

Budget Committee December 30, 2024, Action Minutes

1. December 17 , 2027 Action Minutes Meeting Document – No action received
2. Fire Captain Positions/Recruitment
 - Mayor Zollman has requested the Fire Chief to attend the January 7th meeting to explain the need for an additional fire captain position and justify the immediate start of open recruitment.
 - Councilmember Maurer supports the two captain positions based on the staff's recommendation.
 - Staff to add language to the report with an explanation detailing how Sebastopol ended up with a shortage of Measure H funding. This shortage is attributed to the former fire chief providing data to the fire association that did not fully reflect the city's needs, resulting in an initial shortfall and putting us at a disadvantage from the start.
 - Staff to add language to the report clarifying that the agreement with the county does not affect the Measure H allocation.
 - Staff to provide an update on the long-term financial model at the January 13th budget meeting.
 - CDD to prepare a status report on the consolidation of Planning and DRP for the January 13th budget meeting on the fiscal impact.
 - Staff to connect the dots between the April 16th report and the current financial situation in the next consolidation report.
 - i. Budget Committee raised concerns about the lack of clarity regarding the amount of funding requested for staff and its implications for the public to fully understand.
 - ii. Mayor Zollman also questioned the urgency to enter into an agreement with the county, as the requested amount did not align with the current needs.
 - Staff to include timestamps to future reports to clearly indicate their publication time, especially when changes are made after the initial release.
3. Measure H Funding (Year to Date) Spending Update – included in discussion on item 2
4. Future meeting schedules - Acknowledge
 - January 13, 2025, starting at 3:30PM
 - February 10, 2025, starting at 3PM
5. Meeting Recap – Staff is sending out the action minutes for committee to weigh in.