



City of Sebastopol
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2026
6:00 pm Start Time

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of April 7, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Mayor Maurer called the meeting to order 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Jill McLewis
Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Stephen Zollman

Absent: None

Staff: Interim City Manager Mary Gourley
City Attorney Alex Mog
Administrative Services Director Kwong
Interim Planning Director Jane Riley /4 Leaf
Police Chief McDonagh
Public Works Director Oriana Hart

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor McLewis 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 meetings twice a month.

None.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The City of Sebastopol acknowledges that we live and work within the unceded ancestral homelands of the Southern Pomo and the Coast Miwok people. We pay our respect to the past, present, and future generations of these peoples, including the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

REMEMBERING THE HISTORY OF SEBASTOPOL: Mayor McLewis provided history of Sebastopol events.

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 debate.

None

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Mayor made the following announcement:

The City of Sebastopol and SEIU reached a tentative agreement today on all matters related to compensation for SEIU unit members. This agreement is subject to ratification by the SEIU membership, which is tentatively scheduled for next week.

Upon ratification, the complete SEIU agreement, including all compensation terms, will be presented to City Council for approval. City officials anticipate presenting the agreement to the City Council at the April 7th meeting.

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 comments 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 for items not on the agenda:

Peter
Oliver

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 McLewis read the consent calendar.

Mayor McLewis asked if any Councilmember wanted to remove a consent calendar item.

There were no requests.

Mayor McLewis opened for public comment. The following member(s) of the public spoke during public comment for consent calendar items only: None

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Zollman moved and Vice Mayor Maurer seconded the motion to approve consent calendar item number(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

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

VOTE:

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

1. Approval of City Council Meeting - Regular Meeting - Minutes for Meeting of March 3, 2026

Responsible Department: Interim City Manager

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the minutes is covered within existing budgeted salaries. No additional financial impact is anticipated with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting - Regular Meeting - Minutes for Meeting of March 3, 2026

Minute Order Number: 2026-071

2. Approval of City Council Meeting – Special Meeting – Closed Session Minutes for Special Meeting of March 9, 2026

Responsible Department: Interim City Manager

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the minutes is covered within existing budgeted salaries. No additional financial impact is anticipated with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting – Special Meeting – Closed Session Minutes for Special Meeting of March 9, 2026

Minute Order Number: 2026-072

3. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Lohdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) for Preliminary Design of Well 4 for amount not to exceed \$ 378,095.00. The design work is phased with the preliminary design and site investigation being done in Phase 1 which is the proposed contract. Phase 2 (final design) will occur in FY 26/27 and will be added to the FY 26/27 CIP draft plan.

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries.

The fiscal impact for this work is accounted for in approved CIP Budget and CIP Project No. 0822-24.06

City Council Action: Approved Professional Services Agreement with Lohdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) for Preliminary Design of Well 4 for amount not to exceed \$ 378,095.00. The design work is phased with the preliminary design and site investigation being done in Phase 1 which is the proposed contract. Phase 2 (final design) will occur in FY 26/27 and will be added to the FY 26/27 CIP draft plan.

Minute Order Number: 2026-073

Resolution Number: 6738-2026

4. Acceptance of Grant Deed from Memorial Lawn Cemetery for Bodega Avenue. The owner of Memorial Lawn Cemetery is granting approximately a 2-foot strip along the cemetery frontage to accommodate the Bodega Avenue widening for the new bike lanes as part of the Bodega Avenue Bike Lane and Pavement Rehab Phase 2 Project.

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries.

Memorial Lawn Cemetery granted the City the easement for \$10.00; this cost is included in the project's CIP budget. The fence is also part of the project and will come from approved project funds.

City Council Action: Approved Acceptance of Grant Deed from Memorial Lawn Cemetery for Bodega Avenue. The owner of Memorial Lawn Cemetery is granting approximately a 2-foot strip along the cemetery frontage to accommodate the Bodega Avenue widening for the new bike lanes as part of the Bodega Avenue Bike Lane and Pavement Rehab Phase 2 Project.

Minute Order Number: 2026-074

Resolution Number: 6739-2026

5. Approval of Changes to Committee Assignments for FY 2025-26 pertaining to Public Works staff assignments. The City recently hired a new Public Works Director and changes to the committee assignments are recommended to accommodate the new staff.

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries.

There is no additional fiscal impact with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Approved Changes to Committee Assignments for FY 2025-26 pertaining to Public Works staff assignments. The City recently hired a new Public Works Director and changes to the committee assignments are recommended to accommodate the new staff.

Minute Order Number: 2026-075

6. Approve the Letter of Support for the City of Santa Rosa Energy and Water Funding Request for the Regional Llano Trunk Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project to representatives Schiff, Padilla, and Thompson. Santa Rosa is requesting federal earmark funding for the Llano Trunk Sewer lining project. The City would benefit from any funding received since this project will be paid for by all Subregional partners.

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. There is no additional fiscal impact with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Approved Letter of Support for the City of Santa Rosa Energy and Water Funding Request for the Regional Llano Trunk Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project to representatives Schiff, Padilla, and Thompson. Santa Rosa is requesting federal earmark funding for the Llano Trunk Sewer lining project. The City would benefit from any funding received since this project will be paid for by all Subregional partners

Minute Order Number: 2026-076

7. Receipt of Annual General Plan Progress Report (APR).

Responsible Department: Planning Department

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the APR and agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. There is no additional fiscal impact with approval of this item.

City Council Action: Received Annual General Plan Progress Report (APR).

Minute Order Number: 2026-077

8. Clarification of Council Motion Regarding BayREN Payment – February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting. This item is to clarify the direction in the agenda report versus the actual Council motion at the February 17th City Council Meeting. It is recommended the Council adopt a resolution confirming the Council motion from February 17, 2026 the approval of a one-time settlement payment to BayREN to fully resolve and close out the Water Upgrade Save (WUSave) program, with \$5,731.29 paid from the Water Fund holding account and the remaining \$7,409.94 paid from the General Fund

Responsible Department: Administrative Services

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the staff report is covered within existing budgeted salaries.

Other Fiscal Impact: The total settlement payment to BayRen would be \$13,141.23, of which \$5,731.29 would be paid from the Water Fund holding account and the remaining \$7,409.94 paid from the General Fund. The \$5,731.29 from the Water Fund consisted solely of repayments received from property owners participating in the WUSave, and not from rate revenue. These funds were collected specifically for the City to make payments to BayRen as they become due

City Council Action: Approved Clarification of Council Motion Regarding BayREN Payment – February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting. This item is to clarify the direction in the agenda report versus the actual Council motion at the February 17th City Council Meeting. It is recommended the Council adopt a resolution confirming the Council motion from February 17, 2026 the approval of a one-time settlement payment to

BayREN to fully resolve and close out the Water Upgrade Save (WUSave) program, with \$5,731.29 paid from the Water Fund holding account and the remaining \$7,409.94 paid from the General Fund

Minute Order Number: 2026-078

Resolution Number: 6740-2026

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). NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

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

9. Consideration of Animal Control Services. Item is to consider approval to:

- a. Award a three-month interim contract to the Humane Society of Sonoma County (HSSC) for sheltering services (April 1–June 30, 2026) at a prorated cost of approximately \$9,680.25 (~\$3,226.75 per month), with authorization for the City Manager to extend month-to-month as needed until long-term solutions are secured in collaboration with HSSC and Sonoma County; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to pursue emergency/short-term options for animal control field services (e.g., via Sonoma County Animal Services discussions, City of Sonoma, or other providers); and
- c. Authorize Police Department personnel to process animal licenses in the interim; and
- d. Authorize the City Manager to issue a notice of termination to North Bay Animal Services (NBAS) for the existing month-to-month agreement; and
- e. Approve Budget Amendment Resolution

Requestor: Mayor McLewis/Councilmember

Zollman Responsible Department: Police Chief

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries.

Other Fiscal Impact: The proposed annual cost for Humane Society for a shorter-term option, such as a three-month contract to bridge services until the FY 2026-27 budget is prepared and adopted (typically by June 2026), costs could be prorated at approximately \$9680.25 for three months or \$3226.75 per month (one-quarter of the annual fee)

Due to the urgency of this item, this item was not presented to the budget committee prior to review by City Council as staff was still working with the Humane Society and County on contract costs.

Interim City Manager Gourley presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions of staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

- Amy
- Robert
- Peter
- Karrie
- Ashley
- Cynthia

Monica

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:

Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Maurer moved and Mayor McLewis seconded the motion to approve the following:

1. Award a three-month contract to HSSC (April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026) at a prorated cost of approximately \$9680.25 for three months or \$3226.75 per month to provide interim services for sheltering of animals while the City prepares and adopts the FY 2026-27 budget, with authorization to City Manager to extend month to month until such time that the City, Humane Society and County find long term solution; or until such time that the contract extends beyond the City Manager’s signing authority; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to notify the current provider, North Bay Animal Services (NBAS), of the City's intent to terminate the existing month-to-month agreement.
3. Approve the Resolution for Budget Amendment
4. City staff will return to a future city council meeting for long term solutions
5. Licensing and transportation by the police department

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Zollman, Vice Mayor Maurer and Mayor McLewis

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved:

1. Award a three-month contract to HSSC (April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026) at a prorated cost of approximately \$9680.25 for three months or \$3226.75 per month to provide interim services for sheltering of animals while the City prepares and adopts the FY 2026-27 budget, with authorization to City Manager to extend month to month until such time that the City, Humane Society and County find long term solution; or until such time that the contract extends beyond the City Manager’s signing authority; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to notify the current provider, North Bay Animal Services (NBAS), of the City's intent to terminate the existing month-to-month agreement.
3. Approve the Resolution for Budget Amendment
4. City staff will return to a future city council meeting for long term solutions
5. Licensing and transportation by the police department

Minute Order Number: 2026-079

Resolution Number: 6741-2026

10. Consideration of Fiscal Agent for the Sebastopol Downtown Association Business Improvement District Funds. Item is to consider:

1. Authorize the City of Sebastopol to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the Sebastopol Downtown Association Business Improvement District (BID) funds, to be used solely for the following purposes as authorized by the BID ordinance and California law:
 - A. Acquisition, construction, and/or maintenance of parking facilities for the benefit of the Business Improvement District;
 - B. Decoration of public places in the Business Improvement District;
 - C. Promotion of public events in public places in the Business Improvement District;
 - D. Furnishing of music in public places in the Business Improvement District;
 - E. Promotion of business activities in the Business Improvement District; and
 - F. Any and all other purposes authorized by law, the ordinance establishing the Business Improvement District, and/or the City Council

Direct staff to:

1. Rescind the prior resolution and terminate the existing agreement with the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as Fiscal Agent (see attachments); and
2. Establish a Standing BID Oversight Committee consisting of: One City Councilmember;

City staff liaison(s) (e.g., from Administrative Services);

4-5 representatives from downtown businesses, appointed by participating BID-assessed businesses or their association.

The Committee shall meet at minimum twice per year:

Once to develop and recommend the annual BID budget for Council approval;

Once to prepare and present an Annual Report summarizing goals, accomplishments, expenditures, and fund balances for the prior calendar year;

Additional meetings as needed.

OR, alternatively, direct the Interim City Manager to collaborate directly with downtown business representatives on budget development, reporting, and fund use without forming a formal standing committee.

Responsible Department: Interim City Manager/Administrative Services

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. Additional fiscal impact will be staff time if a committee is created to prepare BIA budget for upcoming FY as well as any additional committee meetings.

Interim City Manager Gourley and City Attorney Alex Mog presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions from staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

Jen
Oliver
Erin
Robert
Andrea

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:

Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

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

1. Authorize the City to serve as Fiscal Agent for the Sebastopol Downtown Association BID funds for the purposes outlined above; and
2. Rescind the prior resolution and terminate the agreement with the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as Fiscal Agent; and
3. Funds are to be used for purposes outlined in staff report
4. Proposals from BID members come to budget committee

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

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Zollman, Vice Mayor Maurer and Mayor McLewis

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved:

1. Authorize the City to serve as Fiscal Agent for the Sebastopol Downtown Association BID funds for the purposes outlined above; and
2. Rescind the prior resolution and terminate the agreement with the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as Fiscal Agent; and
3. Funds are to be used for purposes outlined in staff report
4. Proposals from BID members come to budget committee

Minute Order Number: 2026-080

Resolution Number: 6742-2026

11. **Finalize List of Streets for Digouts and Repairs.** The Digouts and Repairs project is included in the FY 25-26 CIP Budget and was discussed at 3/2/26 BC mtg. This item will finalize the list of streets that will be included in the Digouts and Repairs CIP Project. Note: that Palm Ave. will be included in a future agenda item in April.

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the staff report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. The fiscal impact for this work is accounted for in approved CIP Budget and CIP Project No. 0520-22.09. And is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 – Funding Sources for Digouts and Repairs

| Funding Source | Amount |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 100-General Fund Measure U | \$200,000.00 |
| 200-Gas Tax | 150,000.00 |
| 241-Go Sonoma Roads (GSR) | 150,000.00 |

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Total all funds | \$500,000.00 |
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Oriana Hart, Public Works Director, and City Engineer Mario Landeros, presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions from staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

Kyle
Kate

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:

Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Maurer moved and Councilmember Carter seconded the motion to approve the following: Finalize List of Streets for Digouts and Repairs.

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved Finalize List of Streets for Digouts and Repairs.
 Minute Order Number: 2026-081

12. Consideration of Approval of Emergency Operations Plan. The item is to adopt the City of Sebastopol EOP which is to establish clear authorities, responsibilities, and procedures for managing emergencies that may impact the city.

Responsible Department: Police

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. All work related to the EOP update has been conducted within existing departmental budgets.

Police Lieutenant Bauer, presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions from staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

Kyle

Kate
Michael

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:
Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Zollman moved and Vice Mayor Maurer seconded the motion to issue the DRAFT Emergency Operations Plan with the Final to be submitted to the City Council Meeting of May 7th 2026 and that the Role of the City Council be returned to the City Council.

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved to issue the DRAFT Emergency Operations Plan with the Final to be submitted to the City Council Meeting of May 7th 2026 and that the Role of the City Council be returned to the City Council.

Minute Order Number: 2026-082

- 13. Emergency Sewer Main Replacement –High Street. This item is to request that the City Council:**
 - (1) declare that an emergency exists pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050 related to the failure of the City’s sewer main on South High Street,
 - (2) authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the emergency replacement of approximately 156 linear feet of sewer main between Calder Avenue and Maple Avenue, and
 - (3) adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment for the project funded through the Wastewater Reserve Fund in an amount of \$81,720.00

Responsible Department: Public Works

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare the agenda report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. Due to the urgency of this item, this item was not presented to the budget committee prior to review by City Council. This repair was not included in the Fiscal Year 2025–26 adopted budget and will require a budget amendment funded through the Wastewater Reserve Fund in an amount of \$81,720.00.

Oriana Hart, Public Works Director, presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions from staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

Robert

Kyle
Oliver

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:

Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hinton moved and Vice Mayor Maurer seconded the motion to approve the following:

- o declare that an emergency exists pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050 related to the failure of the City’s sewer main on South High Street,
- o authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the emergency replacement of approximately 156 linear feet of sewer main between Calder Avenue and Maple Avenue, and
- o adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment for the project funded through the Wastewater Reserve Fund in an amount of \$81,720.00

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved:

- o declare that an emergency exists pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050 related to the failure of the City’s sewer main on South High Street,
- o authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the emergency replacement of approximately 156 linear feet of sewer main between Calder Avenue and Maple Avenue, and
- o adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment for the project funded through the Wastewater Reserve Fund in an amount of \$81,720.00

Minute Order Number: 2026-083

Resolution Number: 6743-2026

14. **Approval of Extension of Interim City Manager Contract.** The City Manager position is currently vacant, and the current interim contract expires March 31, 2026. Extension would be under same terms and conditions contained in Amendment Four of Employment Agreement.

Responsible Department: City Personnel Attorney/Human Resources Consultant

Fiscal Impact: Staff time required to prepare agenda item report is covered within existing budgeted salaries. Staff is not asking for any additional appropriations to cover the cost of the extension of the interim position.

City Attorney Alex Mog presented the agenda item.

Mayor McLewis opened for questions of staff. The Council asked various questions of City staff.

Mayor McLewis opened the public comment period. The following member(s) of the public spoke during the public comment period:

Kyle
Robert

City Council Discussion/Deliberations/Comments:

Council continued discussion of the item.

Mayor McLewis called for a motion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Zollman moved and Vice Mayor Maurer seconded the motion to approve the following: Extension of Interim City Manager Contract.

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

VOTE:

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

City Council Action: Approved Extension of Interim City Manager Contract.
Minute Order Number: 2026-084
Resolution Number: 6744-2026

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.

Kate
Kyle
Robert

COUNCILMEMBER(S) REQUESTS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

15. 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)

- Gravenstein Commons Update Report
- Monthly Departmental Reports
- City Council Goals Submission Reminder to Council and Community (Verbal Reminder)

Reference Order Number: 2026-085

16. 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)
17. Council Communications Received (Information/Meetings/Correspondence Received from the General Public to Councilmembers)

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned by Mayor McLewis at 9:22 pm to the next Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at **6:00 pm**, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary C. Gourley
Interim City Manager

Attachment 1: ZOOM Raw Minutes

Attachment 2: VITAC Real Time Transcription Minutes

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, good evening, everyone. I'm calling this meeting to order at 6...

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00:00:07.760 --> 00:00:21.029

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 6.01 PM, and I just wanted to acknowledge that it is very warm in here. The air conditioning is on the fritz, so Public Works is looking to see if they can actually get us a fan to circulate the air, so I apologize for

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00:00:21.610 --> 00:00:35.320

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: For this inconvenience for all of us, actually. So, let's see, I'm just gonna do roll call first, if you'd like to go ahead, Mary. Thank you, Mayor. Councilmember Carter? Here. Councilmember Zalman?

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00:00:35.550 --> 00:00:42.749

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Present. Vice Mayor Maurer? Here. Mayor McLewis? Here. Councilmember Hinton is running late and will be here in about 10-15 minutes.

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00:00:43.010 --> 00:00:46.540

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, well then let's go ahead and just do a salute to the flag.

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00:01:05.980 --> 00:01:06.780

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Right.

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00:01:07.560 --> 00:01:14.090

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, thank you very much. As part of our meetings, we do a land acknowledgement, so I'm gonna go ahead and read that.

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00:01:14.130 --> 00:01:32.809

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The City of Sebastopol acknowledges that we live and work within the unceded ancestral homelands of the Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok people. We pay our respect to the past, present, and future generations of these peoples, including the Federated Indians of Grayton, Rancheria. And as part of my,

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00:01:32.880 --> 00:01:41.049

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: during my term as mayor, I've wanted to, remember the history of Sebastopol, so I just have a few little blurbs that I have from our,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: our West County Museum that they provide to me, and I'm just gonna highlight a couple things that happened in the past here. So, in 1966, a traffic signal was okayed and approved by the City Council, and with the Division of Highways.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: For a signal at Bodega and Sebastopol Avenue intersection in Main Street. Police Chief John Pilgrim assured the Council the signal would be a safety improvement, and I know that area, has come up over the years as far as a topic with the, with the,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: with the traffic light. And then, in 1966 in the paper, it came... it was,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It was spoken about the Vietnam War, is providing an additional outlet for fresh apples, according to the California apple growers of Sebastopol. So that really... at that time, that really impacted,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the sale of apples here, and fresh apples were supplied to the government by Watsonville shippers. And then in 1966, the city actually, for the first time, installed radios on all fire trucks, and 3 public works trucks.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: They all carried radios around for communication with the base unit, and that was just in 1966 that they finally got the communication going, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm hoping that we have better radios today so the public works can get here faster for our... for our fans. So, moving along, we don't have any proclamations tonight, but are there any statements of conflict of interest?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, so we're going to go on to public comment for items that are not on the agenda. So anything that is not already listed on the agenda, now is the time for that public comment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, I'm sorry. I did. I apologize, I forgot I wanted to make one little statement before we started that. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The City of Sebastopol and SEIU reached a tentative agreement today on all matters related to the compensation SEIU unit members will receive. This agreement is subject to ratification by the SEIU membership, which is tentatively scheduled for next week.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Upon ratification, the complete SEIU agreement, including all compensation terms, will be presented to City Council for approval. City officials anticipate presenting the agreement to the City Council at the April 7th meeting, so we wanted to inform everyone of that. That's something new today, this afternoon.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, if you want to go ahead to public comment, Mary?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Mayor. So this is for public comment for items not on tonight's agenda. If you would like to make a public comment, it is a 2-minute limit public comment. There is a 20-minute limit for the first public comment period, so about 10 speakers, and if you're not able to speak during the first public comment, we do have public comment at the end of the meeting as well. So again, this is

the opportunity for public comment for items not on the agenda, and I will come to Chambers first and go on to

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Zoom?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So if there's anyone who'd like to make a public comment?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: This is for items not on the agenda.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That is on the agenda.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Good afternoon. I am Peter, and I'm one with the Logos, and this is St. Patrick's Day.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Time for us to get lean, mean, green, and serene. St. Patrick, he drove out the snakes of Ireland with an amazing story found on Commander Alexander Truth on TikTok.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And more than ever, deceptions are great and the illusions are greater still, so may Almighty's Spirit give us clarity.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So American veterans and law enforcement are among those driving out the snakes in the USA via Operation Vampire Killer. This is also disclosed on Commander Alexander Truth on TikTok.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But the City Council here, please answer.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Your constituents, why the city is driving out by corrupted evictions.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: over a dozen single mothers and their young children using the USDA As an absurd, false reasoning.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And so, also... Why is the press Democrat?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the county using deceptive media, supporting paid politicians.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: With omission of important factual data, to drive out, and Animal Services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And to be replaced by something that'll cost four times more to the taxpayers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But most importantly, with honor by flags half-mast, the world-famous Ziemer soccer brothers lost their leader, Marcus, this week. They interacted and coached tens of thousands of boys and girls, soccer stars throughout the world now.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And as youngsters in team sports, we're told to learn how to work together, preparing us to handle worldly challenges.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I submit, soccer warriors, to arise in honor of Marcus, also in honoring your American spirit, and also honoring the spirit of Christ, because your input and influence is needed. And this, I also invite you to look on my site.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Commander Alexander Truth on TikTok.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you kindly for blessing me with your time, and may clarity prevail in all these matters. Blessings.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you for your public comment. Next, I'll go out to Zoom. Oliver, can you mute yourself, please?

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Oliver: Yep, I'm unmuted and I have a timer.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, go ahead, please.

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Oliver: Thanks, yeah. So, I was on the planning meeting earlier about Valentine Avenue, and I want to make the same point that I made there, which is that I'm on the Enterprise Committee, as you probably know, and I'm speaking purely for myself here. I'm not speaking on behalf of the Enterprise Committee.

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Oliver: But just to comment about the fact that we're very, very close to housing capacity in the city of Sebastopol,

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Oliver: We probably have maybe 100, 120 development slots still open before we're pretty much maxed out in terms of

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Oliver: water supply and so on and so forth. But more seriously, we have very serious water and sewage problems with the quality of the plumbing. We had a pretty major sewage issue on South High Street, which cost the city a lot of money, with one of the clay pipes failing.

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Oliver: And I just wanted to make the point that, the road surfaces are... the fact that the road surfaces are in very poor condition means that that actually has a deleterious impact on the infrastructure underground as well, because

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Oliver: Roads should act as a sort of a shield to protect what's underneath, and that's just not happening anymore.

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Oliver: So to get back to the Valentine Avenue, proposed development and other ones similar to that.

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Oliver: and particularly the ADUs, which the Council just passed, we're going to have some serious issues going forward, I think, where we're overloading the underground infrastructure, we're going to have a lot more traffic, and I think that's something that the...

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Oliver: Council, really needs to help the city staff to address. Thank you.

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00:08:49.380 --> 00:08:57.259

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Oliver, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into the chambers, if there's anyone in chambers that would like to make a public comment for an item not on the agenda.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a comment for an item not on the agenda, please raise your hand virtually.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed for items not on the agenda.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, thank you very much.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we are back to the consent calendar, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Let's see, I'm gonna go ahead and read all of these, and then you all can let me know if you want to pull anything from this.

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00:09:24.140 --> 00:09:42.990

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, number one on the consent calendar, approval of City Council meeting, regular meeting, minutes for meeting of March 3rd, 2026. Approval of City Council meeting, special meeting, closed session minutes for special meeting of March 9, 2026. Approval of professional services agreement with

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Ludorf and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers for Preliminary Design of Well 4.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: For the amount not to exceed \$378,095,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The design work is phased with the preliminary design and site investigation being done in Phase 1, which is the proposed contract. Phase 2 final design will occur in fiscal year 26-27, and will be added to the fiscal year 26-27 CIP draft plan.

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00:10:12.410 --> 00:10:31.850

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number 4, acceptance of grant deed from Memorial Lawn Cemetery for Bodega Avenue. The owner of Memorial Lawn Cemetery is granting approximately a 2-foot strip along the cemetery frontage to accommodate the

Bodega Avenue widening for the new bike lanes as part of the Bodega Avenue Bike Lane and Pavement Rehab Phase 2 project.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Approval of number 5, approval of changes to committee assignments for fiscal year 25-26 pertaining to Public Works staff assignments. The City recently hired a new Public Works Director, and changes to the committee assignments are recommended to accommodate new staff.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number 6, approve the letter of support for the City of Santa Rosa Energy and Water Funding Request for Regional Lano Trunk Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project to Representatives Schiff, Padilla, and Thompson.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Santa Rosa is requesting federal earmark funding for the Lano Truck Sewer Lining Project. The City would benefit from any funding received since the project will be paid for by all sub-regional partners.

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00:11:12.790 --> 00:11:16.429

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I apologize for the disruption, everyone. Trying to make it cooler in here.

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00:11:16.690 --> 00:11:26.910

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number 7, Receipt of annual general plan progress report, APR. And number 8, clarification of Council Motion Regarding Bay Ren Payment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: February 17th, 2026, City Council meeting. This item is to clarify the direction in the agenda report versus the actual Council motion at the February 17th City Council meeting.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It is recommended that Council adopt a resolution confirming the Council motion from February 17th, 2026, the approval of one-time settlement payment to Bay Ren to fully resolve and close out the water upgrade

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: SAVE, the WUSAVE program, with \$5,731.29 paid from the water fund holding account, and the remaining \$7,409.94 paid from the General Fund.

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00:12:09.680 --> 00:12:15.579

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Would anyone like to pull any items from the consent calendar that I've just read? No?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, so Mary...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Mayor. This is for public comment for items on the consent calendar only. If you would like to make a public comment, again, it is a 2-minute time limit. I will come to Chambers and then go out to Zoom. If there's anyone in chambers that would like to make a public comment on the consent calendar only.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment for an item

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: On the consent calendar only, please raise your hand virtually.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, there is no public comment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, so we're back here at the dais. Does anyone have any comments before?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, go ahead. I'll just, move the consent calendar items.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we have a motion.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Have a second?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Do you want to go ahead? Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. So moved by Councilmember Zolman and seconded by Vice Mayor Maurer to approve the consent calendar items 1 through 8. Councilmember Carter? Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, we are moving along to public hearings. Regular calendar agenda items, discussion, interaction. So, number 9, is consideration

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: of Animal Control Services. This item is to consider approval to Award a 3-month interim contract to the Humane Society of Sonoma County for sheltering services, which would be April 1st to June 30th, 2026, at a prorated cost of approximately

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00:13:54.700 --> 00:14:14.120

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Do you want me to read that, or do you want to read it? Oh, okay. Approximately \$9,680.25 per month, with authorization for the City Manager to extend month to month as needed until long-term solutions are secured in collaboration with the SCCC. Did you want to read it? I apologize, it looked like you wanted to read it. Oh, okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, okay, sorry, I just want to make sure. B, authorize the City Manager to pursue emergency short-term options for animal control field

services. For example, Sonoma County Animal Services discussion, City of Sonoma and other providers, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: C, authorize police department personnel to process animal license in the interim. And D, authorize the city manager to issue a notice of termination to North Bay Animal Services for the existing month-to-month agreement.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And E, approve budget amendment resolution. And so this is brought forth by myself and Councilmember Zolman, but I believe who... you'll be doing the presentation? Interim City Manager? I'll be giving the staff report, unless you wanted to make introductory comments first.

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00:14:57.330 --> 00:15:09.769

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, yeah, I just wanted to say that this, is something that I have been working, well with, with, Councilmember Zolman, but also over the past week. Spent a great deal of time

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: working with our interim city manager, in addition to advocating for Sebastopol and discussing with our... at our mayor's meeting,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: various options, because we have other cities that are involved with this. I would just say I really appreciate all the hard work for... that Mary's put into this, and she... between she and I,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We've contacted many nonprofits trying to find solutions, other council members in other cities. We spent a great deal of time trying to come up with some solutions, because it's a challenging

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: situation, and, timing is... is the hardest thing, right? So I just wanted to say that a lot of time and thought has gone into this ahead of time, and so I'm happy to answer any questions as well, and this definitely will continue to be a discussion amongst the,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Mayors and City Council members, as we all deal with this unfortunate situation. So, I just want to hand it over to you, if you'd like. Did Councilmember Zollman, as a co-presenter, would like to make a few comments before I go into the staff report? Yes, thank you, and thank you. I definitely want to say thank you, to the Mayor and to Mary, for the continued hard work. As I disclosed earlier, I am a volunteer at the Humane Society.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Feeding our cats, and as I said at the end of a council meeting not that long ago.

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00:16:23.110 --> 00:16:46.670

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm really, really glad that this is where it is now, to hopefully have a vote to immediately terminate all relationships with NBAS, because if you saw the animals that I saw, those dogs infected by Pavlo, and the volunteers and the staff that worked around the clock to try to save their lives, you too would want to break ties with that agency as soon as possible. Thank you.

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00:16:47.590 --> 00:17:04.150

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Oops. Thank you. So, as you had stated, Mayor, this agenda item is to consider, multiple options for the Animal Control Services contract. As the City is aware, the City has been in contract with North Bay Animal Services since 2022.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And based upon the grand jury report from last year, as well as the, comprehensive media coverage and the,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: facilities from Clear Lake. The city has brought this item forward to, look at different animal control services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, in response to the grand jury's report, not only City of Sebastopol, but City of Petaluma has terminated theirs. City of Clover Lake, of course. The Town of Windsor is taking this tomorrow night to their councils.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And City of Cloverdale, I believe, has an RFP out, and they are looking at, bringing this item potentially next week. Don't quote me on that, but that is my understanding for this, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: In early 2026, before the Clear Lake issue came out, we did do a request for proposals. This was our second request. We did one earlier last year, and then earlier this year, for animal control services to include

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Not only sheltering, but field services as well. And in response to that RFP, we did receive one response. It was from the Humane Society of Sonoma County with the Sonoma County Animal Control Services as a subcontractor to that proposal. That proposal came in at about \$78,000.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And currently we pay about \$15,000 for NBS for Just Services, but...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: we vetted the RFP, we looked at it, staff elected it, it met all the requirements of our RFP, it addressed all the questions that we had in our RFP. However, since receiving that RFP, I had reached out to both the Humane Society of Sonoma County, as well as Sonoma County Animal Control Services, to see if we could reduce the amount of the contract.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: based upon the number of animals. So, they currently have 100 animals per year.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: My understanding, based upon the chief, and based upon NBAS, however, I've not seen their records, so I'm going on our Chief, we go anywhere from 30 to 40 animals per year, so about 2 to 3 animals a month that we transport for sheltering services. The proposal is based on 100,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So again, it's... the Humane Society is willing to work with us right now, but the Sonoma County Animal Control Services portion of the contract cannot be looked at tonight, and the reason being, it needs to go to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for approval.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, that has not... They're hoping to bring an item, hopefully in April, to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and the reason being is not only Sebastopol.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But these other cities are also looking at the Sonoma County Animal Control Services as well. So, we're waiting to see what that proposal is going to look like.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But again, we're hoping to have that within the next few weeks. So, based upon the proposal for the sheltering from the Humane Society of Sonoma County, and the options that the city has, so we can either

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And this is not a recommendation, so I just wanted to put it out there, but I wanted to do my due diligence, so I did reach out to NBIS. They wanted to charge \$195 an animal if the city wanted to do that for the next two weeks. Again, that is not a recommendation, but I just wanted to do my due diligence to put that information out there.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We do have, the ability with our police staff to be able to transport animals into... over to the Humane Society, which is about a mile away from us. They do have newer vehicles, air conditioning, we would be able to safely take them over there.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then we could also do temporary licensing for the animals until such time that we're able to contract with another vendor, presumably Sonoma County Animal Services, again, once we can get that to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, and then the recommendation would be to terminate MBAS immediately.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, tonight's, option... tonight's recommendation, I'm sorry. Tonight's recommendation is to go ahead and,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: recommend a short-term, 3-month contract with Sonoma County Humane Society. I did talk to Cynthia and Carrie, and both from the Humane Society, and they're willing to work with the city on that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: If we do terminate NBIS immediately tonight, they're open to doing, dog drop-offs, or, I'm sorry, animal... animal over to the sheltering from the police department until such time that we can get a contract with them.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm assuming it's probably going to take a week or so, because they'll have to meet our insurance requirements, we'll have to execute the contract, but they're willing to do that on a per-animal charge, so they're willing to do that. We would terminate MBIS tonight, and then we would do a budget amendment

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for the 3 months for the sheltering services, and then bring back, once we get information from the county on the Sonoma County Animal Control contract, that contract for Council consideration.

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00:21:51.730 --> 00:22:03.380

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you repeat that real quick, Mary? Who did you say? So, from the Sonoma County Humane Society? Oh, that's right. Yeah, I just wanted to make sure. Yes. And I will say, as the Mayor has stated, over the last

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: probably a week. I have reached out to animal shelters, I've reached out to, rescue organizations, I've even went as far as Mendocino County to see if they would be willing to drive down. I did reach out to Marin, distance, and all that, so we did do our due diligence trying to find every available solution to try to do this, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The rec... so the recommendation for tonight would be to, award a 3-month interim contract with the Humane Society of Sonoma County for sheltering services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then authorizing the city manager to extend that month to month until such time that we can bring a contract back for sheltering, as well as field services with the Sonoma County Animal Control, which is a part of their proposal.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then to, authorize police department personnel to do animal licensing in the interim, as well as transporting the animals to the Humane Society of Sonoma County, terminate immediately the North Bay Animal Services contract, and then approve the budget amendment resolution for the sheltering services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So that is staff's recommendation. I'm happy to answer questions, and if there's any legal questions, we have our city attorney.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Councilmember Zolong.

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00:23:18.150 --> 00:23:35.379

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, and thank you again, Mary, for all the hard work. So, I just want to be able to walk this through, because being a volunteer and seeing the type of animals that the Humane Society looks after. So, if one of our residents were to be on vacation.

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00:23:35.380 --> 00:23:38.650

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And their pet dog was...

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00:23:38.870 --> 00:23:45.909

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: found roaming around, and no one knew what to do. So, if we follow your recommendation and go with it tonight.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Anyone could call our police chief.

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00:23:49.870 --> 00:23:54.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: They would come out to the neighborhood, Pick up the little dog.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: put it in their air-conditioned van, safely transport them over to the Humane Society, where they would be vet-checked.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: and looked after

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for however long they need to be looked after till their owner was notified and could come home and pick them up. Is that right? That is my understanding, yes, that is correct. That they would... we would be transporting the animals, our police department would be transferring them in our air-conditioned vehicles, to the Humane Society of Sonoma County. Okay, thanks.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Any other questions?

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00:24:28.670 --> 00:24:29.529

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Just to clarify, that's a budget difference of \$7,855, is that...

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00:24:37.500 --> 00:24:38.820

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: What you're asking?

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00:24:39.000 --> 00:24:39.780

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Us?

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00:24:42.660 --> 00:24:50.690

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I believe it was... I'm sorry, let me pull it up, I just shut it. I'm looking at page 102 of 102, it says,

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00:24:50.720 --> 00:25:01.019

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the net impact is \$7,855. Yes, because we would still... we still have remaining funds from NBIS that we have not used for this year yet, so we would use that

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00:25:01.020 --> 00:25:15.079

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: to make up the difference. Okay, and that's good till June 30th? That would be till June 30th, and then, we would be working on our budget for the upcoming fiscal year, so we'd be able to propose it, and that would give me time to work the Humane Society, to look

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00:25:15.090 --> 00:25:24.670

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: at the cost, because like I said, right now it's based on 100 animals versus, my understanding is about 30 to 40 animals per year, and the Humane Society has

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00:25:24.810 --> 00:25:27.869

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You know, graciously agreed to work with us on that cost.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I believe we have Humane Society here if we had any questions as well. Okay, thank you. Go ahead, Councilmember Carter.

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00:25:38.880 --> 00:25:45.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you all for the work on this. I just have a quick question about what can be,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: like, a county service, like, are we able to, like... we have our own police, we have this and that, but we have county fire, can... can we just use...

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00:25:55.270 --> 00:25:57.249

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The county service for dogs?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, that was part of the proposal, was the Sonoma County Animal Services. They are Sonoma County.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And so... but because they did not go to the Board of Supervisors, we can't look at that proposal. So, and right now, until they figure out what cities they are going to be working with, because like I said, Town of Windsor is going... is looking at that direction, Cloverdale,

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00:26:20.220 --> 00:26:28.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, until they can provide to us a proposal, they don't have the staffing right now, either, to do it, even for us on a short term, but it's made... but it is Sonoma County.

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00:26:28.900 --> 00:26:38.709

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So that is what it is. Yeah, and just for those who, I mean, you know, we've been so deep in this, it makes a lot of sense to us, but I have found in talking to people, people don't understand that

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00:26:38.710 --> 00:26:54.209

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The Humane Society, they take care of the animals, but they don't traditionally support, you know, transport, which is why we had to

go out and find someone else, so just for anyone that needs that clarity. And it is through the county, and they can't just add cities on without

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00:26:54.210 --> 00:27:12.109

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, dealing with the employee side of it, meet and confer all the different, facets that go into adding staffing and doing all of that, and because of the timing, there's just no way to get it to the Board of Supervisors before, before we had to make our decision tonight, because we really pushed for that. So, it's just...

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00:27:12.160 --> 00:27:32.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it's just how it is. Our hands are tied with some of the timings, so that's why... that's why we had to really spend time trying to figure out how do we transport these animals. And certainly we've learned a lot through this process over the last week about animal care, and how complicated it can get, but I think at the end of the day, at least personally, I'm like, don't mess with our animals.

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00:27:32.190 --> 00:27:37.350

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So that's how I feel about it. But anyway, so I don't know. Did anyone else have questions?

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00:27:39.920 --> 00:27:56.539

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, alright, so if we want to go out to public comment... Thank you, Mayor. So this is public comment on the, Animal Control Services contract moving forward. If you would like to make a public comment on this item, I will

come to Chambers first, and then go out to Zoom. It is a 2-minute time limit. Please go ahead and go up to the podium.

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00:28:03.970 --> 00:28:09.689

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Good evening. I really do appreciate that you're taking this so seriously, because it is a very serious matter.

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00:28:10.850 --> 00:28:30.669

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: My name is Amy Taylor, I live in Petaluma, and I'm here to... I want to talk about the public safety issue of it, because that's really what animal control is about. The entire program exists to prevent rabies in our community. Right now, North Bay Animal Services is not doing the job the way it was... should be done.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: This isn't about stray dogs, this is about rabies control, which is a core public health responsibility.

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00:28:40.020 --> 00:28:50.480

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We're seeing dogs not properly licensed, rabies vaccines not being verified, bite incidents not being handled with the level of seriousness they are required.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: If at all.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That's a problem because rabies is fatal, and prevention is the only protection that we have as a community, any community.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: When these basic safeguards break down, it puts residents, kids, and pets at risk.

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00:29:07.640 --> 00:29:17.060

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And it puts a town in a position of liability. And North Bay Animal Services will not be left holding the bag when the lawsuits come in.

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00:29:20.780 --> 00:29:24.769

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry. It will be the town. They will have already left

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: town, and the... and the responsibility falls on the council and the town of Sevastopol.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: At the end of the day, this is about whether the system is in place to protecting the public or not, and right now, it's not.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm asking the Council to seriously consider terminating the contract with North Bay Animal Services, which you've discussed, and I appreciate that. A model that prior to,

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00:29:48.130 --> 00:30:07.550

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Find what you also said, you know, Sonoma County... Amy, you have about 15 seconds. ...and the Humane Society, a model that prioritizes enforcement, accountability, and public safety, because that's what this should be about. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will go out to Zoom. Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Robert: Yes. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you see the timer?

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00:30:11.390 --> 00:30:12.770

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Great, go ahead, please.

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00:30:13.050 --> 00:30:19.620

Robert: Mostly it's a question, maybe it's a sanity check, but... because I heard,

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Robert: Mary, say, something like \$60,000 or \$70,000 or something. It looks like, from the staff report, that it's going to be somewhere around \$3,226 a month.

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00:30:32.740 --> 00:30:45.419

Robert: Multiplying that out, that's about \$38,000, \$39,000 a year for 35 to 40 animals. So it's... in essence, we're paying about \$1,000 per animal, and that doesn't include...

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Robert: transportation.

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Robert: So this is going to be one of the more expensive things in the city budget. Does this make sense? Is the owner of the animal responsible for any costs, associated with the care and feeding of their animal at the pound? If the animal's picked up

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Robert: an hour after it's been taken there? Is it still costing the city \$1,000 per animal? I'm a little... I'm a little confused about how this cost structure works, but that's my comment. Thank you.

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00:31:17.950 --> 00:31:21.109

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment. Next, I will come into Chambers.

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00:31:24.040 --> 00:31:25.340

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you very much.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hi, I'm Peter, and... I've always liked animals better than most people.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't want to say that,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: There's been a lot of synchronicity around this topic for me just in the last two days.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I said before, the deceptions are great and the illusions are greater still.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The cancers in both people and animals has skyrocketed every 10 years since 1970. This is almost entirely due to, all the vaccines imposed upon through, onto people and animals out of Fort Detrick, Maryland, APGMD. This is not...

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00:31:57.960 --> 00:31:59.759

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: A guess, this is a fact.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I can tell you that,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: what you're dealing with is important, but to me, it's surface symptomology. If you were to find out or research how many police dogs and

sheriff's law enforcement dogs die 5 years early because of cancers, because of the food system.

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00:32:17.680 --> 00:32:26.679

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That is filled with recycled animals that are filled with diseases, filled with vaccines, and also filled with human

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: parts, and also human diseases. This has been going on for well over 60 years. It's just gotten insane.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: When I made this public, years ago in Teteluma, about the animal, the Chinese meat filler, 40,000 Chinese die every day, they don't bury them, they don't burn them, they become meat filler. It comes into this country and fed to people and animals, and I mentioned about the chicken feed, and that same day, or the day after, a huge

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00:32:53.610 --> 00:33:00.440

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: truck filled with Chinese meat filler chicken feed fell over right on the Petaluma Bridge.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, my concern is this, that you concern yourself with these animals are being fed and how this is affecting ourselves and the animals with all the diseases that are increasing exponentially every 5 to 10 years. I'm sorry? You have about 15 seconds. Okay, so,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Like I said, I would ask you to look up and find out how many law enforcement dogs are dying early. Every town

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00:33:25.100 --> 00:33:41.160

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: this has occurred, and that I want to say thank you for your attention to this, and I would say please go deeper with what you're doing, and not just the surface symptomology. Thank you very much. Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will go out to Zoom.

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00:33:41.160 --> 00:33:43.030

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Carrie, can you unmute yourself, please?

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00:33:48.400 --> 00:33:51.180

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, she's left off.

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00:33:51.180 --> 00:33:52.590

Karrie Stewart: There we go. Oh, there you go.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You are. Can you see?

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00:33:55.060 --> 00:33:56.830

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you see the timer, Carrie?

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Karrie Stewart: No, but you can give me the 15 second.

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00:34:00.190 --> 00:34:01.480

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, go ahead, please.

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Karrie Stewart: Hi, my name is Carrie Stewart. I'm the Senior Director of Operations and Programs at the Humane Society of Sonoma County.

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Karrie Stewart: We, my executive director, Cynthia King, is also on this call, but her...

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Karrie Stewart: name says administrative or something, so she is here tonight.

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Karrie Stewart: And I just wanted to thank the city for.

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Karrie Stewart: Considering working with us again, we did serve the city of Sebastopol for over 20 years and its residents.

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Karrie Stewart: And we're very much looking forward to doing that again. Just as a matter of point, when we had the city contract, our, our numbers reflected about 80 to 100 animals arriving at our shelter every year.

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Karrie Stewart: So it... that may be a measure of residence in Sebastopol not actually taking strays down to Petaluma in the inter... in the meantime, the last few years. So, I just wanted to make that point. I'll be available for questions for a little while, and that's all I have right now.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Carrie, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hi, everybody. My name is Ashley Armstrong. I'm a Sebastopol resident. I'm also the Director of We Care Animal Rescue in St. Helena, California.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We hold the animal control contract in partnership with the police department, and I was fortunate enough, about 5 years ago, I was a staff member at the Humane Society of Sonoma County when we worked beautifully with the police department. Pretty often, stray dogs will come in. I'm gonna say much closer to 100, so I'd definitely check and see what those numbers were at, previous to North Bay taking over. But the partnership was beautiful. The police department came in, if they had an animal that they couldn't get

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: of their car, or maybe was a little afraid, or needed resource. They came to the staff that knew what they were doing, and we were able to support them. I think that served the city well, and as a resident, that's a relationship I would like to see again.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: As Councilmember Zolan mentioned, the conditions in Clear Lake were horrible. My and some of my team members had the chance to go up there. I actually brought a dog home because I couldn't stand to let her stay there.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry. Since then, we have continued our partnership with them, and I'm very happy. I'm very happy that other cities have gone towards moving away from North Bay. I think that's the right choice, and I really just encourage you guys to make the same choice for our animals and our community. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Ashley, for your public comment. Next, I'll go out to Zoom. Cynthia, can you mute yourself, please?

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Admin Account: Hello, this is Cynthia.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you see the timer?

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Admin Account: Yes.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Great, go ahead, please.

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Admin Account: Thank you, I apologize for my name being wrong. I couldn't change it, but I appreciate being here tonight, and the City Council for taking this up in a timely manner. I also wanted to give you some appreciation for, before, when you listened to the comments and the input from the community on not accepting either of the bids on the initial

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Admin Account: RFP process, and I think that has, borne out well for you now. I do just want to mention some historical context. We did do animal control at one point for the county, and we stopped doing it in 1989.

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00:37:02.880 --> 00:37:12.640

Admin Account: And as I told Petaluma City Council, we've kind of been here before, history keeps repeating itself, and one of the biggest things to take into account is, cost and sustainability, and so Sebastopol.

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Admin Account: proportionately has been paying a lot less than other areas, and so I know it's a kind of shocking number to pay a lot more, but to answer the former public comment, there is a model that other municipalities do with their contractor, and it is based on days,

and it is prorated based on the amount of time the animal spends. Obviously, the first day is the most expensive with the amount of intake process that we have, but we are working on something to make it

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Admin Account: realistic and manageable. And, the first 3 months, having a 3-month contract will allow us together to figure out the number of animals, which, as Ashley and Carrie said, has been closer to 100 for us, as well as the real costs

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Admin Account: but making it, focused on the actuals served and not just a monthly cost. And so I think that'll be good. The last thing I wanted to say was that, I appreciate the momentum that's happening right now in the community and with the... our residents, and I just hope that's going to be able to keep going as we move into the long-term solution.

