

City Council
Mayor Jill McLewis
Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Stephen Zollman



Agenda Item Number 2
City Manager
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City of Sebastopol

Special City Council Meeting, Closed Session Meeting of June 29, 2026.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McLewis called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Mary Gourley
Alex Mog, City Attorney, Redwood Public Law
Deborah Muchmore, Human Re

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a Special Meeting. This public comment time is provided for members of the public to address the City Council regarding matters of municipal concern for the item listed below (maximum of three minutes per speaker) prior to adjournment into Closed Session. None

City Council Adjourn Into Closed Session on the Following Matter(s):

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM(S):

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code 54957.6):**
Agency Designated Representatives: Labor Negotiator/Human Resources/Interim City Manager/Labor Counsel
Service Employees International Union (SEIU) – Public Works and Administrative

Reference Order: 2026-180
- 2. Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957(b)):**
City Clerk
Reference Order: 2026-181
- 3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:**
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)
One Case
Reference Order: 2026-182

Adjournment of Closed Session: Mayor McLewis adjourned the closed session at 7:45 pm.

Convene Open Session of the Special City Council Meeting: Mayor McLewis reconvened the City Council open session at 7:46 pm.

Report out of Closed Session: Report out of Closed Session:

The City Council met in closed session to discuss threatened litigation regarding the City's water and sewer rates. The

City Council directed staff to:

- Create and Issue RFP for a new Water and Sewer Rate Study
- Create and Issue RFP for a new Cost Allocation Plan for Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds
- Prepare an agenda item for the July 7 City Council meeting for the Council to authorize the suspension of Tiered Water Rates Effective July 1, 2026 until such time that a rate study is completed.
- Prepare an agenda item for July 21 City Council meeting for the Council to authorize forgiveness of the loan by General Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 29, 2026 City Council Closed Session was adjourned at 7:50 pm to the City Council Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday J July 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

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