

City Council

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Budget Committee

Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
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Meeting of Monday June 8, 2026

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF June 8, 2026

Call to Order **10:30 am**

Roll Call

Budget Committee:

Sandra Maurer – Vice Mayor
Phill Carter – Councilmember

Staff:

Mary Gourley –City Manager
Ana Kwong – Administrative Services Director
Oriana Hart – Public Works Director

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 – None

CONSENT: The consent agenda consists of items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the Committee or have been reviewed by the Committee previously.

1. Approval of Budget Committee meeting of May 18, 2026 - **Approved**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS: *Informational Items or Presentations are items that are informational only and do not require action by the Committee. **Presentations should be limited to ten (10) minutes total in length of item (total length includes questions of Committee to presenter).***

None

REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION)

2. Consideration of Approval of a Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees and Associated Staff Time for the July 3 Fireworks Event at the Community Center; Total Estimated Cost: \$6,263 (\$700 in application fees, \$1,417 in Public Works staff time, and \$4,146 in Police staff time) – **Both committee members supported moving the item forward, consistent with the approach taken in prior years.**

3. Award of Construction Contract for Digouts and Repair Pavement Improvement Project (CIP #0520-22.09), with an estimated total project cost of \$460,304 - Both committee members in support of the recommendation moving forward with reviewing of funding chart.

4. FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget (Post–June 2, 2026 Budget Hearing)

Review of the staff draft report for the June 16, 2026 budget hearing continuation.

The Budget Committee met on June 8, 2026, to review and discuss several proposed items for inclusion in the FY 2026–27 budget. The discussion and support provided are summarized below:

- Public Art Mural (Estimated Cost: \$10,000) - Both Vice Mayor Maurer and Councilmember Carter expressed support for adding this item to the proposed FY 2026–27 budget. The project is proposed to be funded through the Art in Lieu Fund, consistent with its intended purpose for supporting public art initiatives.
- EIFD Formation (Estimated Cost: \$75,000)
There was mixed feedback from the Committee regarding the proposed funding for Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) formation. Councilmember Carter supported including the item in the proposed budget, recognizing its potential as a long-term economic development and financing tool. However, Vice Mayor Maurer indicated that she is not prepared to support the item at this time, citing the need for additional information and a clearer understanding of EIFDs, including their structure, benefits, risks, and applicability to the City’s specific circumstances. City staff reached out to the City’s former EIFD consultant to confirm costs. The proposed estimate provided is \$75,000.

Overall, the Committee provided general direction to move forward with the Public Art Mural, while further outreach, education, and analysis may be needed before reaching consensus on the EIFD formation funding.

5. **NEXT STEPS / FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Next meeting dates
 - None
- Future agenda items for consideration

6. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING 11:35 am**

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(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

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Prior to removing an individual, the presiding member or their designee shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding member or their designee may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. This paragraph does not apply to any behavior described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

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(B) Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

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