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Admin Account: Which, will hopefully be a joint power of authority model with the county and all of the cities. So I hope that the city council's aware and on board with that, so that we can move through that process as quickly as possible, and move to that longer

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00:38:21.790 --> 00:38:37.249

Admin Account: more cohesive, collaborative, and sustainable model of the JPA, and not just, all these one-off contracts that are negotiated differently with different places. I think it'll just be better for all of us, and better for the animals in our communities, so I just appreciate where we're at in this moment. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Cynthia, 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 on this item.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I'll go out to Zoom. Monica, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you see the timer?

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Monica Stevens, Jameson Humane: Yes, I can, thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Please.

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Monica Stevens, Jameson Humane: My name is Monica Stevens, I'm president and co-founder, Jameson Humane, located in Napa. I wanted to say thank you to the City of Sebastopol and the leadership you've taken to move swiftly to

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Monica Stevens, Jameson Humane: Do what you're doing. I would like to say, in addition, in support with Ashley of WeCare, that Napa County stands together, in this important decision you're making to get rid of, North Bay.

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Monica Stevens, Jameson Humane: that's what I wanted to say. Napa County is out here. We've been helping with the efforts up in Clear Lake. We are here to help.

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Monica Stevens, Jameson Humane: And we, we would like to see the dawn of a new day for the animals.

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00:39:40.770 --> 00:39:48.040

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Monica, 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 on the animal control services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: No, sorry, we cannot do that, thank you. Next, I will go out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment on this item, please raise your hand virtually.

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00:39:59.620 --> 00:40:05.599

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed on this item. All right, thank you, we're back to the dais. I had a,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: a quick question, just because I'm so close to this, and it prompted me. Whatever decision we make, and if we make the decision to part with NBS, one thing that I haven't... we haven't discussed is

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: records, and this... and I'm bringing this up because other cities have brought it up and said that they have not been able to receive records from NBAS. They've been waiting weeks and weeks, and they don't have records for

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00:40:30.480 --> 00:40:38.950

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for licensing, and many different things, disparate information. So, one question I have is, what recourse do we have, and what guidelines can we

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is there any... any... do we have any power over any of that? I mean...

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00:40:46.230 --> 00:40:50.980

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It is, frankly a, difficult question to,

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00:40:51.410 --> 00:41:00.800

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: answer our, you know, our new contract will use our city standard template that has language about ownership of records and documents.

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00:41:01.060 --> 00:41:18.580

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Our agreement with NBIS has been a series of sort of one-year extensions, and there isn't a very detailed agreement that addresses records and who owns them, and the obligation to turn them over. We will certainly demand them.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And hopefully are able to get them, you know, even with

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the best consultants or vendors, it can sometimes take time, but we will certainly be, you know, pressing for those to be transferred as quickly as possible.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I... what... the reason I ask that is just because if that needs to be part of our guidance as far as obtaining that, because I know other cities are having the... experiencing this challenge right now, so I just wanted, as we discussed, that if... if we needed to give any particular guidance, I wanted us to have that opportunity to... We don't need any guidance on that. Okay.

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00:41:55.100 --> 00:41:57.239

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Any other comments on that?

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00:41:59.620 --> 00:42:02.659

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I have one other comment that I made... oh, I'm sorry, go ahead.

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00:42:03.990 --> 00:42:15.779

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Having not authored this, I feel a little confused as well, both for a short-term and a long-term. I think I understand that there's going to be a county option.

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00:42:15.910 --> 00:42:18.460

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That we could look into, so we're...

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00:42:18.870 --> 00:42:24.619

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The staff recommendation is to take a short-term agreement now with Humane Society, and then

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm really confused about this. I know that other people have been really working on it, and I tried to make the mayor and council members meeting that was held in Windsor, and I couldn't, so I really... No, it's okay. It's a lot of discussion, because it's brought by two council members, but I'm not up to speed on it. Because I was... that was going to be one of my comments, so you go first, Mary, and then... So, there are two separate contracts.

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00:42:50.400 --> 00:43:06.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So one is sheltering only, which is what the Humane Society has proposed. So when we received the RFP, there was two contractors. So there was Humane Society that was submitting it for the sheltering services, and then Sonoma County Animal Control was their subcontractor.

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00:43:06.170 --> 00:43:17.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: to do the field services, so licensing, pickup, transportation, all that. So, the Sonoma County Animal Control Services that would be doing the field services

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00:43:18.270 --> 00:43:21.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: They did not take that to the board first.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So that portion of this RFP, we cannot consider tonight. So, any field services, such as licensing, transporting the animals to the Humane Society for drop-off.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: we can't consider, which is why we're going to ask the police department to do those transportation services until such time, and the licensing, until such time the Board of Supervisor reviews that proposal that came with this RFP. So there's the sheltering contract, which is tonight before the City Council, for the 3-month period.

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00:43:50.740 --> 00:43:54.380

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is to work... this is specifically only for the sheltering.

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00:43:54.390 --> 00:44:12.590

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then we will bring... once the county reviews their contracts for the field services, we will bring that back to the Council for consideration. So, can I ask a follow-up question? So, what partly confuses me is when we see staff recommends that the city council

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00:44:12.680 --> 00:44:19.299

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: One, accept a 3-month proposal, which is at \$32.26.75.

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00:44:19.830 --> 00:44:25.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But as an alternate option, authorize City Manager to continue to work with local providers

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00:44:25.630 --> 00:44:33.479

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: to obtain emergency services for \$3,000 a month. So, if the Humane Society is our only option right now.

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00:44:33.480 --> 00:44:42.320

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: how would we get a cheaper... how is that an option? So the emergency services that I was trying to work on, and this was a fluid document, was for transportation.

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00:44:42.320 --> 00:45:03.149

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it wasn't for sheltering. We were trying to figure out, instead of having our police department do it, if there was a local animal, like, we reached out to Dogwood, we reached out to, I reached out to Marin Humane Society for... so that part... that vendor was specifically talking about the transportation services. So, in this proposal, those two things would have been added together?

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00:45:03.920 --> 00:45:18.470

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the \$3,000 up to... per month for transportation, plus the \$322675 for Humane Society. Yes, but since we have that, we are remove... we would not be considering that \$3,000 additional tonight.

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00:45:19.600 --> 00:45:28.210

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, so when that comes for a motion, I would not have recommended that part of the motion, since we've worked with the police department in the meantime to be able to do transportation and licensing.

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00:45:28.530 --> 00:45:35.810

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But you did do... I heard your research, and it could be up to \$195 per animal, so... That was in BAS.

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00:45:36.270 --> 00:45:54.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: they had just sent an email us today, so in me doing my due diligence, not assuming the council, you know, would make a determination to terminate or not, I did my due diligence. They said it would cost them \$195 just to transport from Sevastopol to the Humane Society.

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00:45:54.870 --> 00:45:55.959

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That was it.

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00:45:56.340 --> 00:46:01.550

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So at 40 animals a month at \$195, that's an additional \$7,800.

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00:46:01.690 --> 00:46:11.230

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, I'm going by the numbers. The numbers that I have for the 40 is from our police chief, who I believe is on the call. It's annually. Annually. Okay.

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00:46:11.280 --> 00:46:22.550

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, I'm just trying to follow... Yeah, no, no, that's fine, I appreciate that. I want to make sure we, of course, had a member of the public talk about costs, and... No, you're not the only one. So many people have... I added up the costs here of what

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00:46:22.910 --> 00:46:32.969

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We're approving 3 months tonight, but it sounds like that could be long-term, and in addition, we're gonna have the animal transport part also.

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00:46:33.140 --> 00:46:37.549

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes, and what I wanted to comment was at the mayor's meeting the other night.

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00:46:37.600 --> 00:46:54.030

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I had expressed, a desire, because another vice mayor from another city who's impacted by this, had suggested that maybe we should, develop some type of ad hoc committee looking long-term, not right now, but long-term at having some type of JPA

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00:46:54.150 --> 00:47:19.110

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, that makes it more sustainable, and all of us are involved with it, and we don't have to do all this piecemeal stuff. So that's... that's, like, the big zooming out big picture, so I had suggested that, but unfortunately, that council... that vice mayor couldn't be at that meeting, so this is going to be another discussion at the next meeting, or whatever. So, so long-term, that is something, you know, and you're not the only one. I mean, I... it took me a while to get up to speed on all this before I could even

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00:47:19.110 --> 00:47:22.280

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Start advocating, so... Anyway.

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00:47:22.630 --> 00:47:24.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Anyone else have comments, or...

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00:47:25.950 --> 00:47:40.859

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You guys are great, you deserve a nice cream at Mimi's. Thank you. Please, sir, sir, please, please, Andy, we can't have you disrupting our meeting, I'm sorry.

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00:47:42.050 --> 00:47:46.029

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Please, we're asking you to please step out.

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00:47:51.200 --> 00:47:52.250

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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00:47:53.300 --> 00:47:54.489

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You were trying this one.

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00:47:54.930 --> 00:48:11.630

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, Sandy, I'm sorry, Vice Mayor. I want to clarify for one of the public commenters that the budget adjustment is \$7,855, and that's to the end of this fiscal year, which ends June 30th, so that's the total budget adjustment.

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00:48:12.200 --> 00:48:14.780

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I could make a note.

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00:48:15.610 --> 00:48:22.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sure. Okay, so I'll... It's a little hard to hear you, I apologize. I don't know if it's our microphones or whatever, but maybe...

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00:48:23.190 --> 00:48:29.760

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: move it closer. So, I'd like to move that we terminate the contract with NBIS.

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00:48:31.280 --> 00:48:36.120

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: that we award a 3-month interim contract to the Humane Society.

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00:48:36.420 --> 00:48:47.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Now, we authorize the City Manager to pursue emergency short-term options for animal control field services, if that's still needed? No, you can remove that portion from it. Okay, strike that.

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00:48:47.840 --> 00:48:57.909

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Authorize the police department personnel to process animal licenses? Do you need that? We do, and then they would also... we would also add transportation. And transportation...

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00:48:58.160 --> 00:49:01.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And approve the budget amendment resolution.

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00:49:02.390 --> 00:49:07.069

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did I cover it? That is correct. Okay, thank you. And I would second that.

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00:49:11.730 --> 00:49:21.130

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, so moved by Vice Mayor Maurer, and seconded by Mayor McLewis to, approve awarding a 3-month contract to Humane Society of Sonoma County.

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00:49:21.130 --> 00:49:41.529

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: To provide entrance services for sheltering, and authorizing the City Manager to extend that month to month until such time that the City, the Humane Society, and the County find long-term solutions. Authorizing the City Manager to notify the current provider, North Bay Animal Services, of the City's intent to terminate the existing agreement, approving the resolution for budget amendment.

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00:49:41.530 --> 00:49:49.989

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Authorizing the police staff to doing the licensing and transportation of the animals in the short term until such time that a contract is returned for field services.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And city staff will return to a future city council meeting for these long-term solutions, which could potentially acute,

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00:49:57.390 --> 00:50:07.650

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: include the, award of contract for Sonoma County Animal Services, as well as a longer, contract for Humane Society of Sonoma County. Councilmember Carter?

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00:50:08.350 --> 00:50:16.619

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously.

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00:50:17.490 --> 00:50:31.370

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, I feel like I should hit the gavel there. Let's see, we will move on to the next item, number 10. Consideration of fiscal agent for the Sebastopl Downtown Association Business Improvement District Funds items to consider.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: One, authorize this... oops.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Authorize the City of Sebastopol to serve as the fiscal agent for the Sebastopol Downtown Association Business Improvement District funds to be used solely for the following purposes as authorized by the BID Ordinance and California law.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: A acquisition, construction, and or maintenance of the parking facilities for the benefit of the Business Improvement District. Decoration of public places in the Business Improvement District, promotion of public events in the public places in the Business Improvement District.

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00:51:03.320 --> 00:51:19.409

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Furnishing of music in public places in the Business Improvement District, promotion of business activities in the Business Improvement District, and any and all other purposes authorized by the law, the ordinance establishing the Business Improvement District and or City Council.

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00:51:20.010 --> 00:51:30.829

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Let's see, it says we can just direct staff to rescind the prior resolution and terminate the existing agreement with Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as a fiscal agent.

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00:51:31.420 --> 00:51:50.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number two, establish a standing BID oversight committee consisting of one city council member, city staff liaison, for example, from administrative services. Four to five representatives from downtown businesses appointed by participating BID, assess businesses or their association.

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00:51:51.300 --> 00:52:03.699

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The committee shall meet at minimum twice per year, once to develop and recommend the annual BID budget for... I'm sorry, is there any way to take care of that? It's very disruptive. I'm sorry, I can't tolerate it anymore.

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00:52:05.950 --> 00:52:08.859

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, the fans are out there, I think, isn't that where...

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00:52:09.810 --> 00:52:15.790

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, can we just get everyone to kind of pipe down a little bit? It's very... it's really hard in here to concentrate.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Let's see...

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00:52:21.090 --> 00:52:37.509

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we said the committee shall meet at a minimum twice per year, wants to develop and recommend the annual BID budget for Council approval, wants to prepare and present an annual report summarizing goals, accomplishments, expenditures, and fund balances for the prior calendar year. Additional meetings as needed.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Or, alternatively, direct the interim city manager to collaborate directly with downtown business representatives on budget development, reporting, and fund use without formatting or forming a formal standing committee. That was a mouthful. Is that the whole report?

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00:52:53.380 --> 00:53:13.180

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, I'm gonna hand it over. Thank you. So, the Sebastical Downtown Business Improvement District is an assessment that has certain funds that are assessed on the businesses within the Downtown Association, and those funds have to be used specifically, in accordance with the California law for the

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the items that you just basically ran off, so, the acquisition, maintenance of parking facilities, decoration of public places, promotion of public events, furnishing of music in public places, promotion of business activities, and all other purposes authorized by law.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Historically, originally it was the chamber that was doing the, fiscal management, then it was, transferred over to the Sebasto Downtown Association, which is a non-profit that ran that. And then recently, with the

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: dissolving of the Downtown Business Association, Downtown Business Association. The city partnered back with Sebastian Chamber of Commerce for

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the use of these funds. And as part of that, each year, the Chamber would... would be required to bring, a recommended budget for the use of those funds. Those funds are about \$8,000 a year that we get from the assessment.

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00:54:06.780 --> 00:54:22.109

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So the item... so recently, the city received an email from the Chamber indicating that they could no longer be the fiscal agent. So the city, can either become the fiscal agent, based upon what you just stated, we can create a subcommittee.

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00:54:22.110 --> 00:54:40.030

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That just the city manager works with the businesses for repairing a budget. We could create an ad hoc committee that can meet a couple times a year. And then the one option that we did not include, but it did come to my attention today, and the city attorney is here as well, is we can disband the business assessment district.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, the consideration tonight is the direction, we would terminate the contract with the Chamber of Commerce as they have withdrawn as the fiscal agent. We can create a

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: committee with just the city manager and the businesses, we can create an ad hoc with the council member, or we can dissolve the assessment district, and that item is before the council tonight for consideration.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, cool.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Councilmember Zoll.

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00:55:04.410 --> 00:55:21.849

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, and so, yes, thank you to whichever one of us raised the issue, and thank you for the feedback about the potential of just dissolving the Business Improvement District. So, Alex, walk us through why... why... what would be the downside of dismantling it?

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00:55:22.120 --> 00:55:33.690

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, we wouldn't be collecting... only downside is we wouldn't be collecting the assessment anymore. So, to the extent the Council believes that's being, you know, is important to fund these activities, we wouldn't have that

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00:55:33.810 --> 00:55:38.370

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Revenue or source of revenue from, The businesses anymore.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It's a relatively simple process. You would... you know, there's multiple steps, but you just adopt... first step is for the Council to adopt a resolution stating its intent and setting a public hearing, and then at the public hearing, you adopt an ordinance disbanding it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: we, you know, I think it's in the staff report. We have about \$7,000... \$17,000 in funds. Those would need to be spent down.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But, you know, you could determine what that would be, you know, consistent with those uses A through F in the staff report of how you want to spend that money down.

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00:56:13.650 --> 00:56:25.419

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So you're... you're saying that money would have to be spent before it would close? It does not need to be spent before, but it would just... it continues to be subject to those restrictions. Okay. Councilmember...

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00:56:25.660 --> 00:56:26.590

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hinton?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I... I don't know where I heard it, but I did hear that when the Chamber of Commerce took this on, there were some back tax filings that had not been completed, and so...

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00:56:42.350 --> 00:56:46.959

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I would like to know the status of that, and

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00:56:47.170 --> 00:57:01.689

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: seemed like, if that was true, that made it a little tougher for them. They didn't expect that when they took it on. Was that true information, or do we know that there were back tax filings that need to be completed? For the Downtown Association?

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00:57:02.030 --> 00:57:02.960

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm...

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00:57:03.020 --> 00:57:14.949

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm aware there's issues. I do not know the specifics as to how far back they had back taxes. I don't know if someone else... That, that information, I think, was in... go ahead. Actually, we did receive an email from Maya. Sorry.

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00:57:14.950 --> 00:57:34.800

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: explaining all that situation. Yeah, if you look for an email from... I can't... I can't recall it. I was just wondering, because... Well, she just sent it the other day. She detailed all of that in there, if you're... just if you're wondering. And those... that is a separate issue from the assessment. There's no need to fi... you know.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: An entity that exists needs to file their taxes and do all of that, but... It's not a requirement.

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00:57:42.550 --> 00:57:56.139

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: they have to do that because they exist, not because they're getting money from the... Right. So, in follow-up to that question, then, if one of the options was we created a subcommittee and the city took this back.

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00:57:56.260 --> 00:58:08.790

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I assume this subcommittee would be responsible for straightening that out. No, because we don't... we don't have to file tax returns or anything like that, the city, so this is just like any other

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00:58:08.940 --> 00:58:28.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, tax revenue or fee revenue the city gets, we are authorized to spend it in accordance with that law and on those specific purposes,

but we don't need to file any sort of tax filings or anything like that. So that's just up to the old organization that doesn't exist anymore? Correct. Okay, just wanted to clarify that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Any other questions?

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00:58:32.220 --> 00:58:33.140

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you... can you explain, the standing committee and how that would work? How much staff time does that take?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is there one staff member, or two, and does... does that need to go out to the public for members? Does it need to come to the council? I'm just wondering about the effort.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, a standing committee would be appointed by the City Council. We would request 45 members from the assessment district. We would ask them to, you know, provide

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: like an application, letting us know their interest, we would bring that to the City Council for appointment. So, there's... there's the recruitment, there's the bringing it to the City Council, and then if you do appoint, it would be how many meetings per year, how much staff time. I would assume there would be two staff members that would

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: would attend. One would be myself, probably, and then probably the administrative services director, as she would have the accounting of the, you know, invoices, how to have, you know, the repayment.

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00:59:36.460 --> 00:59:41.489

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: expenses and revenue and all that. So, two staff members.

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00:59:41.600 --> 00:59:50.610

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: A council member, if it's a standing committee, council time to appoint, and then however many meetings that the committee chooses to have.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead. Are there any council members who are interested in this position?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: No, I already served on the board. Me too. I would be interested.

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01:00:08.820 --> 01:00:09.610

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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01:00:11.070 --> 01:00:15.109

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can... I'm trying to recall, was this formed...

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01:00:15.250 --> 01:00:24.949

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Councilmember Hinton, in, like, 1990 or 91, is that... Correct. My signature's on the... Yeah, I didn't remember seeing it, but I was trying to remember. Yeah, okay.

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01:00:25.870 --> 01:00:26.800

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Does the city have, a method for being able to contact everyone who... all the businesses that are in the district?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And if so, when was the last time the city interacted with these businesses?

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01:00:44.410 --> 01:00:46.369

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, we did... we...

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01:00:46.410 --> 01:01:05.500

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: let me rephrase this. We do have a list of businesses that we could go through. I believe, and Ana, correct me if I'm wrong, it was about 4 or 5 years ago that, when it was under the Sebastical Downtown Association, that the chairperson at that time walked around and actually verified each of those businesses, and that was Ray.

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01:01:05.500 --> 01:01:09.729

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Rave Blazer actually went around and did all that.

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01:01:10.020 --> 01:01:24.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I... I'm gonna ask you, do we have a method in our system right now that we could pull out just the BIA district? We do. Okay, so yes, we do

have that. We would, you know, use whatever's on file. We could send out notices to... to those businesses.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, Councilmember Carter.

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01:01:29.820 --> 01:01:40.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So I'm kind of curious, from your position, what makes sense? Like, is it better to have an ad hoc? Does this take weight off of your, ability to do this, or...

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01:01:40.660 --> 01:01:46.699

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Will it... will you be more agile and be able to take care of the businesses better if it was just run through the...

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01:01:46.920 --> 01:01:48.410

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: City office.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, it doesn't take any weight off, either way, honestly, if you're going to have an ad hoc, or if you're going to have the city manager work with the businesses. If it's the city manager, then you would want all businesses to have input. So unless those businesses direct

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01:02:06.070 --> 01:02:25.590

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, certain members to be a part of that... that meeting. And ad hoc, it would be the same way. We would have to make sure it's an open meeting. You know, if it was a standing committee, it would be an open meeting, so all those businesses would need to be there, too. Having a standing meeting is a lot more issues, because you have to do agendas and, you know, get the information out that way.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Having it just a city manager working with them.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: doesn't take the weight off, it's just basically you're still going to meet with the businesses unless they have a vote that says certain people will be representing the business, and I would work with them to create the budget.

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01:02:38.320 --> 01:02:57.490

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, because one of my concerns is, you know, thinking 5 years out, you know, what's the longevity of a certain situation? And ad hoc is necessarily compact in time. The city manager, it depends on the city manager, how engaged they are, but then you have to worry about

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the businesses downtown keeping up with you, there's a little bit more dependence on the businesses themselves.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: If there's a city councilperson that's involved, that city councilperson can take more responsibility for doing it, so then maybe an ad hoc

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01:03:12.580 --> 01:03:25.129

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: kind of makes sense, but I'm just trying to figure out, what's the best way to keep the downtown businesses engaged and feel less free, you know, friction so they're actually more of a part of this and feel engaged.

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01:03:25.830 --> 01:03:26.990

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So...

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01:03:27.480 --> 01:03:39.239

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the stand... so, when I say ad hoc, I'm talking a standing committee, because if there's a council member on there, and we're appointing, it's a standing committee, so it's not an ad hoc. So, it would...

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01:03:40.300 --> 01:03:52.910

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Again, doesn't take the weight off of city staff, because we are still going to have to do the agendas, we're still going to have to do the

meetings, we're still going to have to do the postings, we're going to have to make sure all the businesses are, you know, notified of these meetings.

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01:03:52.910 --> 01:04:00.700

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So if a council member has the time, and they want to take off part of that, I mean, that's fine, but again, 2, 3, 4 years down the road.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: new council members, we don't know if we'll have those council members that are willing to take on

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Meeting with the businesses and things like that, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I can't say what it's going to look like 2 or 3 years down the road. I can probably say what it'll look like for the next couple years. We could probably do it with a standing committee, but after that, I can't guarantee anything.

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01:04:18.330 --> 01:04:19.040

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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01:04:21.580 --> 01:04:26.179

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry. Any other questions? Oh, go ahead, Councilmember Maurer, or Vice Mayor, sorry.

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01:04:27.100 --> 01:04:33.279

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, what does a typical business pay per year?

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01:04:33.420 --> 01:04:35.060

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: as the assessment.

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01:04:35.280 --> 01:04:38.310

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: fee? What's the average assessment fee?

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01:04:39.860 --> 01:04:40.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 25.

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01:04:41.460 --> 01:04:50.209

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: there's a certain area where there's 50%, and there's a certain area that was assessed 25%. So it depends on the business that fall into a certain area of the map.

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01:04:50.640 --> 01:04:59.090

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The fee is... if it's a general business, and if it's 0, 2, or 1, 2, 3, then it's 90...

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01:04:59.210 --> 01:05:06.009

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Don't quote me on that, it's like \$90, and then if it's 50%, then you would just take that time 50%.

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01:05:06.710 --> 01:05:14.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So they paid the regular license, plus the 50% or the 25%, And then the state fees.

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01:05:15.350 --> 01:05:28.270

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So is that... so then it would be anywhere... so 25% of that would be then \$22.50? So anywhere between \$22.50 and \$90 per business? Per business. And how many businesses are there?

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01:05:28.400 --> 01:05:37.679

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't... I don't know how many business in that corridor, on top of my head. I would tell you, like, my small business pays the \$22 and something. Okay.

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01:05:37.840 --> 01:05:45.839

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then, were the businesses in this district, were they advised of this meeting, where we would be making these decisions?

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01:05:46.440 --> 01:05:53.339

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I can tell you that no emails came to my business. The emails have been very disparate over the last couple years.

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01:05:55.020 --> 01:05:55.930

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you.

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01:06:00.600 --> 01:06:17.569

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, sorry, I'm, like, looking around for someone else. Did you have something that you were going to say? Okay, so if we don't have any other questions, then we can go to public comment. Did you? Thank you, Mayor. So this is for public comment on the transfer of the Business Improvement District funds, if you would like to make a public comment.

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01:06:17.570 --> 01:06:21.190

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: is a 2-minute time limit, and I will come into chambers first.

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01:06:28.340 --> 01:06:32.440

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hi, I'm Jen Coulomare. I'm one of the owners of Gather.

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01:06:32.690 --> 01:06:44.159

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I've been serving on the, kind of, interim, downtown business association committee, attempting to help shepherd this through.

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01:06:45.650 --> 01:07:05.520

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, I met with Mary, and we talked about this, and my suggestion is that we... my suggestion was to have City Council take this on and set up a subcommittee to help, create a better way for small businesses in Sebastopol and City Council to have

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01:07:05.630 --> 01:07:18.339

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: regular dialogue around what the needs of the businesses are in this town, and to make sure that we are all communicating and trying to align ourselves to the same goals. And so that's why I think it would be a really

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: beneficial change to have the City Council involved in this process, to doing... providing some oversight in these funds. We're not talking about a lot of money, but what I can tell you this year, what we accomplished with those funds.

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01:07:31.020 --> 01:07:47.739

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: was, an advertisement in Sonoma County Visitor's Guide that advertises, Sebastopol, the town of Sebastopol, and we had 10 merchants downtown participate. We reached out to everyone, offered. We had 10 people respond, 10 different businesses respond.

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01:07:47.740 --> 01:08:07.120

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And, this... these funds help subsidize that... their participation. So we have this really beautiful ad, which we're happy to share with you, so you guys can kind of see it's coming out this month. You'll be able to... there's a big event to, launch the new guide, and they've done a lot of improvements. I don't know if you've seen the Napa Valley guide, it's beautiful.

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01:08:07.200 --> 01:08:20.829

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sonoma County has taken on that same, layout and changed it to be a much more modern and approachable guide, so I think you're going to be really happy when you see it. Jenny, about 15 seconds. The other thing I just want to say is that,

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01:08:21.210 --> 01:08:26.719

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The reason that we're asking you guys to take this over is because this organization cannot

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01:08:26.850 --> 01:08:37.610

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: fund its own operations. Like, there's no ad... there's no funds available to administrate it, and that's why the previous nonprofit was defunct. There's no accounts accounting or anyone to...

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01:08:38.229 --> 01:08:47.240

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: manage those activities. I'm sorry. Yeah, your time is up. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Next, I'll go out to Zoom. Oliver, can you unmute yourself, please?

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01:08:47.410 --> 01:08:48.969

Oliver: Unmuted, and I can see the timer.

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01:08:48.979 --> 01:08:49.889

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you.

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01:08:49.890 --> 01:09:00.240

Oliver: Yeah. I think the fact that I don't see any hands up from business owners, and the lady from the wonderful gather shop, that was very eloquent, but...

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01:09:00.240 --> 01:09:10.530

Oliver: My feeling is nobody's shown up for this meeting to argue for this from the local businesses. A lot of the local business owners don't actually live in the city of Sebastopol.

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01:09:10.529 --> 01:09:25.770

Oliver: And I just feel like the whole thing is completely obsolete at this point. We should be really reinventing all this stuff from the ground up, and particularly the businesses themselves should be, with the Chamber of Commerce. I mean, we live in a social media era, and I just feel that...

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01:09:25.770 --> 01:09:35.359

Oliver: this is something from the 1990s or something that probably needs to go away and then be reconstituted. I know the Chamber of Commerce worked really hard, and that's great, but...

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01:09:35.590 --> 01:09:42.440

Oliver: My first point, there's nobody here from the local businesses arguing for this, which is very...

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01:09:42.890 --> 01:09:47.980

Oliver: You know, that's a big sign that this thing is dying on its feet, or has died. Thank you.

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01:09:48.979 --> 01:09:53.489

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Oliver, for your public comment. Next, I'll come back into chambers, if there's anyone in chambers.

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01:10:00.979 --> 01:10:01.739

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Bye.

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01:10:01.879 --> 01:10:18.269

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm not sure this is double-dipping, but I'm Erin, the other co-owner of Gather, who's also been trying to help shepherd through some of this stuff, and I think, as the owner of a new shop downtown, it's really... it's hard to figure out how to, like, market the downtown in an effective way.

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01:10:18.269 --> 01:10:25.299

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I think I would like to see this money stay and be used, and like.

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01:10:25.939 --> 01:10:41.569

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: other business owners, there's not really a way to communicate with all of the Downtown Business Association. We've been trying our best to scabble it, or, like, go walk into stores and get people involved, but I do think we need to streamline how we can communicate

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And we have not been able to do it yet. It's a lot to ask the business owners to volunteer to do this, so if the city is collecting money, like, we could use it. We did a great advertisement in

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you guys can come see it, but we did an advertisement. It would be great to do more consolidated efforts around Small Business Saturday, do a summer sidewalk sale, but right now, we... it's hard to access the money, it's hard to communicate with all of the business owners in the downtown.

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01:11:10.579 --> 01:11:18.599

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, the Barlow has a great... they have exquisite marketing, but they're kind of... I would love to see the rest of the town of Sebastopol, like.

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01:11:18.859 --> 01:11:27.319

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: do that as well. And so, if, as a city, we're not doing, like, big marketing campaigns, like Visit Petaluma or some sort of big tourism campaigns.

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01:11:27.449 --> 01:11:45.799

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: and this is how we can do it with the Downtown Association, I think it would be remiss to, like, take that money away. Like, we are both happy to volunteer our time to do this, and I think... I would like to see it... it stay somehow, and then figure out a way, like, get some help of how to do the oversight.

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01:11:46.439 --> 01:11:51.699

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Thank you for your public comment. Next, I'll go out to Zoom. Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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01:11:54.300 --> 01:11:54.850

Robert: Yep.

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01:11:55.150 --> 01:11:56.590

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Do you see the timer?

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01:11:56.590 --> 01:11:57.470

Robert: Thank you, thank you.

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01:11:57.470 --> 01:11:58.490

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, please.

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01:11:59.100 --> 01:12:12.339

Robert: I think the first public comment I made, like, 4 years ago had to do with the fact that the sales tax base in this city had been declining for 3 years in a row, and that something needed to be done. And I've made comments probably

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01:12:12.350 --> 01:12:27.099

Robert: five times a year, six times a year, to the effect that the city needs to work with businesses and figure out a way to grow the revenue base for the city, which comes largely from sales tax. And it's four years later.

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01:12:27.100 --> 01:12:47.050

Robert: it's basically still declining. It doesn't show up as well now because of the new Measure U money. It looks like we're rich, and sales tax is wonderful, but in the next couple of years, you'll see it flat to declining again, I think. It was great to see the two ladies from Gather. They clearly have a vision for what could be downtown

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01:12:47.050 --> 01:12:58.209

Robert: Sebastopol, if the business folks in the city, could get together. It was disturbing to find that the city doesn't know how many businesses there are, who they are, we don't know if we have a current list of who they are.

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01:12:58.210 --> 01:13:01.310

Robert: Obviously, nothing has been done in 4 years to help

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01:13:01.470 --> 01:13:06.929

Robert: bring the city and businesses closer together, and that's frustrating. Another

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01:13:06.960 --> 01:13:22.129

Robert: side benefit... the lady from Gather was talking about promoting downtown businesses and how do we do that? I was in Carmel last week. You know what they've got all over the city? They've got these lovely displays with tear-off maps that show all the businesses and restaurants. Really cheap.

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01:13:22.130 --> 01:13:29.189

Robert: Wouldn't cost much to print, wouldn't cost much to do. I came back here, went to a couple hotels, and looked at tourist brochures.

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01:13:29.190 --> 01:13:39.949

Robert: All the places around here have tourist brochures for... there's Sonoma has one, Healdsburg has one, Windsor has one. You know, there's nothing there about Sebastopol.

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01:13:40.000 --> 01:13:51.430

Robert: Again, we don't tell anybody about what we got, so nobody comes. All of that can be fixed, it just takes a little bit of, of coordination and work, and some creative people, like the two ladies from Gathering. Thank you.

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01:13:53.420 --> 01:14:02.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into Chambers. If there's anyone on Chambers that would like to make a public comment. Seeing none, I'll go back out to Zoom. Mariah, can you unmute yourself, please?

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01:14:04.900 --> 01:14:09.850

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: Hi, this is actually Andrea Caron. I'm here at a meeting at the Chamber.

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01:14:10.040 --> 01:14:23.309

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: And I'm listening to everything, and I just think that everybody should know that the City Council, Phil Carter, thank you, has really tried in the past year to get businesses to

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01:14:23.670 --> 01:14:33.789

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: come together and to talk, and me being a business owner of Silk Moon, I can tell you that many, many emails have been sent to

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01:14:34.390 --> 01:14:39.700

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: All of the businesses, but unfortunately, due to the circumstances right now.

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01:14:39.820 --> 01:14:51.429

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: it's very hard for the merchants to be able to participate. So I concur that I really do think that it would be beneficial if the city took over it.

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01:14:51.560 --> 01:15:09.839

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: And we did have, then, some meetings that were scheduled so that merchants who cared and had the time could come and put their input in. But being a business owner now for 13 years and working 16 years in downtown, I think the...

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01:15:10.040 --> 01:15:19.510

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: the reasons and the expectations of the merchants are just not something that we're able to do, and Aaron...

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01:15:19.510 --> 01:15:32.230

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: and Jen have been great to, you know, actually kind of spearhead a lot of things, but there is also a lot of history that goes along with it, and I really feel at this point that it would benefit

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01:15:32.250 --> 01:15:41.080

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: All of the merchants and the downtown to have representation with the city so that we actually could get things done

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01:15:41.130 --> 01:15:53.950

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: And because the money is, unfortunately, you know, about \$8,000 to \$9,000, we really do need to work with the city instead of just trying to work by ourselves. And as far as...

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01:15:54.350 --> 01:15:58.979

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: rest... I mean, as far as, hotels and stuff, we have one hotel.

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01:15:59.260 --> 01:16:13.349

Myriah Volk Chamber of Commerce: So, really, the Chamber has come up with many, many things that do tell people what's going on. So, we do need more collaboration with the city so that we can eventually meet all of our goals.

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01:16:13.890 --> 01:16:19.919

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Andrea, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers, if there's anyone on chambers.

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01:16:20.030 --> 01:16:21.290

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none...

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01:16:21.470 --> 01:16:27.659

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually.

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01:16:28.270 --> 01:16:36.370

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed, and before we bring it back to Council discussion, City Attorney would like to make a comment. Thank you, Mary.

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01:16:36.370 --> 01:16:50.950

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Another option for the Council is this does not need to... oh, excuse me. Another option for the Council is this does not need to be, A, a permanent decision or a formal process, right? This is money that would be in the budget.

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01:16:51.040 --> 01:16:56.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And, you know, until such time as there's more formal organization or formal committee.

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01:16:56.680 --> 01:17:15.000

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it could just be money in the budget that, as maybe the Chamber has an idea, and they bring it to one of the council members, hey, we want to spend \$5,000 on... on X that would benefit the downtown. That gets brought to the council, and the council... well, through the budget committee, and the budget committee

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01:17:15.200 --> 01:17:18.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Approve spending that money on that particular

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01:17:19.110 --> 01:17:34.879

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: event or idea without having a full, like, once a year we come together and we make a plan. I mean, that may be something down the line, but it sounds like right now they're... we're not at that place, and if there's interest in having this continue, it could just be money that is...

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01:17:35.280 --> 01:17:43.040

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: is collected in there, and as the Council finds reasons or purposes to spend it on, it gets allocated.

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01:17:43.480 --> 01:17:48.660

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So I have a question. I'm going to jump in, just because it's a question, and I regret that I didn't ask this before.

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01:17:48.790 --> 01:17:56.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is it possible to actually utilize this money if the city had it? Because we have a relationship with the tourism.

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01:17:56.270 --> 01:18:13.579

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: SoCo Tourism, and we have a visitor center here that's connected with our chamber, which is funded by the county, and I know in the past, when I was the executive director for the chamber, we actually had a brochure, so I don't know what's happened with that, or, you know, any of that since then, but I'm just wondering, can the, can the...

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01:18:14.110 --> 01:18:16.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Could we utilize that money with a...

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01:18:16.860 --> 01:18:27.419

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So the money has to go to the benefit of the businesses downtown, so... I understand. Marketing is something it's allowed on. If we, you know.

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01:18:27.420 --> 01:18:37.190

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: put together a visit Sebastopol or, you know, thing. We probably have to figure out how much of this is benefiting downtown to be paid for by the

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01:18:37.940 --> 01:18:52.739

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the BID, BIA, and maybe some portion would be paid from other funds, if, you know... So it could be, in essence, utilized for that, because I... every time I fly into that airport, I see every city but ours. Anyway, go ahead and Councilmember Hinton.

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01:18:55.180 --> 01:19:09.770

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, I wanted to kick it off because, obviously, I have a long history. If people didn't realize, I helped put it together in 1990, and there was a moment in time at the beginning of COVID that I bought a business in downtown, so I do have

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01:19:09.920 --> 01:19:11.240

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: some background.

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01:19:11.920 --> 01:19:13.570

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm supporting...

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01:19:14.010 --> 01:19:19.370

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: having the city take it on, and I'm willing, as a council member, to be the liaison for this.

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01:19:19.660 --> 01:19:27.939

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it was... it's really difficult to put these together, and it could be very easy to pull it apart.

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01:19:28.210 --> 01:19:36.860

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't know why I'm getting so much feedback. I, I believe there's about 225, I think I did the math, members.

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01:19:37.270 --> 01:19:47.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 225 that are... that are paying the extra fee. It's between \$22 and maybe \$50 on average per month in extra license fee.

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01:19:47.800 --> 01:19:54.899

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I agree with the speaker that said they just don't have enough money to have a coordinator, and businesses are too busy.

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01:19:54.980 --> 01:20:12.830

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: to pull it together. But it's not that difficult of a thing to do to put together a little marketing budget. It doesn't have to be old school. Social media and digital is a way to market that these funds could be spent off on, if that's the way, direction of the committee.

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01:20:13.040 --> 01:20:22.769

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I believe what was most popular was the co-op. So, you do a co-op, that's probably what they did in this magazine, the...

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01:20:23.020 --> 01:20:36.550

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Association pays some sort of base fee to make it affordable for the small businesses that really don't have their own marketing budgets, because they can't afford it individually, so they do events as a group.

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01:20:36.590 --> 01:20:53.449

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: There was a lot of talk when Councilmember Carnacchi was on the Council to expand this business district and include a broader territory, with more businesses so that they could have a bigger pot of money, and that was just

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01:20:53.700 --> 01:20:57.110

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We never got anywhere with it, because we just couldn't...

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01:20:57.550 --> 01:21:13.499

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: bullet together, but there was some talk of that, so I'm supporting the option to have this next phase be associated with the city. Sounds like that's what some business members want, and I don't want to dissolve it tonight, so I won't be supporting that option.

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01:21:14.540 --> 01:21:15.540

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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01:21:15.910 --> 01:21:17.779

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Councilmember Carter?

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01:21:18.770 --> 01:21:23.060

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: What would it look like if we slapped this in economic gardening? Because it kind of fits.

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01:21:25.870 --> 01:21:34.210

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it's not... Economic R& is citywide. This is specific to those businesses in the downtown area.

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01:21:34.350 --> 01:21:38.249

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But I had another thought, if you can entertain me for a second.

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01:21:38.450 --> 01:21:41.540

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: -Oh. Closed ears. Okay.

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01:21:41.900 --> 01:21:50.990

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm just kidding, no, please talk! Please talk. Another option is to, as well, is if we want to maintain the district, we could do...

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01:21:51.270 --> 01:22:05.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: could we do it, and this is a question for my city attorney, could we do it through the budget committee process? So, like how we do enterprise funds, one meeting, how we do, you know, general fund, enterprise, can we do one meeting that's specific to business assessment funds?

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01:22:05.510 --> 01:22:14.839

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then it's a public meeting, we have a committee, or we could do a new committee. I mean, I'm just trying to see if there's other options, or there's other...

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01:22:15.730 --> 01:22:17.430

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is that an option?

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01:22:17.570 --> 01:22:35.260

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Okay. So, just for... I mean, that option... let me just repeat that option, just so I understand it. You're saying... how would one... how would we get impact from the businesses, you know, collect what they would like to do to bring it to the budget committee, even though budget...

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01:22:35.410 --> 01:22:43.020

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Are you saying Budget Committee's open so that they could just show up and say, like, please, this? I can't even hear you.

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01:22:44.020 --> 01:22:52.789

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. I can't even hear you, I'm sitting next to you. The Budget Committee is a standing committee. It is an open meeting. We can make it for that if...

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01:22:52.790 --> 01:23:02.800

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: if the Council wanted to go in that direction, we could have, staff send out a dedicated email that says, this meeting for the Budget Committee will be discussing BIA funds.

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01:23:02.800 --> 01:23:12.860

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I mean, that's an option. Another option is to have a council member dedicated as a standing committee to just, you know, have, like, maybe 2 or 3 meetings a year. One would be to...

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01:23:12.860 --> 01:23:31.559

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, create the budget, bring it to Council, and then do a reconciliation on the last meeting. I was thinking one of the, like, the most efficient thing would be to do exactly what you said, to bring it to the Budget Committee, but one of the council people, no matter whom it might be, can do a lot of the organizing beforehand, so that it was pretty well

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01:23:31.560 --> 01:23:33.790

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Put together by the time it came to the budget.

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01:23:35.310 --> 01:23:51.490

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: If we're looking at that option, I feel like it needs to be one or the other, because the budget committee's two council members, so if another council member's involved, I don't think... right? I'm relating to the city attorney here. Correct. If a third council member is involved, they wouldn't be able to speak before the budget committee.

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01:23:52.000 --> 01:24:05.309

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, we have someone else... Council... Vice Mayor Maurer would like to make a comment. So, we could also appoint a liaison to this district, and then they could meet with

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01:24:05.480 --> 01:24:16.270

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: four or five of their members, the city manager and that liaison could meet, instead of creating a new committee. I'm not in favor of a new committee.

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01:24:16.430 --> 01:24:28.979

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So if there's a way we can work around that, whether it's going to the budget committee, that's okay. Whether it's having a liaison that works with the city manager and the district members, that would be okay, too.

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01:24:30.580 --> 01:24:32.240

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Councilmember Solman?

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01:24:32.880 --> 01:24:46.790

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, no, I'm appreciative of the discussion. Having served on the Chamber Board for a number of years, all I heard was downtown businesses, but then what about our businesses that are not downtown? It's like...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: it just seemed like an ongoing thing, so probably having some city council... city, government.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: assistance to help navigate what a general thing would be to help the downtown businesses and all the other businesses would probably be great. And I think that given the fact that we all are

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: going in a lot of different directions, too, and we have limited staff. I do like the idea of just doing the budget, going it through the budget committee, as Mary had suggested, and just having one meeting a year be designated for the BID fund issue. So, my thoughts.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, so I'm gonna weigh in here. I've been involved with this for at least 8 years, if not more.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: through the Chamber, running the Chamber, and then on the board for the SDA, having a business in this, in this, district.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I've been involved in so many different ways, and I've watched it flourish, and I've watched it flounder, and I've listened to all the business owners saying how cumbersome it is, and the frustration every year surrounding decorations, and I mean, I could just go on and on. I've got a lot of history, recent history with all of this, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: My concern is that

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: this is, like, between... what I've seen, it's been between \$7,000 and \$9,000. It's not a lot of money. My concern is I don't want to see all kinds of committees and discussing that, because, to be honest with you, I...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't see how it moves the needle a lot.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: this was formed in, you know, quite a long time ago, before social media and many different ways for businesses to advertise. So, I struggle with, just because we've had something for so long, does that mean that it needs to remain? Or can we think outside the box, and what can we do

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Does it work? Doesn't it work? Does it need to continue? And for me, I think if...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm not in favor of a committee at all in making this very convoluted for \$9,000, and I'm not saying that's not significant, I just know that

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, like, even... even with it subsidizing some of these ads, I personally, in my small business, could still... could not afford to pay for an ad that was there. I just couldn't. You know, so there's a lot of people who... businesses who pay into this who don't really recognize

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: much from it, and also, we hear a lot of talk about Main Street, but this doesn't just include Main Street.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: people don't talk about the fact that this goes all the way down to Gravenstein Station, and the business is there, and I can tell you that, you know, the businesses down there do not feel like they're actually a part of the SDA, even, you know, have been part of that or included in it, even though everyone pays into it. So there's just a lot of different facets to this that I find frustrating.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Honestly, I mean, when I came in here, I just thought, I'm just ready to be done with this, because out with the old, perhaps in with the new, just because we had something for so long doesn't mean we have to continue it. Again, it was started before we all had

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: marketing at our fingertips and on our phones and everything else. I mean, the question I have is, is there a way for us... I don't want... I personally don't want to see city... our city staff spending a lot of time on this. I think that we have a lot of things that we need to accomplish in managing all the businesses, and this 9K seems very cumbersome.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm okay if we had some way to funnel this and utilize it toward the experts, like our Sonoma County Tourism, or some way, and utilize it and make it effective that way. I know other cities, for example, Destination Tiburon, they have a way that they do it, it's very effective. I've worked with them when I ran a nonprofit in Tiburon.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And there's a lot of different ways, but I just feel like we haven't been able to get it right here. So I'm teetering between not supporting any of this, and is there a very simple way for us to utilize this money

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: put it toward the experts who actually can market Sebastopol, because every time I fly into that darn airport, and all I see is every other city advertised in there except for Sebastopol, and all those

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: screens. I just wonder, you know, is there a way for us to use that more effectively that way? And like I said, having run the Visitors Center before, I just... I know there are ways to do it and work with the county and with tourism, and to me, that seems like a better use of those funds for all of our businesses to get people here, versus having all of these

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: committee discussions, and I know I'm talking a lot, but I just... I've had a lot of thoughts about this, because I've been so involved with it for so long. So I'm really torn, because I don't know from, you know, from, you know, if our interim city manager or attorney have any suggestions, is there a way to work with a tourism? I mean, I know I already asked that question, but, like, truly, truly do that and move the needle versus just...

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01:29:27.730 --> 01:29:32.780

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Spending \$9,000 more on something that doesn't really, you know.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Help all the businesses that are in it.

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01:29:38.870 --> 01:29:46.870

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The only way that we'd be able to do that is to make sure those funds benefit those downtown businesses, so it has to be specific

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry. Thought I saw something crawling over here.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Specific to that, so I'll let Alex go in more. And I would say, I mean, we certainly could spend the money for those purposes, right? Maybe the sign says, visit downtown special. I don't know how much those advertisements cost. Is \$8,000 gonna...

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01:30:08.270 --> 01:30:11.629

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Cover the full amount, or not.

