE INITIATED A LETTER TO RITE AID TO ASK WHAT THE STATUS IS OF THAT BUILDING, IF THEY'RE GOING TO TELL ME OR NOT IS ANOTHER QUESTION. I DID PUT IN SOME INQUIRIES AND I WILL LET YOU KNOW.

ONE OTHER THING I JUST REMEMBERED, BECAUSE ON OUR COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 5th, FOR THOSE THAT HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT GRAB AND STEEN COMMONS, WE'VE INVITED JACK TIBBETTS TO DO AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION TO US, ABOUT THE STATUS OF THIS ONGOING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT, BECAUSE THERE IS, AGAIN, CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER THE FUNDING IS GOING TO MANIFEST ITSELF FOR THE TIMING WHEN ALL THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN. WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO GET THE COMMUNITY THE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROJECTS, SO, SORRY, I THINK I CUT YOU OFF.

I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE RIGHT AID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M ALLOWED TO ASK BUT, HOW CAN, CAN WE PUT RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THAT BUILDING CAN BE, OR CAN WE THINK ABOUT --

WE HAVE A ZONING CODE THAT PUTS RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THAT BUILDING WOULD BE. SO, IF THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE IF THEY WANT TO UPDATE. WHAT IS ALLOWED, THERE.

SINCE WE HAVE SOME CODE ABOUT, WHAT IS IT, FRANCHISE BUSINESSES? DOES THAT AFFECT WHAT CAN GO IN THERE?

POTENTIALLY, YES.

OKAY.

IT REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT THE PROPOSED REUSE IS. WE DON'T KNOW. THERE IS AN ORDINANCE.

THAT BUILDING IS NOT COVERED BY THE FORMULA BUSINESS ORDINANCE.

IT IS WITHIN DOWNTOWN. THE ZONE.

IT IS.

GREAT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS BEFORE WE ADJOURN?

JUST A COMMENT TO THANK OUR INTERIM CITY MANAGER, MARY CURLEY, WHO IS DOING A FABULOUS JOB, AND SHE WAS STELLAR CITY CLERK, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND YOU'RE BRINGING THAT SAME QUALITY TO THE CITY MANAGER POSITION, AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT PUBLICLY. SO GRATEFUL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US.

THANK YOU.

IF THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER, WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN. THANK YOU EVERYONE, THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HANGING ON.
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