**City Council**
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Neysa Hinton
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**December 1, 2026 City Council Meeting Agenda Highlights**

**NOTE START TIME OF 5PM FOR SPECIAL MEETING TO COMPLETE AGENDA ITEMS REMAINING FROM NOVEMBER 17 MEETING. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS AT 6PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING – 5 P.M.**

The Council will address five items carried over from its November 17 meeting. Any unfinished business will be taken up during the regular meeting before the Consent Calendar.

- Contract Services and FY 2027–28 Budget Preparation (Item 1): Review plans to solicit proposals for human resources, community outreach, building official services, information technology and Park Village management. Consider concurrently recruiting a part-time Public Information Officer as an alternative to contracted outreach services.

- Special Event Permit Fee Waivers (Item 2): Consider directing staff to develop a fee waiver policy and bring recommendations back to Council.

- Staff Recognition and Proclamations (Item 3): Consider establishing a separate agenda period for recognitions and proclamations, with increased speaking time for presenters and honorees.

- Law Enforcement Policies and Practices (Item 4): Consider authorizing approximately 10 hours of City Attorney time to examine police policies, training, collaboration with ICE, youth diversion, restorative justice and Gault Center recommendations.

- Library Commission Representation (Item 5): Consider options for an alternate representative to the Sonoma County Library Commission.

**REGULAR MEETING – 6 P.M.**

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

- Item 6: Approve November 17 meeting minutes.

- Item 7: Solicit Councilmember preferences for committee and liaison assignments, with appointments scheduled for January 5, 2027.

- Item 8: Adopt an ordinance changing the municipal code designation from City Traffic Engineer to City Traffic Control Chief.

- Item 9: Adopt an ordinance removing the sunset provision of the City's Just Cause Eviction Ordinance.

- Item 10: Introduce an ordinance implementing state-mandated restrictions on the use of drinking water to irrigate decorative, non-recreational turf.

**ELECTION CERTIFICATION, CEREMONIAL EVENTS AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION (Items 11–18)**
*These items are contingent upon the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters certifying the November 3 election results before 5 p.m. on December 1. Otherwise, they will be rescheduled for the December 15 Council meeting.*

- Confirm election results for James Woodruff, Ian Hoff and Sandra Maurer, each to serve a four-year Council term ending in 2030.

- Recognize outgoing Councilmember Stephen Zollman and outgoing Mayor Jill McLewis.

- Hear remarks from the outgoing Mayor.

- Administer the oath of office to elected Councilmembers.

- Consider ratifying the appointments of Sandra Maurer as Mayor and Neysa Hinton as Vice Mayor, in accordance with Council protocols.

- Hear remarks from the incoming Mayor.

**REGULAR CALENDAR – DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

Tree Removal Appeal – Fiesta Shopping Center (Item 19)

Capital Improvement Program Amendment – Water Infrastructure (Item 20)

The Council will consider two amendments to the FY 2026–27 Capital Improvement Program:

- Allocate $175,000 from Water Enterprise Fund reserves to establish a program addressing aging water infrastructure in conjunction with scheduled street reconstruction. Initial improvements would include water main replacement on Strout Street, an extension to West Street, and water service connection repairs on Eastside Avenue and South Avenue.

- Redirect $76,690 in previously allocated funding to advance the design of the Pleasant Hill Road Water System Connection Loop.

The proposed improvements are intended to increase water system reliability, reduce future street excavation and minimize emergency repairs. No additional General Fund contribution is required.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Community members are encouraged to attend in person or participate remotely. Written public comments may be submitted to citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov.

Special meeting starts at 5pm at the Youth Annex and virtually. Regular meeting begins at 6pm. For the full meeting agenda and additional meeting documents, visit the December 1, 2026 City Council Meeting Page here.