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01:30:13.050 --> 01:30:20.130

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: How much money do we have that goes to... through the... to the tourism right now, the SOFA tourism? Do we know?

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01:30:21.350 --> 01:30:22.300

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: No kidding.

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01:30:26.780 --> 01:30:33.179

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry, I don't have the budget in front of me right now. I'm sorry, and I should have asked this before, but I've just, as we've been talking about it, the...

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01:30:33.710 --> 01:30:36.430

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thoughts have been accumulating.

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01:30:40.610 --> 01:30:44.270

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sure. Oh, but Council... Councilmember Hinton had her hand up first.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, I would be willing to support the idea of the budget, subcommittee taking this on versus dissolve this tonight and see how that goes.

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01:30:58.200 --> 01:31:14.339

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I do believe that we could, if the downtown wanted to work just like they have with the magazine, with a co-op basis, with the tourism bureau, and also a member of the public brought up a map, so those businesses could be on a map.

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01:31:14.360 --> 01:31:18.319

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: In a bigger publication, if that's what was...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: decided amongst. And I did also want to say, I did hear from another merchant about this issue who's not speaking tonight, that does not want to dissolve it. So, even though there's only a couple people here, I think there are other people that aren't interested in ending it at this stage in the game, for the downtown

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: district, who's also kind of competing against the Barlow, I just want to say. So, this is the only mechanism they have to try to group together. And just, just so that people are aware, if you're not, the Sonoma County Tourism actually has an app.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That is a map, and you can go in and look up all Sebastopol businesses and map out your visit and all that. I'm just letting people know that that's out there in case they don't know that right now.

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01:32:07.960 --> 01:32:08.830

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I would like to support the Budget Committee taking this on, and then maybe we could, like, have, like, before the Budget Committee hears from the businesses.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Maybe prior, we just...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: like, somehow hold a meeting or send out a survey of what they would like to do, or somehow communicate with them so that, you know, or figure out a way that they can organize themselves so they can come in. But the budget committee sounds like the most reasonable thing to do. And then, what's that look like? So if we...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: hear them come, we have that pocket of money of, like, \$9,000 or something like that. They come in and hand us a sheet and says, you know, we would like \$7,000 for this, yada yada, or whatever.

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01:32:56.170 --> 01:33:08.320

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But I do think it's vital that businesses are able to cooperate and put money together for larger things. It's really brutal for one individual to accomplish something.

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01:33:08.320 --> 01:33:20.959

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm just a little worried about our budget committee now being the marketing committee, and deciding where that goes, because it's completely different. No, no, no, they would bring it to us, so we're not becoming the marketing committee. Who's they?

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01:33:21.130 --> 01:33:40.979

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The Downtown Business Association. Who? Because I'm just gonna tell you, there isn't a Downtown Association anymore, and as one of the businesses in there, I can tell you that it is pulling teeth to try to get businesses together to do this. I'm just telling you, from my experience being on that committee, I mean, in that paying into that, it is

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: challenging to get people... I do know it's challenging. Go ahead. Councilmember Hint.

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01:33:46.000 --> 01:33:55.970

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I think Councilmember Maurer had her hand up, too. Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't see... I don't want to jump in front. Thank you. So, my concern with the idea of having it come to the Budget Committee

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: is something the mayor just said, is, well, who's they? So, who's going to bring it? So, is... is this group organized enough to bring an idea

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01:34:06.850 --> 01:34:22.120

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: to the Budget Committee. So because the... I don't support the budget committee figuring out what they need. That makes the Budget Committee liaisons to the group, and I wasn't volunteering for that, but if they feel that there's enough organization.

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01:34:22.120 --> 01:34:37.869

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: that they could bring an agenda item proposal to the Budget Committee to ask if we can approve something. That's fine with me, but I'd like to just circle back with this next year, so maybe one or two times a year, you could make that proposal. We could

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01:34:37.870 --> 01:34:44.940

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: look it over, and because, you know, there is money there that can be spent on the downtown, I'd like to support that.

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01:34:44.980 --> 01:35:02.710

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But we could... we could circle back in a year, but as a budget committee member, I... I don't want to do that work for the downtown. I want the proposal to come to us. And if you needed a liaison, or you needed to talk to the interim city manager, I think that would be okay.

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01:35:04.150 --> 01:35:05.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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01:35:06.400 --> 01:35:18.609

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, I think, what I heard, Alex say is there's \$17,000 in the pot right now, so it's not 9, it's a couple years' worth, is my understanding. Yes, seeing nods.

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01:35:18.650 --> 01:35:30.419

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number two, I think that even if they didn't in first year, have it all together, we heard from our city attorney that we could hold it over. Maybe they just have a couple things, and then we hold the rest

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01:35:30.420 --> 01:35:41.799

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: in... in trust, or whatever, till... till they come. And I know the Budget Committee does meet occasionally at other times during the year. Not to say this would be a drawn-out process, but...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: they could come to the Budget Committee.

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01:35:45.170 --> 01:35:52.360

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: not just in July, but maybe in the fall to get ready for Christmas. So, it would be a different system

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: again, I'm willing to try to give it a chance to support the small businesses. I'm just wondering if anyone got an answer to my question about how much we put into Sonoma County Tourism. I'm still waiting for that.

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01:36:10.900 --> 01:36:14.560

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is it 33? Is that what we pay Sonoma County Tourism?

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01:36:14.670 --> 01:36:30.070

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The Sonoma County Tourism is collected... we collect 2% for that one. Is that what you're asking? Yeah, like, how much do they get? I'm aware how they collect it and all that. I just wonder what's the number. Oh, we pay them, year-to-date, \$33,000. \$33K, okay.

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01:36:30.330 --> 01:36:43.249

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So personally, I just keep hearing they. They, they, they. And as part of the businesses that are part of that, who's actually doing that? Because we've had this situation, we've had this system set up all this time.

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01:36:43.250 --> 01:36:51.049

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the they actually doesn't pan out, because even the organization who was managing this and running it as a non-profit went defunct.

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01:36:51.160 --> 01:37:06.179

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for not filing taxes, so I just keep hearing they, they, they. So personally, I'm just... at this point, I'm just... I'm not supportive of even continuing it at this point, because all I hear is they. I'm part of that they, and I can tell you that I personally do not, you know, do not...

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01:37:06.180 --> 01:37:23.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: see this coming together. I see maybe a couple businesses, and I know that, our folks from Gather are very kind in coming out here and being supportive of that, but they're the only they that's here. And everyone I talk to says, I don't know what they do, and I don't want to participate in it. Everyone wants someone else to do it, so there is no they.

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01:37:23.900 --> 01:37:31.740

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Per... in my mind. So, personally, I'm just... I'm not supportive of keeping this going at this point from this conversation, so that's where I'm at.

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01:37:31.740 --> 01:37:45.849

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead. And I just want to reiterate, there is a day. Like, I've been going around for the past year in the Enterprise Fund and talking to all the businesses, and there is a day. They're trying to get themselves organized again, it's difficult, and I know you've had frustrations

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for the past 10, 30,000 years, I mean, I know it's difficult, but, you know, we have a new crop of people coming in, and to lose this device would be, a substantial waste of staff time to try to re-put it back together, so I think it's important that,

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01:38:02.420 --> 01:38:20.890

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the local people that really want this, and are here... Can I just say I appreciate that? I don't want you to try to sit here and convince me of my... changing my mind. I mean, I've given my opinion, and so you can give yours, and we'll all give our opinions, and then we'll vote. Well, no, I feel like a debate is, like, one of those things you do at this table.

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01:38:21.070 --> 01:38:37.969

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You know, like, you know, I don't necessarily want to convince you, and you can have your own thought, but I think it's important that while we're up here, you know, we can talk to each other and collaborate and communicate in a way that helps us see different ideas.

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01:38:38.170 --> 01:38:52.019

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I hear you. I've also been involved with this for 8-plus years, and I just... I've watched it flounder. I was on the board for the organization that was managing this money, and even with that, it was difficult. So, Vice Mayor Maurer, did you...

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01:38:56.000 --> 01:39:14.919

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sorry, thank you, Phil, for the clarity. You've been going around and talking to businesses. I just wanted to clarify the Budget Committee meets at least once a month during the whole year. When it's budget season, then we meet weekly, but otherwise, we're meeting year-round, so a proposal can come at any time.

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01:39:15.000 --> 01:39:18.929

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But I like to make a motion to...

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01:39:19.760 --> 01:39:39.559

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Adopt a resolution rescinding the resolution number 6693-2025, terminating the existing agreement with the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as a fiscal agent for the downtown association business, and authorizing the city to serve as the fiscal agent for the BID,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And that funds are to be used solely for the following purposes that are outlined in the staff report.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I would like to... have...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Any proposals from the BID members come before the Budget Committee?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is that... did I cover it? Yeah, I'll go ahead and second that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Here in a second.

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01:40:09.780 --> 01:40:18.790

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, no, I know, I'm sorry, I'm just trying to think about the... I was going for a second, but... Oh, okay, I'm sorry. I was just listening and processing what they were saying.

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01:40:19.130 --> 01:40:20.990

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, okay, go ahead, Mary.

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01:40:22.830 --> 01:40:31.670

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't want to put a wrinkle in this, but I just have a question about the... the last comment about proposals from BID members come to Budget Committee.

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01:40:32.380 --> 01:40:35.730

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: how do you envision that? Because if...

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01:40:36.210 --> 01:40:46.480

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: let's just say we have 225, is that what you said, Councilmember Hinton? Businesses in that? Yeah, that's what we're getting approximately 225. So if we have 225 members.

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01:40:46.840 --> 01:40:50.680

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the proposal says, from BID members to Budget Committee.

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01:40:51.430 --> 01:41:04.870

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Are we stating that each... an individual member, or... I just want clarification, because I don't want to, you know... No, it's open-ended. No, it's for individuals, it's for the group, and right now, they have representatives for the group.

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01:41:05.410 --> 01:41:15.459

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But that's not... hasn't been decided. I mean, these are just two individuals who've stepped up. There's at least four of them, and I met with them a few weeks ago.

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01:41:16.050 --> 01:41:24.489

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And so, I don't know how they get into that position. They stepped up, that's kind of the way it's been working with them, but...

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01:41:24.610 --> 01:41:31.710

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Maybe there needs to be clarification about who gets to represent this district.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And maybe we can add that to the motion, that...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I don't know, the membership is pulled, Maybe that's too complicated.

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01:41:43.380 --> 01:42:08.299

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is there anyone that would consider that we utilize this? Because I... I'm not... I'm not saying that we just have to throw it away, but I think that we need to think about this, just like when we did Measure U, and I brought back the policy for how we're going to spend it. If we're willing to commit to, you know, utilizing it in a way that is... that is clear, and not a they and every... you know, if we have... if we have a clear direction for how

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01:42:08.300 --> 01:42:20.289

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: how it's utilized, like I said, for Sonoma County Tourism, how it's, you know, it's already allotted to advertise for our businesses, and do something, and utilize the professionals who can do this, versus

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01:42:20.290 --> 01:42:27.230

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Trying to get businesses to handle it. Every business owner is so busy all the time, and now we're gonna put more of it on our city manager.

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01:42:27.390 --> 01:42:31.740

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I just... we have everybody's hands up, so now whose was first?

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01:42:33.940 --> 01:42:35.770

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, sorry.

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01:42:36.240 --> 01:42:43.039

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I just jump in really quick? I'm sorry, so maybe one of two, maybe amend the motion to add that,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: they...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: what if, and I know I'm adding work to city staff, what if we sent an email out, and I'm going to reach out to you, too, for your input. If we sent out an email to, like a... I don't want to say it's a survey, but if we sent out an email to the businesses that we have listed for the BIA to say, do they support

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01:43:03.410 --> 01:43:09.380

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the... and I don't know who the four... I know you too, I don't know if there's the other two members. If they support you being the representatives.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: then at least we would have the represent... we would know that all the businesses have been reached out to, to see the representative, because... because I don't want to leave this motion open-ended. I'm concerned about the way that it's open-ended right now. The Councilmember Zolman had his hands up for a while. I accept that amendment.

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01:43:26.660 --> 01:43:38.740

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead. But what I... what I thought, I heard from Mary say that this could just be on the budget calendar for, like, twice a year, and whoever shows up to pitch whatever they show up.

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01:43:38.820 --> 01:43:50.909

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: shows up for one or above two times per year. And it... I mean, I'm assuming that would behoove them to come together and present a solid option at one of the two

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01:43:50.920 --> 01:44:06.359

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: budget time opportunities that they have. So, I honestly kind of agree. I don't think they're going to come together and annoy one, two, or three, or four of them to represent all of them. It hasn't happened in the years I've been here, so I think just having

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: one or two budget hearings, and whoever shows up and pitches whatever goes through budget, and then it comes to us for ultimate approval. And I would just add, of course, you know, theoretically, you could get 250 independent things, but you might get 10 from

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01:44:22.010 --> 01:44:31.460

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 10 separate businesses, and one from a business that has 20 businesses saying they support this proposal, and that might help, you know, the committee sort through

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01:44:32.210 --> 01:44:33.879

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Councilmember Hinton.

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01:44:34.450 --> 01:44:36.529

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, we have the mailing list.

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01:44:36.900 --> 01:44:54.750

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm not sure these ladies do. And we're making a council action and a motion tonight. So, it seems to me that we would, since we didn't send anything out before this, we would send something out to say, this is how it's being handled now, the business district. And at that point, we could assign it

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01:44:55.380 --> 01:45:08.449

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: its date on the hearing schedule, and, we could say to contact so-and-so to... to work on representatives. I mean, and leave that to them to come together, because

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01:45:09.120 --> 01:45:19.660

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I just... again, I'm going to support this tonight, whatever we decide, but I want to mainstream it as well, so whatever you recommend, Mary, I'm willing to support on the motion.

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01:45:19.920 --> 01:45:22.240

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Do you have a question, first, or... Go ahead.

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01:45:22.340 --> 01:45:25.750

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I was just gonna say...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You could just tell people that they're representing.

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01:45:30.910 --> 01:45:34.829

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I, I think... I can't hear you, sister.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry about that. What I said was, I'm wondering if... The city manager could just...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: physically appoint the two representatives to this board, and that way they're constantly done. She's shaking her head no? No. So my recommend... Give that to her, right? I'm sorry, my recommendation would be is to go with the motion as is, and to see what proposals we get for those... the budget meetings. We will do a direct mailing when we know the dates of those budget committees. We'll see we can get 0 to 225.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But hopefully the... the association, even though it's not, you know, they would be able to work together with all the businesses and maybe be able to bring, you know, 4 or 5, but it doesn't stop anyone else that's in that district to bring a separate proposal. So are you saying that you will send the emails out? Because I can tell you, as someone who belongs to that, I don't know who all's in there, so none... I don't know that any one person knows who

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: everyone's contact info, so the city is gonna... What we have on file. That's all I can guarantee. So I have sent this,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The addresses, we have sent the... the emails and the businesses, we have sent those out. We did have them vetted a while ago, so what we have on file for the contact is what the businesses have provided and is what's in our system. Whether it's up-to-date or not, I can't guarantee that.

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01:47:00.970 --> 01:47:01.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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01:47:02.120 --> 01:47:18.010

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But we will still put it on social media, we'll put it out on Facebook, we'll, you know, it'll be an agenda budget meeting, so we will get that out there. So you're going to have them attend a budget meeting? Yes. One of them identified? Correct. I just want to register that, I mean, before we all vote, I...

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01:47:18.790 --> 01:47:21.189

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I just think there are better ways to do this.

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01:47:21.330 --> 01:47:30.710

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And it's unfortunate that we can't come up with that tonight, but at any rate, go ahead. We have a motion, and we're sticking with that motion. Is that the recommendation?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And we had a second to... I'm sorry, I lost track of the second. That's correct. It was moved by Vice Mayor Maurer and seconded by Councilmember Zolman to authorize the City to serve as the fiscal agent for the BID funds, for the purposes as outlined in the California law, to rescind the prior resolution and terminate the agreement with the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce as a fiscal agent.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That funds are being used as proposed in the staff report and under California law, and that the proposals can be submitted from BID members, and those will come to an agenda budget committee meeting.

Councilmember Carter?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously.

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01:48:14.050 --> 01:48:19.090

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, I think we need to take a bio break, so is 5 minutes enough, or do you need more?

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01:48:19.640 --> 01:48:21.500

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Senator, anyone need more?

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01:48:23.420 --> 01:48:24.280

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes.

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01:48:24.430 --> 01:48:28.909

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, we'll come back at, 7.55 PM.

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01:48:40.770 --> 01:48:41.779

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is that real?

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01:48:43.240 --> 01:48:45.270

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, thanks, everyone.

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01:48:46.740 --> 01:48:50.239

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm just waiting here for staff to let me know if they're ready.

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01:48:53.110 --> 01:48:58.110

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is it okay if we get going, or do you want us to wait? No, it's fine, if you need a minute.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So I got some feedback.

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01:49:00.260 --> 01:49:11.340

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And people even in this room, cannot hear us, so I'm just asking everyone to please be cognizant of talking into your microphones. I just received some feedback when I was out there that they can't hear us.

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01:49:13.100 --> 01:49:27.319

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, I know, I think it's... it's a conundrum, right? But anyways, I'm just letting you know, because some people here in the room even said they couldn't hear us, so... I think also, because we have to have the fan going, that might be part of the problem, so... just letting everyone know. So, okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we're gonna move on to item number 11.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: which is finalized list of streets for digouts and repairs. The digouts and repairs project is included in the fiscal year 25-26 CIP budget, and was discussed at 3 March 2nd, 2026 BC meeting.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: This item will finalize the list of streets that will be included in the Digouts and Repairs CIP project. Note that the Palm Avenue will be included in a future agenda item in April.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, let's see, this is Public Works, so Oriana?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Good evening, Councilmembers. Yes, as you noted, this is one of two CIP projects that we have for street repair on this year's capital improvement budget. This one is targeting specific streets with dig-out and repair sections, and this is the finalized list for your consideration.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then we're gonna come back with a second CIP project to do more full rehabs on specific streets, that we've been asked to look at, specifically Palm and...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the one that came out at the Budget Committee that's escaping me, but Mario, our city engineer, will know. So he is on, the Zoom, and he's gonna just run us through this project and our timeline a little bit more.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I have a little presentation that he's gonna run through with me. Amari, if you're there.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Yes, I am.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Yes, and I'm hoping you can hear me. Good evening, Mayor and Council Members. Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer, and it's my pleasure to be presenting a request for approval of the final streets list for the Citywide Digouts and repairs project. And I will try to be brief. It's my understanding it's pretty,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Pretty, pretty hot, pretty miserable in there with fans and everything running, so I'll keep this brief. But I do have a short presentation, 6 slides, and this is to briefly tell you about the project, what we hope to accomplish, and what our goals, what our approach will be, actually.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And also, this is going to show a timeline for when we plan to start construction. But, you know, first, a little... just a little brief background. We did present to you a draft streets list in January this year, describing how, how it was put together.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Basically, we went off a compiled list of complaints and requests received from the public.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: We received, or rather, we reviewed these sites and determined where the dig out and repair strategy would address the problem, or where instead this would require a more broad approach, such as overlay, or street slurry, or...

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: in some extreme conditions, full reconstruction. And I know we... we clearly have some of those streets in town.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And none of them are included in this final streets list for the, digouts and repair.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: In particular, on those streets not included are,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Strout Street, and lighting, as well as, Live Oak, we took a look at that recently, and, you know, these have been...

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Subjects of a lot of... lot of discussion and concern from residents there.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: From that January meeting, though, we did take comments received, as well as some follow-up requests for additional sites to be included.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And so, these sites were, subsequently evaluated, for possible inclusion into the final streets list.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: some of these additional sites, I will point out, these included, on Bodega Avenue, near the old,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: what is it, the Gravenstein Grill over, the address is 8050, Bodega Ave. Also, some sections, some areas of Calder Avenue, have been included.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: We had requests for, for part of Furcrest as well as some other streets, and I want to point out, it turns out that the, the area of concern over at Fircrest, that is actually in county right-of-way, so it was referred to County Public Works.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Okay, and so this brings us, back to this evening, where,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Before you is the final street list for your consideration and approval.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: So at this point, I'd just like to briefly talk about our approach for digouts and repairs.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: First, you know, what is digouts and repair? This may seem pretty straightforward, but I would like it understood how these repairs are to be approached and what is to be accomplished.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: This is a pavement maintenance strategy, and it's applied... it's applied... we apply it to address localized, focused, failed areas in the pavement.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: The intent by doing this is to create a substantial, long-lasting, and much smoother and uniform writing surface.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: This is only at the... obviously at the point of repair, and it does nothing for the rest of the street.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: But we do this,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: big reason for this is to prevent any further degradation of that pavement. And as you, you know, note, these potholes, you know, over time, if they're not addressed, they do tend to widen, the pavement around it starts to expand in terms of failure, dig out deeper, chunks of concrete popping out, and so forth.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And a big hope, of course, is by doing this, we will have addressed, complaints, at least in these areas, from the public.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: So,

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: As mentioned earlier, if we could go to the next slide, our sites for the project, they came from the list of complaints that we've received over time from the public.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And after being evaluated for this strategy, they were compiled onto this list.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Where we observed in our, review of the sites that the need is beyond basic dig-out repair. We turned those locations to another... the...

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: city pavement job that, Ariana just, mentioned, and that's to be brought back to the Council, for consideration. And that's a little more description in the, in the staff report.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: But some of the issues with Focus Street, just some key...

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: You know, it described where these locations came from, and what our focus is dealing with these very, very focused localized pothole conditions.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And not to include any... any of these larger areas that, you know, could involve full streetwidth. Oftentimes, just whole, long blocks need to be addressed, or in some cases, it's just a matter of very, very, very large, broad areas that really go beyond the scope of it.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Hang out.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: project.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: So, next slide, please, if we can.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: the, the repair process... the repair process. What this is gonna involve is a, really a focused removal effort of all the failed material, primarily the pavement surface, that's what you see all at the top.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: degraded, but also, there'll be some, level of material removed from below. Oftentimes, a lot of rock, base rock soils even start pumping up into it.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: But our intent is to get down to a point where we got some sort of stable subgrade.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Ideally, it's base rock, which will be regraded, compacted, and wherever it's necessary, we'll be adding more base rock into the section to stabilize it, further stabilize it. But ultimately, the, then the...

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Completion of this would be to fill that... that area with the full depth of asphalt, concrete, hot mix, asphalt.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And, it's gonna be well-tacked, it'll be compacted to industry standards, and it'll be brought to match the existing grade, and that, you know, giving us that nice, smooth, uniform.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: area, and right in the vicinity of the fix, of course. And, by doing so, that repair there will be complete, and we move on to the... to the next, of course.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Next, I want to briefly just touch on the timeline that we're looking at. You know, as I mentioned earlier.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: We brought this up to the Council back in January, and

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: our intent is to be able to be out to bid and under construction in June this year. That's the bottom line goal in that.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: So, with that in mind, and, you know, presuming Council's approval tonight, we expect to have the project out for bidding in a month, by mid-April, with anticipating, anticipation of award back to Council in May. Right now, we're targeting that May 19 meeting.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And going to be working hard to get to that point, because by doing so, it will allow us to, start construction in June.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: I don't have, yeah, we haven't figured out the total time of completion, for doing the work, but I assure you that will be part of the bid documents when it's put together. We need to look at this a little deeper, but we will establish in there a time of

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: Construction, for getting this work done.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: So, brief as promised, I hope, but with that, my presentation here is at an end.

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Mario Landeros, Interim City Engineer: And, I would be happy to take your questions. So, I thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we're back to the... Is that... did you have anything else, Oriana?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That is all we have. We're open to questions. Thank you both very much.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, any questions? I know I have a couple of

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: one, I was just wondering if I'm missing it here. Do we have that timeline in any of our information here? I was trying to scramble and write it down for as far as that. If not, can that be sent to us?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes, absolutely. Mario has just prepared a proposal to do the plans and specs, so that was the piece we were missing before the council item went out, so we can give you that timeline. Okay, and then the other question I have is, it looks like this isn't going to start... we're talking June...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 21st is what I think I grabbed off of there. That's when we're looking at this possibly starting. And the question I have is, with the Measure U funds, you know, we... we as a council committed to using a percentage toward infrastructure and such, and some of that money is through

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, through our budget. I mean, we, you know, for this... the budget this year. So the question I have is, is if this is going into next year.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: our... I just want to make sure that... that we're keeping these money... keeping track of where we're spending these monies, and that I believe it was 40%, am I remembering that correctly from the Measure U with the policy, that that is still, even if that's happening in fiscal year next year, that is still part of this year's budget, and we have to add, and we still... I just want to make sure they're not commingled with the next budget, and that 40% suddenly becomes

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Much less because we've commingled year, you know.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: annual budgets. Absolutely, and we, you know, that... we're hoping to be aggressive on that timeline, so we're maybe a little bit further into the project by the end of the fiscal year, but when we get to the capital improvement budget, you'll see this project

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: with the funds that are allocated in this fiscal year spread between FY26 and FY27. And you'll see a different capital improvement project for a different paving project that would

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: potentially use the next bunch of Measure U funding. Okay, and then my final question is just.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Moving into the next year.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: is it possible for us to do this sooner than at the end of our fiscal year? I mean, because, you know, people are clamoring for these streets to be fixed, so is that...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Absolutely.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So there are a couple pieces. We do have the pavement Management Plan that has a list of prioritized streets, so that's the document that we're going to look to for the next group of streets.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And we are also... that's a document that we update every couple of years, so it was updated in 25, and we will be looking for another version of that in the spring of 27.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, through part of that process, we'll be evaluating all the street networks again, and looking at that list, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: recommending the ones that we would build into the next year's CIP project.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hopefully at the end of the summer. Okay, yeah, that's... I just... it would be nice for us to be able to be on top of it earlier. So, those are my questions. Does anyone else have any?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, I guess... or did you?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Public comment?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Mayor. So this is for public comment, for the finalization of the digouts. If you'd like to make a public comment, again, it is a two-minute public comment period, and I will do chambers first, and then out to Zoom, if there's anyone in chambers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Kyle, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Can you see the timer?

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Kyle Falbo: Yes I can.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

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Kyle Falbo: So, I just have a couple questions,

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Kyle Falbo: The first is, you know, the...

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Kyle Falbo: City of Sebastopol roads have been a struggle for a number of years.

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Kyle Falbo: Essentially since we lost an engineering manager, I think.

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Kyle Falbo: When the last engineering manager that we had produced a report, it was pretty abysmal in terms of what the quality of our roads were, and at that time, that engineering manager was making suggestions that had a lot to do with, reallocating

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Kyle Falbo: Funds that would traditionally have been earmarked for infrastructure to general fund expenditures, and, you know, surprisingly, this era of, like, stacking the reserves when we weren't even maintaining our infrastructure to the... we're the point now of, rather than deferred maintenance, we're looking at repair.

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Kyle Falbo: Right? And so, the first question I really have is that.

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Kyle Falbo: You know, we've got city staff.

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Kyle Falbo: And we've got city staff that exist within Public Works, and I want to know if inside the job description of Public Works employees, this type of work is included in that job description? Because it seems like a skill

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Kyle Falbo: that would be valuable for our city employees to have. It seems like it's within the scope of what we as citizens of the city would expect that our city employees are able to manage in terms of the general upkeep of our roadways, and I would just be...

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Kyle Falbo: If there's an opportunity here to stop the consistent outsourcing of labor outside of what's actually within scope of city employees.

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Kyle Falbo: The second I just want to mention is just the strategy here about looking at, like, complaints and volume of complaints as the locations in which you're doing work. That seems super inefficient and way more expensive than it would be if you had a more,

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Kyle Falbo: strategic approach that might be consolidating into specific regions, especially if you're going out for bids. Thanks.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kyle, for your

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment on this item, to please raise your hand virtually.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Kate, can you unmute yourself, please?

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kate: Hello, good evening.

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kate: Thank you, Kate.

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02:04:43.480 --> 02:04:44.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you see the timer?

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kate: I can. Go ahead, please. One question, is Mario Landeros a consultant, or is he a city employee?

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02:04:58.170 --> 02:05:01.910

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kate. Well, we can... is that your public comment? We can address the question at the end.

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kate: Oh, okay, and then, my other question is, the road repair that's coming up seems like it should be done in conjunction with SOAR capital improvements, so I was just wondering if there's any strategy to align road repair with SOAR repair. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I'll go back out to Zoom. If anyone on Zoom would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually.

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02:05:32.590 --> 02:05:35.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed on this item.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, thank you. So that does pose a question for me, because I wondered the same thing. Is there a reason why our public works cannot do that work? I know they do sidewalks, because I've heard that some of them are very proud of their work, because they do an excellent job, but

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It's different with roads? Is that the case? Can someone explain so that we can all understand?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: There are a couple pieces. They certainly have the technical expertise. A lot of our crew, we...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Don't have a ton of crews, so it would take all of our...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: most of our members of our crew to do one of these projects. They had one on Fannin Lane, I believe, last year, and it took, like, a week, and it took everybody. So we're just not staffed to do the digouts and repairs like this. We also don't have paving equipment, so we would have to get that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: as a goal, I would love to do more of this internally. I do think that that is an efficient way to do that, but we're not currently staffed for that.

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02:06:37.720 --> 02:06:38.720

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And do we have a strategy with the sewer?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And with the sewer, absolutely. Yes, we will... when we do the full repair pieces, we will be looking at sewer and water. I know that one of the goals is to establish a trench policy in the city, and so we certainly would not want to spend a lot of money to do a full rebuild on one of these streets, and then have to cut into it to do utilities, either ours or

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02:07:01.370 --> 02:07:11.659

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: PG&Es or anybody else's. So when we do that engineering and design for those bigger streets, we'll be looking at the condition of the sewer and the water and all of the service lines that come from there.

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02:07:11.710 --> 02:07:15.389

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, thank you. And then Interim City Manager, did you want to address

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, so Mario Landeros is a contract city engineer. He is not a city employee, but he is a contract city engineer, and he is designated as a city engineer.

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02:07:25.480 --> 02:07:36.849

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, all right, thank you. So now we're back here for comments. If anyone has a comment, it looks like Vice Mayor Bauer has. I'd just like to move that we approve this final list of digouts and repairs.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Second.

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02:07:41.030 --> 02:07:42.440

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, Mary?

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02:07:42.690 --> 02:07:43.640

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry?

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02:07:44.220 --> 02:07:58.460

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry, I didn't see who seconded. Oh, Councilmember Carter seconded, right? Thank you, you did. So, moved by Vice Mayor Maurer, and seconded by Councilmember, Carter to approve and finalize the list of streets for dig-outs and repairs. Councilmember Carter?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, thank you. That was quick. We're moving along. Alright, so, let's see, item number 12.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Consideration of approval of emergency operations plan. This item is to adopt the City of Sebastopol EOP, which is to establish clear authorities, responsibilities, and procedures for managing emergencies that may impact the City.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I... is the police chief doing the presentation?

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02:08:32.110 --> 02:08:32.810

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh.

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02:08:33.730 --> 02:08:35.149

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, come on up.

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02:08:43.170 --> 02:08:44.899

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: You have to turn your mic on.

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02:08:46.330 --> 02:08:51.520

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Or is it... No, it's not working.

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02:09:07.050 --> 02:09:09.569

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Try that again. Lieutenant Bauer from the Police Department.

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02:09:10.670 --> 02:09:12.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you hear me? Okay. No.

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02:09:12.860 --> 02:09:23.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the Chief is here, by Zoom, so when we get to the questions time, he'll be here to field questions as well. So this is the consideration to approve the Emergency Operations Plan in the draft form that it is now.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then authorize the release for a draft version for public comment period.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then, after the public comment period, to authorize the police chief to incorporate any, public comments into the final draft.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: At that point.

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02:09:38.760 --> 02:09:48.989

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It has gone, as you know, the Chief's been working on this for quite some time, working with the county DEM. There's been a lot of other trainings and tabletops with other agencies to get a feel for it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So that's, has gone to the city attorney, who made some, edits this last go-around. Chief added some more edits just this last week. We had a, training that County DEM came to the police department, we had some training for city staff.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: To go over some things that raised some... some issues that were, added into the plan.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So it's still a living document, so that's the consideration to do, is to bring it back, or have a public comment period for about 30 days, and then bring it back after that. We can get those public comments and have those integrated into the

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Final plan.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Questions?

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02:10:24.350 --> 02:10:27.799

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, you're finished? Councilmember Zolman?

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02:10:28.180 --> 02:10:38.009

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes, thank you. Thank you for reporting. Thank you to the Chief for the ongoing work. Yes, questions I had are also about the tabletop,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Because we did hear from a member of the public that that is really the only way you're gonna know if you have everything that you need, and everybody knows how they're gonna do it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, when the chief was here the last time, it did not sound like any of us electeds

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: or the public, or people that are involved with our different community groups could actually come in and observe anything, because these tabletop exercises are just at the station, correct? Correct. So...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: How are we gonna know how those go?

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02:11:13.850 --> 02:11:19.519

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: If we're not allowed in, and I'm assuming press wouldn't be either. So...

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02:11:20.150 --> 02:11:34.120

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: here it says you're gonna take time for public comment and come back. My ultimate question is, how quickly are you coming back, and what are we going to get about how these tabletop exercises are working?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Between now...

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02:11:36.130 --> 02:11:55.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And when you come back. So, I said correct, and it's correct that the tabletops would be at the police station, not necessarily to the who would be allowed. I think that's, the chief can probably address that up. I'm sorry, I'm not

understanding. It's really... can I just comment? It's really super hard to understand what he's saying, so I don't know, is it the mic, or... we're all struggling.

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02:11:55.820 --> 02:11:57.100

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is there anything?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It's just muffled. It's muffled, it's garbled.

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02:12:02.600 --> 02:12:04.039

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Close further away.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay. Is that any better?

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02:12:17.310 --> 02:12:31.740

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, to your question about the tablesps being at the police department, I was saying correct to that, not necessarily correct that other electeds and others wouldn't be allowed into the tabletop. I think maybe the chief can address that a little, more clearly.

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02:12:32.540 --> 02:12:48.089

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes, I would like to hear, through the mayor. I would like to hear from the chief, because the tabletop exercise, and it sounded like you said the county came in and did that. That's not reflected here, so I am really interested

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: with what the county, if they did do the last tabletop, what their observations were, what needs to be worked on, and whether it be equipment, training, whatever. So I really do want to hear from the police chief. The next tabletop, am I going to get an invitation? Will press get an invitation?

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02:13:05.240 --> 02:13:09.839

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Will the public get an invitation to observe exactly how How this is currently working.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, can we have the chief? I see his name up there on the screen.

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Sean McDonagh: Come to you, man.

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02:13:17.500 --> 02:13:20.669

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you hear the questions from Councilmember Zollman?

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Sean McDonagh: Yes, Mayor, I did. Thank you.

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02:13:22.240 --> 02:13:22.690

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Huh.

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Sean McDonagh: It would be extremely unorthodox for the media, or the public, or any elected officials to be involved in any BOC, activation.

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Sean McDonagh: Or any training,

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Sean McDonagh: There's certainly a place for the... for the mayor to be called in at times when there's a need to...

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Sean McDonagh: refer to... Any of the constituents. We'll pass any information on.

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Sean McDonagh: But typically, that would be extremely unorthodox.

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02:13:50.170 --> 02:13:57.159

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I have a question. Why would that be unorthodox? Because anytime we've had an emergency here in this city, our electeds have been...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm trying to understand.

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02:14:00.110 --> 02:14:07.979

Sean McDonagh: That may have been the case in Sebastopol, but that's an extremely unorthodox method to... to employ in any typical emergency operations center in my...

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02:14:08.470 --> 02:14:08.950

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, then...

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02:14:09.590 --> 02:14:10.240

Sean McDonagh: Sorry, I missed you.

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02:14:10.660 --> 02:14:15.069

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Through the Mayor, I have a question to our legal counsel and to general manager.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: based on your experience, because our legal counsel represents entities not just our own in this county, what is your level of understanding about that? And I want to hear from the general manager, because in the staff report, it seems like

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Some type of training or tabletop was done, and then staff also had their thoughts about how things could

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: My reading of this being improved

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02:14:43.790 --> 02:14:50.310

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: before it gets to us for the final approval. This is my interpretation, but first to you, Alex. Yeah,

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02:14:51.090 --> 02:15:03.599

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Some cities have, elected officials, excuse me, sorry. Some cities, they have elected officials participate, or, you know, maybe one or two elected officials participate.

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02:15:03.980 --> 02:15:08.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It just depends on the... their particular plan.

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02:15:08.430 --> 02:15:15.890

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm not aware of any that have the... media participate, because the... the...

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02:15:16.480 --> 02:15:23.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Point of the tabletop exercise is, you know, to simulate the emergency, and so, you know, generally you're...

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02:15:23.690 --> 02:15:31.659

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: not having, you know, a member of the media in there during an emergency. It can be hectic, and other things going on, and you want to...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, make sure clear and accurate information gets out through the, you know, public information official. But...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Some... I do know that some cities have...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Certainly not all, but some cities do have, you know, one or two elected officials participate. Regarding the staff, I would defer to Mary on that part of the staff report.

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02:15:54.470 --> 02:16:03.150

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, you were correct, we did create, or did create, we did have a tabletop exercise with the, department directors.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I did bring it up at that time that we do need to have some additional...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: training and information to the departments, because many of them have not done a... have been through an emergency. I think all of the ones that have attended,

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02:16:21.050 --> 02:16:28.599

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I think I was probably the chief probably as well, but I was probably, as far as on city staff, one of the only ones that have ever been through an emergency within the city.

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02:16:28.680 --> 02:16:41.080

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So there are some additional trainings that do need to take place. There was also some conversations about, what type of courses will be required, from city staff, whether all of them need to have it, or if only one.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: so there will be some additional trainings that need to come back. So, to...

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02:16:47.530 --> 02:16:54.089

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The county did provide it, but it was just an overview. So, we would need to have more additional in-depth trainings.

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02:16:55.430 --> 02:17:14.099

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Again, just as a follow-up, Alex, I wasn't asking to participate, because I am, through the CERT and an ACS member through the county, I'm not asking to get in the middle of things. I'm asking to just be a fly on the wall and be able to stand in the room and observe.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And also have press do the same. So...

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02:17:17.270 --> 02:17:27.709

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I just... if that changes what you just said before. No, it's the same that, you know, some cities have participation, some do not, or some...

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02:17:27.940 --> 02:17:30.469

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Observation, and some do not.

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02:17:31.040 --> 02:17:31.969

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thanks.

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02:17:32.879 --> 02:17:47.720

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I... can I ask a question? What is the problem with having electeds there? I... because I hear the word unorthodox, and that makes it sound like we're asking for something that isn't... that isn't okay, and... and that's not actually the case, so I'm just trying to understand

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02:17:48.500 --> 02:18:03.550

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: what would be the problem with having electeds there? Because, I mean, I've been here when we've had the 2017 fires, and, you know, and

seen all of our electeds involved in different ways, and helping, and everything. So I'm just trying to understand, and I understand this is a tabletop exercise.

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02:18:03.549 --> 02:18:11.020

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: But at the same time, I'm trying to understand, because when you use the word unorthodox, it makes it sound much more harsh than it feels like it needs to be.

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02:18:12.799 --> 02:18:18.719

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I would defer to the chief on that. Okay. Chief, can you help us to understand that?

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02:18:19.480 --> 02:18:26.699

Sean McDonagh: Yeah, Mayor, in my... you know, I commenced, emergency management 27 years ago, and I have never in my 27...

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Sean McDonagh: years, begun any type of, training that involved council members.

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02:18:33.320 --> 02:18:36.170

Sean McDonagh: Whether involved in the emergency management,

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Sean McDonagh: operations center, other than they're called in when there's a need for them to

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Sean McDonagh: pass the message on to the community. That's...

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02:18:44.530 --> 02:18:51.900

Sean McDonagh: typically the role of our elected officials. I can't talk to you, man, I'm on a meeting right now. You're gonna have to wait. You're gonna have to wait. I'm on a meeting. Thank you.

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02:18:52.299 --> 02:18:54.580

Sean McDonagh: my apologies.

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02:18:55.629 --> 02:19:01.129

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, is this your fir- this is your first time serving as a police officer in the state of California, is that correct?

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02:19:01.500 --> 02:19:13.269

Sean McDonagh: that has... I mean, with all due respect, man, that has little to do with emergency management. Emergency management, emergency management and, emergency operations centres that I've run here in the US and in Australia are run exactly the same way.

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02:19:13.459 --> 02:19:14.889

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Councilmember Hinton.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm gonna reiterate that, when I served as mayor during the floods, and also during the citywide evacuation.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I did feel like I was involved with the city, there was a role. When COVID hit and I served on the council, I was not mayor at the time, I was not as... as front and center, but our mayor was. And so, I reiterate that I do believe there's a place

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: for the leadership of the council, and we've seen it during the fires for the county. We've seen other elected officials

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02:19:50.039 --> 02:20:02.189

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: at the fairgrounds when the fires happen. So, if we're practicing, to me it makes sense, and not all five of us, but definitely our acting mayor at the time.

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02:20:02.189 --> 02:20:10.059

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: is part of the practice, right? Because it's part of emergencies, we all practice, and we get better, so,

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02:20:10.089 --> 02:20:29.419

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: that's what I'd like to see reiterate, not to get in the way. And I'm not really a fan... having worked in media and the press for a 20-year career, I'm not a fan, necessarily, of the media being there, even as a fly on the wall. I don't see that. Usually, a spokesperson and a statement does come out, but certainly our leadership

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I would advocate that there's a place for that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Vice Mayor Maurer?

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02:20:36.869 --> 02:20:46.559

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So my question is kind of along the same lines, which is, there's an organization chart on page 21,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the council is not part of that organizational chart, and I would like clarity on the role of Council during an emergency, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I'd also like clarity on the various groups, the Meet Your Neighbor, the CERT, the SNCU, and where do they fall in this organizational chart? Are they not part of it? So,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Those are my first two questions. I want to know if you received the correction from the resident about the...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the acronym for the SNCU, the correction on that one, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: there were some issues with spacing and a sentence on page 4, top of page 4, and I wanted to,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alert you to that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then I had one more question, which was, will emergency alerts also be issued in Spanish?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I can take the emergency alerts one, yes, we... through our Nixle system, we can issue those in Spanish as well, and then also through,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: our social media, we have that, we can do that as well. And I did get the correction from the, community member about the

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: SNCU. Yes. Okay.

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02:22:03.989 --> 02:22:06.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the chief, I'll pass those other ones off to you.

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02:22:10.509 --> 02:22:11.909

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Chief, are you there?

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02:22:15.819 --> 02:22:16.769

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Hello?

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02:22:18.679 --> 02:22:20.979

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I think we've lost them. I have...

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02:22:21.389 --> 02:22:26.629

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: No, when he mutes himself, then he has to have permission to unmute. Oh, yeah, I recall that.

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Sean McDonagh: Yeah, sorry about that, I was waiting for permission to get back on again.

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Sean McDonagh: I don't want you to feel like that we're not trying to involve the Council in this, it's just unorthodox for you to be involved in the... in the tabletop exercises, of a... of an emergency response. There's absolutely a place

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Sean McDonagh: in the EOC for our elected officials, and my intention all along, and I think I've mentioned this at a previous council meeting, is to hold a separate

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Sean McDonagh: training that's specifically for our elected officials, because I'd... I would love to involve you in it, in the capacity that you should be involved, and

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Sean McDonagh: And... and welcome that, that interaction.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Wherever health.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I follow up on that? I'm sorry? You want to follow up on... okay, go ahead. And then we have Councilmember Hinton over here. So, I just like that clarity of Council and also the various groups. Where do they fall in that organizational chart?

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Sean McDonagh: I've tried not to get into the weeds where we had the 200-page EOP before, where it was just so confusing and so convoluted that it wasn't something that we could actually follow and use in an emergency when

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Sean McDonagh: we're going to be stressed. There's going to be a stress on the people, on the resources, and a need to respond more

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Sean McDonagh: Then we're probably capable of in many,

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Sean McDonagh: and many opinions. So I was trying not to get involved too much with

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Sean McDonagh: Being very specific about what each person will do, because that will actually be fluid and dynamic, depending on the emergency we're responding to.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, so I'm sorry, we had Councilmember Hinton, then we'll bounce back over here.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, looking at the org chart.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: what makes sense to me is we don't have a public information officer in this city, and when I look at emergency response in other cities.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Who do I see delivering that statement? I see the mayor of the city. So I feel like the mayor could replace that on the org chart. So, and I remember, as mayor, that I did work with the fire chief, the police chief, and the city manager

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: when we had an emergency in the past. So, it just seems like the mayor is right there, and of course, we rotate mayor year to year, so you never know if you're going to go into action, which means that we should all have a training, because we might be mayor when it happens. But, to me, that's the... that's the place that

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The mayor has served.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: in my experience there, and I would... I would weigh in with our interim city manager, but maybe there's another place, but that's what it looks like. I agree.

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Sean McDonagh: I would suggest that's quite unusual to have the, the mayor actually delivering all PIO messages. It's typically the emergency management people, either the fire chief or the police chief, for the emergency-related things, and then the mayor is typically involved in more of the message to the people.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you have something? Just some follow-up, I mean, I saw it on TV with Gilroy, I could think of other cities, and not to be technical, but somewhere, the mayor needs to fit in, so if you have a better suggestion, I'm open to hearing it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you have something? No. Okay. Go ahead, Councilmember Zola.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, and my request, too, is that whatever you're citing, when you use the word unorthodox, or not having the mayor be the PIO, that the next time you come, you provide a site.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: a site to whatever it is that you're relying on. Because right now, that's not...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: my understanding at all of what could happen. Also, when Councilmember Maurer referred to the email.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm referring specifically to the one from Kevin Dewan. It wasn't just a misspelling, which I think had something to do with the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit. It had him specifically listing that all of these start under FEMA.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Because being an auxiliary communication volunteer through the county, all of this does follow that protocol. So I really want, the next time we see this, that the wording and the order that he's typed in the email that was sent on Saturday be incorporated.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Councilmember.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Pardon? So...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I know this is a work in progress, and we do these tabletops to just work out the bugs and hopefully get better at our process, and then you're gonna come back with kind of, like, a finished work, evacuation process, and help us understand what it looks like so we can communicate to our other people.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Specifically to the evacuation process?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Right.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So the evacuation process in the plan is not very specific, because it's... it can be problematic if it is specific. If you say, everyone who lives on this part of town go out this way, we don't know where the emergency is. So that's... it's purposely left

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: A little bit vague, so that we don't run into that situation.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, it's more of an order of operations. We receive X information, that leads to this waterfall of activities, I guess. How far are we from, like, really working out the bugs on this and getting it completed?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, like I said, we want to have a 30-day public comment period for people to have time to give their feedback and for the public to view it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then, you know, as those... that feedback's coming in, we can be making changes along the way, but then sometime at the end of that 30-day period to make sure we get it all tidied up.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, oh, which one you had in your hand first?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can we extend that to 45-day comment period? That's my question. And the other thing is that I see in here that it looks like the Council is giving perm... it's a resolution template to ratify

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the activation of the Emergency Operations Center. So I guess that in order to have it, it has to come before Council. Is that accurate?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So the emergency manager, director of emergency management, the chief in this case, or possibly the city manager, makes the declaration of the emergency, then within 7 days, it needs to be ratified by Council, or else it won't extend beyond that 7 days.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Because if there's an emergency, there might not be time to get a resolution together in an emergency situation, but

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the Director of Emergency Management can make that declaration, and within 7 days, there's got to be a Council resolution to extend it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The last time this came down, I ended up turning to Mary to figure out exactly when she thought

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: because she's everyone's supervisor, about when we would actually see this back at the Council.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, what data are we thinking? Because I don't want to walk away from this and tell all the people, especially the volunteers through the CERT and SNICU and blah blah blah, it'll be in a couple of months. Like, that's not going to be okay for me. So, when do you anticipate this coming back to Council for final approval? So, if the Council is agreeable to sending this draft out for public comment, whether it's 30 or 45 days, there is no set time.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So it's up to the Council to determine that. We would take those comments, incorporate it, and bring it back to the next City Council meeting thereafter. So, it would be within the next 60 days, depending on the length of the public comment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay. And I would just also suggest that, while we're... if the Council decides to have this go out for public comment, the City staff work together to discuss what... to bring something back for the roles of the Council members during the emergency, and what can be incorporated into the plan. Okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay, any other questions?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Then I think we can go to public comment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Marilyn. So this is for public comment for the...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: draft, of the, operations emergency plan that would go out for public comment, if there's anyone in the chambers?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom. Kyle, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, can you still see the timer?

