

City Council

Mayor Jill McLewis
Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Phill Carter
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
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City of Sebastopol

Agenda Item Number 1
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Budget Committee

Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Phill Carter

Meeting of Monday February 9, 2026

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Call to Order: 10:33am

Roll Call

Phill Carter- Councilmember
Sandra Maurer- Vice Mayor
Mary Gourley- Interim City Manager
Ana Kwong- Administrative Services Director
Erik Billing- Public Works Operations Supervisor
Sean McDonagh- Police Chief – attended via zoom

Public Comment: 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.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Budget Committee Meeting Action Minutes of January 12, 2026
Responsible Department: Administrative Services
 - Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

2. BayREN
Responsible Department: Administrative Services

Vice Mayor Maurer expressed that she does *not* support accepting the settlement and the City to continue the on-bill charges for customers who have benefited—and continue to benefit—from the Water Save Program. However, if the responsibility for ongoing maintenance remains with the City, her recommendation is to accept the settlement, with the condition that the payout not be funded by the General Fund.

Councilmember Carter indicated support in ending the program either way, noting that the administrative burden of continuing the on-bill charges for the next ten years would be significant.

Both committee members requested that legal counsel provide an opinion on the City's maintenance obligations under the program.

Staff should revise the staff report to include a summary of the reasonable steps and negotiation efforts undertaken to reach the proposed settlement.

3. FY26-27 City Council Goals and Priorities Meeting Date, Facilitator and Process

Responsible Departments: Administrative Services – Lead

Both committee members are not recommending the use of a facilitator at this time because the budget development process is already under way. Onboarding a facilitator would take approximately two months, making the timing impractical.

4. Future meeting schedules

Responsible Department: Administrative Services

- March 2, 2026 at 10:30am- 1st Committee Budget Meeting
 - Tentatively, the committee is scheduled to review the projected General Fund revenues for FY 2026–27
- March 9, 2026 at 10:30am- 2nd Budget's Committee Meeting
- March 30, 2026 at 10:30am- 3rd Budget's Committee Meeting
- April 6, 2026 at 10:30am- 4th Budget's Committee Meeting
- April 20, 2026 at 10:30am- 5th Budget's Committee Meeting
- May 11, 2026 at 10:30am- Catch All Meeting

5. Current Meeting Recap

Responsible Department: Administrative Services

Adjournment: 11:40am