

RESOLUTION NO. 6777-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL APPROVING AND  
ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

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WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has reviewed and the City Manager has recommended and submitted to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the City of Sebastopol for the fiscal year 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing to consider the operating budget on June 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the budget hearing continues to June 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Council has extensively considered the expenditures provided in the proposed Budget, together with the following revisions:

Reductions / Savings:

- City Council: Main Street subscription reduction: \$500
- City Manager (suspended training & travel & subscription): \$2,500
  - Training: \$600
  - Travel: \$1,500
  - California City Mgmt Foundation: \$400
- Assistant City Manager / City Clerk adjustments: \$125,855
  - Salary & benefits savings: Achieved through staffing adjustments, including suspending the Assistant City Manager recruitment and filling the City Clerk position at an entry-level, resulting in reduced staffing cost: \$120,000
  - Recruitment cost reduction: \$5,000
  - Professional dues (IIMC, ICMA, CalPELRA): \$855
- Administrative Services (GFOA award fee removal): \$1,000
- Planning (staffing approach savings): hiring entry level of Associate Planner and a part-time contract Planning Director on an interim basis until a permanent director is appointed: \$130,000.

Subtotal – Total Savings: \$259,855

Additions / Increased Costs

- City Council: Rate study and/or time tracking module: \$75,000
- Planning: Additional contracted services for EIFD work: \$75,000

Net General Fund Budget Impact:

\$259,855 (savings) – \$150,000 (costs) = \$109,855 net savings

- Appropriate \$10,000 from the Art In-Lieu Fund for an art mural project.

- Suspend the scheduled July 1, 2026 water rate increase through June 30, 2027.
- Direct that the proposed forgiveness of the Sewer Fund loan be brought back to the City Council for separate consideration and action.
- Authorize the transfer of \$500,000 from Discretionary Fund to the Section 115 Trust within Fund 105.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Sebastopol that the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, is hereby approved and adopted as the operating budget for the City of Sebastopol for fiscal year 2026-27.

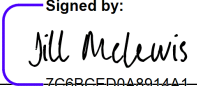
IN COUNCIL DULY ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.


Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, and Vice Mayor Maurer

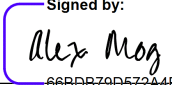
Noes: Councilmember Zollman and Mayor McLewis

Absent: None

Abstain: None

APPROVED:  Signed by:  
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Mayor Jill McLewis

ATTEST:  Signed by:  
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Mary Gourley, City Manager

Approved as to Form:  Signed by:  
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Alex Mog, City Attorney