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Kyle Falbo: No, I can't. If you can let me know, that would be appreciated.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Go ahead.

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Kyle Falbo: So, I'm really, really surprised to hear the chief makes a suggestion that this is somehow unorthodox, when we already have, like.

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Kyle Falbo: folks in the room, letting us all know that it's not actually unorthodox. And so to kind of double down on that kind of statement, I would just maybe, as Councilmember Zolme suggested.

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Kyle Falbo: Look for some sources. So, I'm going to provide you with some sources that are counter to this idea of unorthodox. So, the National Incident Management System, 3rd Edition from 2017, Section 3, Command and Coordination, makes direct reference

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Kyle Falbo: To the inclusion of

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Kyle Falbo: and senior leadership, decision making, policy guidance, there's roles for city council members, there's role for electeds in these places. There's also reference to the multi-agency coordination group, the group that begins on page 40, so if you want to get informed there a little bit about elected and appointed officials or key players in incident management, that's another place where you can kind of get educated on some of that stuff. We could look at ICS from FEMA,

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Kyle Falbo: Where there's, in G0402, in ICS-402, the NIMS overview of senior officials, executives. Oh, there's a whole section on executives elected and appointed. Wow, this is...

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Kyle Falbo: really not sounding unorthodox to me. It's sounding like it's codified in very, very explicit documentation that are the norm. So, you know, I'm concerned about this opinion, I'm concerned about this view, and I'm concerned about the, kind of, this opinion coming from somebody who is...

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Kyle Falbo: In this... such a high, responsible role for our emergency preparedness.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Kyle, you have about 25 seconds.

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Kyle Falbo: I think that we, really, we maybe need to be going back and looking at the drawing board to make sure that other opinions about what is and isn't unorthodoxed are really maybe more aligned to what we would expect for both of our community, as well as what national standards are stating them to be.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 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.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom. Kate, can you unmute yourself, please?

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kate: Thank you, Mary.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Can you see the timer still?

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kate: Yes.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Gray, go ahead, please.

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kate: Emergencies are not photo ops time for government officials.

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kate: Council members are not first responders. The role of Council needs to be defined so that they do not impede trained first responders. As a citizen, I do not want untrained council members standing in the way of trained first responders during an emergency.

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kate: Personally, I would like our first responders, not our council, to be in charge of an emergency situation based on the fact that our police, fire, and other first responders are trained in all the different

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02:33:32.590 --> 02:33:50.110

kate: stress management of being in a first response situation, I think, Council needs to be explicit of what they're actually looking for in this situation, if they want to be the PR front, which it sounds like Councilmember Hinton would like to do.

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kate: Or if they actually want to get out there in direct traffic, or go into a building and try to turn off the gas. Like, I think that first responders have very specific training that probably most council members do not have.

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kate: I think that there are very,

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kate: probably pretty exact protocols put in place in regards to emergency response, which I'm fairly certain the Chief has, training on.

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kate: So, I just think that this is another one of those times where Council might be thinking they want one thing, but they actually want another. There is plenty of county-wide emergency response systems to let people know what to do. The Nixle alert is one of them. We also have these different groups that are part of the emergency response system that are citizen groups.

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kate: So, I think that Council needs to define exactly what they're looking for and what they are imagining their role would be. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kate, for your public comment. Next, I'll come back into chambers. If there's anyone in chambers, seeing none, I'll go back out. Michael, can you mute yourself, please?

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Michael Carnacchi: I can. This is Michael Carnacchi.

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Michael Carnacchi: Mine... I mean...

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Michael Carnacchi: The conversation that is happening right now, rather than getting into the nuts and bolts of the emergency plan.

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Michael Carnacchi: It's kind of ridiculous, honestly, sitting here listening to it. So I'm gonna get into the nuts and bolts. Under the,

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Michael Carnacchi: section of the emergency plan that says the Threat Assessment Annex.

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Michael Carnacchi: This is really critical, that

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Michael Carnacchi: In the case of an earthquake or a major disaster, we need to do a threat immediately to make sure that our

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Michael Carnacchi: Pumps from the wells, Are getting water to our tanks at the top of the hill.

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Michael Carnacchi: And that the lines in place are not ruptured, so that we are able to replenish those tanks. Before Gold Ridge starts using up all our water, and before, and draining down our tanks for fire suppression.

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Michael Carnacchi: And before the public works spigot is open to other

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Michael Carnacchi: areas in the unincorporated Sebastopol to start taking our water.

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Michael Carnacchi: We need to have a plan in place where Public Works, the Police Department, and Goldridge, first thing.

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Michael Carnacchi: In an earthquake, assess Whether those pumps are working, whether the line's feeding those tanks.

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Michael Carnacchi: are intact to replenish that water. This is real nuts and bolts type emergency planning that needs to happen. Otherwise, we got 4 days worth of water in those tanks.

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Michael Carnacchi: And if we drain them out.

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Michael Carnacchi: What the hell is Council gonna be looking all good and pretty?

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Michael Carnacchi: At the emergency center, and all of our residents have no water.

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Michael Carnacchi: So, that's my, that's my sentiments, and you can do with them what you will. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Michael, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers, if there's anyone in chambers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I'll go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand virtually.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed on this item.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, thank you very much for bringing it back to the dais here. I have some comments, but we'll go ahead with Vice Mayor. Yes, I would just like to have

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: some clarity around what is the role of council members, mayor, whatever, during an emergency, because I personally don't know. I don't know what I'm supposed to do during an emergency.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Is it okay that I don't do anything? Or should I be downtown?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, what should I do? So I'd like that this document, or some document, clarify what my role and responsibility is during an emergency, because at this point, I really don't know.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, some comments that I have. So, I was here during the 2017 fires. I was also on the board for the community center.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I'll just share some things that I observed in my interactions with the council during that time. What I saw, the way council members helped during that time, was that they showed up. The community center was the evacuation site.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I was one of the people in charge of running that, and what... the role that I saw the council members then play was more about communication. No, I did not see anyone trying to get in the way of any of the... any of our

first responders. For heaven's sakes, I've worked trauma for 20 years. I know better than to get in the way of that type of thing, and personally.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I can say that I'm not suggesting that I want to be out there directing traffic or doing anything, but the role I have seen Council play in all of the emergencies that we've had here, with all the fires and everything over the last... since 2017,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: was in the way of communicating. Our mayor.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: on a, you know, on a regular basis is our public... you know, we speak to the public, like today. I read the notice about the SEIU.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That is the role of the mayor. Furthermore.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I think it is helpful to have council members, because I've been in this position before, who know what's going on in the city during these emergencies, the evacuations, whatever, because we will inevitably have citizens reaching

out to us who don't know what's going on, saying, what do I do? And do we funnel every one of those calls to the police department?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Or do we...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Or do we, you know... or does it make sense to have us in the know as far as what's going on so we can answer those questions? That's how this city works, that's how this community works, it's how it's worked.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: everything hasn't been perfect, but that's the role I've seen for the council members. I have never seen a council member try to get in the way of any of our first responders. I saw council members when we had animals, people flooding the community center from Santa Rosa when we had the fire. I was there. I was calling fencing companies.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Council members were calling fencing companies, trying to get

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: fencing here to help take care of animals. Those are the roles that I saw them

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: playing, you know, during these emergencies. So to completely say that Council shouldn't be involved because anyone, you know, we don't want them directing traffic or doing whatever, there is a role, and that role was just helping. And they all understood what was going on, they all heard from the city manager and the police chief, and knew what was going on, just briefly, you know, briefed on that.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then they actually helped all of the citizens here. So I would like to have that put in there somewhere to clarify.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I take exception to someone using

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry, Chief, but I take exception to using the word unorthodox. I just think that that is a punitive word. It makes us... all of us sound like we're asking for something that isn't right or isn't legal, whatever the word is, and I just think that... I take great exception to that. It's insulting. So, those are my thoughts, and I would like to ask the staff to come back with something that is actually...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: makes sense for our community. I understand that perhaps our chief has said this doesn't happen anywhere, and then we hear public commenters say that it does, and I personally have seen it work. I've been here with all these fires and floods.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I know that we can... there is a role, so I would just like to have that clarity, too. Thank you for indulging me. I just... I've been so involved with this and running the shelter.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: during the time with all of that, I know that there is a role, and it's... it's a meaningful role that actually we speak to the community. Because otherwise, everyone's going to call the police department, and I don't think that that's efficient either.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, anyone else have a comment?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'll go ahead and make a motion to follow staff's recommendation, to issue the draft immediately with... I'm suggesting 30 days, because the people that I work with and the community groups, they already have their thoughts, and I think

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: getting it done to them, 30 days, and then calendaring this again. If we do the 30 days, Mary, what was the date? This would be coming back to Council? I want that part of the motion as well.

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02:42:09.850 --> 02:42:11.620

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I check the calendar real quick?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I would just, recommend May 19th, and that would give us time to get all the report... all the comments from, the community, and then create the staff report.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you say May 19th? I apologize. May 19th would be the earliest that I think we would be able to bring this back, if we'd take it out for 30 days. Okay, that's for the margin. I'll second that.

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02:42:45.220 --> 02:42:59.239

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I just clarify the motion really quick? Because I... I just want to make sure the Council's all supported. Did I hear that you would like to see clarification as to the role of the Council? Would that be included? Do you want to amend the motion to include that, or... Yes, yes.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'll second that amendment. Sorry, yes. Okay, so, so moved by Councilmember Zollman, and seconded by Vice Mayor Maurer to approve the issuance of the draft Emergency Operations Plan for a period of 30 days, to have clarification on the role of the City Council members, and to have the item returned May 19 to incorporate all the public comments for a final review. Councilmember Carter?

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02:43:23.920 --> 02:43:38.240

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously. Thank you very much. I just wanted to do a quick check. Are we all okay with moving on to the next? Okay, without a break, okay.

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02:43:38.470 --> 02:43:43.040

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, so... we are... Oh, pardon me.

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02:43:43.230 --> 02:43:46.170

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm sorry, excuse me.

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02:43:46.370 --> 02:43:50.689

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number 13, emergency sewer main replacement on High Street.

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02:43:51.280 --> 02:43:52.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I apologize.

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02:43:52.570 --> 02:44:05.420

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: This item is to request that the City Council, one, declare that an emergency exists pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050, related to the failure of the City's sewer main on the South High Street.

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02:44:05.420 --> 02:44:14.190

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Number two, authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the emergency replacement of approximately 156 linear feet of sewer main between Calder Avenue

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02:44:14.190 --> 02:44:28.010

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: in Maple Avenue. And number three, adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment for the project funded through the Wastewater Reserve Fund in the amount of \$81,720. And I believe this is Public Works again.

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02:44:29.690 --> 02:44:51.599

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Good evening, Council. So, about a week and a half ago, we received a work order from a resident on High Street who was trying to replace their sewer lateral, and had a contractor, jetting the system, got out into our main, and found that it was still clogged. So, our crews went out there to try to relieve the situation and exposed our main, and found that it was

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02:44:51.600 --> 02:44:53.560

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Deteriorating clay pipe.

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02:44:53.560 --> 02:45:07.419

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And it was substantially clogged with roots from the trees, in the system. So it's a dead end on one side, and then it's completely clogged until we reach, a manhole about halfway down the block.

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02:45:07.420 --> 02:45:23.089

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So they cleared what they could, and they band-aided it and repaired the street, and they're working to keep the effluent moving, but it's a band-aid, and we need to replace this section of the sewer main on High Street. So we've had.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We reached out to 3 contractors. We received bids from 2 of them. They're in the same ballpark. This is the cheapest price. So with your authorization, we'd like to proceed with having the contractor go out there and replace this section on High Street as soon as we can.

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02:45:42.060 --> 02:45:50.340

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, questions? I'm sorry, Councilmember Carter? Yeah, I would just like to ask how this, fits in with our long-term policies.

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02:45:51.290 --> 02:45:52.330

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: our planning.

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02:45:53.680 --> 02:46:18.559

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So I did highlight in the staff report that one of the things that we worked on this month was to finalize our negotiation for a sewer master plan, so that will be coming to this council for approval in a couple of meetings. So they will be looking at one of the things that we do in our system is we TV them, so we do have some video record of where spots are, and we do know, just from, you know, staff's experience, where we

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02:46:18.560 --> 02:46:19.380

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: we have...

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02:46:19.380 --> 02:46:34.499

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: issues. So they'll be looking at those and kind of prioritizing where we can proactively repair our system. I mean, it is an old system, so we know that. But that's the goal, is to get ahead of this with some of the CIP projects that you'll see coming in the future.

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02:46:35.640 --> 02:46:41.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So, so this kind of fits in, possibly, with what we might do. That's, that's basically the question. Okay, thanks.

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02:46:42.690 --> 02:46:44.320

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Any other questions?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Nope, alright, public.

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02:46:47.390 --> 02:46:55.509

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Comment? Thank you, Mayor. So this is for public comment on the emergency sewer main replacement at High Street. If you'd like to make a public comment, I will do Chambers first.

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02:46:55.780 --> 02:46:58.319

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom.

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02:46:59.350 --> 02:47:01.319

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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02:47:03.400 --> 02:47:03.970

Robert: Yep.

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02:47:04.180 --> 02:47:06.000

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Can you still see the timer?

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02:47:06.000 --> 02:47:06.720

Robert: Okay, huh?

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02:47:06.720 --> 02:47:07.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Greg, go ahead, please.

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02:47:08.620 --> 02:47:09.320

Robert: Yeah.

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02:47:09.600 --> 02:47:12.390

Robert: About... I think it was in 2020, there was a...

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02:47:13.020 --> 02:47:16.070

Robert: Pretty bad sewer spill that got the city sued.

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Robert: there was a settlement, and as part of that settlement, I think, if I recall correctly, the city agreed to

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02:47:24.430 --> 02:47:34.679

Robert: visually inspect all of the sewers, with cameras, obviously, on an annual basis, and I think that I recall a year or so ago, the council

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02:47:35.230 --> 02:47:45.130

Robert: Accepted, whatever they do to acknowledge that that settlement was complete, and that we no longer were subject to it.

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Robert: But the idea of inspecting the sewer lines, especially since most of ours are very old and clay and problematic, every year seems like a really good idea, and I'm kind of wondering why a resident has to tell the city that the sewer line is

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Robert: obstructed to the extent that it was that even a plumber couldn't get his equipment back out of it once he went in.

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02:48:07.980 --> 02:48:12.849

Robert: I... I don't... I worry that we're not paying enough attention to this stuff, and that we're...

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02:48:13.260 --> 02:48:17.299

Robert: Paying too much attention to things that aren't as critical. Thank you.

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02:48:18.880 --> 02:48:20.779

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment.

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02:48:22.280 --> 02:48:25.849

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none in chambers, I will go out. Kyle, can you unmute yourself, please?

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02:48:29.270 --> 02:48:30.279

Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can.

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02:48:30.280 --> 02:48:33.330

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Do you want me to jump in when you have seconds left?

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02:48:33.510 --> 02:48:34.590

Kyle Falbo: Please do.

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02:48:34.590 --> 02:48:35.689

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, go ahead, please.

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Kyle Falbo: I'm trying to dig up the, who it was that we contracted with for First Street, back in 2022-2023, but there's a pretty major, water...

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02:48:49.420 --> 02:48:55.710

Kyle Falbo: water main project that we did. Oh, it was Piazza, yeah. So,

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02:48:55.940 --> 02:49:12.229

Kyle Falbo: thinking back to this water main project that we had contracted with Piazza, and about how we had to come back and put a... an additional budget extension upon that, because that project ended up taking far longer and being far more expensive than what was originally bid.

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Kyle Falbo: It made me really kind of concerned, and I've voiced this opinion before, and I'll voice it again here, which is, the cheapest bid is not always the cheapest bid.

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02:49:20.740 --> 02:49:26.030

Kyle Falbo: And that it is not infrequent for contractors, especially contractors that were

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Kyle Falbo: outsourcing vast amounts of the labor of repairs in our city to, to go beyond the budgeted amount, and to come back and ask for an increase in the budgeting process. And so, I just want to be clear that

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02:49:42.530 --> 02:49:53.720

Kyle Falbo: We know who it is that we're working with, that, you know, we've got some new folks who are kind of helping with the negotiation and bidding process, and maybe making sure that we've

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02:49:53.720 --> 02:50:16.010

Kyle Falbo: got good working history with who these contractors are, and they aren't regularly coming back and asking for more money and spending additional amounts of time. In the case of the First Street project, it was weeks and weeks after the fact in which there was road closure, conti- like, the long periods of time in which no work was actually being done.

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02:50:16.010 --> 02:50:18.269

Kyle Falbo: So I just want to make sure that...

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02:50:18.270 --> 02:50:22.159

Kyle Falbo: We know who it is we're working with, that we're expecting that we're gonna get the job done.

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02:50:22.160 --> 02:50:24.040

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Kyle, you have that 15 seconds.

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02:50:24.040 --> 02:50:28.989

Kyle Falbo: without them coming back after the fact to be asking for more money and more time. Thanks.

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02:50:29.120 --> 02:50:35.699

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will come in chambers. Seeing none, I will go out. Oliver, can you unmute yourself, please?

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02:50:35.700 --> 02:50:45.650

Oliver: Yeah, and I can see the timing, yeah. So just very quickly, I really hope with the Sewer Master Plan that will be coming out in the next few weeks that we have

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Oliver: Some sort of equipment to be able to ideally go out looking for grants, because we're in such a...

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Oliver: terrible situation. I've already said twice in public meetings today that the lamentable state of the water system and the sewers. Sewer systems costing ratepayers a lot of money because of so much stormwater getting into them, so we're paying for PG&E to pump stormwater down to the

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02:51:09.080 --> 02:51:15.030

Oliver: Santa Rosa Sewage Treatment Plant, and then they charge us for it as well. So...

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Oliver: we keep paying for all these band-aids. We just had the patch we're talking about now, but band-aids are really expensive, and they don't solve any of the problems. I'd really like to see a sewer master plan, which is combined with a road master plan, and even if

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Oliver: we can't get the money. It'd be nice to have some sort of plan that says we need \$70 million, or whatever it is, because it's going to be a lot of money, to wave around at a state and county level, because

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02:51:45.010 --> 02:51:52.540

Oliver: Clearly, the city ratepayers can't pay for this. Otherwise, we'll just be in endless meetings like this one tonight, talking about,

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02:51:52.830 --> 02:51:58.279

Oliver: patching a few yards of copper... of, clay pipe at enormous expense. Thank you.

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02:51:59.910 --> 02:52:09.269

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you for your public comment. Next, I will come into chamber. Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that'd like to make a public comment on this item, please raise your hand virtually.

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02:52:09.560 --> 02:52:11.679

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed.

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02:52:14.240 --> 02:52:16.750

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We're back here at the dais. Did you have a comment?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I was just ready to make a motion.

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02:52:18.950 --> 02:52:31.770

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can I just make a quick comment? I just wanted to say I look forward to this plan coming back. I've been asking for this since I've been on Council, so... to see that. And just to put on your radar, since you're fairly new here, the sewer lateral that comes out of

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02:52:32.000 --> 02:52:36.749

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The area in your community market, and the, the,

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02:52:36.950 --> 02:52:43.510

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Gravenstein Station, it often backs up the same way. It backs up into there, and you can smell sewer constantly, so I'm just...

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02:52:43.900 --> 02:52:50.969

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know, it happens many places, so I hope that we can, like, get ahead of it instead of reactionary, so... Anyway, go ahead.

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02:52:51.420 --> 02:53:00.850

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you? Yeah, I'm gonna go ahead and make the motion to declare that an emergency exists pursuant to California Public Contract Code.

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02:53:00.850 --> 02:53:19.849

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Section 22050 related to the failure of the City's sewer main on South High Street, and to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the emergency replacement of 156 linear feet of sewer main between Calder and Maple in the amount not to exceed \$81

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02:53:19.970 --> 02:53:25.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: \$1,720, and to approve a budget amendment for this project.

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02:53:26.210 --> 02:53:27.360

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'll second.

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02:53:29.480 --> 02:53:49.310

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. So moved by Councilmember Hinton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Maurer to declare the emergency exists, to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents, authorizing the public restructured to proceed with the emergency replacement, and to adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment, in an amount of \$81,720. Councilmember Carter?

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02:53:52.250 --> 02:53:59.900

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye. Councilmember Zollman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion passes unanimously.

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02:54:00.090 --> 02:54:01.560

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you very much.

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02:54:01.720 --> 02:54:02.670

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright.

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02:54:02.880 --> 02:54:17.290

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, can we move on to the last item? We good? Okay, number 14. Approval of extension of interim city manager contract. The city manager position is currently vacant, and the current interim contract expires March 31st, 2026.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Extension would be under the same terms and conditions contained in Amendment 4 of the Employment Agreement.

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02:54:23.280 --> 02:54:35.819

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So... Good evening, Mayor. I'll take this. You just described it, pretty much 100%. As the Council knows, Mary's serving as interim city manager.

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02:54:35.820 --> 02:54:51.630

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Her current agreement is slated to expire at the end of the month. This amendment would extend that. Without a specific end date. It would extend it until such time as the Council hires a permanent City Manager.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: It would not change, in any way any of the interim city manager's current compensation.

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02:54:58.480 --> 02:55:05.350

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So with that, I will pause if there are any questions. Okay, do we have any questions at the dot here?

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02:55:06.410 --> 02:55:07.300

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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02:55:07.460 --> 02:55:16.760

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead to public comment. Seeing none, this is public comment for the extension of the interim city manager contract. If you would like to make a public comment, I will come into chambers first.

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02:55:17.100 --> 02:55:20.469

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom. Kyle, can you unmute yourself, please?

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02:55:23.500 --> 02:55:24.479

Kyle Falbo: Yeah, I can.

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02:55:24.600 --> 02:55:29.150

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: There you go. I will jump in when you have 30 seconds left. Go ahead with your public comment, please.

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02:55:30.110 --> 02:55:46.350

Kyle Falbo: So, it may be the opinion of the current council that there's no responsibility on your part for approving this agenda item to actually inform the public what the current status of the hiring process is.

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Kyle Falbo: And maybe you don't. Maybe you're just like, look, let's go ahead and rubber stamp this thing, move on, and continue on. The idea that you're gonna go ahead and approve this thing with no end date in terms of the interim nature, kind of absolving you of the responsibility of actually hiring a permanent city manager.

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02:56:05.160 --> 02:56:16.170

Kyle Falbo: pretty atrocious in my mind. So, maybe take a little bit of time, it's not too late in the evening, we got plenty of time, maybe discuss a little bit what the current status

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02:56:16.170 --> 02:56:27.929

Kyle Falbo: of the hiring of a permanent city manager is going to be, and if you don't know what that is, then maybe it's time that we start talking about who it is that we're hiring for HR to be through... going...

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Kyle Falbo: to this executive search committee, and maybe thinking about what firm we're using for that executive search committee. So please, enlighten the public, where are we at in hiring a permanent city manager?

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02:56:38.770 --> 02:56:45.840

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment. Next, I will come into chambers. Seeing none, I will go out to Zoom. Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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02:56:47.650 --> 02:56:48.310

Robert: Yeah.

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02:56:48.410 --> 02:56:49.080

Robert: Thank you, Kate.

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02:56:49.080 --> 02:56:50.090

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Can you... oh, sorry.

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02:56:50.090 --> 02:57:01.960

Robert: I'm fine. Yeah, I'm fine. I'll be quick. The... I fully... Mary is great. We've never had anybody more functional in our city staff leadership role than... than she is.

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02:57:02.270 --> 02:57:18.779

Robert: But, and I said this, I think, about a week after she was appointed as interim city manager, she can't be the city manager, the assistant city manager, the city clerk, wash bottles, take care of, clean the floors, whatever else she does during the day. It's just not

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Robert: It's not fair, it's not productive, and it's not good for the city.

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Robert: And it starts to show. You can... there never used to be typos in staff reports. Now there's a staff report in this meeting, I forget which one it is, where the argument just cuts off at mid-sentence. You have no idea what was there. And I assume that this is a symbol of... or a symptom of the fact that she's doing too many things, and if...

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02:57:44.460 --> 02:57:56.049

Robert: If it's going to be your decision, and maybe you'll talk to it, or Kyle's comments, but if it's going to be your decision to put the... to put off a permanent city manager.

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02:57:56.110 --> 02:58:06.410

Robert: then why not maybe hire a temporary city clerk to take some of the burden and allow Mary to actually operate as a city manager?

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02:58:06.500 --> 02:58:10.869

Robert: Rather than as the chief cook and bottle washer, trying to do everything in the city.

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02:58:10.990 --> 02:58:16.650

Robert: This process is dysfunctional, and not a good way to run a city. Thank you.

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02:58:18.150 --> 02:58:27.990

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers. Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment on this item, please raise your hand virtually.

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02:58:28.420 --> 02:58:35.220

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed. Alright, thank you. Back here at the dais, if anyone has any comments to make?

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02:58:36.390 --> 02:58:37.090

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Just one.

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02:58:37.520 --> 02:58:38.600

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thanks, Barry.

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02:58:40.970 --> 02:58:54.279

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Oh, Councilmember Zolman? I just feel the need to respond to the members of the public in the fact that I do believe that our staff reports leading up to this has set forth our process. Like, I just don't think I made that up.

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02:58:54.360 --> 02:59:04.679

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The one... the staff report preceding this one did lay out where we were, as far as the executive firm, all those other type of things. Am I... mis...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: remembering.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So we did have conversations with the executive firm, we have also had...

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02:59:15.400 --> 02:59:33.229

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: not a concrete contract, because there was some... we had some issues going back and forth with them, so that was on pause, and then, I will say the Council has been, for the last 4 or 5 months, in negotiations, closed sessions, so...

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02:59:34.430 --> 02:59:35.290

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: you know...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the process has been in place, but the contract never got approved because of back-and-forth conversations. Thank you, that is my recollection as well. And I'll go ahead and make the motion, the one that we approved, the extension of the interim city manager contract.

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02:59:49.880 --> 02:59:56.099

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And I think... excuse me, Vice Maurer... Vice Mayor Maurer, sorry, you had a comment? I'll second. Oh, okay.

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02:59:58.460 --> 03:00:06.169

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, so moved by Councilmember Zolman and seconded by Vice Mayor Maurer to approve the extension of the Interim City Manager contract. Councilmember Carter?

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03:00:07.260 --> 03:00:15.200

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes. Councilmember Hinton? Aye.
Councilmember Zolman? Yes. Vice Mayor Maurer? Yes. Mayor McLewis? Yes. Motion
passes unanimously.

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03:00:17.310 --> 03:00:20.919

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, so... Doing good here.

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03:00:21.170 --> 03:00:37.500

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We have... now we need to go to additional public
comment for things not on the agenda. Thank you. So this is the second public comment
period for items that are not on the agenda, and if you did not get a chance to talk during
the original public comment period, now is your opportunity. Kate, can you mute yourself,
please?

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03:00:37.780 --> 03:00:39.350

kate: Yes, thank you, Mary.

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03:00:39.350 --> 03:00:41.269

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Can you see the timer still?

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03:00:41.270 --> 03:00:42.009

kate: I can't think.

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03:00:42.010 --> 03:00:43.220

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Right, go ahead, please.

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03:00:43.220 --> 03:00:55.799

kate: Just a few points for clarity. Please identify when funds are coming out of the water and sewer ratepayers' funds, as in the emergency sewer repair you just authorized.

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kate: That will come out of Water Enterprise Fund and not the General Fund, and that should be noted for transparency and for the public record.

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kate: I would also like, if it could be identified on Zoom and on agendas when contractors are speaking versus city employee.

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kate: This also relates to enterprise funds and allocation cost attributions, so it would be great to know who are actually employees and who are contractors.

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kate: I have a few more questions just about the city. I noticed a lot of new white boxes for clothing and shoe drop-off at Rite Aid, Lucky, and several places over town, and I'm wondering if those are permitted.

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03:01:39.290 --> 03:01:54.110

kate: If not, they're junky-looking and will probably get graffiti, so you guys might want to see if they should be removed. Head West is back, and I'm wondering if all the vendors have business license so we can collect sales taxes.

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03:01:54.220 --> 03:02:14.079

kate: Tax. And then, when does the rotary plan for Ives Park come back to be discussed? That was a great, upgrade to Ives, and it's totally fully funded, and I'm wondering if we'd get a chance to actually get to realize that in the park. And then, in terms of capital improvements at Ives.

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03:02:14.080 --> 03:02:22.060

kate: The fence was approved to be replaced, but I haven't seen any movement on that, and I'm hoping it would be replaced before summer.

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03:02:22.060 --> 03:02:41.500

kate: And then, has anyone looked at the steep grade of the new sidewalk across from the cemetery on Bodega? It does not look ADA compliant. And then I just wanted to remind

people that the city's running a survey for the public through March 26, and I hope everyone please participates. Thank you.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kate, for your public comment. Next, I will come back into chambers. Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom, and if anyone would like to make a public comment for an item not on the agenda, and you did not speak in the first public comment period, to raise your hand publicly.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Kyle, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Kyle Falbo: Yes, I can.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Go ahead with your public comment.

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Kyle Falbo: So... Since 2020, Sebastopol has experienced a major reduction in public transit service, most notably...

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Kyle Falbo: the loss of 3 of 5 trips between Sebastopol and Catati Roaner Park. Over that same time period, there's been also a 25% reduction in weekday trips between Sebastopol and Santa Rosa. On top of that, weekend service has been cut even more severely, a 50% reduction in weekend trips, including no access to or from Santa Rosa on weekend mornings and evenings.

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Kyle Falbo: These changes have real impacts. Fewer options for workers, students, seniors, and residents who rely on transit, and fewer connections to jobs, education, healthcare, and regional services.

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Kyle Falbo: During Councilmember Hinton's time on serving on SCTA, the public has seen little to no regular reporting back to the Council or community about SCTA's decisions, priorities.

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Kyle Falbo: funding opportunities, or advocacy efforts affecting Sebastopol. As a result, it's not clear that Sebastopol's interests are being effectively represented, especially when our service levels have declined so sharply. I'm bringing this up today because recently there's been reported about the reduction of budget for Annalee High School as a result of low enrollment. Some of this is related to the fact that Santa Rosa school districts have closed out

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Kyle Falbo: inter-district transfers. Well, Roanoke Park hasn't closed off inter-district transfers, and it sure would be great if Sebastopol... if Roanoke Park students wanting to go to Amelie could take that bus. There's two busloads that are leaving Sebastopol every morning, but you know what? They can't. Why? Because there's no bus service going into Sebastopol in the mornings, even if they wanted to come into Sebastopol. So, we've got a representative on SCTA, would love to get updates on

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Kyle Falbo: the advocacy that they have been doing for the City of Sebastopol, and to increase in the service levels that we'd be receiving, as a result of their time on SCTA. Thanks.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Kyle, for your public comment. Again, I will come back into chambers.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, Robert, can you unmute yourself, please?

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Robert: Yes.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Can you go ahead through public comment?

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Robert: Yeah, Kate brought up the survey, and I wanted to comment on that. It's a very wonky survey. I think that they're trying to do something with

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Robert: Getting priorities by the way that they're introducing questions, or... But there's no instructions.

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Robert: Per se, and it...

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Robert: kind of is confusing. I got all the way through it. I know people who haven't been able to, and I'm concerned that at the end of the day, the City Council is going to try to use that information for something to make a decision about priorities, and maybe it's not going to be terribly inclusive because people can't figure out how to use it. That's it. Thanks.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Robert, for your public comment.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Next, I will come back into chambers. Seeing none, I will go back out to Zoom. If there's anyone on Zoom that would like to make a public comment for an item not on the agenda, and you did not speak earlier, please raise your hand virtually.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Seeing none, public comment is closed for the second portion.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: All right, thank you. Next item, Councilmember requests for future City Council agenda items. Do we have any requests?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: No? Okay, so we're gonna go to City Council, City Staff Report, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you, Mayor. So, as you see in the agenda, we do have an update from Gravestine Commons. We have the monthly department... departmental reports, and as the members of the public just mentioned, we do have the City Council goals submission reminders.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We did have, in the beginning the... an issue with the way that the questions were being addressed to the public, but that has been addressed. But if a member of the public is still having issues with that, please feel free to send me their recommendations through my email. I will go ahead and make sure that those are incorporated.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: This is to provide information for the April 14th City Council Goals and Priority Setting Workshop.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: So again, that is out there. I believe the deadline is March 26th?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then... that is it.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, thank you. This...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Anyone? Are we good? Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. There's a member of the public that asked about the rotary. We tentatively have that on the April 21st agenda. May potentially get changed to May, depending on scheduling, but it is coming up within the next month or two to come to the City Council for review.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And the chain link fence, I know I've seen a few emails about that. So I believe that, I will defer to our Public Works Director, but my understanding is we have received revised quotes, and we're looking to go into contract.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yes, that's correct. We have updated quotes, and we're just finalizing a contract, and we're trying to get that done by Apple Blossom.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Perfect. Okay. All right, so now, council reports. Does anyone want to go? Councilmember Zollman?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Yeah, continued, frequent meetings related to our Homeless Coalition Board. The consultant report about how the county is functioning or not functioning as lead agency is due to be released soon.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: we...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: consistently have meetings around trying to be prepared for the next administration's, switch when it comes to permanent supportive housing versus temporary supportive housing. Also, another concern is the slashing of the Medi-Cal benefits and affordable care benefits.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And with the administration's consistent push to eliminate those, that all falls on the county, which then is going to impact the level of services they're able to provide to us on a city level.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Today, we had an excellent ICE presentation by a lawyer from Secured Families, to our Sebastopol Nonprofit Collaborative about how our nonprofits can be prepared should ICE arrive at their doorstep.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: The Building the Commons Committee continues to make significant progress, and our next status report will be provided at our first meeting in April.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Alright, anyone else?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Loose?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I... aside from the Budget Committee and agenda Review, I have nothing to report.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Go ahead.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We had a GSA meeting, which we approved the annual budget, which requires a supermajority, on March 12th.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: We also saw some interesting slides that talked about the water table and how it has been coming up in recent years. They did show a pattern back to, 1970, I believe that's when they first started

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Having official records about, you know, the water table, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: they had some specific, sections that are right here by Sebastopol that showed that we're in good shape, and it's been trending up for the last 5 years. And of course, that can go the opposite way if we have a drought.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: In addition to responding to the member of the public that talked about, SCTCA, it is true that budget routes have been getting cut for, what's considered a non,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: not... not highly used routes, and that started actually back in the fall, and I just, pulled up an email communication that I had between a resident that had reached out to me and the organization, and it talked a lot about

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: basically where we were at and the recent routes that were being cut. There's two study groups that are going on. One is, they love acronyms, is called

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: TREATS, which is a plan to examine routes that connect with SMART and better time connections with bus routes throughout the county.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And that was supposed to launch sometime this spring, but I haven't heard any more about it yet, so chances are it's postponed a bit. And then there was another study that was happening as well.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And... but we have had routes cut as transportation, if they're not heavily used, they will cut those bus routes, and that starts at M...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: what is it? Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and then it just funnels down with less and less money to us in a local jurisdiction. So, I sit on that committee with Supervisor Hopkins, and routes have been also cut, not just to Sebaspo, but our entire district.

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03:11:43.360 --> 03:11:44.300

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Okay.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Did you have an update?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Sonoma Clean Power continues to try to look for new services to help lower power bills in the area, and it also continues to look for new sources of local power, including geothermal, which actually kind of

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I'm rooting for. And, yes, our Creating the Commons group is doing some really fine work, and I've met with much of the community about, businesses, and the Enterprise Fund will have a, celebration of

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Women Entrepreneurs, March 26th, and we're very grateful for our successful business leaders in town.

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03:12:35.300 --> 03:12:38.430

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Thank you. Alright, my report is,

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Let's see, last... so I... last week, I attended the mayor's, board meeting, and that's where I mentioned earlier that, we had a discussion about NBAS.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the pros and cons of a JPA, moving forward, and then also, we had the same presentation that you had at the, that Councilmember Zollman had with the nonprofits today regarding ICE, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: the communities and preparing. And, two things I just wanted to remind everyone. This is the 40th anniversary for our, our sister city relationship with Takeo. We have, we have

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: ambassadors from Japan here, and on the 21st, which is Saturday, there's an event at Enji at 2.30.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: That we're all invited to. I will be there to welcome everybody. And then on the 23rd, which is Monday morning at 8.45 a.m, we will be meeting at City Hall with everyone.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And then after that finishes at 10 a.m, we will be in the, in the square, planting a tree with.

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: public works, that is, a tradition. When I was in Takeo, a tree was planted with all of us there, and now they want to do that here. So that's been in the works. So I just want to remind Council members you're invited to that as well on the 23rd, if you can make it, so...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: And these are the foreign exchange students, not just ambassadors, right?

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Well, they're called... I... I called them foreign exchange students because I was that, and I get... I've been corrected, like, 10 times. They're considered ambassadors.

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03:14:15.830 --> 03:14:26.520

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Our little ambassadors are coming, I'm excited. I'm just saying, I had that same thought when I first started, and every meeting I get corrected that they're ambassadors, so I finally...

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: I got the term. So anyway, so yes, so the students, and the biggest thing is it's the 40th anniversary. We celebrated it last year, now they're here celebrating it this year, and

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: Festival World Friends, they're so committed to this. It's amazing to me how they continue to plan that. And on the 21st, we'll actually have, the Consulate General from, San Francisco, from Japan, he'll be there. So, anyway, that's my report. I don't know if there's anything else, but other than that, I think we're adjourned at the

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Sebastopol Community Cultural Center: 922.

PLEASE STAND BY FOR REALTIME CAPTIONS.

ALL RIGHT. GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. I AM CALLING THIS EVENING MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M. AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS VERY WARM IN HERE. THE AIR CONDITIONING IS ON THE FRITZ, SO PUBLIC WORKS IS LOOKING TO SEE IF THEY CAN ACTUALLY GET A FAN TO CIRCULATE THE AIR. SO, I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE FOR ALL OF US, ACTUALLY. SO, LET'S SEE. I AM JUST GOING TO DO ROLL CALL, FIRST, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD, MAYOR?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

HERE.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

PRESENT.

VICE MAYOR MAURER?

PRESENT.

MAYOR McLEWIS?

HERE.

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND JUST DO A SALUTE TO THE FLAG. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS PART OF OUR MEETINGS, WE DO A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, SO I WILL GO AHEAD AND READ THAT. THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE LIVE AND WORK WITHIN THE UNSEATED ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS OF THE SOUTHERN POMO AND THE COAST MIWOK PEOPLE. WE PAY OUR RESPECT TO THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THESE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE FEDERATED INDIANS OF GRATON RANCHERIA. AND DURING MY TERM AS MAYOR, I HAVE WANTED TO REMEMBER THE HISTORY OF SEBASTOPOL, SO I JUST HAVE SOME BLURBS FROM OUR WEST COUNTY MUSEUM THAT THEY PROVIDE TO ME AND I'M JUST GOING TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR. SO, IN 1966, A TRAFFIC SIGNAL WAS OKAYED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WITH THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, FOR A SIGNAL AT BODEGA AND SEBASTOPOL INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET. THEY ASSURED THE COUNCIL THE SIGNAL WOULD BE A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AND I KNOW THAT AREA HAS COME UP OVER THE YEARS AS FAR AS A TOPIC WITH THE TRAFFIC LIGHT. AND THEN, IN 1966, IN THE PAPER, IT CAME -- IT WAS -- IT WAS SPOKEN ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR AS PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL OUTLET FOR FRESH APPLES ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA APPLE GROWERS OF SEBASTOPOL, SO REALLY, AT THAT TIME, THAT REALLY IMPACTED THE SALE OF APPLES HERE, AND FRESH APPLES WERE SERVED TO THE GOVERNMENT WITH NO SHIPPERS. AND THEN, IN 1966, THE CITY, ACTUALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME, INSTALLED RADIOS ON ALL FIRE TRUCKS AND THREE PUBLIC WORKS TRUCKS. THEY ALL CARRIED RADIOS AROUND FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE BASE UNIT AND THAT WAS JUST IN 1966 THAT THEY FINALLY GOT THE COMMUNICATION GOING, SO I'M HOPING THAT WE HAVE BETTER RADIOS TODAY SO THAT PUBLIC WORKS CAN GET HERE FASTER FOR OUR FANS. SO, MOVING ALONG, WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROCLAMATIONS TONIGHT, BUT ARE THERE ANY STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO, WE ARE GOING TO GO ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, SO ANYTHING THAT IS NOT ALREADY LISTED ON THE AGENDA, NOW IS THE TIME FOR THAT PUBLIC COMMENT -- I'M SORRY? OH, I'M SORRY. I DID. I APOLOGIZE. I FORGOT, I WANTED TO MAKE ONE MORE STATEMENT BEFORE WE START THAT. THANK YOU. THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND SEIU REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TODAY ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COMPENSATION SEIU UNION MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE, THIS IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. UPON RATIFICATION, THE COMPLETE SCIU AGREEMENT INCLUDING ALL COMPENSATION TERMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. CITY OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE PRESENTING THE AGREEMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE APRIL 7th MEETING, SO WE WANTED TO INFORM EVERYONE OF THAT. THAT IS SOMETHING YOU TODAY, THIS AFTERNOON. SO, IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD TO PUBLIC COMMENT, MARY? THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, IT IS A TWO MINUTE LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE IS A 20 MINUTE LIMIT FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. SO,

ABOUT 10 SPEAKERS. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT, WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING, AS WELL, SO AGAIN, THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND I WILL START IN CHAMBERS FIRST, THEN GO TO ZOOM. SO, IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? THIS IS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. THAT IS ON THE AGENDA.

GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM PETER AND I AM WITH THE LOGOS AND THIS IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY! TIME FOR US TO GET LEAN, MEAN, GREEN, SERENE. SAINT PATRICK DROVE OUT THE SNAKES OF IRELAND WITH AN AMAZING STORY FOUND ON COMMANDER ALEXANDER TRUTH ON TIKTOK AND MORE THAN EVER, DECEPTIONS AND ALLUSIONS ARE GREATER, STILL, SO MAY THE ALMIGHTY SPIRIT GIVE US CLARITY. SO, AMERICAN VETERANS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE AMONG THOSE DRIVING OUT THE SNAKES IN THE USA VIA "OPERATION VAMPIRE KILLER." THIS WAS ALSO DISCLOSED ON COMMANDER ALEXANDER TRUTH ON TIKTOK. BUT, THE CITY COUNCIL HERE, PLEASE ANSWER, YOUR CONSTITUENTS -- WHY IS THE CITY DRIVING OUT BY CORRUPTED EVICTIONS OVER A DOZEN SINGLE MOTHERS, AND THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN, USING THE USDA AS AN ABSURD, FALSE REASONING? AND SO, ALSO, WHY IS THE PRESS DEMOCRAT IN THE COUNTY USING MEDIA SUPPORTING PAID POLITICIANS WITH OMISSION OF IMPORTANT FACTUAL DATA TO DRIVE OUT IN ANIMAL SERVICES AND TO BE REPLACED BY SOMETHING THAT WILL COST FOUR TIMES MORE TO THE TAXPAYERS? BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, WITH HONOR BY FLAGS HALF MAST, THE WORLD-FAMOUS SOCCER BROTHERS LOST THEIR LEADER, MARCUS, THIS WEEK. THEY INTERACTED AND COACHED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BOYS, GIRLS, SOCCER STARS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD NOW AND AS YOUNGSTERS IN TEAM SPORTS, WE ARE TOLD TO LEARN HOW TO WORK TOGETHER, SO CAN HANDLE WORLDLY CHALLENGES. I SUBMIT, SOCCER WARRIORS TO ARISE IN HONOR OF MARCUS, ALSO IN HONORING YOUR AMERICAN SPIRIT, AND ALSO MONITORING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST BECAUSE YOUR INFLUENCE AND INPUT IS NEEDED AND IN THIS, I ALSO INVITE YOU TO LOOK ON MY SITE, COMMANDER ALEXANDER TRUTH ON TIKTOK. THANK YOU KINDLY FOR BLESSING ME WITH YOUR TIME AND MAY CLARITY PREVAIL IN ALL THESE MATTERS. BLESSINGS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. OLIVER, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR SELF, PLEASE?

