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July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting Agenda Highlights

In addition to **Consent Calendar** (items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or that have been reviewed by the City Council previously, agenda includes:

Informational Items/Presentations

Items that 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.

Police Department Audit Update

The Council will receive an update on the status of the Jerry Threet audit of the Sebastopol Police Department.

Fiscal impact: Staff preparation time is covered within the existing budget. No additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

FY 2025–26 Crime Statistics

The Police Department will present crime statistics for the 2025–26 fiscal year, including incident details and maps showing where incidents occurred.

Fiscal impact: Staff preparation time is covered within the existing budget. No additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

Public Hearing

Barlow Hotel Development Agreement Amendment

The Council will consider the first reading of an amendment to the Barlow Hotel development agreement. The proposed amendment would provide a 50% Transient Occupancy Tax, or hotel tax, sharing arrangement for 120 months.

Fiscal impact: Staff and legal costs are covered by a developer deposit account. Approval would reduce the City's anticipated hotel tax revenue from the project by 50% for 10 years, but would not reduce other expected tax revenues.

Regular Calendar — Discussion and Action

Wastewater Loan Forgiveness

The Council will consider ratifying previous direction to forgive repayment of a \$1.1 million loan owed by the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to the General Fund.

Fiscal impact: The loan balance is \$1.1 million. Staff preparation time is covered within the existing budget.

Response to Civil Grand Jury Report

The Council will consider approving the City's formal response to the Civil Grand Jury report.

Fiscal impact: No additional fiscal impact is anticipated at this time. Actions referenced in the response have already been approved and funded in the City budget.

City Clerk Hiring Authority

The Council will consider introducing an ordinance that would place authority to appoint, remove, promote and demote the City Clerk under the City Manager. The City Attorney and City Treasurer would remain outside that authority.

Fiscal impact: Staff preparation time is covered within the existing budget. No additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

Newspaper Rack Ordinance

The Council will discuss and potentially take action on an ordinance regulating newspaper racks.

Fiscal impact: Enforcement costs are unknown and will depend on the number and severity of violations.

Commission and Committee Work Plans

The Council will review proposed 2026–27 work plans for the Planning Commission, Design Review Board/Tree Board, Climate Action Committee and Public Arts Committee.

Fiscal impact: Adding an additional Public Arts Committee meeting is estimated to cost \$5,376 to \$8,064. Adding an additional Design Review Board meeting is estimated to have an annual cost of \$7,152 to \$11,448.

Meeting starts at 6pm at the Youth Annex and virtually. For the full meeting agenda and additional meeting documents visit the July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting Page: <https://bit.ly/CC072126>