

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
RESOLUTION NO. 6696 - 2025**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL APPROVING REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR VIMEO (LIVE STREAMING) FOR SELECT CITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND DIRECTING THAT SUCH MEETINGS CONTINUE TO BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH ZOOM, IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE, AND TIMELY POSTING OF RECORDINGS TO THE CITY WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol is committed to transparency and accessibility in providing public access to its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City currently utilizes Vimeo to live stream City Council, Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and various committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, while Vimeo provides real-time viewing, it also requires additional staff time, coordination, and costs to set up, monitor, and manage during meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Public Arts Committee, and Climate Action Committee, have historically low, or unknown, levels of live stream participation, averaging 0–1 viewers on Vimeo; and

WHEREAS, these committees as well as the Budget Committee and newly created Oversight Committee for Enterprise Funds and Sebastopol Commons: Building the Commons Committee will provide hybrid meeting access (Zoom and in-person) and ensure recordings are posted promptly to the City’s website, maintaining transparency and compliance with open meeting law requirements; and

WHEREAS, Vimeo live streaming will continue to be utilized for regular City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and Design Review Board Meetings, which are the City’s most widely attended and highest-impact public meetings; and

WHEREAS, City Council Closed Session Meetings and Agenda Review Committee Meetings are in-person only; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires that City Council Special Meetings (called for urgent or emergency items or deadlines), Town Halls, and Study Sessions may be conducted using Zoom and in-person formats without Vimeo live streaming, with recordings posted to the City’s website as soon as possible following each meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol that:

The requirement for Vimeo live streaming is hereby removed for the following committees:

Public Arts Committee
Climate Action Committee

And that these committees listed above as well as the following committees shall conduct meetings in hybrid format (Zoom and in-person), with recordings posted promptly to the City website following each meeting.

Oversight Committee for Enterprise Funds

Sebastopol Commons: Building the Commons Committee

Vimeo live streaming shall continue for Regular City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and Design Review Board Meetings.

Special City Council Meetings, Town Halls, and Study Sessions may be conducted via Zoom and in-person without Vimeo live streaming, with recordings posted to the City’s website as soon as possible following the meeting.

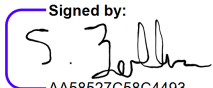
Committee meetings covered under this resolution shall, whenever feasible, be held at City Hall to reduce costs and streamline operations. Should attendance exceed available capacity, meetings may be relocated to larger venues such as the Youth Annex.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 2nd day of September, 2025.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

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

APPROVED: _____

Signed by: AA58527C58C4493
 Mayor Stephen Zollman

ATTEST: _____

Signed by: 44C0774260FE430...
 Mary Gourley, Interim City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

Approved as to Form: _____

Signed by: 66BDB79D572A4EB...
 Alex Mog, City Attorney