YES, I AM UNMUTED AND I HAVE A TIMER.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

YEAH, ON THE PLANNING MEETING EARLIER ABOUT VALENTINE AVENUE, I WANT TO MAKE THE SAME POINT I MADE THERE, WHICH IS THAT I AM ON THE INS THOSE COMMITTEE AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW AND I AM SPEAKING PURELY FOR MYSELF THERE, I'M NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE. BUT, JUST A COMMENT ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY CLOSE TO HOUSING CAPACITY IN THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL. WE PROBABLY HAVE MAYBE 100, 120 DEVELOPMENT SLOTS STILL OPEN BEFORE WE ARE PRETTY MUCH MAXED OUT IN TERMS OF WATER SUPPLY, SO ON, SO FORTH. BUT, MORE SERIOUSLY, WE HAVE MORE SERIOUS WATER AND SEWAGE PROBLEMS WITH THE QUALITY OF THE PLUMBING. WE HAVE A PRETTY MAJOR SEWAGE ISSUE ON SOUTH HIGH STREET, IT HAS COST THE CITY A LOT OF MONEY. FOR ONE OF THE CLAY PIPES FAILING. AND WE MADE THE POINT THAT THE ROAD SERVICES, THE FACT THAT THE ROAD SERVICES ARE IN VERY POOR CONDITION MEANS THAT HAS A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE UNDERGROUND, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE ROAD SHOULD ACT AS A SORT OF SHIELD TO PROTECT WHAT IS UNDERNEATH AND THAT IS JUST NOT HAPPENING ANYMORE, SO TO GET BACK TO THE VALENTINE AVENUE PROPOSAL, AND OTHER ONES SIMILAR TO THAT, AND PARTICULARLY THE ADUs, WHICH THE COUNCIL JUST PASSED, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME SERIOUS ISSUES GOING FORWARD, I THINK, WHERE WE ARE OVERLOADING THE UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT MORE TRAFFIC AND I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNCIL REALLY NEEDS TO HELP THE CITY STAFF ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, OLIVER, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO THE CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYBODY IN THE CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANYTHING NOT ON THE AGENDA. SEE NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT FOR AN

ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. ~~SEE NONE.~~ CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. Agenda Item Number 2

OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, WE ARE BACK TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR, AND LET'S SEE -- I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND READ ALL OF THESE AND THEN YOU ALL CAN LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PULL ANYTHING FROM THIS. SO, NUMBER ONE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, REGULAR MEETING, MINUTES FOR MARCH 3rd, 2026. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SPECIAL MEETING, CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 9th, 2026. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LUHDORFF & SCALMANINI CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF WELL 4 FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$378,095 - - THE DESIGN WORK IS FACED WITH A PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND SITE INVESTIGATION BEING DONE IN PHASE ONE, WHICH IS THE PROPOSED CONTRACT, PHASE TWO, FINAL DESIGN WILL OCCUR IN FISCAL YEAR '26-27 AND WILL BE ADDED TO THE FISCAL YEAR '26-27 DRAFT. NUMBER FOUR, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT DEED FROM MEMORIAL LAWN CEMETERY FOR BODEGA AVENUE. THE OWNER OF MEMORIAL LAWN CEMETERY IS GRANTING APPROXIMATELY A TWO FOOT STRIP ALONG THE CEMETERY FRONTAGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE BODEGA AVENUE WIDENING FOR THE NEW BIKE LANES AS PART OF THE BODEGA AVENUE BIKE LANE AND PAVEMENT REHAB PHASE TWO PROJECT. NUMBER FIVE, APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PERTAINING TO PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ASSIGNMENTS. THE CITY RECENTLY HIRED A NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW STAFF. NUMBER SIX, APPROVED THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ENERGY AND WATER FUNDING REQUEST FOR REGIONAL LLANO TRUNK SEWER LINE REHABILITATION PROJECT TO REPRESENTATIVE SCHIFF, PADILLA, AND THOMPSON. SANTA ROSA IS REQUESTING FEDERAL EARMARKS FUNDING FOR THE LLANO TRUNK SEWER LINING PROJECT. THE CITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM ANY FUNDING RECEIVED SINCE THIS PROJECT WILL BE PAID FOR BY ALL SUBREGIONAL PARTNERS. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DISRUPTION, EVERYONE, TRYING TO MAKE IT COOLER IN HERE. NUMBER SEVEN, RECEIPT OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN FOR -- THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THIS ITEM IS TO CLARIFY THE DIRECTION IN THE AGENDA REPORT VERSUS THE ACTUAL COUNCIL MOTION AT THE FEBRUARY 17th CITY COUNCIL MEETING. IT IS RECOMMENDED THE COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL MOTION FROM FEBRUARY 17th, 2026, THE APPROVAL OF A ONE-TIME SETTLEMENT PAYMENT TO BAYREN TO FULLY RESOLVE AND CLOSEOUT THE WATER UPGRADE SAVES, THE SAVE PROGRAM WITH \$5731.29 PAID FROM THE WATER FUND HOLDING ACCOUNT AND THE REMAINING \$7409.94 PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO PULL ANY ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR THAT I HAVE JUST READ?

NO.

OKAY. SO, MARY --

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT?

THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ONLY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, AGAIN, IT IS A TWO MINUTE TIME LIMIT, I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS, THEN GO TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ONLY? SEE NONE. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANYTHING ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ONLY, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEE NONE, THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

OKAY, SO WE ARE BACK HERE AT THE DAIS. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS BEFORE?

I WILL JUST MOVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

SO, WE HAVE A MOTION, DOES ANYONE --

SECOND.

AND A SECOND. DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD?

THANK YOU. SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MAURER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONE THROUGH EIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YES.

VICE MAYOR MAURER?

YES.

MAYOR McLEWIS?

YES.

MOTION PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WE ARE MOVING ALONG TO PUBLIC HEARINGS. REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION. SO, NUMBER NINE IS CONSIDERATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES, THIS ITEM IS TO CONSIDER APPROVAL TO A, AWARD A THREE MONTH INTERIM CONTRACT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY FOR SHELTERING SERVICES, WHICH WOULD BE APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30th 2026 AT A PRORATED COST OF APPROXIMATELY -- DO YOU WANT ME TO READ THAT, OR DO YOU WANT TO READ IT? OH, OKAY. APPROXIMATELY \$9680.25. PER MONTH, WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND MONTH-TO-MONTH, AS NEEDED, UNTIL LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS ARE SECURED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HSSC. DID YOU WANT TO READ IT? I APOLOGIZE. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WANTED TO READ IT. OH, OKAY. OH, OKAY. OKAY, SORRY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE EMERGENCY/SHORT-TERM OPTIONS FOR ANIMAL FIELD CONTROL SERVICES, FOR EXAMPLE, SONOMA ANIMAL COUNTY SERVICES DISCUSSED, CITY OF SONOMA, AND OTHER PROVIDERS, AND C, AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO PROCESS ANIMAL LICENSES IN THE INTERIM AND D, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A NOTICE OF TERMINATION TO THE NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES FOR THE EXISTING MONTH-TO-MONTH AGREEMENT AND E, APPROVED THE BUDGET MONUMENT -- AMENDMENT AGREEMENT. SO, I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE DOING THE PRESENTATION INTERIM CITY MANAGER?

I WILL BE GIVING THE STAFF REPORT UNLESS YOU WANTED TO MAKE INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FIRST?

OKAY, YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING -- WELL, WITH COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN, BUT ALSO OVER THE PAST WEEK, SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING WITH OUR INTERIM CITY MANAGER, IN ADDITION TO ADVOCATING FOR SEBASTOPOL AND DISCUSSING WITH OUR MAYOR'S MEETING, VARIOUS OPTIONS, BECAUSE WE HAVE OTHER CITIES THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THIS. I WILL JUST SAY, I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE HARD WORK THAT MARY HAS PUT INTO THIS AND BETWEEN SHE AND I, WE HAVE CONTACTED MANY NONPROFITS TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS. OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS IN OTHER CITIES, WE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTIONS, BECAUSE IT IS A CHALLENGING SITUATION, AND TIMING IS THE HARDEST THING, WHERE I GET -- SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT A LOT OF TIME AND THOUGHT HAS GONE INTO THIS AHEAD OF TIME, AND SO, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AS WELL, AND THIS DEFINITELY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DISCUSSION AMONGST THE MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AS WE ALL DEAL WITH THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION, SO, I JUST WANT TO HAND IT OVER TO YOU, IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

DID COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN, AS A CO-PRESENTER, WISH TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS BEFORE I GO INTO THE STAFF REPORT?

YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AND I DEFINITELY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR AND MARY FOR THE CONTINUED HARD WORK. AS I DISCLOSED EARLIER, I AM A VOLUNTEER AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY, FEEDING OUR CATS, AND, AS I SAID, AT THE END OF OUR COUNCIL MEETING NOT THAT LONG AGO, I AM REALLY GLAD THAT THIS IS WHERE IT IS NOW, TO HOPEFULLY HAVE A VOTE TO IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE WITH ALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH NDAs BECAUSE IF YOU SAW THE ANIMALS THAT I SAW, THOSE CATS, THOSE DOGS INFECTED BY TABLEAU, AND THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE STAFF THAT WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO TRY TO SAVE THEIR LIVES, YOU, TOO, WOULD WANT TO BREAK TIES WITH THAT AGENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. WHOOPS. THANK YOU. SO, AS YOU GUYS STATED, THIS AGENDA ITEM IS TO CONSIDER MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT. AS THE CITY IS AWARE, THE CITY HAS BEEN IN CONTRACT WITH NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES SINCE 2022, AND BASED UPON THE GRAND JURY REPORT FROM LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS THE COMPREHENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE, AND THE FACILITY IS FROM CLEAR LAKE, THE CITY HAS BROUGHT THIS ITEM FORWARD TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. SO, IN RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT, NOT ONLY IS CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, BUT CITY OF PALOMA HAS TERMINATED THERE IS, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE, OF COURSE, THE TOWN OF WINDSOR IS TAKING THIS TOMORROW NIGHT TO THEIR COUNCIL AND CITY OF CLOVERDALE, I BELIEVE, HAS AN RFP OUT AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT BRINGING THIS ITEM POTENTIALLY NEXT WEEK. DON'T QUOTE ME ON THAT, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT IS THE IDEA WITH THIS. IN EARLY 2026, BEFORE THE CLEAR LAKE ISSUE CAME OUT, WE DID A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS -- THIS IS OUR SECOND REQUEST, WE DID ONE EARLIER LAST YEAR AND ONE EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR ANIMAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY SHELTERING, BUT FIELD SERVICES, AS WELL. AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT RFP, WE DID RECEIVE ONE RESPONSE. IT WAS FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AS A SUBCONTRACTOR TO THAT PROPOSAL. THAT PROPOSAL CAME IN AT ABOUT \$78,000. AND CURRENTLY, WE PAY ABOUT \$15,000 FOR NBAS FOR JUST SERVICES. BUT, WE VETTED THE RFP, WE LOOKED AT IT, STAFF ELECTED IT, IT MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR RFP, IT ADDRESSED ALL OF THE QUESTIONS WE HAD IN OUR RFP. HOWEVER, SINCE RECEIVING THAT RFP, I HAD REACHED OUT TO BOTH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY AS WELL AS SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES TO SEE IF WE COULD REDUCE THE CONTRACT BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS, SO THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 100 ANIMALS PER YEAR. MY UNDERSTANDING BASED UPON THE CHIEF AND BASED UPON NBAS -- HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT SEEN THE RECORDS, SO I'M GOING ON OUR CHIEF -- WE GO ANYWHERE FROM 30 TO 40 ANIMALS PER YEAR, SO ABOUT 2 TO 3 ANIMALS PER MONTH THAT WE TRANSFER FOR SHELTERING SERVICES. THE PROPOSAL IS BASED ON 100. SO, AGAIN, IT'S -- THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH US RIGHT NOW, BUT THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES PORTION OF THE CONTRACT CANNOT BE LOOKED AT TONIGHT, AND THE REASON BEING, IT NEEDS TO GO TO THE SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL, SO, THAT HAS NOT -- THEY ARE HOPING TO BRING AN ITEM, HOPEFULLY IN APRIL, TO THE SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THE REASON BEING, IT IS NOT ONLY SEBASTOPOL, BUT THESE OTHER CITIES ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES, AS WELL. SO, WE ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THAT PROPOSAL IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. BUT, AGAIN, WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, SO BASED UPON THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SHELTERING FOR HUMANE SOCIETY AT SONOMA COUNTY AND THE OPTIONS THAT THE CITY HAS, SO WE CAN EITHER -- AND THIS IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION, SO I JUST WANT TO PUT IT OUT THERE, BUT I WANTED TO DO MY DUE DILIGENCE, SO I DID REACH OUT TO NBAS, THEY WANT TO CHARGE \$195 PER ANIMAL IF THE CITY WANTS TO DO THAT FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. AGAIN, THAT IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION THAT I JUST WANTED TO DO MY DUE DILIGENCE TO PUT THAT INFORMATION OUT THERE. WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY, WITH OUR POLICE STAFF, TO BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT ANIMALS OVER INTO THE HUMANE SOCIETY, WHICH IS ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM US. THEY DO HAVE NEWER VEHICLES, AIR CONDITIONING, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SAFELY TAKE THEM OVER THERE. AND THEN, WE CAN ALSO DO TEMPORARY LICENSING FOR THE ANIMALS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER VENDOR, PRESUMABLY SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, ONCE WE CAN GET THAT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL. AND THEN, THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO TERMINATE NBAS IMMEDIATELY. SO, TONIGHT'S OPTION -- TONIGHT'S RECOMMENDATION, I'M SORRY -- TONIGHT'S RECOMMENDATION IS TO GO AHEAD AND RECOMMEND A SHORT-TERM, THREE-MONTH CONTRACT WITH SONOMA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY. I DID TALK TO CYNTHIA AND CARRIE BOTH FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE CITY ON THAT. IF WE DO TERMINATE NBAS IMMEDIATELY TONIGHT, THEY ARE OPEN TO DOING A DOG DROP OFF -- OR, I'M SORRY -- ANIMAL OVER TO THE SHELTER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE CAN GET A CONTRACT WITH THEM. I'M

ASSUMING IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE A WEEK OR SO BECAUSE IT HAS TO MEET OUR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THEY HAVE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT, BUT THEY ARE WILLING TO DO THAT ON A PER ANIMAL CHARGE, SO THEY ARE WILLING TO DO THAT. WE WOULD TERMINATE NBAS TONIGHT, AND THEN WE WOULD DO A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS, FOR THE SHELTERING SERVICES. AND THEN, BRING BACK, ONCE WE GET INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY ON THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT, THAT CONTRACT FOR CONSIDERATION.

CAN YOU REPEAT THAT REALLY QUICK, MARY? WHO DID YOU SAY?

SO, SONOMA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY --

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

YES. AND I WILL SAY, AS THE MAYOR HAS STATED, OVER THE LAST, PROBABLY WEEKS, I HAVE REACHED OUT TO ANIMAL SHELTERS, I HAVE REACHED OUT TO RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS, I EVEN WENT AS FAR AS MINNESOTA COUNTY, TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DRIVE DOWN. I DID REACH OUT TO MARIN, WITH DISTANCE AND ALL OF THAT, SO WE DID DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE TO FIND EVERY AVAILABLE SOLUTION TO TRY AND DO THIS. SO, THE RECOMMENDATION FOR TONIGHT WOULD BE TOWARD A THREE MONTH INTERIM CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY FOR SHELTERING SERVICES. AND THEN, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THAT MONTH-TO-MONTH UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE CAN BRING A CONTRACT BACK FOR SHELTERING, AS WELL AS FIELD SERVICES, WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL, WHICH IS PART OF THEIR PROPOSAL. AND THEN, TO AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO DO ANIMAL LICENSING IN THE INTERIM AS WELL AS TRANSPORTING THE ANIMALS TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY. TO PERMEATE IMMEDIATELY THE NORTHBAY ANIMAL SERVICES CONTRACT AND THEN APPROVE THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SHELTERING SERVICES. SO, THAT IS STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND IF THERE ARE LEGAL QUESTIONS, WE HAVE OUR CITY ATTORNEY.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN.

THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU AGAIN, MARY, FOR ALL THE HARD WORK. SO, I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO WALK THIS THROUGH, BECAUSE BEING A VOLUNTEER AND SEEING THE TYPE OF ANIMALS THAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY LOOKS AFTER -- SO, IF ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS WERE TO BE ON VACATION, AND THEIR PET DOG WAS FOUND ROAMING AROUND AND NO ONE KNEW WHAT TO DO, SO, IF WE FOLLOW YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND GO WITH IT TONIGHT, ANYONE COULD CALL OUR POLICE CHIEF, THEY WOULD COME OUT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PICK UP THE LITTLE DOG, PUT IT IN THEIR AIR-CONDITIONED VAN, SAFELY TRANSPORT THEM OVER TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY, WHERE THEY WOULD BE VET CHECKED AND LOOKED AFTER FOR HOWEVER LONG THEY NEED TO BE LOOKED AFTER, UNTIL THEIR OWNER WAS NOTIFIED AND THEY WILL COME HOME AND PICK HIM UP, IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, THAT IS CORRECT, THAT WE WOULD BE TRANSPORTING THE ANIMALS, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE TRANSPORTING THE ANIMALS IN OUR AIR-CONDITIONED VEHICLES TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY.

OKAY, THANKS.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? GO AHEAD.

JUST TO CLARIFY, THAT IS A BUDGET DIFFERENCE OF \$7855, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE ASKING? US?

I BELIEVE IT WAS -- I'M SORRY, LET ME PULL IT UP. I JUST SHUT IT.

I'M LOOKING AT PAGE 102. THE NET IMPACT IS 7855.

YES, BECAUSE WE WOULD STILL HAVE REMAINING FUNDS FROM NBAS WE HAVE NOT USED FROM THIS YEAR, YET, SO WE WOULD USE THAT TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.

OKAY, AND THAT IS GOOD UNTIL JUNE 30th?

THAT WOULD BE JUNE 30th AND WE ARE WORKING ON OUR BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR SO WE WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPOSE IT AND THAT WOULD GIVE TIME FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY TO LOOK AT THE COST. BECAUSE LIKE I SAID, AS OF RIGHT NOW, IT IS BASED ON 100 ANIMALS VERSUS, MY UNDERSTANDING IS ABOUT 30 TO 40 ANIMALS PER YEAR. AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY HOUSE, YOU KNOW, GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO WORK

WITH US ON THAT COST. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE HUMANE SOCIETY HERE. IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, AS WELL. Agenda Item Number 2

OKAY, THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, ALL, FOR THE WORK ON THIS. I JUST HAVE A QUICK QUESTION ABOUT WHAT CAN BE, LIKE, A COUNTY SERVICE. LIKE, ARE WE ABLE TO -- WE HAVE OUR OWN POLICE, WE HAVE THIS AND THAT, BUT WE HAVE COUNTY FIRE, CAN WE JUST USE THE COUNTY SERVICE FOR DOGS?

SO, THAT WAS PART OF THE PROPOSAL, WAS SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, THEY ARE SONOMA COUNTY. AND SO, BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GO TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE CAN'T LOOK AT THAT PROPOSAL. SO, AND RIGHT NOW, UNTIL THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT CITIES THEY ARE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH -- BECAUSE, LIKE I SAID, TOWN OF WINDSOR IS LOOKING IN THAT DIRECTION, CLOVERDALE -- SO, UNTIL THEY CAN PROVIDE TO US A PROPOSAL, THEY DON'T HAVE THE STAFFING RIGHT NOW EITHER, DID TO IT ON A SHORT TERM BUT THAT IS SONOMA COUNTY SO THAT IS WHAT THAT IS.

SO, AND JUST FOR THOSE -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN SO DEEP IN THIS IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO US BUT I FOUND IN TALKING TO PEOPLE, PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, THE HUMANE SOCIETY, THEY TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS, BUT THEY DON'T TRADITIONALLY TRANSPORT, WHICH IS WHY WE HAD TO GO OUT AND FIND SOMEONE ELSE, JUST FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS THAT CLARITY. AND IT IS IN THE COUNTY. THEY CAN'T JUST ADD CITIES ON WITHOUT, YOU KNOW, DEALING WITH THE EMPLOYEE SIDE OF IT. WE CONFER ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FACETS THAT GO INTO ADDING STAFFING AND DOING ALL OF THAT AND BECAUSE OF THE TIMING, THERE IS JUST NO WAY TO GET IT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEFORE WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR DECISION TONIGHT, BECAUSE WE REALLY PUSHED FOR THAT. SO, IT'S JUST -- IT'S JUST HOW IT IS, OUR HANDS ARE TIED WITH SOME OF THE TIMING, SO THAT IS WHY WE HAD TO REALLY SPEND TIME THINKING ABOUT, HOW DO WE TRANSPORT THESE ANIMALS? AND CERTAINLY, WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT THROUGH THIS PROCESS OVER THE LAST WEEK ABOUT ANIMAL CARE, AND HOW COMPLICATED IT CAN GET. BUT, I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, AT LEAST PERSONALLY, I AM LIKE, DON'T MESS WITH OUR ANIMALS, SO THAT IS HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT. BUT, ANYWAY, SO, I DON'T KNOW -- DID ANYONE ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO, IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT MOVING FORWARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, I WILL COME TO CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN GO OUT TO ZOOM. IT IS A TWO MINUTE TIME LIMIT. PLEASE GO UP TO THE PODIUM.

GOOD EVENING. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE TAKING THIS THIS SERIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER. MY NAME IS AMY TAYLOR. I LIVE IN PETALUMA. I'M HERE TO -- WELL, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE OF IT, BECAUSE THAT IS REALLY WHAT ANIMAL CONTROL IS ABOUT. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM EXISTS TO PREVENT RABIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. RIGHT NOW, NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES IS NOT DOING THE JOB THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE. THIS IS NOT ABOUT STRAY DOGS, THIS IS ABOUT RABIES CONTROL, WHICH IS A CORE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE SEEING DOGS NOT PROPERLY LICENSED, RABIES VACCINES NOT BEING VERIFIED, BITE INCIDENTS NOT BEING HANDLED WITH THE LEVEL OF SERIOUSNESS THEY ARE REQUIRED. IF, AT ALL. THAT IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE RABIES IS FATAL, AND PREVENTION IS THE ONLY PROTECTION THAT WE HAVE AS A COMMUNITY, ANY COMMUNITY. WHEN THESE BASIC SAFEGUARDS BREAKDOWN, IT PUTS RESIDENTS, KIDS, AND PETS AT RISK, AND IT PUTS A TOWN IN A POSITION OF LIABILITY, AND NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES WILL NOT BE LEFT HOLDING THE BAG WHEN THE LAWSUITS COME IN. SORRY. IT WILL BE THE TOWN. THEY WILL HAVE ALREADY LEFT TOWN, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS ON THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM IS IN PLACE FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC, OR NOT. AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S NOT. I'M ASKING THE COUNCIL TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TERMINATING THE CONTRACT WITH NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES -- WHICH, YOU HAVE DISCUSSED AND I APPRECIATE THAT -- A MODEL THAT FINDS -- WHAT YOU HAVE ALSO SAID, YOU KNOW, SONOMA COUNTY --

AMY, YOU HAVE ABOUT 15 SECONDS.

-- AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY, A MODEL THAT PRIORITIZES ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THIS SHOULD BE ABOUT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES.

THANK YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YEAH.

GREAT. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

WELL, MOSTLY, IT'S A QUESTION. BECAUSE I HEARD MARY SAY SOMETHING LIKE \$60,000 OR \$70,000, OR SOMETHING? IT LOOKS LIKE, FROM THE STAFF REPORT, THAT IT'S GOING TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND \$30 OR \$26 PER MONTH, MULTIPLYING THAT OUT, THAT IS ABOUT \$39,000 PER YEAR, FOR 35 TO 40 ANIMALS. IN ESSENCE, WE ARE PAYING ABOUT \$1000 PER ANIMAL, AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION. SO, THIS IS GOOD -- GETTING TO BE ONE OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE THINGS IN THE CITY BUDGET, DOES THIS MAKE SENSE? IS THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL ASSOCIATED WITH ANY COSTS OF CARE OR FEEDING THEIR ANIMAL AT THE POUND? IF THE ANIMAL IS PICKED UP AN HOUR AFTER IT HAS BEEN TAKEN THERE, IS IT STILL COSTING THE CITY \$1000 PER ANIMAL? I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT HOW THIS COST STRUCTURE WORKS. BUT, THAT IS MY COMMENT.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ROBERT, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME INTO CHAMBERS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM PETER, AND I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED THE ANIMALS AND MOST PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF SYNCHRONICITY AROUND THIS TOPIC FOR ME JUST IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. AND I SAID BEFORE, THE DECEPTIONS ARE GREAT AND THE ALLUSIONS ARE GREATER STILL. THE CANCERS IN BOTH PEOPLE AND ANIMALS HAS SKYROCKETED EVERY 10 YEARS SINCE 1970 AND THIS IS ALMOST ENTIRELY DUE TO ALL THE VACCINES IMPOSED UPON -- ONTO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS, AND THIS IS NOT A GUESS, THIS IS A FACT. I CAN TELL YOU THAT WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH IS IMPORTANT, BUT TO ME, IT IS SURFACE ENTOMOLOGY. IF YOU WERE TO FIND OUT IN RESEARCHING HOW MANY POLICE DOGS AND SHERIFFS LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS DIE FIVE YEARS EARLY BECAUSE OF CANCERS BECAUSE OF THE FOOD SYSTEM THAT IS FILLED WITH RECYCLED ANIMALS THAT ARE FILLED WITH DISEASES, FILLED WITH VACCINES, AND ALSO FILLED WITH HUMAN PARTS, AND ALSO HUMAN DISEASES, THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR WELL OVER 60 YEARS. IT HAS JUST GOTTEN INSANE. WHEN I MADE THIS PUBLIC YEARS AGO IN PETALUMA ABOUT THE ANIMAL BEING CHINESE MEAT FILLER, 40,000 CHINESE DIE EVERY DAY, THEY DON'T BURY THEM, THEY DON'T BURN THEM, IT BECOMES MEAT FILLER, AND THEY COME INTO THIS COUNTRY AND GOES TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS AND I MENTIONED ABOUT THE CHICKEN FEED, THAT SAME DAY, OR THE DAY AFTER, A HUGE TRUCK FILLED WITH MEAT FILLER CHICKEN FEED FELL OVER RIGHT ON THE PETALUMA BRIDGE. SO, MY CONCERN IS THIS, THAT YOU CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THESE ANIMALS, WHAT THEY ARE BEING FED, AND HOW THIS IS AFFECTING OURSELVES AND THE ANIMALS WITH ALL THE DISEASES THAT ARE INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY EVERY 5 TO 10 YEARS.

JUST A SECOND.

I'M SORRY?

YOU HAVE ABOUT 15 SECONDS.

OKAY, SO, LIKE I SAID, I WOULD ASK YOU TO LOOK UP AND FIND OUT HOW MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS ARE DYING EARLY. EVERY TOWN, THIS HAS OCCURRED. AND WITH THAT, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THEIR ATTENTION TO THIS AND I WILL SAY, PLEASE GO DEEPER WITH WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND NOT JUST THE SURFACE ENTOMOLOGY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CARRIE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR SELF, PLEASE? OKAY. SHE IS --

THERE, WE ARE.

OH, THERE, YOU ARE. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER, CARRIE?

NO, BUT YOU CAN GIVE ME A VERBAL 15 SECONDS.

OKAY, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

HI, MY NAME IS KARRIE STEWART, I AM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY. WE -- MY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CYNTHIA KING IS ALSO ON THIS CALL, BUT HER NAME SAYS, "ADMINISTRATIVE," OR SOMETHING. SO, SHE IS HERE TONIGHT. AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE CITY FOR CONSIDERING WORKING WITH US AGAIN. WE DID WORK WITH CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FOR 20 YEARS AND IT'S RESIDENTS AND WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING THAT AGAIN. JUST AS A MATTER OF POINT, WHEN WE HAD THE CITY CONTRACT, OUR NUMBERS REFLECTED ABOUT 80 TO 100 ANIMALS ARRIVING AT OUR SHELTER EVERY YEAR. SO, THAT MIGHT BE A MEASURE OF RESIDENTS IN SEBASTOPOL NOT ACTUALLY TAKING STRAYS DOWN TO PETALUMA IN THE MEANTIME IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT. I WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU, CARRIE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

HI, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ASHLEY ARMSTRONG, I AM A SEBASTOPOL RESIDENT. I AM ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF WE CARE ANIMAL RESCUE IN ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA. WE HOLD THE ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH, ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO, I WAS A STAFF MEMBER AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY WHEN WE WORKED BEAUTIFULLY WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. PRETTY OFTEN, STRAY DOGS WILL COME IN, I WILL SAY MUCH CLOSER TO 100, SO I WOULD DEFINITELY SEE AND CHECK WHAT THOSE NUMBERS WERE AT PREVIOUS TO NORTH BAY TAKING OVER, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WAS BEAUTIFUL, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME IN IF THEY HAD AN ANIMAL THAT COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE CAR OR MAYBE WAS A LITTLE AFRAID OR NEEDED RESOURCES, THEY CAME TO THE STAFF THAT KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM. I THINK THAT SERVED THE CITY WELL AND AS A RESIDENT, THAT IS A RELATIONSHIP I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AGAIN. AS COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN MENTIONED, THE CONDITIONS IN CLEARLAKE WERE HORRIBLE. ME AND SOME OF MY TEAM MEMBERS HAD A CHANCE TO GO UP THERE. I ACTUALLY BROUGHT A DOG HOME BECAUSE I COULDN'T STAND TO LET HER STAY THERE. SORRY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM AND I AM VERY HAPPY, VERY HAPPY THAT OTHER CITIES HAVE GONE TOWARD MOVING AWAY FROM NORTHBAY, I THINK THAT IS THE RIGHT CHOICE AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE THE SAME CHOICE FOR OUR ANIMALS AND OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ASHLEY, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CYNTHIA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

HELLO.

HI, CYNTHIA. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YEAH.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY NAME BEING WRONG, I TRIED TO CHANGE IT, BUT I APPRECIATE THE CITY COUNCIL TAKING THIS UP IN A TIMELY MANNER AND I ALSO WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOME APPRECIATION FOR BEFORE WHEN YOU LISTENED TO THE COMMENTS AND THE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY ON NOT ACCEPTING EITHER OF THE BID, THROUGH THE IRE -- OUR IFP PROCESS AND THAT HAS GONE WELL FOR YOU NOW. I DO WANT TO JUST MENTION SOME HISTORICAL CONTEXT, WE DID DO ANIMAL CONTROL AT ONE POINT FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE STOPPED DOING IT IN 1989, AND AS I TOLD PETALUMA, THE COUNCIL, WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE, THIS KEEPS REPEATING ITSELF AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS TO DO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IS COST AND SUSTAINABILITY. SEBASTOPOL PROPORTIONATELY HAS BEEN PAYING A LOT LESS THAN OTHER AREAS, SO I KNOW IT IS KIND OF A SHOCKING NUMBER TO PAY A LOT MORE, BUT TO ANSWER THE FORMER PUBLIC COMMENT, THERE IS A MODEL THAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES DO WITH THEIR CONTRACTOR AND IT IS BASED ON DAYS AND IT IS PURELY BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE ANIMAL SPENDS. OBVIOUSLY, THE FIRST DAY IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE WITH THE AMOUNT OF INTAKE PROCESSES THAT WE HAVE, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON SOMETHING TO MAKE IT REALISTIC, AND MANAGEABLE, AND THE FIRST THREE MONTHS, HAVING A THREE MONTH CONTRACT WILL ALLOW US, TOGETHER, TO FIGURE OUT THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS -- WHICH AS ASHLEY AND CARRIE SAID -- HAD BEEN INCREASED TO 100

FOR US, AS WELL AS THE REAL COST, BUT MAKING IT FOCUSED ON THE ACTUAL SERVED AND NOT JUST A MONTHLY COST, SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD. THE LAST THING I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT I APPRECIATE THE MOMENTUM THAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THE COMMUNITY AND WITH OUR RESIDENTS AND I JUST HOPE THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP GOING AS WE MOVE INTO THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BE A DRIVE POWER AUTHORITY MODEL WITH THE COUNTY AND ALL OF THE CITIES, SO I HOPE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS AWARE AND ON BOARD WITH THAT, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THROUGH THAT PROCESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND MOVE TO THAT LONGER, MORE COHESIVE, COLLABORATIVE, AND SUSTAINABLE MODEL OF THE JPA, AND NOT JUST THESE ONE-OFF CONTRACTS THAT ARE NEGOTIATED DIFFERENTLY WITH DIFFERENT PLACES, AND I THINK THIS WOULD BE BETTER FOR ALL OF US AND THE ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, SO I JUST APPRECIATE WHERE WE ARE AT IN THIS MOMENT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, CYNTHIA, 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 ON THIS ITEM? BEING DONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. MONICA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES, I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I AM MONICA STEVENS, COFOUNDER IN NAPA, I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE TAKEN TO MOVE TO A PLACE TO DO WHAT YOU ARE DOING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, IN ADDITION -- IN SUPPORT WITH ASHLEY, OF WE CARE, NAPA COUNTY STANDS TOGETHER IN THIS IMPORTANT DECISION YOU ARE MAKING TO GET RID OF NORTHBAY. THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. NAPA COUNTY IS OUT HERE, WE HAVE BEEN HELPING WITH THE EFFORTS UP IN CLEARLAKE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY FOR THE ANIMALS.

THANK YOU, MONICA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES? NO, SORRY, WE CANNOT DO THAT. THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM IF THERE IS ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED ON THIS ITEM.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WE ARE BACK TO THE DAIS. I HAD A QUICK QUESTION, JUST BECAUSE I AM SO CLOSE TO THIS, AND IT PROMPTED ME -- WHATEVER DECISION WE MAKE AND IF WE MAKE THE DECISION TO PART WITH NBAS, ONE THING WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED IS RECORDS. AND I AM BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE OTHER CITIES HAVE BROUGHT THIS UP, AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE RECORDS FROM NBAS. THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING WEEKS AND WEEKS AND THEY DON'T HAVE RECORDS FOR LICENSING AT MANY DIFFERENT THINGS TO SPARE INFORMATION, SO ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS, WHAT RECOURSE DO WE HAVE AND WHAT GUIDELINES CAN WE -- IS THERE ANY -- DO WE HAVE ANY POWER OVER ANY OF THAT? I MEAN --

IT IS, FRANKLY, A DIFFICULT QUESTION TO ANSWER. YOU KNOW, OUR NEW CONTRACT, WE WILL USE OUR TEMPLATE THAT HAS LANGUAGE ABOUT OWNERSHIP, AND RECORDS, AND DOCUMENTS. OUR AGREEMENT WITH NBAS HAS BEEN A SERIES OF SORT OF ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS, AND THAT ISN'T A VERY DETAILED AGREEMENT THAT ADDRESSES RECORDS, AND WHO OWNS THEM, AND OBLIGATIONS TO TURN THEM OVER. WE WILL CERTAINLY DEMAND THEM AND HOPEFULLY, ARE ABLE TO GET THEM. YOU KNOW, EVEN WITH THE BEST CONSULTANTS, OR VENDORS, IT CAN SOMETIMES TAKE TIME. BUT, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE, YOU KNOW, PRESSING FOR THOSE TO BE TRANSFERRED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

AND THE REASON I ASK THAT IS JUST BECAUSE IF THAT NEEDS TO BE PART OF OUR GUIDANCE AS FAR AS OBTAINING THAT BECAUSE I KNOW OTHER CITIES ARE HAVING THAT -- EXPERIENCING THIS CHALLENGE RIGHT NOW, SO I JUST WANTED TO DISCUSS IF WE NEEDED TO GIVE ANY PARTICULAR GUIDANCE, I WANTED US TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO --

WE DON'T NEED ANY GUIDANCE ON THAT.

OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON --I HAVE ONE OTHER COMMENT THAT I -- OH, I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD.

HAVING NOT AUTHORED THIS, I FEEL A LITTLE CONFUSED, AS WELL, BOTH FOR A SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM. I THINK THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A COUNTY OPTION THAT WE COULD LOOK INTO, SO WE ARE -- THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS TO TAKE A SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT NOW WITH HUMANE SOCIETY, AND THEN -- I AM REALLY CONFUSED. IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.

I KNOW OTHER PEOPLE HAVE REALLY BEEN WORKING ON IT AND I TRIED TO MAKE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING THAT WAS HELD IN WINDSOR AND I COULDN'T, SO I REALLY --

NO, IT'S OKAY. IT'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION.

IT IS BROUGHT BY TWO COUNCILMEMBERS, BUT I AM NOT UP TO SPEED ON IT.

THAT WAS GOING TO BE ONE OF MY COMMENTS, SO YOU GO FIRST, MARY.

SO, THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS, ONE IS FOR SHELTERING ONLY WHICH IS WHAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY HAS PROPOSED. SO, WHEN WE RECEIVED THE RFP, THERE WERE TWO CONTRACTORS, SO THERE WAS HUMANE SOCIETY SUBMITTING IT FOR THE SHELTERING SERVICES AND THEN SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL WAS THERE SOME CONTRACTOR, TO DO THE FIELD SERVICES. SO, LICENSING, PICKUP, TRANSPORTATION, ALL OF THAT. SO, THE SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES THAT WILL BE DOING THE FIELD SERVICES, THEY DID NOT TAKE THAT TO THE BOARD FIRST. SO, THAT PORTION OF THIS RFP, WE CANNOT CONSIDER TONIGHT SO ANY FIELD SERVICES SUCH AS LICENSING, TRANSPORTING THE ANIMALS TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR DROP OFF, WE CAN'T CONSIDER, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE GOING TO ASK THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DO THOSE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNTIL SUCH TIME, AND THE LICENSING UNTIL SUCH TIME, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVIEWS THAT PROPOSAL THAT CAME WITH THIS RFP. SO, THERE IS THE SHELTERING CONTRACT, WHICH IS TONIGHT BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD. THIS IS SPECIFICALLY ONLY FOR THE SHELTERING. AND THEN, WE WILL BRING, ONCE THE COUNTY REVIEWS THEIR CONTRACT FOR THE FIELD SERVICES, WE WILL BRING THAT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

SO, CAN I ASK A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION? IF SO, WHAT PARTLY CONFUSES ME, IS WHEN WE SEE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ONE, EXCEPT A THREE-MONTH PROPOSAL -- WHICH IS AT \$3226.75, BUT AS AN ALTERNATE OPTION, ASK A PROVIDER TO WORK WITH LOCAL PROVIDERS TO OBTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR \$3000 PER MONTH. SO, IF THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS OUR ONLY OPTION RIGHT NOW, HOW WOULD WE GET A CHEAPER -- HOW IS THAT AN OPTION? NUMBER TWO?

THE EMERGENCY SERVICES I WAS TRYING TO WORK ON -- AND THIS IS A FLUID DOCUMENT -- IS FOR TRANSPORTATION, IT WASN'T FOR SHELTERING. WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, INSTEAD OF HAVING OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DO IT, WE REACHED OUT TO DOGWOOD, I REACHED OUT TO MARIN HUMANE SOCIETY -- SO, THAT VENDOR WAS SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

SO, IN THIS PROPOSAL, THOSE TWO THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN ADDED TOGETHER? THE \$3000 FOR MONTH-TO-MONTH TRANSPORTATION, PLUS THE \$3226.75, FOR HUMANE SOCIETY?

YES, BUT, SINCE WE HAVE THAT, WE WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERING THAT \$3000 ADDITIONAL TONIGHT.

OKAY.

SO, WHEN IT COMES FOR A MOTION, I WOULD NOT HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT PART OF THE MOTION SINCE WE WORKED WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE MEANTIME TO DO TRANSPORTATION AND LICENSING.

BUT, YOU DID DO -- I HEARD YOUR RESEARCH AND IT COULD BE UP TO 195 PER ANIMAL. THAT WAS IN NBAS. THEY HAD JUST SENT AN EMAIL TO US TODAY, SO IN ME DOING MY DUE DILIGENCE, NOT ASSUMING THE COUNCIL MAKING A DETERMINATION TO TERMINATE OR NOT, THEY SAID IT WOULD COST THEM \$195 JUST TO TRANSPORT FROM SEBASTOPOL TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY. THAT WAS IT.

SO, AT 40 ANIMALS PER MONTH AT \$195, THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL \$7800?

SO, I AM GOING BY THE NUMBERS, THE NUMBERS THAT I HAVE FOR THE 40 IS FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF, WHO I BELIEVE IS ON THE CALL.

ANNUALLY?

IT IS ANNUALLY.

ANNUALLY? OKAY. I'M JUST TRYING TO --

[INAUDIBLE - OVERLAPPING SPEAKERS]

I AM SURE, OF COURSE, WE HAD A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TALK ABOUT COST AND -- YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE -- WE ARE APPROVING THREE MONTHS TONIGHT, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT COULD BE LONG-TERM, AND IN ADDITION, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE ANIMAL TRANSPORT PART, ALSO.

YES. SO, WHAT I WANTED TO COMMENT IS THAT THE MAYORS MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT, I HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE, BECAUSE ANOTHER VICE MAYOR FROM ANOTHER CITY WAS IMPACTED BY THIS, HAD SUGGESTED THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD DEVELOP SOME KIND OF AD HOC COMMITTEE LOOKING AT LONG-TERM. NOT RIGHT NOW, BUT LONG-TERM, HAVING SOME TYPE OF JPA, YOU KNOW, THAT MAKES IT MORE SUSTAINABLE AND ALL OF US ARE INVOLVED WITH IT AND WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ALL THIS PIECEMEAL STUFF. SO, THAT IS, LIKE, THE BIG, ZOOMING OUT BIG PICTURE, SO I HAD SUGGESTED THAT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THAT VICE MAYOR COULDN'T BE AT THAT MEETING, SO THIS WILL BE ANOTHER DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING, OR WHATEVER. SO, LONG TERM, THAT IS SOMETHING, YOU KNOW -- AND YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE. I MEAN, IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO GET UP TO SPEED ON THIS BEFORE I COULD EVEN START EDUCATING. SO, ANYWAY -- ANYONE ELSE HAVE COMMENTS, OR -- YOU GUYS ARE GREAT. YOU DESERVE AN ICE CREAM AT MIMI'S AFTER.

THANK YOU. PLEASE -- SIR, PLEASE? PLEASE? WE CAN'T HAVE YOU DISRUPTING OUR MEETING, I'M SORRY.

[INAUDIBLE - LOW VOLUME]

PLEASE, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE STEP OUT. OKAY. YOU WANT TO -- I'M SORRY, VICE MAYOR?

I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY FOR ONE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTERS THAT THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IS \$7855, AND THAT IS TO THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, WHICH ENDS JUNE 30th. SO, THAT IS THE TOTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT. I COULD MAKE A MOTION.

SURE.

OKAY, SO --

IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO HEAR YOU. I APOLOGIZE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S OUR MICROPHONES, OR WHATEVER, BUT MAYBE MOVE IT CLOSER?

SO, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH NBAS. THAT WE AWARD A THREE-MONTH INTERIM CONTRACT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY, THAT WE AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE EMERGENCY, SHORT-TERM OPTIONS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD SERVICES, IF THAT IS STILL NEEDED.

NO, YOU CAN REMOVE THAT PORTION FROM IT.

OKAY, STRIKE THAT. AUTHORIZED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO PROCESS ANIMAL LICENSES, DO WE NEED THAT?

WE DO. AND WE WOULD ALSO ADD TRANSPORTATION.

AND TRANSPORTATION. AND APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION. DID I COVER IT?

THAT IS CORRECT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

AND I WOULD SECOND THAT.

THANK YOU. SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MAURER, SECONDED BY MAYOR McLEWIS TO APPROVE AWARDING A THREE-MONTH CONTRACT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY TO PROVIDE INTERIM SERVICES FOR SHELTERING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THAT MONTH-TO-MONTH UNTIL SUCH TIME THE CITY, THE HUMANE SOCIETY, AND THE COUNTY FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. I AM AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NOTIFY THE CURRENT PROVIDER, NORTH BAY ANIMAL SERVICES, OF THE CITY'S INTENT TO TERMINATE THE EXISTING AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT, AUTHORIZING THE POLICE STAFF TO DOING THE LICENSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE ANIMALS IN THE SHORT TERM UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A CONTRACT HAS RETURNED FOR FIELD SERVICES, AND CITY STAFF WILL RETURN TO A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THESE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY INCLUDE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS A LONGER CONTRACT FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YES.

VICE MAYOR MAURER?

YES.

MAYOR McLEWIS?

YES.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

FEEL LIKE I SHOULD HAVE HIT THE GAVEL, THERE. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10. CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL AGENT FOR THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDS. ITEMS TO CONSIDER -- ONE, AUTHORIZE THE -- WHOOPS -- AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL TO SERVE AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATES IN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDS, TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE B.I.D. ORDINANCE AND CALIFORNIA LAW. ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, DECORATION OF PUBLIC PLACES IN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, PROMOTION OF PUBLIC EVENTS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FURNISHING OF MUSIC IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, PROMOTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW, THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND/OR THE CITY COUNCIL. LET'S SEE. IT SAYS, WE CAN JUST DIRECTED STAFF TO RESCIND THE PRIOR RESOLUTION AND TERMINATE THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS A FISCAL AGENT, NUMBER TWO, ESTABLISH A STANDING B.I.D. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF ONE CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY STAFF LIAISON, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. FORTIFY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, APPOINTED BY PARTICIPATING B.I.D. ASSESSED BUSINESSES OR THEIR ASSOCIATION. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT MINIMUM TWICE PER YEAR, ONCE TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND THE ANNUAL B.I.D. BUDGET FOR -- I'M SORRY, IS THERE ANY WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THAT? THAT'S VERY DISRUPTIVE. I'M SORRY. I CAN'T TOLERATE IT ANYMORE. WELL, THE FANS ARE OUT THERE, I THINK. ISN'T THAT WHERE --

WE CAN CLOSE THE DOOR.

CAN WE GET EVERYONE TO JUST PIPE DOWN A LITTLE BIT? IT'S REALLY HARD IN HERE TO CONCENTRATE. LET'S SEE. SO, WE SAID, THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT A MINIMUM TWICE PER YEAR, WANTS TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND THE ANNUAL B.I.D. BUDGET FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL, ONCE TO PREPARE AND PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARIZING GOALS, COMPLIMENTS, EXPENDITURES, AND FUND BALANCES FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR, ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS NEEDED. OR, ALTERNATIVELY, DIRECT THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO COLLABORATE DIRECTLY WITH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES ON BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, REPORTING, AND FUND USE WITHOUT FORMING A FORMAL STANDING COMMITTEE. THAT WAS A MOUTHFUL. [LAUGHTER] SO, I AM GOING TO HAND IT OVER --

THANK YOU. SO, THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS AN ASSESSMENT THAT HAS CERTAIN FUNDS THAT ARE ASSESSED ON THE BUSINESSES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AND THOSE FUNDS HAVE TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA LAW FOR THE ITEMS THAT YOU BASICALLY RAN OFF, A THROUGH CAPITAL E SO THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC PLACES, PROMOTION OF PUBLIC EVENTS, FURNISHING OF MUSIC IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROMOTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW. HISTORICALLY, ORIGINALLY, IT WAS THE CHAMBER THAT WAS DOING THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT, THEN IT WAS TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT AROUND THAT, AND THEN RECENTLY, WITH THE DEFAULT DISSOLVING OF THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, THE CITY PARTNERED BACK WITH SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF THESE FUNDS AND AS PART OF THAT,

EACH YEAR, THE CHAMBER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BRING A RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS. THOSE FUNDS ARE ABOUT \$8000 PER YEAR THAT WE GET FROM THE ASSESSMENT. SO, THE ITEMS -- SO, RECENTLY, THE CITY RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM THE CHAMBER INDICATING THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER BE THE FISCAL AGENT. SO, THE CITY CAN EITHER BECOME THE FISCAL AGENT BASED UPON WHAT YOU JUST STATED, WE CAN CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE THAT JUST THE CITY MANAGER WORKS WITH THE BUSINESSES FOR REPAIRING A BUDGET, WE COULD CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT CAN MEET A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR, AND THEN THE ONE OPTION THAT WE DID NOT INCLUDE, BUT IT DID COME TO MY ATTENTION TODAY AND THE CITY ATTORNEY HERE, AS WELL, IS WE CAN DISBAND THE BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. SO, THE CONSIDERATION TONIGHT, IS THE DIRECTION, WE WOULD TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS THEY HAVE WITHDRAWN AS A FISCAL AGENT, WE CAN CREATE A COMMITTEE WITH JUST THE CITY MANAGER AND THE BUSINESSES, WE CAN CREATE AN AD HOC WITH THE COUNCILMEMBER, OR WE CAN DISSOLVE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THAT ITEM IS BEFORE COUNCIL TONIGHT FOR CONSIDERATION.

OKAY. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN.

THANK YOU. AND SO, YES, THANK YOU TO WHICHEVER ONE OF US RAISED THE ISSUE, AND THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF JUST DISSOLVING THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. SO, ALEX, WALK US THROUGH, WHY -- WHAT WOULD BE THE DOWNSIDE OF DISMANTLING IT?

