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August 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Agenda Highlights

Consent Calendar

(items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or that have been previously reviewed by the City Council)

1. **July 21 meeting minutes** — Approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026 regular meeting. No additional fiscal impact.
2. **City Clerk appointment authority** — Adopt an ordinance amendment placing appointment, removal, promotion and demotion of the City Clerk under the City Manager's authority. No additional fiscal impact.
3. **Barlow Hotel development agreement** — Approve an amendment providing the hotel with a 10-year rebate equal to half of the City's 12% transient occupancy tax. The rebated funds must be used to promote tourism in Sebastopol, including the Barlow Hotel. The agenda lists no additional fiscal impact.
4. **League of California Cities voting delegate** — Designate voting delegates and alternates for the League's September conference in Anaheim. Mayor Jill McLewis is registered to attend. Conference travel would come from Councilmembers' existing \$2,000 travel allocations.
5. **Gravenstein Commons monitoring** — Extend the contract with 8th Wave to continue monitoring the housing development for compliance with HUD and City requirements. St. Vincent de Paul will fund the \$10,000 contract, with no cost to the City.

Regular Calendar

6. **Newspaper racks ordinance** — Consider an ordinance regulating newspaper racks, continued from the July 21 meeting. Enforcement costs are unknown and will depend on the number and severity of violations.
7. **Water and sewer fund reimbursement** — Consider reimbursing the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds for **\$350,354 in City Attorney costs** previously allocated to those funds. Approval would require transferring money from General Fund reserves.
8. **Sitting and lying on sidewalks** — Introduce an ordinance prohibiting sitting or lying on public sidewalks during specified hours. The agenda anticipates that enforcement would be absorbed within the existing budget.
9. **Safeway-area community concerns** — Consider authorizing City Attorney research into legal options for addressing graffiti and racial mockery reported near Safeway, along with the possibility of a neighborhood meeting. Any recommendations requiring new programs, ordinances or enforcement resources would return to the Council with cost estimates.

10. **EIFD formation and next steps** — Consider moving forward with formation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District and awarding a **\$40,000 professional-services agreement to Kosmont**, plus expenses and a 4% administrative fee. Another **\$35,000** is proposed for surveying, using the \$75,000 included in the FY 2026–27 budget. The formation costs may later be reimbursed from EIFD tax-increment revenue.

Meeting starts at 6pm at the Youth Annex and virtually. For the full meeting agenda and additional meeting documents visit the August 4, 2026 City Council Meeting Page: <https://bit.ly/CC080426>