

City Council

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City of Sebastopol

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Budget Committee

Vice Mayor Sandra Maurer
Councilmember Phill Carter

Enterprise Fund Oversight Committee

Councilmember Phill Carter - Chair
Greg Dabel – Vice Chair

JOINT MEETING BUDGET COMMITTEE & ENTERPRISE FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE Meeting of Monday October 5, 2026

Call to Order 10:36AM

Roll Call

Budget Committee Members:
Sandra Maurer – Vice Mayor
Phill Carter – Councilmember

EFOC Members:

Phill Carter – Chair
Greg Dabel – Vice Chair
Kate Haug
Oliver Marks

Staff:

Mary Gourley – City Manager
Oriana Hart – Public Works Director
Ana Kwong – Administrative Services Director
Toran Korman – Administrative Technician 1

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 – 2 minutes

Lee Mathias made public comment on the 2024 rate study noting that usage was 15% less than anticipated which is a large amount and something to consider for the new study.

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 minutes of September 28, 2026
Responsible Department: Administrative Services - Approved
2. Approval of Enterprise Fund Oversight Committee meeting minutes of July 20, 2026
Responsible Department: Public Works - 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 RECOMMENDATION)

3. Discussion of Financing Options for Water Infrastructure Projects

Responsible Department: Public Works

Consultant Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) gave a presentation on the City's priority water infrastructure improvement projects, focusing mainly on various funding options for the well 4 replacement project. Ultimately, LSCE recommends WIFIA for funding as it provides the most financial flexibility for the City.

Key points discussed:

- The difference between WIFIA and IBank financing interest rates and repayment
- Requirements regarding the appropriation of the funds
- Timing of loan approval, construction, interest accrual, and principal repayment
- Early repayment penalties
- Alternative grants/funding options
- Lifespan of the new well along with potential contaminants

Public Comments:

- Lee Mathias made a public comment stating that long-term interest could substantially increase the cost and he would like to see a more complete financial comparison of options.
- Mary Cone made a public comment regarding the water rate study and increasing water rates for residents.

Committees felt the information was incomplete and expressed the need for additional financial information before selecting a financing option. Councilmember/Chairperson Carter motioned to change the agenda item to be an informational item and defer the financing decision until additional information is available. Committee-member Haug seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes: Vice Mayor Maurer, Councilmember/Chairperson Carter, Vice Chair Dabel; Committeemembers Haug, Marks

Noes: None

Absent : Committeemember Meihaus

Abstain: None

4. Approval of Financing for Replacement Vector Truck

Responsible Department: Public Works

The Committees discussed staff's recommendation to finance the replacement of the City's Vector truck with a total cost of approximately \$521,786. Staff explained that financing would be split between sewer, water, and storm related work and the cost would be split evenly among those three funds.

Public Comment:

- Lee Mathias made a public comment asking about the need for two Vector trucks.

Staff explained that in the event of an emergency overflow, one is used to stop the overflow, and the other is used to clean up what has already come out.

Councilmember/Chairperson Carter motioned to have the Committee approve staff's recommendation to finance the Vactor truck over a period of 5 years. Committee-member Haug seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes: Vice Mayor Maurer, Councilmember/Chairperson Carter, Vice Chair Dabel; Committeemembers Haug, Marks

Noes: None

Absent : Committeemember Meihaus

Abstain: None

5. CITY STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/NEXT STEPS / FUTURE MEETINGS

- Department Reports
- Next meeting dates
 - Budget Committee to meet November 2 at 10:30AM.
 - Enterprise Fund Oversight Committee will meet as needed.
- Future agenda items for consideration

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING 12:05PM

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