WELL, WE WOULDN'T BE -- THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS WE WOULDN'T BE COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENT ANYMORE, SO TO THE EXTENT THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT IS BEING -- YOU KNOW, IS IMPORTANT TO FUND THESE ACTIVITIES, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THAT REVENUE OR SOURCE OF REVENUE FROM THE BUSINESSES ANYMORE. IT IS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE PROCESS. YOU WOULD -- YOU KNOW, THERE IS MULTIPLE STEPS, BUT YOU JUST ADOPT -- FIRST STEP IS FOR THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING ITS INTENT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, YOU ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DISBANDING IT. WE -- YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S IN THE STAFF REPORT, WE HAVE ABOUT \$17,000 IN FUNDS. THE THOSE WOULD NEED TO BE SPENT DOWN BUT YOU CAN DETERMINE WHAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE USES A THROUGH F IN THE STAFF REPORT OF HOW YOU WANT TO SPEND THAT MONEY DOWN.

SO, YOU ARE SAYING THAT MONEY WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT BEFORE?

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SPENT BEFORE, BUT IT JUST CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT TO THOSE RESTRICTIONS.

OKAY, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I HEARD IT, BUT I DID HEAR THAT WHEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOOK THIS ON, THERE WERE SOME BACK TAX FILINGS THAT HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED. AND SO, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THAT AND IT SEEMED LIKE IF THAT WAS TRUE, THAT MADE IT A LITTLE TOUGHER FOR THEM AND THEY DIDN'T EXPECT THAT WHEN THEY TOOK THAT ON, IS THAT TRUE INFORMATION OR DID WE KNOW THERE WERE BACK TAX FILINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED?

FOR THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION? I AM AWARE THERE WAS ISSUES, I DO NOT KNOW THE SPECIFICS AS TO HOW FAR BACK THEY HAD BACK TAXES.

THAT INFORMATION, I THINK, WAS -- GO AHEAD.

ACTUALLY, WE DID RECEIVE AN EMAIL --

OH, SORRY.

-- EXPLAINING THAT SITUATION.

YEAH, IF YOU LOOK FOR THE EMAIL?

I CAN'T RECALL, I WAS JUST WONDERING BECAUSE --

WELL, SHE JUST SENT IT THE OTHER DAY, SHE DETAILED ALL OF THAT IN THERE, JUST IF YOU ARE WONDERING.

AND THAT IS A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE ASSESSMENT. THERE IS NO NEED TO FILE -- YOU KNOW -- AN ENTITY THAT EXISTS NEEDS TO FILE THEIR TAXES AND ALL OF THAT, BUT IT'S NOT A REQUIREMENT. THEY HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY EXIST, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING MONEY FROM THE --

RIGHT, IN FOLLOW-UP TO THAT QUESTION, IF ONE OF THE OPTIONS WAS WE CREATED A SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CITY TOOK THE SPEC, I ASSUME THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STRAIGHTENING THAT UP?

NO, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO FILE TAX RETURNS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, THE CITY. SO, THIS IS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER TAX REVENUE OR FEE REVENUE THE CITY GETS. WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO SPEND IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT LAW AND ON THOSE SPECIFIC PURPOSES, BUT WE DON'T NEED TO FILE ANY SORT OF TAX FILINGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

SO, THAT'S JUST UP TO THE OLD ORGANIZATION THAT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE? CORRECT.

OKAY, JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? GO AHEAD.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND HOW THAT WOULD WORK? HOW MUCH STAFF TIME DOES THAT TAKE? IS THERE ONE STAFF MEMBER, OR TWO? AND DOES THAT NEED TO GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC FOR MEMBERS? DOESN'T NEED TO COME TO THE COUNCIL? I'M JUST WONDERING ABOUT THE EFFORT.

SO, A STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WE WOULD REQUEST 4-5 MEMBERS FROM THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. WE WOULD ASK THEM, YOU KNOW, TO PROVIDE, LIKE, AN APPLICATION, LETTING US KNOW THEIR INTEREST AND WE WOULD BRING THAT TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT. SO, THERE IS THE RECRUITMENT, THERE IS THE BRINGING IT TO CITY COUNCIL, AND THEN IF YOU DO APPOINT, THERE WOULD BE, HOW MANY MEETINGS PER YEAR? HOW MUCH STAFF TIME? I WOULD ASSUME THERE WOULD BE TWO STAFF MEMBERS THAT WOULD ATTEND. ONE WOULD BE MYSELF, PROBABLY, AND THEN PROBABLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, AS SHE WOULD HAVE THE ACCOUNTING OF, YOU KNOW, THE INVOICES, YOU KNOW, THE REPAYMENT, EXPENSES, REVENUE, AND ALL OF THAT. SO, TWO STAFF MEMBERS, A COUNCILMEMBER IF IT IS A STANDING COMMITTEE, COUNCIL TIME TO APPOINT, AND THEN HOWEVER MANY MEETINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE CHOOSES TO HAVE.

GO AHEAD.

ARE THERE ANY COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION?

NO, I ALREADY SERVED ON THE BOARD.

ME, TOO.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED.

CAN -- I'M TRYING TO RECALL, WAS THIS FORMED, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON IN, LIKE, 1990 OR 1991?

CORRECT. HIS SIGNATURE IS ON --

I REMEMBERED SEEING THAT.

WE WILL GET TO THAT LATER.

OKAY.

GO AHEAD.

DOES THE CITY HAVE A METHOD FOR CONTACTING ANYONE, ALL OF THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE IN THE DISTRICT? AND IF SO, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE CITY INTERACTED WITH THESE BUSINESSES?

SO, WE DID -- LET ME REPHRASE THIS. WE DO HAVE A LIST OF BUSINESSES THAT WE COULD GO THROUGH. I BELIEVE -- CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG -- IT WAS ABOUT FOUR, FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN IT WAS UNDER THE SEBASTOPOL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION THAT THE CHAIRPERSON AT THAT TIME WALKED AROUND AND ACTUALLY VERIFIED EACH OF THOSE BUSINESSES.

THAT WAS RAY. RAY GLASER ACTUALLY WENT AROUND AND DID ALL OF THAT. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU, DO WE HAVE A METHOD IN OUR SYSTEM RIGHT NOW THAT WE CAN PULL OUT JUST THE BIA DISTRICT?

YES, WE DO.

OKAY, WE HAVE THAT, WE WOULD USE WHATEVER IS ON FILE, WE COULD SEND OUT NOTICES TO THOSE BUSINESSES.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

SO, I AM KIND OF CURIOUS, FROM YOUR POSITION, WHAT MAKES SENSE, IS IT BETTER TO HAVE AN AD HOC? DOES THIS TAKE WEIGHT OFF OF YOUR ABILITY TO DO THIS? OR, WILL

YOU BE MORE AGILE IN BEING ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS IS BETTER IF IT IS JUST RUN THROUGH THE CITY OFFICE?

SO, IT DOESN'T TAKE ANY WEIGHT OFF, EITHER WAY. IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE AN AD HOC, IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A CITY MANAGER WORK WITH THE BUSINESSES. IF IT IS THE CITY MANAGER, THEN YOU WOULD WANT ALL BUSINESSES TO HAVE INPUT. SO, UNLESS THOSE BUSINESSES DIRECT, YOU KNOW, CERTAIN MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF THAT MEETING. AN AD HOC WOULD BE THE SAME WAY. WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT IS AN OPEN MEETING, IF IT IS IN STANDING COMMITTEE, IT WOULD BE OPEN MEETING TO ALL THOSE BUSINESSES WOULD HAVE TO BE THERE, TOO. HAVING A STANDING MEETING IS A LOT MORE ISSUES BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DO AGENDAS AND, YOU KNOW, GET THE INFORMATION OUT THAT WAY. HAVING JUST A CITY MANAGER WORKING WITH THEM DOESN'T TAKE THE WEIGHT OFF, IT'S JUST BASICALLY, YOU ARE STILL GOING TO MEET WITH THE BUSINESSES OF UNLESS THEY HAVE A VOTE THAT'S A CERTAIN PEOPLE WILL BE REPRESENTING THE BUSINESSES AND I WILL BE WORKING WITH THEM TO CREATE THE BUDGET.

OKAY, BECAUSE ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS -- YOU KNOW, THINKING FIVE YEARS OUT, WHAT IS THE LONGEVITY OF A CERTAIN SITUATION? AD HOC ISN'T NECESSARILY COMPACT IN TIME. THE CITY MANAGER, IT DEPENDS ON THE CITY MANAGER, HOW ENGAGED THEY ARE, BUT THEN YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN KEEPING UP WITH YOU, THERE IS A LITTLE BIT MORE DEPENDENCE ON THE BUSINESSES, THEMSELVES. IF THERE IS A CITY COUNCIL PERSON THAT IS INVOLVED, THAT CITY COUNCIL PERSON CAN TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOING IT. SO, THEN, MAYBE AN AD HOC KIND OF MAKES SENSE? BUT, I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN FEEL A LITTLE LESS FRICTION THERE, AND ACTUALLY MORE OF A PART OF THIS, SO THEY CAN FEEL ENGAGED?

SO, THE -- SO, WHEN I SAY, "AD HOC," AND TALKING A STANDING COMMITTEE BECAUSE THERE IS A COUNCIL MEMBER ON THE THAT WE ARE POINTING IS A STANDING COMMITTEE, SO IT'S NOT AN AD HOC. SO, IT WOULD -- AGAIN, DOESN'T TAKE THE WEIGHT OFF OF CITY STAFF BECAUSE WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE AGENDAS, WE WILL STILL HAVE TO DO THE MEETINGS, WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE POSTINGS, WE STILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE ALL OF THE BUSINESSES ARE, YOU KNOW, NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS. SO, IF A COUNCILMEMBER HAS THE TIME AND THEY WANT TO TAKE OFF PART OF THAT, THAT IS FINE, BUT AGAIN, TWO, THREE, FOUR YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, NEW COUNCILMEMBERS, WE DON'T KNOW IF YOU WILL HAVE THOSE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON MEETING WITH THE BUSINESSES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, SO I CAN'T SAY WHAT IT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE TWO OR THREE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. I CAN PROBABLY SAY WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS, WE CAN PROBABLY DO IT WITH A STANDING COMMITTEE, BUT AFTER THAT, I CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING.

OKAY.

SORRY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OH, GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR.

SO, WHAT DOES A TYPICAL BUSINESS PAY, PER YEAR, AS THE ASSESSMENT? THE ASSESSMENT FEE, WHAT IS THE AVERAGE ASSESSMENT FEE?

THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS THAT IS 50% AND CERTAIN AREA ACCESSED 20% SO IT DEPENDS IF A CERTAIN BUSINESS FALLS IN CERTAIN AREA OF THE MAP. THE FEE IS, IF IT IS A GENERAL BUSINESS AND IT IS ZERO, OR ONE, TWO, THREE, THEN IT IS 90 -- DON'T QUOTE ME ON THIS -- IT IS, LIKE, \$90. AND IF IT IS 50%, THEN YOU WOULD JUST TAKE THAT, TIMES 50%. SO, THEY PAY THE REGULAR LICENSE, PLUS THE 50% OR THE 25%. AND THEN, THE STATE FEES.

SO, IS THAT -- SO, IT WOULD BE ANYWHERE -- SO, 25% OF THAT WOULD THEN BE \$22.50? YES.

SO, IT WOULD BE BETWEEN \$22.50 AND \$90 PER BUSINESS?

YES, PER BUSINESS.

AND HOW MANY BUSINESSES ARE THERE?

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY BUSINESSES IN THAT CORRIDOR OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. I WILL SAY, \$22 AND SOMETHING.

OKAY. AND THEN, WERE THE BUSINESSES IN THIS DISTRICT, WHERE THEY ADVISED OF THIS MEETING, WHERE WE WOULD BE MAKING THESE DECISIONS?

I CAN TELL YOU THAT NO EMAILS CAME TO MY BUSINESS. THE EMAILS HAVE BEEN VERY DISPARATE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

THANK YOU.

OKAY. SORRY. I AM, LIKE, LOOKING AROUND FOR SOMEONE ELSE. DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY? OKAY. SO, IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, THEN WE CAN GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, THERE IS A TWO MINUTE TIME LIMIT AND I WILL COME INTO CHAMBERS, FIRST.

HI, I AM JEN. I AM ONE OF THE OWNERS OF GATHER. AND I HAVE BEEN SERVING ON THE KIND OF INTERIM DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE, ATTEMPTING TO HELP SHEPHERD THIS THROUGH. SO, I MET WITH MARY AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, AND MY SUGGESTION IS THAT -- MY SUGGESTION WAS TO HAVE CITY COUNCIL TAKE THIS ON AND SET UP A SUBCOMMITTEE TO HELP CREATE A BETTER WAY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN SEBASTOPOL AND CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE REGULAR DIALOGUE AROUND WHAT THE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESSES ARE IN THIS TOWN AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL COMMUNICATING TO ALIGN OURSELVES TO THE SAME GOALS. AND SO, THAT IS WHY I THINK IT WOULD BE A REALLY BENEFICIAL CHANGE TO HAVE THE CITY COUNCIL INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS, TO DO IT, PROVIDES OVERSIGHT FOR THESE FUNDS. I KNOW WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF MONEY, BUT WHAT I CAN TELL YOU THIS YEAR WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THOSE FUNDS, WAS AN ADVERTISEMENT IN SONOMA COUNTY VISITORS GUIDE THAT ADVERTISES SEBASTOPOL, THE TOWN OF SEBASTOPOL, AND WE HAD 10 MERCHANTS DOWNTOWN PARTICIPATING. WE REACHED OUT TO EVERYONE, AND OFFERED, 10 PEOPLE RESPONDED, HAD 10 DIFFERENT BUSINESSES RESPOND. THESE FUNDS HELP SUBSIDIZE THEIR PARTICIPATION, SO THAT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL, WHICH WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU, SO YOU GUYS CAN KIND OF SEE IT COMING OUT THIS MONTH. YOU KNOW, THERE IS A BIG EVENT TO LAUNCH THE NEW GUIDE AND THEY HAVE DONE IT, A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE SEEN THE NAPA VALLEY GUIDE. IT IS BEAUTIFUL. SONOMA COUNTY HAS TAKEN ON THAT SAME LAYOUT, AND CHANGED IT TO BE MUCH MORE MODERN AND APPROACHABLE GUIDE. SO, I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO BE REALLY HAPPY WHEN YOU SEE IT.

JEN, YOU HAD ABOUT 15 SECONDS.

THE OTHER THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT THE REASON WE ARE ASKING YOU GUYS TO TAKE THIS OVER IS BECAUSE THIS ORGANIZATION CANNOT FUND ITS OWN OPERATIONS. LIKE, THERE IS NO FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ADMINSTRATE IT, AND THAT IS WHY THE PREVIOUS NONPROFIT WAS DEFUNCT POINT HE MET JEN, --

JEN, THAT IS YOUR TWO MINUTES. I AM SORRY, YOUR TIME IS UP, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. OLIVER, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

UNMUTED AND I CAN SEE THE TIMER.

THANK YOU!

YEAH. I THINK THE FACT THAT I DIDN'T SEE ANY HANDS UP FROM BUSINESS OWNERS, THE LADY FROM THE WONDERFUL GATHER SHOP, THAT WAS VERY ELOQUENT. BUT, MY FEELING IS, THEY HAVE SHOWN UP FOR THIS MEETING TO ARGUE FOR THIS, FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESSES, WHETHER THE LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS DON'T ACTUALLY LIVE IN CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AND I JUST FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE THING IS COMPLETELY OBSOLETE AT THIS POINT. WE SHOULD BE REALLY REINVENTING ALL OF THIS STUFF FROM THE GROUND UP AND PARTICULARLY THE BUSINESSES THEMSELVES SHOULD BE, OR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I MEAN, WE LIVE IN A SOCIAL MEDIA ERA, AND I JUST FEEL THAT THIS IS SOMETHING FROM THE 1990s, OR SOMETHING, THAT PROBABLY NEEDS TO GO AWAY AND BE RECONSTITUTED. I KNOW THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKED REALLY HARD AND THAT IS GREAT, BUT MY FIRST POINT, THERE IS NOBODY HERE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE GOING FOR THIS, WHICH IS VERY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A BIG SIGN THAT THIS THING IS DYING ON ITS FEET, OR HAS DIED. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, OLIVER, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS?

ALL RIGHT. I AM NOT SURE THIS IS DOUBLE DIPPING, BUT I AM AARON, THE OTHER CO-OWNER OF GATHER, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN TRYING TO HELP SHEPHERD THROUGH SOME OF THIS STUFF. AND I THINK, AS AN OWNER OF A NEW SHOP DOWNTOWN, IT'S REALLY -- IT'S HARD TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MARKET THE DOWNTOWN IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MONEY STAY AND BE USED AND, LIKE, OTHER BUSINESS OWNERS, THERE IS NOT REALLY A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING OUR BEST TO SCRAMBLE AND GO WALK INTO STORES TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED, BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO STREAMLINE HOW WE CAN COMMUNICATE. AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO IT, YET. WE JUST US THE BUSINESS OWNERS TO VOLUNTEER TO DO THIS, SO IF THE CITY IS COLLECTING MONEY, LIKE, WE COULD DO THIS, WE HAD A GREAT ADVERTISEMENT, AND YOU GUYS CAN COME SEE IT. BUT, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO DO MORE CONSOLIDATED EFFORTS AROUND SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, DO A SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE, BUT RIGHT NOW, WE -- IT IS HARD TO ACCESS THE MONEY, IT IS HARD TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE DOWNTOWN, THEY HAVE AN EXQUISITE MARKETING, OF THEIR KIND OF -- I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE REST OF THE TOWN OF SEBASTOPOL LIKE IT AND DO THAT, AS WELL. AS A CITY, WE ARE NOT DOING BIG MARKETING CAMPAIGNS LIKE VISIT PETALUMA OR SOME BIG TOURS OF CAMPAIGNS AND THIS IS HOW WE CAN DO IT, WITH THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION. I THINK IT WOULD BE REMISS TO TELL, LIKE, TAKE THAT MONEY AWAY. LIKE, WE ARE BOTH HAPPY TO VOLUNTEER OUR TIME TO DO THIS, AND I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT STAY, SOMEHOW, AND THEN FIGURE OUT A WAY, LIKE, GET SOME HELP ON HOW TO DO THE OVERSIGHT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YEP.

THANK YOU. DO YOU SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN, THANK YOU.

GREAT, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I THINK THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT I MADE LIKE FOUR YEARS AGO HAD TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT SALES TAX BASE IN THIS CITY HAD BEEN DECLINING FOR THREE YEARS IN A ROW AND SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE AND I HAVE MADE COMMENTS PROBABLY FIVE TIMES A YEAR, SIX TIMES A YEAR, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO WORK WITH BUSINESSES AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GROW THE REVENUE BASE FOR THE CITY, WHICH COMES LARGELY FROM SALES TAX. AND IT IS FOUR YEARS LATER, AND IT IS LARGELY STILL DECLINING. IT DOESN'T SHOW UP AS WELL NOW BECAUSE OF THE NEW MEASURE U MONEY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE RICH IN SALES TAXES WONDERFUL, BUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, YOU WILL SEE IT FLAT TO DECLINING AGAIN, I THINK. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE TWO LADIES FROM GATHER. THEY CLEARLY HAVE A VISION FOR WHAT COULD BE DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL, IF THE BUSINESS FOLKS IN THE CITY COULD GET TOGETHER. IT WAS DISTURBING TO FIND THAT THE CITY DOESN'T KNOW HOW MANY BUSINESSES THERE ARE, WHO THEY ARE, WE DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE A CURRENT LIST OF WHO THEY ARE. OBVIOUSLY, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE IN FOUR YEARS TO HELP BRING THE CITY AND BUSINESSES CLOSER TOGETHER AND THAT IS FRUSTRATING. ANOTHER SIDE NOTE, THE LADY FROM GALLY WAS TALKING ABOUT VOTING AT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND HOW DO WE DO THAT? I WAS IN CARMELLA LAST WEEK, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE ALL OVER THE CITY? THEY HAVE THESE LOVELY DISPLAYS WITH TEAROFF MAPS, THEY SHOW THE CITY'S RESTAURANTS, DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO PRINT, DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO DO. I CAME BACK HERE, WENT TO A COUPLE OF HOTELS AND LOOKED AT TOURIST BROCHURES. THERE IS SONOMA HAS ONE, HILLSBORO HAS ONE, WINDSOR HAS ONE, YOU KNOW THERE IS NOTHING THERE ABOUT SEBASTOPOL? AGAIN, WE DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT WHAT WE GOT, SO NOBODY COMES. ALL OF THAT CAN BE FIXED. IT JUST TAKES A LITTLE BIT OF COORDINATION AND WORK, AND SOME CREATIVE PEOPLE LIKE THE TWO LATEST FROM GATHER. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ROBERT, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL GO BACK TO CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEE NONE. GOING BACK TO ZOOM, MARIAH, IF YOU COULD UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

HI, THIS IS ACTUALLY ANDREA KAREN, I AM AT A MEETING HERE IN THE CHAMBER AND I AM LISTENING TO EVERYTHING AND I JUST THINK THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, PHILL CARTER, THANK YOU, HAS REALLY TRIED, IN THE PAST YEAR, TO GET BUSINESSES TO COME TOGETHER AND TO TALK. AND TO ME, BEING A BUSINESS OWNER OF SILK MOON, I CAN TELL YOU THAT MANY, MANY EMAILS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, DO -- DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES RIGHT NOW, IT IS VERY HARD FOR THE MERCHANTS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. SO, I CONCUR THAT I REALLY DO THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF THE CITY TOOK OVER IT AND WE DID HAVE, THEN, SOME MEETINGS THAT WERE SCHEDULED, SETTLED SO THAT MERCHANTS WHO CARED AND PUT IN THE TIME TO PUT THEIR INPUT IN. BUT, BEING A BUSINESS OWNER NOW FOR 13 YEARS AND WORKING 16 YEARS IN DOWNTOWN, I THINK THE -- THE REASONS AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE MERCHANTS ARE JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO, AND AARON, AND JEN HAS BEEN GREAT, TOO, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY SPEARHEAD A LOT OF THINGS, BUT THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF HISTORY THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT, AND I REALLY FEEL, AT THIS POINT, THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT ALL OF THE MERCHANTS, AND THE DOWNTOWN, TO HAVE REPRESENTATION WITH THE CITY, SO THAT WE ACTUALLY COULD GET THINGS DONE AND BECAUSE THE MONEY IS, UNFORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, ABOUT \$8000-\$9000, WE REALLY DO NEED TO WORK WITH THE CITY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO WORK BY OURSELVES, AND AS FAR AS -- I MEAN, AS FAR AS HOTELS AND STUFF, WE HAVE ONE HOTEL. SO, REALLY, THE CHAMBER HAS COME UP WITH MANY, MANY THINGS THAT DO TELL PEOPLE WHAT IS GOING ON. SO, WE DO NEED MORE COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY, SO THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY MEET ALL OF OUR GOALS.

THANK YOU, ANDREA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE IS ANYONE ON CHAMBERS? SEEING NONE. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE IS ANYONE ONE ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, VIRTUALLY. SEE NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED AND BEFORE WE BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION, CITY ATTORNEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.

THANK YOU, MARY. ANOTHER OPTION FOR THE COUNCIL -- OH, EXCUSE ME. ANOTHER OPTION FOR THE COUNCIL IS, THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE, A, A PERMANENT DECISION, OR A FORMAL PROCESS, RIGHT? THIS IS MONEY THAT WILL BE IN THE BUDGET, AND, YOU KNOW, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THERE IS A FORMAL ORGANIZATION OR FORMAL COMMITTEE, THE COULD JUST BE MONEY IN THE BUDGET THAT, MAYBE THE CHAMBER HAS AN IDEA AND MAYBE THEY BRING IT TO ONE OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS, HEY, WE WANT TO SPEND \$5000 ON X, THAT WILL BENEFIT DOWNTOWN. THAT GETS BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL, THROUGH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND THEN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVES SPENDING THAT MONEY ON THAT PARTICULAR EVENT OR IDEA WITHOUT HAVING A FULL, LIKE, ONCE A YEAR, WE COME TOGETHER, AND WE MAKE A PLAN. I MEAN, THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING DOWN THE LINE, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE, RIGHT NOW, WE ARE NOT AT THAT PLACE AND IF THERE IS INTEREST IN HAVING THIS CONTINUE, IT COULD JUST BE HAVING MONEY THAT IS COLLECTED IN THERE, AND AS THE COUNCIL FINDS REASONS, OR PURPOSES TO SPEND IT ON, IT GETS ALLOCATED.

SO, I HAVE A QUESTION, I'M GOING TO JUMP IN JUST BECAUSE IT IS A QUESTION AND I REGRET THAT I DIDN'T ASK THIS BEFORE, IS IT POSSIBLE TO ACTUALLY UTILIZE THIS MONEY IF THE CITY HAD IT -- BECAUSE WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOKOTO TOURISM, AND WE HAVE A VISITOR CENTER HERE THAT IS CONNECTED TO OUR VISITOR CENTER, WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE COUNTY AND IN THE PAST WHEN I WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CHAMBER WE ACTUALLY HAD A BROCHURE, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH THAT OR ANY OF THAT SINCE THEN WONDERING, CAN THAT -- CAN THE -- COULD WE UTILIZE THAT MONEY WITH IT?

SO, THE MONEY --

-- WITH THE WAY IT --

THE MONEY GOES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN.

I UNDERSTAND.

SO, MARKETING ISN'T SOMETHING IT IS ALLOWED ON. IF WE, YOU KNOW, PUT TOGETHER A VISIT SEBASTOPOL OR, YOU KNOW, THINGS, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO FIGURE

OUT, HOW MUCH OF THIS IS BENEFITING DOWNTOWN TO BE PAYING FOR BY THE BIA AND MAYBE SOME PORTION WOULD BE PAID FROM OTHER FUNDS, YOU KNOW?

SO, IT COULD BE, IN ESSENCE, UTILIZED FOR THAT, BECAUSE EVERY TIME I FLY INTO THE AIRPORT, I SEE EVERY CITY BUT OURS, ANYWAY.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

SO, I WANTED TO KICK IT OFF BECAUSE I HAVE A LONG HISTORY, OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE I HELPED PUT IT TOGETHER IN 1990 AND THERE WAS A MOMENT IN TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID THAT I GOT A BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN, SO I DO HAVE SOME BACKGROUND. I AM SUPPORTING HAVING THE CITY TAKE IT ON, AND I AM WILLING, AS A COUNCILMEMBER, TO BE THE LIAISON FOR THIS. IT WAS -- IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO PUT THESE TOGETHER, AND IT COULD BE VERY EASY TO PULL IT APART. I DON'T KNOW WHY I AM GETTING SO MUCH FEEDBACK. I BELIEVE THERE IS ABOUT 225 -- I THINK I DID THE MATH -- MEMBERS -- 225, THAT ARE PAYING THE EXTRA FEE. IT IS BETWEEN \$22 AND MAYBE \$50, ON AVERAGE, PER MONTH, AN EXTRA LICENSE FEE, AND I AGREE WITH THE SPEAKER THAT SAID, THEY JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE A COORDINATOR AND BUSINESSES ARE TOO BUSY TO PULL IT TOGETHER. BUT, IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT OF A THING TO DO, TO PUT TOGETHER A LITTLE MARKETING BUDGET. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE OLD-SCHOOL -- SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL IS A WAY TO MARKET, THAT THESE FUNDS CAN BE SPENT ON, IF THAT IS THE WAY, THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE. AND I BELIEVE, WHAT WAS MOST POPULAR, WAS THE CO-OP. SO, YOU DO A CO-OP, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT THEY DID IN THIS MAGAZINE, THE ASSOCIATION PAYS SOME SORT OF BASE FEE TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT REALLY DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN MARKETING BUDGETS, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT INDIVIDUALLY, SO THEY DO EVENTS AS A GROUP. THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK, WHEN COUNCILMEMBER CARL HOCKEY WAS ON THE COUNCIL TO EXPAND THIS BUSINESS DISTRICT AND INCLUDE A BROADER TERRITORY, WITH MORE BUSINESSES, SO THAT THEY CAN APPROVE A BIGGER POT OF MONEY, AND THAT WAS JUST -- WE NEVER GOT ANYWHERE WITH IT, BECAUSE WE JUST COULDN'T PULL IT TOGETHER, BUT THERE WAS SOME TALK OF THAT, SO I AM SUPPORTING THE OPTION TO HAVE THIS NEXT PHASE BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY. IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT IS WHAT SOME BUSINESS MEMBERS WANT AND I DON'T WANT TO DISSOLVE IT TONIGHT, SO I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THAT OPTION.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO PUT THIS IN ECONOMIC GARDENING? BECAUSE THIS KIND OF FITS.

IT'S NOT -- ECONOMIC GARDENING IS CITYWIDE. WE HAVE TO BE SPECIFIC TO THOSE BUSINESSES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. I HAD ANOTHER THOUGHT, IF YOU COULD ENTERTAIN ME FOR A SECOND.

NO, JUST KIDDING! PLEASE TALK.

ANOTHER OPTION, TOO, AS WELL, IF WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THE DISTRICT, WE COULD DO -- COULD WE DO IT -- AND THIS IS A QUESTION FOR MY CITY ATTORNEY -- COULD WE DO IT THROUGH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE PROCESS? SO, LIKE HOW WE DO ENTERPRISE FUNDS ONE MEETING, GENERAL FUND ENTERPRISE, COULD WE DO ONE MEETING THAT IS SPECIFIC TO BUSINESS ASSESSMENT FUNDS? AND IT IS A PUBLIC MEETING. WE HAVE A COMMITTEE. OR, WE COULD DO A NEW COMMITTEE. I MEAN, I AM JUST TRYING TO SEE IF THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS, OR IF THERE ARE OTHER -- IS THAT AN OPTION?

YES, YES.

OKAY, SO --

THAT OPTION -- LET ME JUST REPEAT THAT OPTION, JUST SO I UNDERSTAND IT. YOU ARE SAYING, HOW WOULD ONE -- HOW WOULD WE GET AN IMPACT FROM THE BUSINESSES, COLLECT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO TO BRING IT TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, EVEN THOUGH THE BUDGET -- ALREADY SAYING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS OPEN, SO THEY COULD JUST SHOW UP AND SAY, USE THIS.

I HEAR YOU. I COULDN'T EVEN HEAR YOU AND I'M SITTING NEXT TO YOU.

THANK YOU. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS A STANDING COMMITTEE, IT IS AN OPEN MEETING. WE COULD MAKE IT FOR THAT -- IF THE COUNCIL WANTED TO GO IN THAT DIRECTION, WE CAN HAVE STAFF SEND OUT A DEDICATED EMAIL THAT SAYS, "THIS MEETING FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSING BIA FUNDS IN MIAMI, THAT'S

AN OPTION. ANOTHER OPTION IS TO HAVE A COUNCILMEMBER DEDICATED AS A STANDING COMMITTEE, YOU KNOW, TO MAYBE HAVE JUST TWO OR THREE MEETINGS IN A YEAR. ONE WOULD BE TO CREATE THE BUDGET, BRING IT TO COUNCIL, AND THEN DO A RECONCILIATION ON THE LAST MEETING.

I WAS THINKING, LIKE, THE MOST EFFICIENT THING WOULD BE TO DO -- BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE SAID TO BRING IT TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, BUT ONE OF THE COUNCIL PEOPLE, NO MATTER WHO IT MIGHT BE, CAN DO A LOT OF THE ORGANIZING BEFORE HAND, SO THAT IT WAS PRETTY WELL PUT TOGETHER BY THE TIME IT CAME TO THE BUDGET.

IF WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT OPTION, I FEEL LIKE IT NEEDS TO BE ONE OR THE OTHER, BECAUSE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS TWO COUNCILMEMBERS, SO IF ANOTHER COUNCILMEMBERS INVOLVED, I DON'T THINK -- RIGHT? I AM REALLY INTO THE CITY ATTORNEY, HERE.

RIGHT, IF A THIRD COUNCIL MEMBERS INVOLVED, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

OKAY. WE HAVE SOMEONE ELSE -- VICE MAYOR MAURER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.

SO, WE COULD ALSO APPOINT A LIAISON TO THIS DISTRICT, AND THEN THEY COULD MEET WITH FOUR OR FIVE OF THEIR MEMBERS, THE CITY MANAGER, AND THAT LIAISON COULD MEET, INSTEAD OF CREATING A NEW COMMITTEE? I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF A NEW COMMITTEE. SO, IF THERE IS A WAY WE CAN WORK AROUND THAT, WHETHER IT IS GOING TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THAT IS OKAY, WHETHER IT IS HAVING A LIAISON THAT WORKS WITH THE CITY MANAGER, AND THE DISTRICT MEMBERS, THAT WOULD BE OKAY, TOO.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YEAH, NO, I AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE DISCUSSION, HAVING SERVED ON THE CHAMBER BOARD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. ALL I HEARD WAS, THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES. BUT, THEN, WHAT ABOUT OUR BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT DOWNTOWN? IT'S LIKE, IT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN ONGOING THING. SO, PROBABLY HAVING SOME CITY COUNCIL, CITY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO HELP NAVIGATE WHAT A GENERAL THING WOULD BE TO HELP NAVIGATE THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND ALL THE OTHER BUSINESSES, WOULD PROBABLY BE GREAT. AND, I THINK, GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE ARE ALL GOING IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, TOO, AND WE HAVE LIMITED STAFF, I LIKE THE IDEA OF JUST DOING THE BUDGET, GOING THROUGH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, AS MARY HAD SUGGESTED, AND JUST HAVING ONE MEETING PER YEAR DESIGNATED FOR THE B.I.D. FUND ISSUE. SO, MY THOUGHTS.

ALL RIGHT, SO, I'M GOING TO WEIGH IN, HERE. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS FOR AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS, IF NOT MORE, THROUGH THE CHAMBER, RUNNING THE CHAMBER, AND THEN ON THE BOARD FOR THE SCA, HAVING A BUSINESS IN THIS DISTRICT. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AND I HAVE WATCHED IT FLOURISH, AND I HAVE WATCHED IT FLOUNDER, AND I HAVE LISTENED TO ALL THE BUSINESS OWNERS SAY HOW CUMBERSOME IT IS, AND THE FRUSTRATION EVERY YEAR SURROUNDING DECLARATIONS. I MEAN, I COULD JUST GO ON AND ON, I HAVE A LOT OF HISTORY, RECENT HISTORY WITH ALL OF THIS. SO, MY CONCERN, IS THAT THIS IS, LIKE -- WHAT I HAVE SEEN, IT IS BETWEEN \$7000 AND \$9000. IT'S NOT A LOT OF MONEY. MY CONCERN IS, I DON'T WANT TO SEE ALL KINDS OF COMMITTEES DISCUSSING THAT, BECAUSE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DON'T SEE HOW IT MOVES THE NEEDLE A LOT. THIS JUST FORMED, YOU KNOW, QUITE A LONG TIME AGO BEFORE SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANY DIFFERENT WAYS FOR BUSINESSES TO ADVERTISE. SO, I STRUGGLE WITH, JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOMETHING FOR SO LONG, DOES THAT MEAN IT NEEDS TO REMAIN? OR, CAN WE THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, AND WHAT CAN WE DO -- DOES IT WORK? DOESN'T IT WORK? DOES IT NEED TO CONTINUE? AND FOR ME, I THINK -- I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF A COMMITTEE AT ALL AND MAKING THIS VERY CONVOLUTED FOR \$9000 AND I AM NOT SAYING THAT IS NOT SIGNIFICANT, I JUST KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, LIKE, EVEN WITH IT SUBSIDIZING SOME OF THESE ADS, I, PERSONALLY, IN MY SMALL BUSINESS, STILL CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR AN AD THAT WAS THERE, I JUST COULDN'T. SO, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUSINESSES, WHO PAY INTO THIS, WHO DON'T REALLY RECOGNIZE MUCH FROM IT, AND ALSO, WE HEAR A LOT OF TALK ABOUT MAINSTREAM BUT THIS

DOESN'T JUST INCLUDE MAIN STREET. PEOPLE DON'T TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS GOES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO GRAB AN STIAN STATION AND THE BUSINESSES THERE, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE BUSINESS IS DOWN THERE DO NOT FEEL LIKE THEY ARE ACTUALLY PART OF THE SDA, EVEN THOUGH EVERYBODY PAYS INTO IT, SO THERE IS JUST A LOT OF DIFFERENT FACETS TO THIS THAT I FIND FRUSTRATING. WHEN I CAME IN HERE, I THOUGHT, I'M READY TO BE DONE WITH THIS BECAUSE OUT WITH THE OLD, PERHAPS IN WITH THE NEW, BECAUSE WE HAD SOMETHING FOR SO LONG, DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO CONTINUE IT. AGAIN, WE ALL HAD MARKETING AT OUR FINGERTIPS, ON OUR PHONES, AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I MEAN, THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, IS THERE A WAY FOR US -- I, PERSONALLY, DON'T WANT TO SEE CITY STAFF SPENDING A LOT OF TIME ON THIS. I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH AND MANAGING ALL OF THE BUSINESSES, AND I THINK THIS CASE SEEMS VERY CUMBERSOME. I AM OKAY IF WE HAVE SOME WAY TO FUNNEL THIS AND UTILIZE IT TOWARD THE EXPERTS, LIKE SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM OR SOME WAY AND UTILIZE IT TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE THAT WAY. I KNOW THOSE OTHER CITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, DESTINATION THEY HAVE A WAY THEY CAN DO IT, IT IS VERY EFFECTIVE, I WORKED WITH THEM WHEN I RAN A NONPROFIT IN TIBURON AND THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IT RIGHT, HERE. I'M TEETERING BETWEEN NOT SUPPORTING ANY OF THIS AND IS THERE A VERY SIMPLE WAY FOR US TO UTILIZE THIS MONEY, PUT IT TOWARD THE EXPERTS WHO CAN ACTUALLY MARKET SEBASTOPOL? BECAUSE EVERY TIME I FLY INTO THAT DARN AIRPORT AND ALL I SEE IS EVERY OTHER CITY ADVERTISING THERE EXCEPT FOR SEBASTOPOL ON ALL OF THOSE SCREENS, I JUST WONDER, YOU KNOW, IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO USE THAT MORE EFFECTIVELY, THAT WAY? AND LIKE I SAID, HAVING RUN THE VISITORS CENTER BEFORE, I JUST -- I KNOW THERE ARE WAYS TO DO IT, AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY, AND WORK WITH TOURISM, AND TO ME, THAT SEEMS LIKE A BETTER USE OF FUNDS FOR ALL OF OUR BUSINESS IS TO GET PEOPLE HERE, VERSUS HAVING ALL OF THESE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS. AND I KNOW I AM TALKING A LOT, BUT I JUST -- I HAVE HAD A LOT OF THOUGHTS ON THIS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT FOR SO LONG, SO I AM REALLY TORN, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW -- YOU KNOW, FROM A -- YOU KNOW, FOR OUR INTERIM CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, IS THERE A WAY TO WORK WITH TOURISM? I KNOW I ALREADY ASKED THAT QUESTION, BUT, LIKE, TRULY, TRULY DO THAT AND MOVE THE NEEDLE, VERSUS SPENDING \$9000 MORE ON SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T REALLY, YOU KNOW -- HELP ALL THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE IN IT.

THE ONLY WAY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT IS MAKE SURE THOSE FUNDS BENEFIT THOSE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES. SO, IT HAS TO BE THE SPECIFIC -- SORRY -- I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING CRAWLING OVER HERE. [LAUGHTER] IS SPECIFIC TO THAT. I WILL LET ALEX GO INTO MORE --

I WILL SAY, CERTAINLY, WE COULD SPEND THE MONEY FOR THOSE PURPOSES, RIGHT? MAYBE A SIGN SAYS, "VISIT DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL." I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THOSE ADVERTISEMENTS COST. IS \$8000 GOING TO COVER THE FULL AMOUNT, OR NOT? HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE HAVE THAT GOES THROUGH TO TOURISM, RIGHT NOW, FOR TOURISM, DO WE KNOW?

SORRY, I DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW.

I'M SORRY, AND I SHOULD HAVE ASKED THIS BEFORE, BUT AS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS, THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATING.

SURE -- ACTUALLY, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON HAD HER HAND UP, FIRST.

SO, I WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF THE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE TAKING THIS ON, VERSUS DISSOLVE THIS TONIGHT AND SEE HOW THIS GOES. IF YOU THINK WE COULD, IF WE WANTED TO, THE DOWNTOWN COULD WORK JUST LIKE THEY HAVE WITH THE MAGAZINE, ON A CO-OP BASIS WITH THE TOURISM BUREAU AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BROUGHT UP A MAP. SO, THOSE BUSINESSES COULD BE ON A MAP IN A BIGGER PUBLICATION, IF THAT'S WHAT WAS -- IF THAT IS WHAT IS DECIDED AMONGST. AND I DID WANT TO SAY, I DID HEAR FROM ANOTHER MERCHANT ON THIS ISSUE -- WHO IS NOT SPEAKING TONIGHT -- WHO DOES NOT WANT TO DISSOLVE IT. SO, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE PEOPLE HERE, I THINK THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAT AREN'T INTERESTED IN ENDING IT AT THIS STAGE IN THE GAME FOR THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.

IT WAS ALSO KIND OF COMPETING AGAINST THE BAR LOW. I JUST WANTED TO SAY. SO, THIS IS THE ONLY MECHANISM THEY HAVE TO TRY TO GROUP TOGETHER.

AND JUST SO THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE, IF YOU ARE NOT, SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM ACTUALLY HAS AN APP THAT IS A MAP AND YOU CAN GO IN AND LOOK UP ALL SEBASTOPOL BUSINESSES AND MAP OUT YOUR VISIT AND ALL OF THAT. I AM JUST LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT IS OUT THERE, IN CASE THEY DON'T KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW.

GO AHEAD.

OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TAKING THIS ON, AND THEN MAYBE, WE COULD HAVE, LIKE, BEFORE, LIKE, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARS FROM THE BUSINESSES, MAYBE PRIOR, WE JUST, LIKE, SOMEHOW HOLD A MEETING OR SEND OUT A SURVEY OF WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR, SOMEHOW COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, SO THAT, YOU KNOW -- OR, FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT THEY CAN ORGANIZE THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY CAN COME IN, BUT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE SOUNDS LIKE THE MOST REASONABLE THING TO DO. AND THEN, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? SO, IF WE HEAR THEM,, WE HAVE THAT POCKET OF MONEY OF LIKE \$9000 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY COME IN AND HAND US A SHEET THAT SAYS, WE WOULD LIKE \$7000 FOR THIS, YADA YADA, OR WHATEVER, BUT I DO THINK IT IS VITAL THAT BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO COOPERATE AND PUT MONEY TOGETHER FOR LARGER THINGS. IT'S REALLY BRUTAL FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING --

I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR BUDGETING COMMITTEE NOW BEING OUR MARKETING COMMITTEE AND DECIDING --

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

NO, NO, NO. THEY WOULD BRING IT TO US SO WE WOULD NOT BE THE --

WHO IS "THEY"?

THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

WHO? BECAUSE I WILL TELL YOU THERE IS NOT A DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION ANYMORE. AS ONE OF THE BUSINESSES IN THERE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT IS PLENTY TO GET BUSINESSES TOGETHER TO TRY TO DO THIS. I'M JUST TELLING YOU FROM MY EXPERIENCE BEING ON THAT COMMITTEE, AND PAYING INTO THAT, IT IS CHALLENGING, TO GET PEOPLE --

I DO KNOW THAT IS CHALLENGING.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

I COUNCILMEMBER MAUER HAD HER HAND UP, TOO, I DON'T WANT TO JUMP IN FRONT. THANK YOU. SO, MY CONCERN WITH HAVING IT COME TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, IS SOMETHING THE MAYOR JUST SAID IS, WELL, WHO IS THEY? WHO IS GOING TO BRING IT? IS THIS GROUP ORGANIZED ENOUGH TO BRING AN IDEA TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE? BECAUSE I DON'T SUPPORT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FIGURING OUT WHAT THEY NEED. THAT MAKES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE LIAISONS TO THE GROUP AND I WASN'T VOLUNTEERING FOR THAT. BUT, IF THEY FEEL THAT THERE IS ENOUGH ORGANIZATION THAT THEY COULD BRING AN AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO ASK IF WE CAN APPROVE SOMETHING, THAT IS FINE WITH ME, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST CIRCLE BACK WITH THIS NEXT YEAR, SO MAYBE, ONE OR TWO TIMES A YEAR, YOU CAN MAKE THAT PROPOSAL, WE COULD LOOK IT OVER, AND BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE IS MONEY THERE THAT CAN BE SPENT ON THE DOWNTOWN, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THAT. BUT, WE CAN CIRCLE BACK IN A YEAR, BUT AS A BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT WORK FOR THE DOWNTOWN. I WANT THE PROPOSAL TO COME TO US. AND IF YOU NEEDED A LIAISON, OR YOU NEEDED TO TALK TO THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER, I THINK THAT WOULD BE OKAY.

GO AHEAD.

WELL, I THINK WHAT I HEARD ALEX SAY IS THERE IS \$17,000 IN THE POT RIGHT NOW, SO IT'S NOT \$9000, IT'S A COUPLE YEARS' WORTH IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, SEEING NODS. NUMBER TWO, I THINK THAT EVEN IF THEY DID IT, IN FIRST YEAR, HAVE IT ALTOGETHER, WE HEARD FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY THAT THEY COULD HOLD IT OVER, MAYBE THEY JUST HAVE A COUPLE THINGS, AND THEN WE HOLD THE REST IN TRUST, OR WHATEVER, UNTIL THEY COME. I KNOW THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES MEET OCCASIONALLY AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR, NOT TO SAY THIS WOULD BE A DRAWN OUT PROCESS, BUT THEY COULD COME TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE NOT JUST IN A YEAR, BUT IN THE

FALL, TO GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS. SO, IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. AGAIN, I'M WILLING TO JUST TRY TO GIVE A CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE SMALL BUSINESSES.

I'M JUST WONDERING IF ANYBODY HAD AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION ABOUT HOW MUCH WE PUT INTO SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM? I'M STILL WAITING FOR THAT.

IS AT 33? IS THAT WHAT WE PAY SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM?

BUT, SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM IS COLLECTED -- WE COLLECT 2%.

I AM AWARE.

IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE ASKING?

I AM AWARE OF HOW THEY COLLECT IT AND ALL OF THAT, JUST, WHAT IS THE NUMBER? WE PAID YEAR TO DATE \$30,000.

OKAY.

SO, PERSONALLY, I JUST KEEP HEARING, "THEY, THEY, THEY." AS PART OF THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE A PART OF THAT, WHO IS ACTUALLY DOING THAT? BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD THIS SITUATION, WE HAVE HAD THIS SYSTEM SET UP ALL THE TIME, AND THE "THEY" DOESN'T ACTUALLY PAN OUT BECAUSE EVEN THE ORGANIZATION THAT WAS MANAGING THIS AND RUNNING IT AS A NONPROFIT WENT DEFUNCT, FOR NOT PAYING TAXES. SO, JUST KEEP HEARING, "THEY, THEY, THEY." SO, PERSONALLY, AT THIS POINT, I'M NOT EVEN SUPPORTIVE OF CONTINUING IT, AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE ALL I HEAR IS "THEY," I AM A PART OF THAT "THEY," AND I CAN PERSONALLY TELL YOU THAT I DO NOT SEE THIS COMING TOGETHER. I SEE MAYBE A COUPLE BUSINESSES AND I KNOW OUR FOLKS FROM GATHER ARE VERY KIND IN COMING OUT HERE AND BEING SUPPORTIVE OF THAT, BUT THEY ARE THE ONLY "THEY" THAT IS HERE, AND EVERYONE I HAVE TALKED TO HAS SAID, "I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DO AND I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN IT," SO THERE IS NO "THEY," IN MY MIND. SO, PERSONALLY, I AM NOT SUPPORTIVE OF KEEPING THIS GOING AT THIS POINT, FROM THIS CONVERSATION, SO THAT IS WHERE I AM AT.

GO AHEAD.

AND I DO WANT TO REITERATE, THERE IS A "THEY." I HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND FOR THE LAST YEAR IN THE ENTERPRISE FUND AND TALKING TO THE BUSINESSES, THERE IS A "THEY." THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THEM SELVES ORGANIZED AGAIN AND IT IS DIFFICULT AND THEY HAVE HAD FRUSTRATIONS FOR THE PAST 10, 30 YEARS. I MEAN, I KNOW IT IS DIFFICULT. BUT, WE HAVE A NEW CROP OF PEOPLE COMING IN, AND TO LOSE THIS DEVICE WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL WASTE OF STAFF TIME TO TRY TO RE-PUT IT BACK TOGETHER, SO, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT THIS, AND ARE HERE --

CAN I JUST SAY, I APPRECIATE THAT, I DON'T WANT YOU TO SIT HERE AND TRY TO CONVINC ME, CHANGING MY MIND. I MEAN, I HAVE GIVEN MY OPINION, SO YOU CAN GIVE YOURS, AND WE WILL ALL GET OUR OPINIONS, AND THEN WE WILL VOTE.

WELL, NO, I FEEL LIKE A DEBATE IS ONE OF THE THINGS YOU DO AT THIS TABLE, YOU KNOW, LIKE, I DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO CONVINC YOU AND YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OWN THOUGHT, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, WHILE WE ARE UP HERE, YOU KNOW, WE CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER, AND COLLABORATE, AND COMMUNICATE, IN A WAY THAT HELPS US SEE DIFFERENT IDEAS.

I HEAR YOU. I HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS WITH EIGHT PLUS YEARS, AND I HAVE JUST WATCHED IT FLOUNDER, I WAS ON THE BOARD FOR THE ORGANIZATION THAT WAS MANAGING THIS MONEY, AND EVEN WITH THAT, IT WAS DIFFICULT. SO, VICE MAYOR MAURER, DID YOU --

SORRY. THANK YOU, PHILL, FOR THE CLARITY, YOU HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND AND TALKING TO BUSINESSES, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT BUDGET COMMITTEE NEEDS AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH DURING THE WHOLE YEAR, WHEN IT IS BUDGET SEASON, WE MEET WEEKLY, AND OTHERWISE, WE ARE MEETING YEAR-ROUND. SO, A PROPOSAL CAN COME AT ANY TIME. BUT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION NUMBER 66932025 TERMINATING THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS A FISCAL AGENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION BUSINESS. AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SERVE AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE B.I.D., AND THAT FUNDS ARE TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. AND I WOULD LIKE

TO HAVE ANY PROPOSALS FROM THE B.I.D. MEMBERS COME BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. IS THAT -- DID I COVER IT?

YEAH, I WILL GO AHEAD AND SECOND THAT.

AND A SECOND?

YEAH, NO, I KNOW POINT MAC I WAS GOING FOR A SECOND, BUT --

OH, OKAY. I AM SORRY, I WAS LISTENING AND PROCESSING WHAT THEY WERE SAYING, SO --

OKAY. GO AHEAD, MAYOR.

I DON'T WANT TO PUT A WRINKLE IN THIS, BUT I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE LAST COMMENT ABOUT PROPOSALS ABOUT B.I.D. MEMBERS COMING TO BUDGET COMMITTEE. HOW DO YOU ENVISION THAT? BECAUSE IF -- LET'S JUST SAY WE HAVE 225 -- IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, BUSINESSES?

YEAH, APPROXIMATELY 225.

SO, IF WE HAVE TO HUNDRED 25 MEMBERS AND THE PROPOSAL SAYS, FROM B.I.D. MEMBERS TO BUDGET COMMITTEE, ARE WE STATING THAT EACH, AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, OR? I JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO -- IT IS NOT OPEN-ENDED.

NO, IT IS FOR THE GROUP, AND RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GROUP.

BUT, THAT'S NOT -- HASN'T BEEN DECIDED. THESE ARE JUST TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE STEPPED UP.

THERE ARE AT LEAST FOUR OF THEM AND I MET WITHIN A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GET INTO THAT POSITION, THEY STEPPED UP, THAT IS KIND OF THE WAY IT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THEM. BUT, MAYBE THERE NEEDS TO BE CLARIFICATION ABOUT WHO GETS TO REPRESENT THIS DISTRICT. AND MAYBE, WE CAN ADD THAT TO THE MOTION, THAT -- I DON'T KNOW -- THAT MEMBERSHIP IS POLLED -- MAYBE THAT IS TOO COMPLICATED.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT WOULD CONSIDER THAT WE UTILIZE THIS? BECAUSE I'M NOT -- I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE JUST HAVE TO THROW THIS AWAY, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THIS, JUST LIKE WHEN WE DID MEASURE U AND I BROUGHT BACK THE POLICY FOR HOW WE ARE GOING TO SPEND IT. IF WE ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO, YOU KNOW, UTILIZING IT IN A WAY THAT IS CLEAR, AND NOT A "THEY," AND A -- YOU KNOW, IF WE HAVE A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR HOW IT IS UTILIZED, LIKE I SAID, FOR SONOMA COUNTY TOURISM, HOW, YOU KNOW, IT IS ALREADY ALLOTTED TO ADVERTISE FOR OUR BUSINESSES, AND DO SOMETHING, AND UTILIZE THE PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN DO THIS, VERSUS TRYING TO GET BUSINESSES TO HANDLE IT. EVERY BUSINESS OWNER IS SO BUSY ALL THE TIME, AND NOW, WE ARE GOING TO PUT MORE OF IT ON OUR CITY MANAGER. I JUST -- WE HAVE EVERYBODY'S HANDS UP. SO, NOW, WHO IS WAS FIRST?

SORRY, CAN I JUST JUMP IN REALLY QUICK? I'M SORRY. SO, MAYBE, YOU WANT TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD THAT THE -- WHAT IF -- AND I KNOW I AM ADDING WORK FOR CITY STAFF -- WHAT IF WE SENT AN EMAIL OUT -- AND I AM GOING TO REACH OUT TO YOU, TOO, FOR YOUR INPUT -- IF WE SENT AN EMAIL OUT TO -- I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT IS A SURVEY -- BUT, IF WE SENT OUT AN EMAIL TO THE BUSINESSES WE HAD LISTED FOR THE BIA, TO SAY, DO THEY SUPPORT -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHO THE FOUR, I DON'T KNOW IF THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS -- IF THEY SUPPORT YOU BEING THE REPRESENTATIVES, THEN AT LEAST WE WOULD KNOW THAT ALL OF THE BUSINESSES HAS BEEN REACHED OUT TO, TO SEE THE REPRESENTATIVE -- BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS MOTION OPEN-ENDED. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY THAT IT IS OPEN-ENDED RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN HAS HAD HIS HAND UP FOR A WHILE.

I ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT.

GO AHEAD.

WELL, WHAT I THOUGHT I HEARD FROM MARY SAY, IS THAT THIS COULD JUST BE ON THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR, LIKE, TWICE A YEAR. AND WHOEVER SHOWS UP TO PITCH WHATEVER THEY SHOW UP, SHOWS UP FOR ONE OR TWO TIMES PER YEAR. AND, IT -- I MEAN, I AM ASSUMING THAT WOULD BEHOOVE THEM TO COME TOGETHER AND PRESENT A SOLID OPTION AT ONE OF THE TWO BUDGET OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY HAVE. SO, I HONESTLY -- I DON'T THINK THAT WILL COME TOGETHER, ONE, TWO, THREE, OR FOUR OF THEM TO REPRESENT ALL OF THEM, IT HASN'T HAPPENED IN THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN

HERE, SO I JUST THINK HAVING ONE OR TWO BUDGET HEARINGS AND WHOEVER SHOWS UP AND PITCHES WHATEVER GOES TO BUDGET AND IT COMES TO US FOR ULTIMATE APPROVAL.

AND I WOULD JUST ADD, OF COURSE, THEORETICALLY, YOU COULD GET 250 INDEPENDENT THINGS, BUT YOU MIGHT GET 10 FROM 10 SEPARATE BUSINESSES AND ONE FROM A BUSINESS THAT HAS 20 BUSINESSES, SAYING THEY SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL, AND THAT MIGHT HELP, YOU KNOW, THE COMMITTEE SORT THROUGH.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

WELL, WE HAVE THE MAILING LIST. I AM NOT SURE THESE LADIES DO. AND WE ARE MAKING A COUNCIL ACTION AND A MOTION TONIGHT. SO, IT SEEMS TO ME, THAT WE WOULD -- SINCE WE DIDN'T SEND ANYTHING OUT BEFORE THIS, WE WOULD SEND SOMETHING OUT TO SAY, "THIS IS HOW IT IS BEING HANDLED NOW, THE BUSINESS DISTRICT." AND AT THAT POINT, WE COULD ASSIGN IT, IT'S DAY ON THE HEARING SCHEDULE, AND AND WE COULD SAY TO CONTACT SO-AND-SO TO WORK ON REPRESENTATIVES. I MEAN, AND LEAVE THAT TO THEM TO COME TOGETHER. BECAUSE I JUST -- AGAIN, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS TONIGHT, AND WHATEVER WE DECIDE, BUT I WANT TO MAINSTREAM IT, AS WELL. SO, WHATEVER YOU RECOMMEND, MARY, I AM WILLING TO SUPPORT ON THE MOTION. DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? GO AHEAD.

I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, YOU COULD JUST TELL PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE REPRESENTING. [LAUGHTER]

I THINK -- I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. WHAT I SAID WAS, I AM WONDERING IF THE CITY MANAGER COULD JUST PHYSICALLY APPOINT THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS BOARD? AND THAT WAY, THEY ARE --

SHE SHAKING HER HEAD, "NO."

NO?

THAT'S TO HER, RIGHT?

I'M SORRY, MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE, TO GO WITH THE MOTION AS IS AND SEE WHAT PROPOSALS WE GET FOR THOSE BUDGET MEETINGS. WE WILL DO A DIRECT MAILING WHEN WE KNOW THE DATES OF THOSE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS. WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN GET ZERO 225 BUT THE ASSOCIATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL THE BUSINESSES AND MAYBE BE ABLE TO BRING, YOU KNOW, FOUR OR FIVE, BUT IT DOESN'T STOP ANYONE ELSE WHO IS IN THAT DISTRICT TO BRING A SEPARATE PROPOSAL.

SO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WILL SEND THE EMAILS OUT? BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU AS SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELONG TO THAT, I DON'T KNOW WHO WAS IN THERE, SO I DON'T KNOW IF ONE PERSON KNOWS EVERYONE'S CONTACT INFO, SO, THE CITY IS --

WELL, WE HAVE ON FILE THAT IS ALL I CAN GUARANTEE, SO I HAVE SENT THE ADDRESSES, WE HAVE SENT THE EMAILS AND THE BUSINESSES, WE HAVE SEND THOSE OUT. WE DID HAVE THEM VETTED IT A WHILE AGO. SO, WHAT WE HAVE ON FILE FOR THE CONTACT IS WHAT THE BUSINESSES HAVE PROVIDED AND IS WHAT IS IN OUR SYSTEM, WHETHER IT IS UP-TO-DATE OR NOT, I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT.

OKAY.

BUT, WE WILL STILL PUT IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WE WILL PUT IT OUT ON FACEBOOK, YOU KNOW, IT WILL BE AN AGENDIZED BUDGET MEETING, SO WE WILL GET THAT OUT THERE. SO, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THEM ATTEND A BUDGET MEETING AND HAVE ONE OF THEM IDENTIFY?

CORRECT.

I JUST WANT TO REGISTER, I MEAN, BEFORE WE ALL VOTE, I JUST THINK THAT THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO DO THIS, AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE CAN'T COME UP WITH THAT TONIGHT, BUT, AT ANY RATE, GO AHEAD. WE HAVE A MOTION AND WE ARE STICKING WITH THAT MOTION, IS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION? AND WE HAD A SECOND, TOO. I'M SORRY, I LOST TRACK --

THAT IS CORRECT, IT WAS MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MAURER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO SERVE AS A FISCAL AGENT FOR THE B.I.D. FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES AS OUTLINED IN THE CALIFORNIA LAW TO RESCIND THE PRIOR RESOLUTION AT DETERMINE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AS A FISCAL AGENT, THAT FUNDS ARE PROPOSED

IN THE STAFF REPORT AND UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, AND THE PROPOSALS CAN BE SUBMITTED FROM B.I.D. MEMBERS AND THOSE WILL COME TO AN AGENDIZED BUDGET CITY MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YES.

VICE MAYOR MAURER?

YES.

MAYOR McLEWIS?

YES.

MOTION PASSES, UNANIMOUSLY. OKAY, I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A BIO BREAK. SO, IT'S FIVE MINUTES ENOUGH, OR DOES ANYONE NEED MORE? YES, OKAY, SO, WE WILL COME BACK AT 7:55 P.M.

SO, WE ARE KIND OF BACK AT 7:56. OKAY. THANKS, EVERYONE. I'M JUST WAITING, HERE, FOR STAFF TO LET ME KNOW IF THEY ARE READY.

IS IT OKAY IF WE GET GOING? OR, DO YOU WANT US TO WAIT?

NO, IT'S FINE, IF YOU NEED A MINUTE. SO, I GOT SOME FEEDBACK AND EVEN PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM COULD NOT HEAR US, SO I'M JUST ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE BE COGNIZANT OF TALKING INTO YOUR MICROPHONES. I JUST RECEIVED SOME FEEDBACK OUT THERE THAT THEY CAN'T HEAR US. YEAH, I KNOW, I THINK IT'S A CONUNDRUM, RIGHT? BUT, ANYWAYS, JUST LETTING YOU KNOW BECAUSE EVEN SOME PEOPLE IN THE ROOM SAID THEY COULDN'T HEAR US. I THINK ALSO BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE THE FAN GOING, THAT MIGHT BE PART OF THE PROBLEM, SO, JUST LETTING EVERYONE KNOW. SO, WE HAVE TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 11, WHICH IS FINALIZED LIST OF STREETS FOR DUGOUTS AND REPAIRS. THE DEGUSSA AND REPAIRS PROJECT IS CONSIDERED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CIP BUDGET AND WAS DISCUSSED AT MARCH 2nd, 2026, BC MEETING. THIS ITEM WILL FINALIZE THE LIST OF STREETS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DUGOUTS AND REPAIR CIP PROJECT. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE AGENDA ITEM IN APRIL, SO, LET'S SEE. THIS IS PUBLIC WORKS, SO ARIANNA?

AT EVENING, COUNCIL MEMBERS. THIS IS ONE BACKUP 2 CIP PROJECTS WE HAVE FOR STREET REPAIR ON THIS YEAR'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, THIS ONE IS TARGETING SPECIFIC STREETS, WITH DIG OUT AND REPAIR SECTIONS AND THIS IS THE FINALIZED LIST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK WITH A SECOND CIP PROJECT TO DO, MOST FULL REHABS ON STREETS WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LOOK AT, SPECIFICALLY PALM AND THE ONE THAT COME OUT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS ESCAPING ME BUT MARIO, OUR CITY ENGINEER WILL KNOW, SO HE IS ON THE ZOOM AND HE WILL WALK US THROUGH THIS PROJECT AND THE TIMELINE A LITTLE BIT MORE, AND I HAVE A LITTLE PRESENTATION THAT HE IS GOING TO RUN THROUGH WITH ME, MARIO, IF YOU ARE THERE?

YES, I AM. I AM HOPING YOU CAN HEAR ME. MARIO, CITY ENGINEER, MY PLEASURE TO BE PROVIDING APPROVAL FOR THE DUGOUTS AND REPAIRS PROJECTS AND I WILL BE BRIEF, MY UNDERSTANDING, IT IS PRETTY HOT, PRETTY MISERABLE WITH THE FANS RUNNING, SO I WILL KEEP THIS BRIEF, WE DO HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION, SIX SLIDES AND THIS IS TO BRIEFLY TELL YOU ABOUT THE PROJECT, WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AND WHAT OUR APPROACH WILL BE, ACTUALLY. AND ALSO, THIS IS GOING TO SHOW A TIMELINE FOR WHEN WE PLAN TO START CONSTRUCTION. BUT, YOU KNOW, JUST FOR A LITTLE PRE-BACKGROUND, WE DID PRESENT TO YOU A DRAFT STREETS LIST IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, JUST DESCRIBING HOW IT WAS PUT TOGETHER. BASICALLY, WE WENT OFF A COMPILED LIST OF COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC. WE RECEIVED -- OR, RATHER, WE REVIEWED THESE SITES AND DETERMINE WHERE THE DIG OUT AND REPAIR STRATEGY WOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM, OR WHERE, INSTEAD, THIS WOULD REQUIRE A MORE BROAD APPROACH, SUCH AS OVERLAY, OR STREET SLURRY, OR IN SOME EXTREME CONDITIONS, FULL RECONSTRUCTION. AND I KNOW THAT WE CLEARLY HAVE SOME OF THOSE STREETS IN TOWN, AND NONE OF THEM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS FINAL STREETS LIST, FOR THE DUGOUTS AND REPAIR. IN PARTICULAR, THOSE STREETS THAT ARE INCLUDED, ARE STROUT STREET, AND LIGHTING, AS WELL AS

LOOK AT THAT RECENTLY. THESE HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND CONCERN FROM RESIDENTS, THERE. [CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING] SOME SECTIONS OF CARTER AVENUE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. WE HAD A REQUEST FOR PART OF FIRCREST AS WELL AS IN THE STREETS, I WANT TO POINT OUT, IT TURNS OUT THE AREA OF CONCERN OVER AT FIRCREST, THAT WAS REFERRED TO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. OKAY. THIS BRINGS US BACK TO THIS EVENING WHERE, BEFORE YOU IS THE FINAL STREET LIST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. SO AT THIS POINT I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT OUR APPROACH FOR DIG OUTS AND REPAIRS. FIRST, WHAT IS DIG OUTS AND REPAIRS? THIS MAY SEEM PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT I WOULD LIKE IT UNDERSTOOD HOW THESE REPAIRS ARE TO BE APPROACHED, AND WHAT IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. THIS IS A PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE STRATEGY, WE APPLY IT TO ADDRESS LOCALIZED FOCUS, FAILED AREAS IN THE PAVEMENT. THE INTENT BY DOING THIS IS TO CREATE UP SUBSTANTIAL, LONG-LASTING AND SMOOTHER AND UNIFORM WRITING SURFACE, AT THE POINT OF REPAIR, AND IT DOES NOTHING FOR THE REST OF THE STREET. A BIG REASON FOR THIS IS TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DEGRADATION OF THAT PAVEMENT, AND THESE POTHOLES OVER TIME, IF THEY'RE NOT ADDRESSED, THEY DO TEND TO WIDEN THE PAVEMENT AROUND, IT STARTS TO EXPAND IN TERMS OF FAILURE, CHUNKS OF CONCRETE POPPING OUT, SO FORTH. BY DOING THIS WE WILL HAVE ADDRESSED COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC. AS MENTIONED EARLIER IF WE COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, OUR SITES FOR THE PROJECT, THEY CAME FROM THE LIST OF COMPLAINTS THAT WE RECEIVED OVERTIME FROM THE PUBLIC. AFTER BEING EVALUATED FOR THE STRATEGY, THEY WERE COMPILED ONTO THIS LIST. WHERE WE OBSERVED IN OUR REVIEW OF THE SITES THAT THE NEED IS BEYOND BASIC DIG OUT AND REPAIR, THOSE LOCATIONS TO THE CITY PAVEMENT JOB THAT ARIANNA JUST MENTIONED. THAT'S TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. THAT'S MORE DESCRIPTION IN THE STAFF REPORT. SOME OF THE ISSUES WITH FOCUS, DESCRIBE WHERE THESE LOCATIONS CAME FROM, AND WHAT OUR FOCUS IS DEALING WITH THESE VERY FOCUSED LOCALIZED POTHOLE CONDITIONS, AND NOT TO INCLUDE ANY OF THESE LARGE AREAS THAT COULD INVOLVE FULL STREET WITH, OFTEN TIMES JUST LONG BLOCKS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, OR IN SOME CASES IT'S A MATTER OF VERY LARGE BROAD AREAS, THEY REALLY GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. SO, NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE, IF WE CAN. THE REPAIR, REPAIR PROCESS. WHAT THIS IS GOING TO INVOLVE IS A FOCUS REMOVAL EFFORT OF ALL THE FAILED MATERIAL TO MY PRIMARILY THE PAVEMENT SURFACE, THAT'S WHAT YOU SEE AT THE TOP, THE GRADATED. BUT THERE WILL BE SOME LEVEL OF MATERIAL REMOVED FROM BELOW. OFTENTIMES A LOT OF SOILS START PUMPING UP INTO IT. OUR INTENT IS TO GET DOWN TO A POINT WHERE WE'VE GOT SOME SORT OF STABLE SUBGRADE, IDEALLY BASE ROCK WHICH WILL BE REGRADED, COMPACTED, AND WHEREVER IT'S NECESSARY WE'LL BE ADDING MORE BASE ROCK INTO THE SECTION TO STABILIZE IT, FURTHER STABILIZE IT. BUT ULTIMATELY, THEN THE COMPLETION OF THIS WOULD BE TO FILL THAT AREA WITH THE FULL DEPTH OF ASPHALT CONCRETE MIX, AND IT'S GOING TO BE WELL TACKED, INDUSTRY STANDARDS, AND IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO MATCH EXISTING GRADE, GIVING US THAT NICE SMOOTH UNIFORM AREA, AND RIGHT IN THE VICINITY OF THE FIX, OF COURSE. BY DOING SO, THAT REPAIR WILL BE COMPLETE, AND WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT, OF COURSE. NEXT, I WANT TO BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THE TIMELINE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE BROUGHT THIS UP TO THE COUNCIL, BACK IN JANUARY. AND OUR INTENT IS TO BE ABLE TO BE OUT TO BID AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN JUNE THIS YEAR, THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE GOAL. WITH THAT IN MIND, PRESUMING COUNCIL'S APPROVAL TONIGHT, WE EXPECT TO HAVE THE PROJECT OUT FOR BIDDING IN A MONTH, BY MID APRIL. WITH ANTICIPATING, ANTICIPATION OF AWARD BACK TO COUNCIL IN MAY. RIGHT NOW WE'RE TARGETING THAT MAY MEETING AND GOING TO BE WORKING HARD TO GET TO THAT POINT. IT WILL ALLOW US TO START CONSTRUCTION IN JUNE, I DON'T HAVE, WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT THE TOTAL TIME OF COMPLETION FOR DOING THE WORK. BUT THAT WILL BE PART OF THE BID DOCUMENTS WHEN IT'S PUT TOGETHER, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS DEEPER. WE WILL ESTABLISH IN THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION FOR GETTING THIS WORK DONE. SO, A BRIEF, AS PROMISED I HOPE, WITH THAT, MY PRESENTATION IS AT AN END. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS. I THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

THAT IS ALL WE HAVE, OPEN FOR QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS? I HAVE A COUPLE. ONE, I WAS WONDERING IF I'M MISSING IT, DO WE HAVE THAT TIMELINE IN ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU MARK I WAS TRYING TO WRITE IT DOWN, IF NOT CAN IT BE SENT TO US?

MARIO PREPARED A PROPOSAL TO DO THE PLANS, THAT WAS THE PIECE WE WERE MISSING BEFORE THE COUNCIL ITEM WENT OUT, WE CAN GIVE YOU THAT TIMELINE.

THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE, IT LOOKS LIKE THIS ISN'T GOING TO START, WE'RE TALKING JUNE 21st IS WHAT I GRABBED OFF A BEAR WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS POSSIBLY STARTING. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS WITH THE FUNDS, WE AS A COUNCIL COMMITTED TO USING A PERCENTAGE TOWARD INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SOME OF THAT MONEY IS THROUGH OUR BUDGET, THE BUDGET THIS YEAR. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, IF THIS IS GOING INTO NEXT YEAR, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE KEEPING TRACK OF WHERE WE'RE SPENDING THESE MONIES AND I BELIEVE IT WAS 40%, AM I REMEMBERING THAT CORRECTLY? EVEN IF THAT'S HAPPENING IN FISCAL YEAR NEXT YEAR THAT IS PART OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AND WE HAVE TO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT CO-MINGLED WITH THE NEXT BUDGET AND THE 40% SUDDENLY BECOMES MUCH LESS BECAUSE WE'VE CO-MINGLED YEAR ANNUAL BUDGETS.

ABSOLUTELY. WE'RE HOPING TO BE AGGRESSIVE ON THAT TIMELINE, WE'RE MAYBE FURTHER INTO THE PROJECT BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR BUT WHEN WE GET TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, YOU'LL SEE THIS PROJECT WITH THE FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN HIS FISCAL YEAR SPREAD BETWEEN FY 26 AND FY 27. YOU'LL SEE A DIFFERENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A DIFFERENT PAVING PROJECT THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY USE THE NEXT BUNCH OF MEASURE YOU FUNDING.

MY FINAL QUESTION IS, MOVING INTO THE NEXT YEAR, IS IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO THIS SOONER THAN AT THE END OF OUR FISCAL YEAR, PEOPLE ARE CLAMORING FOR THESE STREETS TO BE FIXED, SO, THERE ARE PIECES WE HAVE, A LIST OF PRIORITIZED STREETS, THAT'S THE DOCUMENT BUT WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO THE NEXT GROUP OF STREETS. WE ARE ALSO, THAT'S A DOCUMENT THAT WE UPDATE EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS. IT WAS UPDATED IN '25, WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER VERSION OF THAT IN THE SPRING OF '27. THROUGH PART OF THAT PROCESS WILL BE EVALUATING THE STREET NETWORKS AGAIN, AND LOOKING AT THAT LIST, RECOMMENDING THE ONES WE WOULD BUILD INTO THE NEXT YEAR CIP PROJECT. HOPEFULLY AT THE END OF THE SUMMER.

IT WOULD BE NICE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO BE ON TOP OF IT EARLY. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY? OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT?

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE FINALIZATION OF THE DIGOUTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT IT IS A TWO MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND I WILL DO CHAMBERS FIRST AND THEN OUT TO ZOOM. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS? SEEING NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER? GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I JUST HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS. THE FIRST IS, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ROADS HAVE BEEN A STRUGGLE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, ESSENTIALLY SINCE WE LOST AN ENGINEERING MANAGER. WHEN THE LAST ENGINEERING MANAGER THAT WE HAD PRODUCED A REPORT, IT WAS PRETTY ABYSMAL IN TERMS OF WHAT THE QUALITY OF OUR ROADS WERE, AND AT THAT TIME, THAT ENGINEERING MANAGER IS MAKING SUGGESTIONS THAT HAD A LOT TO DO WITH REALLOCATING FUNDS THAT WOULD TRADITIONALLY HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES, AND, WHEN SURPRISINGLY THIS ERA OF STACKING THE RESERVES, WHEN WE WEREN'T MAINTAINING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE TO WE'RE AT THE POINT NOW, RATHER THAN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, WE'RE LOOKING AT REPAIR. THE FIRST QUESTION I HAVE IS THAT, WE'VE GOT CITY STAFF, WE GOT CITY STAFF THAT EXIST WITHIN PUBLIC WORKS, AND I WANT TO KNOW IF INSIDE THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES, THIS TYPE OF WORK IS INCLUDED IN THAT JOB DESCRIPTION BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE A SKILL THAT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR OUR CITY EMPLOYEES TO HAVE, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WHAT WE AS CITIZENS OF THE CITY WOULD EXPECT THAT OUR CITY EMPLOYEES ARE ABLE TO MANAGE IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL UPKEEP OF OUR ROADWAYS, AND I WOULD JUST, IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO STOP

CONSISTENT OUTSOURCING OF LABOR, OUTSIDE OF WHAT'S ACTUALLY WITHIN SCOPE OF CITY EMPLOYEES. THE SECOND I WANT TO MENTION IS THE STRATEGY, HERE, ABOUT LOOKING AT COMPLAINTS AND VOLUME OF COMPLAINTS AS THE LOCATIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE DOING WORK. THAT SEEMS INEFFICIENT AND WAY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IT WOULD BE IF YOU HAD A STRATEGIC APPROACH THAT MIGHT BE CONSOLIDATING SPECIFIC REGIONS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE GOING OUT FOR BIDS. THANKS.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOO BUT WOULD LIKE TO THE PUBLIC ON THIS ITEM TO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. KATE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

HELLO, GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU, CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

IS MARIO LINDA ROSE A CONSULTANT OR IS HE A CITY EMPLOYEE?

THANK YOU, KATE, IS THAT YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT? WE CAN ADDRESS A QUESTION AT THE END.

MY OTHER QUESTION IS, THE ROAD REPAIR THAT'S COMING UP SEEMS LIKE IT SHOULD BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SORE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THERE'S ANY STRATEGY TO ALIGN ROAD REPAIR WITH SEWER REPAIR. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I'LL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, IF ANYONE ON ZOO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU. THAT DOES POSE A QUESTION FOR ME, I WONDERED THE SAME THING. IS THERE A REASON WHY OUR PUBLIC WORKS CANNOT DO THAT WORK? I KNOW THEY DO SIDEWALKS BECAUSE I'VE HEARD THAT SOME OF THEM ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR WORK BECAUSE THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB, BUT, IT'S DIFFERENT WITH ROADS, IS THAT THE CASE? COUNCILMAN EXPLAINS THAT WE CAN ALL UNDERSTAND?

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PIECES, THEY HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, WE DON'T HAVE A TON OF CREW, IT WOULD TAKE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS OF OUR CREW, THEY HAD ONE LAST YEAR, AND IT TOOK A WEEK, AND IT TOOK EVERYBODY. WE'RE JUST NOT STAFFED TO DO THE DIGOUTS AND REPAIRS, WE DON'T HAVE PAVING EQUIPMENT SO WE WOULD HAVE TO GET THAT. AS A GOAL, I WOULD LOVE TO DO MORE OF THIS INTERNALLY. I DO THINK THAT THAT IS AN EFFICIENT WAY TO DO THAT BUT WE'RE NOT CURRENTLY STAFFED FOR THAT.

OKAY. DO WE HAVE A STRATEGY WITH THE SEWER?

ABSOLUTELY. WHEN WE DO THE FULL REPAIR PIECES, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT SEWER AND WATER. I KNOW ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO ESTABLISH A TRENCH POLICY IN THE CITY, SO WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY TO DO A FULL REBUILD ON ONE OF THESE STREETS AND HAVE TO CUT INTO IT TO DO UTILITIES. EITHER OURS OR ANYBODY ELSE'S. WHEN WE DO THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR THE BIGGER STREETS, THEN WE WILL LOOK AT THE CONDITION OF THE SEWER AND THE WATER AND ALL OF THE SERVICE LINES THAT COME FROM THERE.

OKAY, AND IN TERMS OF CITY MANAGER, DID YOU WANT TO ADDRESS?

MARIO IS A CONTRACT CITY ENGINEER, HE IS NOT A CITY EMPLOYEE BUT HE IS A CONTRACT CITY ENGINEER AND DESIGNATED ELLIS -- AS A CITY ENGINEER.

THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE BACK HERE FOR COMMENTS IF ANYONE HAS A COMMENT. IT LOOKS LIKE VICE MAYOR.

I JUST LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THIS FINAL LIST OF DIGOUTS AND REPAIRS. SECOND.

MAYOR? I DIDN'T SEE WHO SECONDED.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER SECONDED.

SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MAUER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE AND FINALIZE THE LIST OF STREETS FOR DIGOUTS AND REPAIRS.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, THAT WAS QUICK. WE'RE MOVING ALONG. ITEM NUMBER 12, CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. THIS ITEM IS TO

ADOPT THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL EOP TO ESTABLISH CLEAR AUTHORITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING EMERGENCIES THAT MAY IMPACT THE CITY. AND, IS THE POLICE CHIEF DOING THE PRESENTATION? ALL RIGHT, COME ON UP. YOU HAVE TO TURN YOUR MIC ON. NO, IT'S NOT WORKING.

THE CHIEF IS HERE, YOU'LL BE HERE TO FIELD QUESTIONS AS WELL. THIS IS THE CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT FORM THAT IT IS NOW. AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE FOR A DRAFT VERSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. AND AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF TO INCORPORATE PUBLIC COMMENT INTO THE FINAL DRAFT AT THAT POINT. IT HAS GONE, THE CHIEF HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME, WORKING WITH THE COUNTY DEM, TRAININGS AND TABLETOPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO GET A FEEL FOR IT. SO THAT HAS GONE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY WHICH MADE EDITS THIS LAST GO-ROUND, CHIEF ADDED MORE THIS LAST WEEK, WE HAD A TRAINING, THE COUNTY DEM CAME, WE HAD TRAINING FOR A CITY STAFF. AND THAT RAISED SOME ISSUES THAT WERE ADDED INTO THE PLAN. IT'S STILL A LIVING DOCUMENT. THAT'S THE CONSIDERATION TO DO, TO BRING IT BACK, HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR 30 DAYS, AND BRING IT BACK AFTER THAT, AND HAVE THOSE INTEGRATED INTO THE FINAL PLAN. QUESTIONS?

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YES, THANK YOU FOR REPORTING, THANK YOU TO THE CHIEF FOR THE ONGOING WORK. QUESTIONS I HAD OR ABOUT THE TABLETOP, WE DID HEAR FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT THAT IS REALLY THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE EVERYTHING THAT YOU NEED AND EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT. WHEN THE CHIEF WAS HERE THE LAST TIME, IT DID NOT SOUND LIKE ANY OF US ELECTEDS OR THE PUBLIC OR PEOPLE THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS COULD ACTUALLY COME IN AND OBSERVE ANYTHING, BECAUSE THESE TABLETOP EXERCISES ARE JUST AT THE STATION, CORRECT?

CORRECT.

SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO KNOW HOW THOSE GO? IF WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN? I'M ASSUMING PRESS WOULDN'T BE EITHER. HERE, IT SAYS YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND COME BACK. MY QUESTION IS, HOW QUICKLY ARE YOU COMING BACK, AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GET ABOUT HOW THESE TABLETOP EXERCISES ARE WORKING BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN YOU COME BACK?

THE TABLETOPS WILL BE AT THE POLICE STATION, AS TO WHO WOULD BE ALLOWED I THINK THAT'S, THE CHIEF CAN ADDRESS THAT.

I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING.

IT'S SUPER HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING. IS IT THE MIC? WE'RE ALL STRUGGLING. IS THERE ANYTHING? IT'S JUST MUFFLED.

IT'S MUFFLED.

FURTHER AWAY? OKAY, IS THAT BETTER? SO, TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE TABLETOP IS BEING AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT I WAS INCORRECT TO THAT, NOT NECESSARILY CORRECT THAT THE ELECTEDS AND OTHERS WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED INTO THE TABLETOP. I THINK THE CHIEF CAN ADDRESS THAT MORE CLEARLY.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR, THROUGH THE MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE CHIEF BECAUSE THE TABLETOP EXERCISE, IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU SAID THE COUNTY CAME IN AND DID THAT. THAT'S NOT REFLECTED HERE. I AM REALLY INTERESTED WITH WHAT THE COUNTY, IF THEY DID DO THE LAST TABLETOP, WHAT THEIR OBSERVATIONS WERE, WHAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON, WHETHER IT BE EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, WHATEVER. I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE POLICE CHIEF, THE NEXT TABLETOP, AM I GOING TO GET AN INVITATION? WILL PRESS GET AN INVITATION, WILL THE PUBLIC IN AN INVITATION TO OBSERVE EXACTLY HOW THIS IS WORKING?

CAN WE HAVE THE CHIEF? I SEE HIS NAME ON THE SCREEN. DID YOU HEAR THE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

YES, MAYOR, I DID, THANK YOU. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNORTHODOX FOR THE MEDIA OR THE PUBLIC OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY EOC ACTIVATION. OR ANY TRAINING. THERE IS CERTAINLY A PLACE FOR THE MAYOR TO BE CALLED IN AT TIMES WHEN THERE IS A NEED TO REFER TO ANY OF THE CONSTITUENTS APART FROM THE INFORMATION ON. TYPICALLY THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNORTHODOX.

I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY WOULD THAT BE UNORTHODOX? ANYTIME WE'VE HAD AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY, ARE ELECTEDS HAVE BEEN, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE CASE BUT THAT'S AN EXTREMELY UNORTHODOX METHOD TO EMPLOY IN ANY TYPICAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER.

THROUGH THE MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION TO OUR LEGAL COUNCIL AND TO GENERAL MANAGER. BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE OUR LEGAL COUNCIL REPRESENTS ENTITIES NOT JUST OUR OWN IN THIS COUNTY, WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THAT AND I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, BECAUSE IN THE STAFF REPORT, IT SEEMS LIKE SOME TYPE OF TRAINING OR TABLETOP WAS DONE, AND THEN STAFF ALSO HAD THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW THINGS COULD, MODERATING THIS, BE IMPROVED BEFORE IT GETS TO US FOR THE FINAL APPROVAL. THIS IS MY INTERPRETATION BUT FIRST, TO YOU, ALEX.

SOME CITIES HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS. EXCUSE ME, SORRY. SOME CITIES HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE, MAYBE ONE OR TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE, IT JUST DEPENDS ON THEIR PARTICULAR PLAN. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY THAT HAVE THE MEDIA PARTICIPATE, BECAUSE THE POINT OF A TABLETOP EXERCISE IS TO SIMULATE THE EMERGENCY, AND SO, GENERALLY YOU'RE NOT HAVING A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA IN THERE, DURING AN EMERGENCY THAT CAN BE HECTIC, AND OTHER THINGS GOING ON. YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE CLEAR AND ACCURATE INFORMATION GETS OUT, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICIAL. BUT, I DO KNOW THAT SOME CITIES HAVE, CERTAINLY NOT ALL BUT SOME CITIES HAVE ONE OR TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE. REGARDING THE STAFF, I WOULD DEFER THAT TO MARY ON THAT PART OF THE STAFF REPORT.

YOU'RE CORRECT, WE DID HAVE A TABLETOP EXERCISE WITH THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS. AND I DID BRING IT UP AT THAT TIME, THAT WE DO NEED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM HAVE NOT DONE, HAVE BEEN THROUGH AN EMERGENCY. I THINK ALL THE ONES THAT HAVE ATTENDED, I THINK THE CHIEF PROBABLY AS WELL, AS FAR AS ON CITY STAFF ONE OF THE ONLY ONES THAT HAVE EVER BEEN THROUGH AN EMERGENCY WITH THE CITY. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TRAININGS, THERE WAS ALSO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF COURSES WILL BE REQUIRED FROM CITY STAFF, WHETHER ALL OF THEM NEED TO HAVE IT OR IF ONLY ONE. THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL TRAININGS THAT NEED TO COME BACK. THE COUNTY DID PROVIDE IT, BUT IT WAS AN OVERVIEW. WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE MORE ADDITIONAL, IN-DEPTH TRAININGS.

JUST AS A FOLLOW-UP, I WASN'T ASKING TO PARTICIPATE. BECAUSE, I AM, THROUGH AN ACS MEMBER THROUGH THE COUNTY, I'M NOT ASKING TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS. I'M ASKING TO BE A FLY ON THE WALL, AND BE ABLE TO STAND IN THE ROOM AND OBSERVE, AND HAVE PRESS DO THE SAME THING. IF THAT CHANGES WHAT YOU JUST SAID BEFORE.

NO, IT'S THE SAME. SOME CITIES HAVE PARTICIPATION, SOME DO NOT. OBSERVATION, AND SOME DO NOT.

OKAY, THANKS.

CAN I ASK A QUESTION? WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH HAVING ELECTEDS THERE? I HEAR THE WORD UNORTHODOX AND IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING THAT ISN'T OKAY, AND THAT'S NOT THE CASE. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, WHAT WOULD BE THE PROBLEM WITH HAVING ELECTEDS THERE? I'VE BEEN HERE WHEN WE HAD THE 2017 FIRES, AND ALL OF OUR ELECTEDS EVOLVED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, AND HELPING. SO I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A TABLETOP EXERCISE BUT, WHEN YOU USE THE WORD UNORTHODOX, THAT MAKES IT SOUND MUCH MORE HARSH THAN IT FEELS LIKE IT NEEDS TO BE.

I WOULD DEFER TO THE CHIEF ON THAT.

CHIEF, CAN YOU HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THAT?

MAYOR, I COMMENCED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND I HAVE NEVER IN MY 27 YEARS BEGUN ANY TYPE OF TRAINING THAT INVOLVED COUNCILMEMBERS WITH ANY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATION CENTER. OTHER THAN THEY'RE CALLED IN WHEN THERE IS A NEED FOR THEM TO PASS A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S TYPICALLY THE ROLE OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. I CAN'T TALK TO YOU, I'M ON A MEETING RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT, I'M ON A MEETING. MY APOLOGIES.

IS THIS, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME SERVING AS A POLICE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IS THAT CORRECT?

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WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THAT HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS THAT I'VE RUN IN THE U.S. AND IN AUSTRALIA ARE RUN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

GO AHEAD.

I'M GOING TO REITERATE THAT WHEN I SERVED AS MAYOR DURING THE FLOODS, AND ALSO DURING THE CITYWIDE EVACUATION, I DID FEEL LIKE I WAS INVOLVED WITH THE CITY, THERE WAS A ROLE, WHEN COVID HIT AND I SERVED ON THE COUNCIL I WAS NOT MAYOR AT THE TIME, I WAS NOT AS FRONT AND CENTER, BUT OUR MAYOR WAS. SO, I REITERATE THAT I DO BELIEVE THERE IS A PLACE FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL, AND WE'VE SEEN IT DURING THE FIRES FOR THE COUNTY, WE'VE SEEN OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS, WHEN THE FIRES HAPPEN. IF WE'RE PRACTICING, TO ME, IT MAKES SENSE, NOT ALL FIVE OF US BUT OUR ACTING MAYOR AT THE TIME IS PART OF THE PRACTICE, RIGHT? IT'S PART OF EMERGENCIES, WE ALL PRACTICE AND WE GET BETTER. THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE REITERATE, NOT TO GET IN THE WAY. AND I'M NOT, HAVING WORKED IN MEDIA AND THE PRESS FOR 20 YEAR CAREER, I'M NOT A FAN OF THE MEDIA BEING THERE EVEN IS A FLY ON THE WALL. I DON'T SEE THAT USUALLY, A SPOKESPERSON, A STATEMENT DOES COME OUT BUT, OUR LEADERSHIP I WOULD ADVOCATE THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR THAT.

VICE MAYOR MAUER?

MY QUESTION IS ALONG THE SAME LINES. WHICH IS, THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION CHART ON PAGE 21. THE COUNCIL IS NOT PART OF THAT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. I WOULD LIKE CLARITY ON THE ROLE OF COUNCIL DURING AN EMERGENCY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE CLARITY ON THE VARIOUS GROUPS, MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, AND WHERE DO THEY FALL IN THIS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART? ARE THEY NOT PART OF IT? THOSE ARE MY FIRST TWO QUESTIONS, WHEN YOU RECEIVE A QUESTION FROM A RESIDENT ABOUT THE ACRONYM, THE CORRECTION ON THAT ONE, AND THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH SPACING AND A SENTENCE ON PAGE FOUR, TOP OF PAGE FOUR. I WANTED TO ALERT YOU TO THAT. AND THEN I HAD ONE MORE QUESTION WHICH WAS, WILL EMERGENCY ALERTS ALSO BE ISSUED IN SPANISH?

I CAN TAKE THE EMERGENCY ALERTS ONE. WE CAN ISSUE THOSE IN SPANISH AS WELL, AND ALSO THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, WE CAN DO THAT AS WELL. I DID GET THE CORRECTION FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBER. YES. AND THE CHIEF, I'LL PASS THOSE OFF TO YOU.

CHIEF, ARE YOU THERE? HELLO? I THINK WE'VE LOST HIM.

WHEN HE MUTES HIMSELF HE HAS TO HAVE PERMISSION.

I RECALL THAT.

I'M WAS WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO GET BACK ON. I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL LIKE WE'RE NOT TRYING TO INVOLVE THE COUNCIL, IT'S JUST UNORTHODOX FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN THE TABLETOP EXERCISES. OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY A PLACE IN THE EEOC FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND MY INTENTION ALL ALONG AND I THINK I'VE MENTIONED AT A PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING, IS TO HOLD A SEPARATE TRAINING SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. I WOULD LOVE TO INVOLVE YOU IN IT IN A CAPACITY THAT YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED, AND WELCOME THAT INTERACTION.

COUNCILMEMBER? DO YOU WANT TO FOLLOW UP? GO AHEAD. THEN WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

I LIKE THAT CLARITY OF COUNCIL, AND THE VARIOUS GROUPS. WHERE DO THEY FALL IN THAT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

I'VE TRIED NOT TO GET INTO THE WEEDS WHERE WE HAD THE 200 PAGE EOP BEFORE WHERE IT WAS SO CONFUSING AND CONVOLUTED THAT IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WE COULD FOLLOW AND USE IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN WE'RE GOING TO BE STRESSED, THERE'S GOING TO BE A STRESS ON PEOPLE AND RESOURCES, AND A NEED TO RESPOND MORE THAN WE PROBABLY ARE CAPABLE OF IN MANY OPINIONS. SO, I WAS TRYING NOT TO GET INVOLVED TOO MUCH WITH BEING VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT EACH PERSON

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WILL DO. THAT WILL BE FLUID AND DYNAMIC DEPENDING ON THE EMERGENCY WE'RE RESPONDING TO. Agenda Item Number 2

OKAY. I'M SORRY, WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON AND THEN WE'LL BOUNCE BACK OVER HERE.

LOOKING AT THE CHART, WHAT MAKES SENSE TO ME IS, WE DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. IN THIS CITY. WHEN I LOOK AT EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN OTHER CITIES, WHO DO I SEE DELIVERING THAT STATEMENT? I SEE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY. I FEEL LIKE THE MAYOR COULD REPLACE THAT ON THE CHART. AND I REMEMBER, AS MAYOR, THAT I DID WORK WITH THE FIRE CHIEF, THE POLICE CHIEF, THE CITY MANAGER, WHEN WE HAD AN EMERGENCY IN THE PAST. IT SEEMS LIKE THE MAYOR IS RIGHT THERE, AND WE ROTATE YEAR TO YEAR, YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO INTO ACTION, WHICH MEANS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A CHAINING -- TRAINING, WE MIGHT BE MAYOR WHEN IT HAPPENS. TO ME, THAT'S THE PLACE THAT THE MAYOR HAS SERVED, IN MY EXPERIENCE THERE. I WOULD WEIGH IN WITH OUR INTERIM CITY MANAGER BUT, MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER PLACE. THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

I AGREE.

I WOULD SAY THAT'S QUITE UNUSUAL TO HAVE THE MAYOR DELIVERING MESSAGES. IT'S TYPICALLY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PEOPLE, THE FIRE CHIEF OR THE POLICE CHIEF FOR THE EMERGENCY RELATED THINGS AND THE MAYOR IS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING?

I SAW IT ON TV WITH GILROY, I CAN THINK OF OTHER CITIES. NOT TO BE TECHNICAL BUT, THE MAYOR NEEDS TO FIT IN. IF YOU HAVE A BETTER SUGGESTION I'M OPEN TO HEARING IT.

DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING? GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER.

MY REQUEST, TOO, IS THAT WHATEVER YOU'RE EXCITING WHEN YOU USE THE WORD UNORTHODOX, OR NOT HAVING THE MAYOR, THAT THE NEXT TIME YOU COME YOU PROVIDE A SITE TO WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU'RE RELYING ON, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING AT ALL. OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN. ALSO, WHEN COUNCILMEMBER MAUER REFERRED TO THE EMAIL, I'M REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE ONE FROM, IT WASN'T JUST A MISSPELLING. WHICH I THINK HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS UNIT, IT HAD HIM SPECIFICALLY LISTING THAT ALL OF THESE START UNDER FEMA, BECAUSE BEING AN AUXILIARY COMMUNICATION VOLUNTEER THROUGH THE COUNTY, ALL OF THIS DOES FOLLOW THAT PROTOCOL. I REALLY WANT THE NEXT TIME WE SEE THIS THAT THE WORDING AND THE ORDER THAT HE'S TYPED IN THE EMAIL THAT WAS SENT ON SATURDAY BE INCORPORATED.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER.

SO,

I KNOW THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND WE DO THESE TABLETOPS TO WORK OUT THE BUGS AND HOPEFULLY GET BETTER AT OUR PROCESS, AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK WITH A FINISHED WORK, EVACUATION PROCESS, HELP US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE SO WE CAN COMMUNICATE TO OUR OTHER PEOPLE.

SPECIFICALLY TO THE EVACUATION PROCESS?

RIGHT.

THE EVACUATION PROCESS IN THE PLAN IS NOT SPECIFIC. IT CAN BE PROBLEMATIC IF IT IS SPECIFIC IF YOU SAY EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THIS PART OF TOWN GO THIS WAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE EMERGENCY IS. IT'S PURPOSEFULLY LEFT VAGUE SO THAT WE DON'T RUN INTO THAT SITUATION.

IT'S MORE OF AN ORDER OF OPERATIONS, WE RECEIVE INFORMATION, THAT LEADS TO THIS WATERFALL OF ACTIVITIES. I GUESS. HOW FAR ARE WE FROM WORKING OUT THE BUGS ON THIS AND GETTING IT COMPLETED?

I WOULD SAY WE HAVE A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE TIME TO GET THEIR FEEDBACK AND FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW IT. AND THE FEEDBACK COMING IN CAN BE MAKING CHANGES ALONG THE WAY, THEN TIME AT THE END OF THAT TO MAKE SURE WE GET IT TIDIED UP.

WHICH ONE HAVE YOU HAD YOUR HAND FIRST? GO AHEAD.

CAN WE EXTEND THAT TO 45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD TO MARK IS MY QUESTION. AND THE OTHER THING IS THAT I SEE IN HERE, THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE COUNCIL IS, IT'S A RESOLUTION TEMPLATE TO RATIFY THE ACTIVATION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. SO, I GUESS IN ORDER TO HAVE IT, IT HAS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL. IS THAT ACCURATE?

THE EMERGENCY MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE CHIEF IN THIS CASE OR THE CITY MANAGER, MAKES THE DECLARATION AND THEN WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, IT NEEDS TO BE RATIFIED BY COUNCIL OR IT WON'T EXTEND BEYOND THAT SEVEN DAYS. IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY THERE WOULD NOT BE TIME TO GET A RESOLUTION TOGETHER, BUT, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAN MAKE THAT DECLARATION WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, THERE'S GOT TO BE A COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO EXTEND IT.

GO AHEAD.

THE LAST TIME THIS CAME DOWN AND I TURNED TO MARY TO FIGURE OUT WHEN SHE THOUGHT, BECAUSE SHE'S EVERYONE'S SUPERVISOR, ABOUT WHEN WE WOULD ACTUALLY SEE THIS BACK AT THE COUNCIL, WHAT DATE ARE WE THINKING? I DON'T WANT TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS UNTIL ALL THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE VOLUNTEERS, IT WILL BE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE OKAY FOR ME. SO WHEN DO YOU ANTICIPATE THIS COMING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL?

IF THE COUNCIL IS AGREEABLE TO SENDING THIS DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT WHETHER IT'S 30 OR 45 DAYS, THERE IS NO SET TIME. IT'S UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THAT. WE WOULD TAKE THOSE AND INCORPORATED AND GET BACK TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING THEREAFTER. IT WOULD BE WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

OKAY.

AND I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO HAVE THIS GO OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THE CITY STAFF WORK TOGETHER TO DISCUSS, TO BRING SHIPPING BACK FOR THE ROLES OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS DURING THE EMERGENCY AND WHAT CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN.

OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I THINK WE CAN GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THANK YOU, THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE DRAFT OF THE OPERATIONS EMERGENCY PLAN THAT WOULD GO OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS. SEEING THEN I WILL GO OUT TO RESUME, KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? CAN YOU STILL SEE THE TIMER?

NO, I CAN'T, IF YOU CAN LET ME KNOW, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

GO AHEAD.

I'M REALLY SURPRISED TO HEAR THE CHIEF MAKES THE SUGGESTION THAT THIS IS SOMEHOW UNORTHODOX WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE FOLKS IN THE ROOM LETTING US ALL KNOW THAT IT'S NOT UNORTHODOX. SO TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THAT STATEMENT, I WOULD, AS COUNCILMEMBER ZALMAN SUGGESTED, LOOK FOR SOME SOURCES. I'M GOING TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOURCES THAT ARE COUNTER TO THIS IDEA OF UNORTHODOX. THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THIRD EDITION FROM 2017, SECTION 3, COMMAND AND COORDINATION MAKES DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE INCLUSION OF, SENIOR LEADERSHIP DECISION-MAKING, POLICY GUIDANCE, THERE'S ROLES FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, ROLES FOR ELECTEDS. THERE'S ALSO THE COORDINATION GROUP, THAT BEGINS ON PAGE 40, IF YOU WANT TO GET INFORMED ABOUT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OR KEY PLAYERS IN INCIDENT MANAGEMENT, THAT'S ANOTHER PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET EDUCATED ON THAT STUFF. WE CAN LOOK AT ICS FROM FEMA, WHERE THERE'S, G0402, THE OVERVIEW OF SENIOR OFFICIALS EXECUTIVES, THERE'S A WHOLE SECTION ON EXECUTIVES ELECTED AND APPOINTED. THIS IS REALLY NOT SOUNDING UNORTHODOX TO ME, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S CODIFIED IN EXPLICIT DOCUMENTATION THAT ARE THE NORM. SO, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS OPINION. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS VIEW AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS OPINION COMING FROM SOMEBODY WHO IS IN SUCH A HIGH RESPONSIBLE ROLE FOR OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 25 SECONDS.

I THINK WE NEED TO BE GOING BACK AND LOOKING AT THE DRAWING BOARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OTHER OPINIONS ABOUT WHAT IS AND ISN'T UNORTHODOX ARE MORE ALIGNED TO WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS WHAT NATIONAL STANDARDS ARE STATING THEM TO BE.

THANK YOU 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 THEN I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES.

GO AHEAD.

EMERGENCIES ARE NOT PHOTO UP TIME FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. COUNCILMEMBERS ARE NOT FIRST RESPONDERS. THE ROLE OF COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE DEFINED SO THAT THEY DO NOT IMPEDE TRAIN FIRST RESPONDERS. AS A CITIZEN I DO NOT WANT UNTRAINED COUNCILMEMBERS STANDING IN THE WAY OF TRAIN FIRST RESPONDERS DURING AN EMERGENCY. PERSONALLY, I WOULD LIKE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, NOT OUR COUNCIL, TO BE IN CHARGE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION , BASED ON THE FACT THAT OUR POLICE, FIRE, AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS ARE TRAINED IN ALL THE DIFFERENT STRESS MANAGEMENT OF BEING IN A FIRST RESPONSE SITUATION. I THINK COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE EXPLICIT OF WHAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR IN THIS SITUATION IF THEY WANT TO BE THE PR FRONT WHICH IT SOUNDS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER HINTON WOULD LIKE TO DO, OR IF THEY WANT TO GET OUT THERE AND DIRECT TRAFFIC, OR GO INTO A BUILDING AND TRY TO TURN OFF THE GAS, I THINK THAT FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE SPECIFIC TRAINING THAT MOST COUNCILMEMBERS DO NOT HAVE. I THINK THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY PRETTY EXACT PROTOCOLS PUT IN PLACE IN REGARDS TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE, WHICH I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN THE CHIEF HAS TRAINING ON, SO, I JUST THINK THAT THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHERE COUNCIL MIGHT BE THINKING THEY WANT ONE THING, BUT THEY ACTUALLY WANT ANOTHER. THERE'S PLENTY OF COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT TO DO, THE ALERT IS ONE OF THEM, WE ALSO HAVE THESE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT ARE PART OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT ARE CITIZEN GROUPS, SO I THINK THAT COUNCIL NEEDS TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT THEY ARE IMAGINING THEIR ROLE WOULD BE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS, SEEING THEN I WILL GO BACK OUT, MICHAEL, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN. THIS IS MICHAEL CARNEGIE. MIKE, THE CONVERSATION THAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, RATHER THAN GETTING INTO THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN, IS KIND OF RIDICULOUS, HONESTLY. SITTING HERE LISTENING TO IT. I'M GOING TO GET INTO THE NUTS AND BOLTS. UNDER THE SECTION OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN, THAT SAYS THE THREAT ASSESSMENT ANNEX, THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL THAT IN THE CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE OR A MAJOR DISASTER, WE NEED TO DO A THREAD IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PUMPS FROM THE WELLS ARE GETTING WATER TO OUR TANKS AT THE TOP OF THE HILL, AND THAT THE LINES IN PLACE ARE NOT RUPTURED, SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REPLENISH THOSE TANKS BEFORE GOLD RIDGE STARTS USING UP OUR WATER, AND BEFORE, AND DRAINING DOWN OUR TANKS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION, AND BEFORE THE PUBLIC WORKS SPIGOT IS OPEN TO OTHER AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED SEVASTOPOL, TO START TAKING OUR WATER, WE NEED TO HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE WHERE PUBLIC WORKS, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND GOLD RIDGE, FIRST THING IN AN EARTHQUAKE, ASSESS WHAT WHETHER THOSE PUMPS ARE WORKING AND WITH AIRLINES BEATING THOSE TANKS ARE INTACT TO REPLENISH THE WATER. THIS IS REAL NUTS AND BOLTS TYPE EMERGENCY PLANNING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. OTHERWISE, WE'VE GOT FOUR DAYS WORTH OF WATER IN THOSE TANKS. IF WE DRAIN THEM OUT, WHAT IS COUNCIL GOING TO BE LOOKING GOOD AND PRETTY AT THE EMERGENCY CENTER, AND THAT RESIDENTS HAD NO WATER. SO, THAT'S MY SENTIMENTS, AND YOU CAN DO WITH THEM WHAT YOU WILL. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS, IF THERE'S ANYONE IN CHAMBERS, SEEING THEN I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY, SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BRINGING IT BACK TO THE DAY AS I HAVE SOME COMMENTS BUT WILL GO AHEAD WITH VICE MAYOR.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE SOME CLARITY AROUND WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR, WHATEVER, DURING AN EMERGENCY? I PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY. IS IT OKAY THAT I DON'T DO ANYTHING? SHOULD I BE DOWNTOWN? WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'D LIKE THAT THIS DOCUMENT OR SOME DOCUMENT CLARIFY WHAT MY ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY IS DURING AN EMERGENCY. AT THIS POINT I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

SOME COMMENTS THAT I HAVE, I WAS HERE DURING THE 2017 FIRES, ALSO ON THE BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AND I'LL SHARE SOME THINGS THAT I OBSERVED IN MY INTERACTIONS WITH THE COUNCIL DURING THAT TIME. WHAT I SAW, THE WAY COUNCILMEMBERS HELP DURING THAT TIME, WAS THAT THEY SHOWED UP. THE COMMUNITY CENTER WAS THE EVACUATION SITE, I WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING THAT. THE ROLE THAT I SAW THE COUNCILMEMBERS THEN PLAY WAS ABOUT COMMUNICATION. I DID NOT SEE ANYONE TRYING TO GET IN THE WAY OF ANY OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. FOR HEAVEN SAKES, I WORKED TRAUMA FOR 20 YEARS, I KNOW BETTER THAN TO GET IN THE WAY OF THAT TYPE OF THING. AND I CAN PERSONALLY SAY THAT I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT I WANT TO BE OUT THERE DIRECTING TRAFFIC OR DOING ANYTHING, BUT THE ROLE I HAVE SEEN COUNCIL PLAY IN ALL OF THE EMERGENCIES THAT WE'VE HAD , WITH THE FIRES AND EVERYTHING OVER THE LAST SINCE 2017, WAS IN THE WAY OF COMMUNICATING. OUR MAYOR, ON A REGULAR BASIS, IS OUR, WE SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC. LIKE TODAY. I READ THE NOTICE, THAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR. FURTHERMORE, I THINK IT IS HELPFUL TO HAVE COUNCILMEMBERS, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THIS POSITION BEFORE, WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CITY DURING THESE EMERGENCIES, THE EVACUATIONS, BECAUSE WE WILL INEVITABLY HAVE CITIZENS REACHING OUT TO US WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON SAYING WHAT DO I DO? DO WE FUNNEL EVERY ONE OF THOSE CALLS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT? OR, DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO HAVE US IN THE KNOW AS FAR AS WHAT'S GOING ON SO WE CAN ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS? THAT'S HOW THE CITY WORKS, THAT'S HOW THE COMMUNITY WORKS, IT'S HOW IT'S WORKED. EVERYTHING HASN'T BEEN PERFECT, THAT'S THE ROLE I'VE SEEN FOR COUNCILMEMBERS, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A COUNCILMEMBER TRY TO GET IN THE WAY OF ANY OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. I SAW COUNCILMEMBERS WHEN WE HAD ANIMALS, PEOPLE FLOODING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FROM SANTA ROSA WHEN WE HAD THE FIRE, I WAS CALLING FENCING COMPANIES. COUNCILMEMBERS WERE CALLING FENCING COMPANIES TRYING TO GET FENCING TO HELP TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS. THOSE ARE THE ROLES THAT I SAW THEM PLAYING DURING THE EMERGENCIES. TWO COMPLETELY SAY THAT COUNCIL SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THEM DIRECTING TRAFFIC OR DOING WHATEVER, THERE IS A ROLE AND THAT ROLE IS JUST HELPING. THEY ALL UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS GOING ON, THEY ALL HEARD FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND THE POLICE CHIEF AND KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON. JUST BRIEFED ON THAT, AND THEN THEY HELPED ALL OF THE CITIZENS HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT PUT IN THERE SOMEWHERE TO CLARIFY, AND I TAKE EXCEPTION TO SOMEONE USING, SORRY, CHIEF, I TAKE EXCEPTION TO USING THE WORD UNORTHODOX. I THINK THAT IS A PUNITIVE WORD, IT MAKES ALL OF US SOUND LIKE WE'RE ASKING FOR SOMETHING THAT ISN'T RIGHT OR ISN'T LEGAL, WHATEVER THE WORD IS. I TAKE GREAT EXCEPTION TO THAT, IT'S INSULTING. THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE STAFF TO COME BACK WITH SOMETHING THAT IS ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT PERHAPS ARCHIE HAS SAID THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN ANYWHERE AND THEN WE HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTERS SAY THAT IT DOES, AND I PERSONALLY HAVE SEEN IT WORK. I'VE BEEN HERE WITH THESE FIRES AND FLOODS. I KNOW THAT THERE IS A ROLE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT CLARITY. THANK YOU FOR INDULGING ME, I'VE BEEN SO INVOLVED IN THIS, RUNNING THE SHELTER DURING THAT TIME, I KNOW THERE IS A ROLE. OTHERWISE EVERYONE IS GOING TO THE POLICE

DEPARTMENT AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S EFFICIENT, EITHER. ANYONE ELSE HAVE A COMMENT? GO AHEAD. Agenda Item Number 2

I'LL GO AHEAD AND MAKE A MOTION TO FOLLOW STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. TO ISSUE THE DRAFT IMMEDIATELY, WITH, I'M SUGGESTING 30 DAYS. THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH AND THE COMMUNITY GROUPS, THEY ALREADY HAVE THEIR THOUGHTS, AND I THINK ADDING IT DONE, TO THEM, 30 DAYS, AND THEN CALENDARING THIS AGAIN IF WE DO THE 30 DAYS, WHAT WAS THE DATE OF THIS WOULD BE COMING BACK TO COUNCIL? I WANT THAT PART OF THE MOTION AS WELL.

CAN I CHECK THE CALENDAR REAL QUICK? I WOULD RECOMMEND MAY 19th, THAT WOULD GIVE US TIME TO GET ALL THE COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND THEN CREATE THE STAFF REPORT.

DID YOU SEE MAY 19th?

MAY 19th WOULD BE THE EARLIEST WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING THIS BACK IF WE TAKE IT OUT FOR 30 DAYS.

I'LL SECOND THAT.

CAN I CLARIFY THE MOTION REALLY QUICK? I WANT TO MAKE SURE COUNCIL IS SUPPORTED. THAT I HEAR THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLARIFICATION AS TO THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL, WOULD THAT BE INCLUDED? DO YOU WANT TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT?

I'LL SECOND THAT AMENDMENT. YES.

SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN, AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MAUER. TWO APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF THE DRAFT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, TO HAVE CLARIFICATION ON THE ROLE OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, TO HAVE THE ITEM RETURNED MAY 19th TO INCORPORATE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR A FINAL REVIEW. COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

YES. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO DO A QUICK CHECK, ARE WE ALL OKAY WITH MOVING ONTO THE NEXT WITHOUT A BREAK? OKAY. SO, PARDON ME. SORRY, EXCUSE ME. NUMBER 13, EMERGENCIES SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON HIGH STREET. I APOLOGIZE. THIS ITEM IS TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WANTED TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONDUCT CODE SECTION 22050 RELATED TO THE FAILURE OF THE CITY SEWER MAIN ON SOUTH HIGH STREET. NUMBER TWO, AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 156 LINEAR FEET OF SEWER MAIN BETWEEN CALDER AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE, NUMBER THREE, ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE WASTEWATER RESERVE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,720. I BELIEVE THIS IS PUBLIC WORKS AGAIN.

GOOD EVENING. SO, ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO WE RECEIVED A WORK ORDER FROM A RESIDENT ON HIGH STREET WHO WAS TRYING TO REPLACE THEIR SEWER LATERAL AND HAD A CONTRACTOR JETTING THE SYSTEM GET OUT INTO OUR MAIN AND FOUND THAT IT WAS STILL CLOGGED. OUR CREWS WENT OUT THERE TO TRY TO RELIEVE THE SITUATION AND EXPOSED OUR MAIN AND FOUND THAT IT WAS DETERIORATING CLAY PIPE, AND IT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY CLOGGED WITH ROOTS FROM THE TREES IN THE SYSTEM. IT'S A DEAD END ON ONE SIDE AND COMPLETELY CLOGGED UNTIL WE REACH A MANHOLE HALFWAY DOWN THE BLOCK. SO THEY CLEARED WHAT THEY COULD, AND THEY MANDATED IT AND REPAIRED THE STREET, AND THEY'RE WORKING TO KEEP THE EFFLUENT MOVING BUT IT'S A BAND-AID, AND WE NEED TO REPLACE THIS SECTION OF THE SEWER MAIN ON HIGH STREET. WE REACHED OUT TO THREE CONTRACTORS, WE RECEIVED BIDS FROM TWO OF THEM, IN THE SAME BALLPARK, THIS IS THE CHEAPEST PRICE. WITH YOUR AUTHORIZATION, WE'D LIKE TO PROCEED WITH HAVING THE CONTRACTOR GO OUT THERE AND REPLACE THIS SECTION ON HIGH STREET AS SOON AS WE CAN.

ALL RIGHT. QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER CARTER?

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK HOW THIS FITS IN WITH OUR LONG-TERM POLICIES. FOUR PLANNING.

I DID HIGHLIGHT IN THE STAFF REPORT THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WORKED ON THIS MONTH WAS TO FINALIZE OUR NEGOTIATION FOR A SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT THAT

WILL BE COMING TO THIS COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN A COUPLE OF MEETINGS. THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO IN OUR SYSTEM, WE DO HAVE SOME VIDEO RECORD OF WHERE SPOTS ARE AND WE DO KNOW FROM STAFFS EXPERIENCE, WHERE WE HAVE ISSUES. THEY'LL BE LOOKING AT THOSE AND PRIORITIZING WHERE WE CAN PROACTIVELY REPAIR OUR SYSTEM. IT'S AN OLD SYSTEM SO WE KNOW THAT, BUT, THAT'S THE GOAL IS TO GET AHEAD OF THIS WITH SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT YOU'LL SEE COMING IN THE FUTURE.

SO, THIS FITS IMPOSSIBLY WITH WHAT WE MIGHT DO IS BASICALLY THE QUESTION. THANKS.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC?

THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT HIGH STREET, IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO CHAMBERS FIRST, SEEING THAT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? THANK YOU, CAN YOU STILL SEE THE TIMER?

I CAN.

GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

I THINK IT WAS IN 2020, THERE WAS A PRETTY BAD SEWER SPILL THAT GOT THE CITY SUED. THERE WAS A SETTLEMENT, AND AS PART OF THAT SETTLEMENT, I THINK IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, THE CITY AGREED TO VISUALLY INSPECT ALL THE SEWERS WITH CAMERAS, I THINK THAT I RECALL A YEAR OR SO AGO, COUNCIL ACCEPTED WHATEVER THEY DO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THAT SETTLEMENT WAS COMPLETE. AND THAT WE NO LONGER WERE SUBJECT TO IT. THE IDEA OF INSPECTING THE SEWER LINES SINCE MOST OF OURS ARE VERY OLD AND CLAY AND PROBLEMATIC, EVERY YEAR SEEMS LIKE A REALLY GOOD IDEA. I'M KIND OF WONDERING WHY A RESIDENT HAS TO TELL THE CITY THAT THE SEWER LINE IS OBSTRUCTED TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS, THAT EVEN A PLUMBER COULDN'T GET HIS EQUIPMENT OUT OF IT ONCE HE WENT BACK IN. I, I WORRY THAT WE'RE NOT PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THIS AND THAT WE'RE PAYING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THINGS THAT AREN'T AS CRITICAL. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ROBERT, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING NONE IN CHAMBERS I WILL GO OUT, KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN.

DO YOU WANT ME TO JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE SECONDS LEFT TO MARK PLEASE DO. I'M TRYING TO DIG ABOUT WHO IT WAS THAT WE CONTRACTED WITH FOR FIRST STREET. BACK IN 2022, 2023, BUT THERE'S A PRETTY MAJOR WATER MAIN PROJECT THAT WE DID. IT WAS PIAZZA. THINKING BACK TO THIS WATER MAIN PROJECT THAT WE CONTRACTED, AND HOW WE HAD TO COME BACK AND PUT AN ADDITIONAL BUDGET EXTENSION ON THAT BECAUSE THAT PROJECT ENDED UP TAKING FAR LONGER AND BEING FAR MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY BID. IT MADE ME CONCERNED, AND I VOICED THIS OPINION HERE, WHICH IS THE CHEAPEST BID IS NOT ALWAYS THE CHEAPEST BID. IT IS NOT INFREQUENT FOR CONTRACTORS, ESPECIALLY CONTRACTORS THAT WE'RE OUTSOURCING VAST AMOUNTS OF LABOR OF REPAIRS IN OUR CITY TWO, TO GO BEYOND THE BUDGET AMOUNT AND COME BACK AND ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THE BUDGETING PROCESS. WE KNOW WHO WE'RE WORKING WITH, WE'VE GOT SOME NEW FOLKS WHO ARE HELPING WITH THE NEGOTIATION AND BIDDING PROCESS. AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'VE GOT GOOD WORKING HISTORY WITH WHO THESE CONTRACTORS ARE, AND THEY AREN'T REGULARLY COMING BACK AND ASKING FOR MORE MONEY AND SPENDING ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF TIME, IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST STREET PROJECT IT WAS WEEKS AND WEEKS AFTER THE FACT IN WHICH THERE WAS ROAD CLOSURE,, LONG PERIODS OF TIME IN WHICH NO WORK WAS BEING DONE, I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE KNOW WHO IT IS WE'RE WORKING WITH BUT WE'RE EXPECTING THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THE JOB DONE.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 15 SECONDS.

FOR MORE MONEY AND MORE TIME. THANKS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME IN TO CHAMBERS, SEEING THAT I WILL GO OUT, OLIVER CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF YOU MARK

I CAN SEE THE TIME. VERY QUICKLY, I REALLY HOPE THAT THE SEWER MASTER PLAN WAS COMING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THAT WE HAVE SOME SORT OF EQUIPMENT TO BE ABLE TO IDEALLY GO LOOKING FOR GRANTS BECAUSE WE'RE IN A TERRIBLE

SITUATION. I'VE SAID TWICE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS TODAY THAT THE LAMENTABLE STATE OF THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE SEWERS, SEWER SYSTEM REPAIRS COST A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE OF SUMMER STORM WATER GETTING INTO THEM. WE'RE PAYING FOR PG&E TO PUMP STORM WATER DOWN TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, AND THEN THEY CHARGE US FOR IT AS WELL. WE KEEP PAYING FOR THESE BAND-AIDS, WE JUST HAVE THE PATCH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW, BUT BAND-AIDS ARE EXPENSIVE. THEY DON'T SOLVE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS. I'D LIKE TO SEE A SEWER MASTER PLAN WHICH IS COMBINED WITH A ROADMASTER PLAN. IF WE CAN'T GET THE MONEY IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF PLAN THAT SAYS WE NEED \$70 MILLION OR WHATEVER IT IS. IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF MONEY TO WAIT AROUND AT STATE AND COUNTY LEVEL. BECAUSE CLEARLY THE CITY RATE PAY CAN'T PAY FOR THIS, OTHERWISE WE WILL BE IN ENDLESS MEETINGS LIKE THIS ONE TONIGHT TALKING ABOUT PATCHING A FEW YARDS OF CLAY PIPE, AT ENORMOUS EXPENSE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME IN TO CHAMBERS, SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, THESE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

WE'RE BACK HERE, DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

I WAS JUST READY TO MAKE A MOTION. CAN I MAKE A QUICK COMMENT? I WANTED TO SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS PLAN COMING BACK. I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS SINCE I'VE BEEN ON COUNCIL TO SEE THAT COME IN TO PUT ON YOUR RADAR SINCE YOU'RE FAIRLY NEW HERE, THE SEWER LATERAL THAT COMES OUT OF THE AREA NEAR COMMUNITY MARKET, AND THE STATION, IT OFTEN BACKS UP THE SAME WAY. IT BACKS UP AND YOU CAN SMELL SEWER CONSTANTLY. IT HAPPENS MANY PLACES. I'M HOPING WE CAN GET AHEAD OF IT INSTEAD OF REACTIONARY. GO AHEAD.

I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOTION TO DECLARE THE EMERGENCY EXISTS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACTS CODE SECTION 22 050 RELATED TO THE FAILURE OF THE CITY SEWER MAIN ON SOUTH HIGH STREET, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF 156 LINEAR FEET OF SEWER MAIN BETWEEN CALDER AND MAPLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,720, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

I'LL SECOND.

THANK YOU, SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MAUER TO DECLARE THE EMERGENCY EXISTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS, AUTHORIZE TO EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF 81,720, COUNCILMEMBER CARTER? [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. CAN WE MOVE ON TO THE LAST ITEM? WE GOOD? NUMBER 14, APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT. THE CITY MANAGER POSITION IS CURRENTLY VACANT AND THE CURRENT INTERIM CONTRACT EXPIRES MARCH 31st, 2026. EXTENSION WOULD BE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN AMENDMENT FOUR OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, I'LL TAKE THIS. YOU JUST DESCRIBED IT, 100%, AS THE COUNCIL KNOWS, MARY IS SERVING AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER. HER CURRENT AGREEMENT IS SLATED TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD EXTEND THAT, WITHOUT A SPECIFIC END DATE, IT WOULD EXTEND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COUNCIL HIRES A PERMANENT CITY MANAGER. IT WOULD NOT CHANGE IN ANY WAY ANY OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S CURRENT COMPENSATION. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL PAUSE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.

DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE'LL GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL COME IN TO CHAMBERS FIRST. SEEING NONE, I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF?

I CAN.

I WILL JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS LEFT, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

IT MAY BE THE OPINION OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL THAT THERE IS NO RESPONSIBILITY ON YOUR PART FOR APPROVING THIS AGENDA ITEM TO ACTUALLY INFORM THE PUBLIC WHAT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HIRING PROCESS IS. AND MAYBE YOU DON'T, MAYBE YOU'RE JUST LIKE, LET'S GO AHEAD AND RUBBER-STAMP THIS THING, MOVE ON AND CONTINUE. THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THIS THING WITH NO END DATE IN TERMS OF INTERIM NATION AND ABSOLVING YOU OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HIRING A PERMANENT CITY MANAGER, ATROCIOUS IN MY MIND. SO, MAYBE TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. IT'S NOT TOO LATE IN THE EVENING, WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME, MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HIRING OF A PERMANENT CITY MANAGER IS GOING TO BE, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, MAYBE IT'S TIME THAT WE START TALKING ABOUT WHO IT IS THAT WE'RE HIRING FOR HR TO BE GOING TO THIS EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT FIRM WE'RE USING FOR THE EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE. PLEASE ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC, WHERE ARE WE AT?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL COME INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING THAT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE MARK SORRY,

I'M FINE. I'LL BE QUICK. MARY IS GREAT, WE'VE NEVER HAD ANYBODY MORE FUNCTIONAL IN OUR CITY STAFF LEADERSHIP ROLE THAN SHE IS. BUT, AND I SAID THIS, I THINK A WEEK AFTER SHE WAS APPOINTED AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER, SHE CAN'T BE THE CITY MANAGER, THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, THE CITY CLERK, WASH BOTTLES, TAKE CARE OF, CLEAN THE FLOORS, WHATEVER ELSE SHE DOES DURING THE DAY. IT'S JUST, IT'S NOT FAIR. IT'S NOT PRODUCTIVE. AND IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE CITY. IT STARTS TO SHOW. THERE NEVER USED TO BE TYPOS IN STAFF, NOW THERE'S A STAFF REPORT IN THIS, WHERE THE ARGUMENT JUST CUTS OFF MIDSSENTENCE. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WAS THERE. I ASSUME THAT THIS IS A SYMPTOM OF DOING TOO MANY THINGS. IF IT'S GOING TO BE YOUR DECISION, AND MAYBE YOU'LL TALK TO IT. KYLE'S COMMENTS, BUT IF IT'S GOING TO BE YOUR DECISION TO PUT OFF A PERMANENT CITY MANAGER, THEN, WHY NOT MAYBE HIRE A TEMPORARY CITY CLERK TO TAKE SOME OF THE BURDEN? AND ALLOW MARY TO ACTUALLY OPERATE AS A CITY MANAGER, RATHER THAN AS THE CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING IN THE CITY. THIS PROCESS IS DYSFUNCTIONAL, AND NOT A GOOD WAY TO RUN A CITY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, ROBERT, NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM, IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU, BACK HERE AT THE DAIS IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE. JUST ONE. THANKS.

COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN?

I FEEL THE NEED TO RESPOND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE FACT THAT I BELIEVE THAT OUR STAFF REPORTS LEADING UP TO THIS HAS SET FORTH OUR PROCESS HERE I DON'T THINK I MADE THAT UP. THE STAFF REPORT PRECEDING THIS ONE DID LAY OUT WHERE WE WERE, AS FAR AS THE EXECUTIVE FIRM, ALL THOSE OTHER TYPE OF THINGS. AM I MISREMEMBERING?

SO, WE DID HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE FIRM. WE HAVE ALSO HAD NOT A CONCRETE CONTRACT, BECAUSE THERE WAS, WE HAD ISSUES GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH THEM. THAT WAS ON PAUSE. AND I WILL SAY, THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN, FOR THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS IN NEGOTIATIONS, CLOSED SESSIONS, SO, THE PROCESS HAS BEEN IN PLACE BUT THE CONTRACT NEVER GOT APPROVED BECAUSE OF BACK-AND-FORTH CONVERSATIONS.

THANK YOU, THAT IS MY RECOLLECTION AS WELL. I'LL GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOTION. THE ONE THAT WE APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT.

I THINK VICE MAYOR, YOU HAD A COMMENT?

SECOND.

SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MAUER TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT. [ROLL BEING CALLED] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ALL RIGHT. DOING GOOD, HERE. NOW WE NEED TO GO TO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

THANK YOU. THIS IS THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND IF YOU DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO TALK DURING THE ORIGINAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. KATE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

THANK YOU, MARY. I CAN, THANK YOU. JUST A FEW POINTS FOR CLARITY. PLEASE IDENTIFY WHEN FUNDS ARE COMING OUT OF THE WATER AND SEWER RATEPAYERS FUNDS, AS THE EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR YOU JUST AUTHORIZED. THAT WILL COME OUT OF WATER OR ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THAT SHOULD BE NOTED FOR TRANSPARENCY AND THE PUBLIC RECORD. I WOULD ALSO LIKE IT IF IT COULD BE IDENTIFIED ON ZOOM AND ON AGENDAS WHEN CONTRACTORS ARE SPEAKING VERSUS CITY EMPLOYEES, THIS ALSO RELATES TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND ALLOCATION COST ATTRIBUTIONS, SO IT WOULD BE GREAT TO KNOW WHO OUR EMPLOYEES AND TO OUR CONTRACTORS. I HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITY. I NOTICED A LOT OF NEW WHITE BOXES FOR CLOTHING AND SHOE DROP OFF AT RIGHT AID, LUCKY, SEVERAL PLACES OVER TOWN. I'M WONDERING IF THOSE ARE PERMITTED. IF NOT, THEY WILL PROBABLY GET GRAFFITI SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEE IF THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED. HEAD WEST IS BACK AND I'M WONDERING IF THE VENDORS HAVE BUSINESS LICENSE SO WE CAN COLLECT SALES TAX. AND WHEN DOES THE ROTARY PLAN COME BACK TO BE DISCUSSED THAT WAS A GREAT UPGRADE, AND IT'S TOTALLY FULLY FUNDED AND I'M WONDERING IF WE GET A CHANCE TO REALIZE IT IN THE PARK. AND IN TERMS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, THE FENCE WAS APPROVED TO BE REPLACED BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MOVEMENT ON THAT, AND I'M HOPING IT WOULD BE REPLACED BEFORE SUMMER. HAS ANYONE LOOKED AT THE STEEP GRADE OF THE NEW SIDEWALK ACROSS FROM A CEMETERY ON BODEGA? IT DOES NOT LOOK A.D.A. COMPLIANT. I WANTED TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT THE CITY IS RUNNING A SURVEY FOR THE PUBLIC THROUGH MARCH 26, AND I HOPE EVERYONE PLEASE PARTICIPATES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KATE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA AND YOU DID NOT SPEAK IN THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO RAISE YOUR HAND PUBLICLY. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN.

GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

SO, SINCE 2020, SEBASTOPOL EXPERIENCED A MAJOR REDUCTION IN PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE MOST NOTABLY THE LOSS OF THREE OF FIVE TRIPS BETWEEN SEBASTOPOL, OVER THAT SAME TIME PERIOD THERE'S BEEN A 25% REDUCTION IN WEEKDAY TRIPS BETWEEN SEBASTOPOL AND SANTA ROSA, ON TOP OF THAT WE CAN SERVICE HAS BEEN CUT MORE SEVERELY, 50% REDUCTION OF WEEKEND TRIPS INCLUDING NO ACCESS TO OR FROM SANTA ROSA ON WEEKEND MORNINGS AND EVENINGS. THESE CHANGES HAVE REAL IMPACTS, FEWER OPTIONS FOR WORKERS, SENIORS, AND RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON TRANSIT AND FEWER CONNECTIONS TO JOBS, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND REGIONAL SERVICES. DURING COUNCILMEMBER HINTON'S TIME AND SERVING, THE PUBLIC HAS SEEN LITTLE TO NO REGULAR REPORTING BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ABOUT DECISIONS, PRIORITIES, FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OR ADVOCACY EFFORTS AFFECTING SEBASTOPOL. AS A RESULT IT'S NOT CLEAR THE SEBASTOPOL'S INTERESTS ARE BEING EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED WHEN OUR SERVICE LEVELS HAVE DECLINED SO SHARPLY. I'M BRINGING THIS UP TODAY BECAUSE RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN REPORTED ABOUT THE REDUCTION OF BUDGET FOR ANNA LEE HIGH SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF LOW ENROLLMENT. SOME OF THIS IS RELATED TO THE FACT THAT SANTA ROSA SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE CLOSED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS. WHEN A PARK HASN'T CLOSED OFT INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF SEBASTOPOL STUDENTS WANTING TO GO TO EMILY COULD TAKE THAT BUS. THERE'S TWO BUSLOADS THAT ARE LEAVING SEBASTOPOL EVERY MORNING BUT THEY CAN'T BECAUSE THERE'S NO BUS SERVICE GOING INTO SEBASTOPOL IN THE MORNINGS EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO COME INTO SEBASTOPOL. WE'VE GOT A REPRESENTATIVE, WOULD LOVE TO GET UPDATES ON THE ADVOCACY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL.

INCREASE SERVICE LEVELS THAT WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING AS A RESULT OF THEIR TIME ON S CTA. THANKS. Agenda Item Number 2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE, ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES.

THANK YOU, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

KATE BROUGHT UP THE SURVEY AND I WANTED TO COMMENT ON THAT. IT'S A VERY WONKY SURVEY, I THINK THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING WITH GETTING PRIORITIES BY THE WAY THAT THEY'RE INTRODUCING QUESTIONS, BUT THERE'S NO INSTRUCTIONS, PER SE, AND IT IS CONFUSING. I GOT ALL THE WAY THROUGH IT, I KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO. I'M CONCERNED THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO TRY TO USE THAT INFORMATION FOR SOMETHING TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT PRIORITIES. MAYBE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE TERRIBLY INCLUSIVE BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT. THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. SEEING NONE I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM IF THERE'S ANYONE ON ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND YOU DID NOT SPEAK EARLIER, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VIRTUALLY. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED FOR THIS SECOND PORTION.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCILMEMBER AGENDA ITEMS. WE HAVE ANY REQUESTS? NO, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO CITY COUNCIL, CITY STAFF REPORTS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. AS YOU SEE IN THE AGENDA, WE DO HAVE AN UPDATE, WE HAVE THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MENTIONED, WE DO HAVE THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS SUBMISSION REMINDERS. WE DID HAVE IN THE BEGINNING AN ISSUE WITH THE WAY THAT THE QUESTIONS WERE BEING ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC BUT THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. BUT IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS HAVING ISSUES WITH THAT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND ME THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH MY EMAIL, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT THOSE ARE INCORPORATED. THIS IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE APRIL 14th CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP. THAT IS OUT THERE, I BELIEVE THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 26th. AND THEN, THAT IS IT.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. I'M SORRY. THERE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT ASKED ABOUT THE ROTARY. WE TENTATIVELY HAVE THAT ON THE APRIL 21st AGENDA, IT WILL POTENTIALLY GET CHANGED TO MAY DEPENDING ON SCHEDULING BUT IT IS COMING UP WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO TO COME TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW.

THE CHAIN-LINK FENCE, I'VE SEEN EMAILS ABOUT THAT.

I WILL DEFER TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE HAVE RECEIVED REVISED QUOTES AND WE ARE LOOKING TO GO INTO CONTRACT.

THAT'S CORRECT, WE HAVE UPDATED QUOTES AND WE'RE FINALIZING A CONTRACT AND TRYING TO GET THAT DONE BY APPLE BLOSSOM.

PERFECT.

NOW, COUNCIL REPORTS, DOES ANYONE WANT TO GO? COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN? CONTINUED FREQUENT MEETINGS RELATING TO OUR HOMELESS COALITION BOARD. THE CONSULTANT REPORT ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY IS FUNCTIONING OR NOT FUNCTIONING AS LEAD AGENCY IS DUE TO BE RELEASED SOON, WE CONSISTENTLY HAVE MEETINGS AROUND TRYING TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT ADMINISTRATIONS SWITCH WHEN IT COMES TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING VERSUS TEMPORARY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. ANOTHER CONCERN IS THE SLASHING OF THE BENEFITS AND AFFORDABLE CARE BENEFITS. AND WITH THE ADMINISTRATIONS CONSISTENT PUSH TO ELIMINATE THOSE, THAT ALL FALLS ON THE COUNTY. WHICH IS GOING TO IMPACT A LEVEL OF SERVICES THEY'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO US, ON A CITY LEVEL. TODAY WE HAD AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION BY A LAWYER FROM SECURED FAMILIES. TO OUR SEBASTOPOL NONPROFIT COLLABORATIVE ABOUT HOW OUR NONPROFITS CAN BE PREPARED SHOULD I.C.E. ARRIVE AT THEIR DOORSTEP. THE BUILDING THE COMMONS COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, AND OUR NEXT STATUS REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AT OUR FIRST MEETING IN APRIL.

ALL RIGHT, ANYONE ELSE? GO AHEAD. VICE MAYOR.

ASIDE FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND AGENDA REVIEW, I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT.

OKAY. GO AHEAD.

WE HAD A GSA MEETING, WHICH WE APPROVE THE ANNUAL BUDGET WHICH REQUIRES A SUPER MAJORITY. ON MARCH 12th. WE ALSO SAW SOME INTERESTING SLIDES THAT TALKED ABOUT THE WATER TABLE. AND HOW IT HAS BEEN COMING UP IN RECENT YEARS, THEY DID SHOW A PATTERN BACK TO 1970, I BELIEVE THAT'S WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED HAVING OFFICIAL RECORDS ABOUT THE WATER TABLE. AND THEY HAD SOME SPECIFIC SECTIONS THAT ARE RIGHT HERE BY SEBASTOPOL THAT SHOWED THAT WE'RE IN GOOD SHAPE AND IT'S BEEN TRENDING UP FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THAT CAN GO THE OPPOSITE WAY IF WE HAVE A DROUGHT. IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT TALKS ABOUT S CTA, IT IS TRUE THAT BUDGET ROUTES HAVE BEEN GETTING CUT FOR WHAT'S CONSIDERED NOT HIGHLY USED ROUTES, AND THAT STARTED BACK IN THE FALL, AND I JUST PULLED UP AN EMAIL COMMUNICATION THAT I HAD BETWEEN A RESIDENT THAT HAD REACHED OUT TO ME, AND THE ORGANIZATION, AND IT TALKED A LOT ABOUT WHERE WE WERE AT AND THE RECENT ROUTES THAT WERE BEING CUT. THERE'S TWO STUDY GROUPS THAT ARE GOING ON, ONE IS THEY LOVE ACRONYMS, IS CALLED TREATS. WHICH IS A PLAN TO EXAMINE ROUTES THAT CONNECT WITH SMART, AND BETTER TIME CONNECTIONS WITH BUS ROUTES. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAUNCH SOMETIME THIS SPRING, BUT, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY MORE ABOUT IT YET. CHANCES ARE IT'S POSTPONED A BIT. AND THERE WAS ANOTHER STUDY THAT WAS HAPPENING AS WELL. BUT WE HAVE HAD ROUTES CUT, AND AS TRANSPORTATION, IF THEY'RE NOT HEAVILY USED THEY WILL CUT THOSE BUS ROUTES, AND THAT STARTS, WHAT IS IT, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. AND THEN IT FUNNELS DOWN WITH LESS AND LESS MONEY TO US IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION. I SIT ON THAT COMMITTEE, AND NOT JUST TO SEBASTOPOL BUT OUR ENTIRE DISTRICT.

OKAY. DID YOU HAVE AN UPDATE?

CINEMA CLEAN POWER CONTINUES TO TRY TO LOOK FOR NEW SERVICES TO HELP LOWER POWER BILLS IN THE AREA. IT ALSO CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR RENEWED SOURCES OF LOCAL POWER, INCLUDING GEOTHERMAL, WHICH, I AM ROOTING FOR. AND ARE CREATING THE COMMENTS GROUP IS DOING SOME REALLY FINE WORK, AND I'VE MET WITH MUCH OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT BUSINESSES AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND WILL HAVE A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS MARCH 26th. AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS LEADERS IN TOWN.

THANK YOU. MY REPORT IS, LAST WEEK I ATTENDED THE MAYOR'S BOARD MEETING AND THAT'S WHERE I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT AND BAS. THE PROS AND CONS OF A JPA MOVING FORWARD, AND ALSO WE HAVE THE SAME PRESENTATION THAT YOU HAD, COUNCILMEMBER ZOLLMAN HAD WITH THE NONPROFITS TODAY REGARDING I.C.E., AND THE COMMUNITIES AND PREPARING. TWO THINGS I WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE. THIS IS THE 40th ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP, WE HAVE AMBASSADORS FROM JAPAN HERE, AND ON THE 21st, WHICH IS SATURDAY, THERE'S AN EVENT AT 2:30 THAT WE'RE ALL INVITED TO. I WILL BE THERE TO WELCOME EVERYBODY, AND THEN ON THE 23rd, WHICH IS MONDAY MORNING AT 8:45 A.M., WE WILL BE MEETING AT CITY HALL WITH EVERYONE. AND AFTER THAT FINISHES AT 10:00 A.M., WE WILL BE IN THE SQUARE, PLANTING A TREE WITH PUBLIC WORKS THAT IS A TRADITION WHEN I WAS THERE, A TREE WAS PLANTED WITH ALL OF US THERE, NOW THEY WANT TO DO THAT HERE. SO THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS, I JUST WANT TO REMIND COUNCILMEMBERS, YOU'RE INVITED TO THAT ON THE 23rd IF YOU CAN MAKE IT.

THESE ARE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, NOT JUST AMBASSADORS.

THEY'RE, I CALLED THEM FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS BECAUSE I WAS THAT AND I HAVE BEEN CORRECTED 10 TIMES. THEY'RE CONSIDERED AMBASSADORS.

LITTLE AMBASSADORS ARE EXCITED.

I'M JUST SAYING, I HAD THE SAME THOUGHT WHEN I FIRST STARTED AND EVERY MEETING I GET CORRECTED THAT THEY'RE AMBASSADORS. I GOT THE TERM. SO ANYWAY, THE STUDENTS, THE BIGGEST THING IS IT'S THE 40th ANNIVERSARY. WE CELEBRATED IT LAST YEAR, NOW THEY'RE HERE CELEBRATING IT THIS YEAR. SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS, THEY'RE SO COMMITTED TO THIS, IT'S AMAZING TO ME HOW THEY CONTINUE TO

PLAN THAT. ON THE 21st WE'LL HAVE THE CONSULATE GENERAL FROM SAN FRANCISCO FROM JAPAN, HE'LL BE THERE. ANYWAY, THAT'S MY REPORT, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE. OTHER THAN THAT I THINK WE'RE ADJOURNED AT 9:22. [Event Concluded]

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