



Sebastopol Citizens

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Sebastopol City Council Meeting December 18, 2018 – Synopsis and Commentary

- Council Member Glass was absent.

Proclamations/Presentations:

- Proclamation naming Linda and Roger Collins as “Locals Who Make a Difference” was read. With the help of a few others, of course, they have, for 18 years, served over 10,000 Thanksgiving dinners at the Sebastopol Community Church.

Public Comment (aka Open Mike):

- You may have noticed a green light delay when crossing the Hwy116/Hwy12 intersection downtown that gives the lowly pedestrian a head start. A speaker asked for that system to be installed at the Safeway/High School Road crossing where her daughter was struck by a vehicle. Her daughter was not seriously injured but certainly could have been. That delay is very helpful for senior citizens who often freeze in their tracks when the “**Where was I going Now?**” moment syndrome kicks in. Some drivers will object on grounds that it gives an unfair advantage to their opponents.

Consent Calendar:

- The city charges fees on new development projects to fund public improvements, public amenities, and public services. The state requires a public report every year to make sure the city isn't ripping our lips off. Your lips should be in place as all appears to be in order.
- A notice of completion was authorized for the flashing light at Bodega Avenue and Ragle Road.
- Also completed were the gates and handrails at Ives Pool.
- The approval of a red 59.5 feet red zone fronting [588 North Main Street](#) was granted. And an update of signs and repainting white curbs for the passenger loading zone fronting [564 and 568 North Main Street](#) was also approved. Also hoped for were funds that would fill-in three missing lengths of sidewalk on Bodega Avenue. (Passed 4:0)

Public Hearing:

- A resolution was approved to apply for grants from the county that could result in two RV pads, the renovation of two buildings and the replacement of two trailers at Village Park – as it's now listed on Google maps instead of the former lowbrow name of Village Mobile Home Park. That's a name that might give a person the idea that it's OK for the RVs on Morris Street to park there. You got your homeless and then you got your *homeless*. (Passed 4:0)

Regular Agenda Items:

- A ten year lease extension for [Wischemann Hall](#) was approved. There are no fees, but the hall was built by the club and is operated by Redwood Rainbows Square Dance Club, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It is generally regarded as a valuable asset to the community. (They

were [kickin' up some dust there](#) at the end of tonight's meeting.)

- Council Member Carnacchi requested that the city council and staff take a walking tour of downtown to assess and take inventory of the conditions downtown. Council Member Carnacchi, who is evidently sticking around for now, will bring it back with a more defined plan. **And this just in:** A complaint from a local downtown merchant that the city is today, on the **19th of December, during a Christmas shopping week, hammering 4x4 holes into the sidewalk and erecting sawhorses for future way fare signs** so the hundreds of tourists that will be descending on us any day now can make their way to Ives Park and admire the unique and special chain link fencing. The merchant said **“It’s as if the city council doesn’t want us here.”**

City Council Reports:

- The City Offices will be closed from Monday the 24th through Tuesday the 25th for the Christmas holidays. Limited staff will be available from Wednesday the 26th through Thursday the 27th. City offices will be closed as usual on Friday. City staff is available in case of emergencies or if a major issue arises that needs immediate attention. Please feel free to contact City staff: mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org who will respond as soon as possible or if urgent, please contact the police department at 707-829-4400 who will contact City staff immediately.

A Parting Shot:

- PG&E is replacing the HPS street light fixtures with LED fixtures and one is in front of my house. Within minutes the air was so thick with EMF that the popcorn in the pantry started popping and my cat began to speak to me in Serbo-Croatian which made it no easier to understand. (What is it with cats?) The unseen but dangerous flickering made me think that vapor trails may really be government mind control drugs. (All evidence points to the Russian government though, and it certainly has already laid down a heavy blanket in Washington, D.C.). The hallucinations got so bad neighbors were running up to me claiming to have seen bicycles in the bike lanes. So now my whole body is covered in alternate layers of aluminum foil and yak fat and is well grounded – electrically at least. So Merry Christmas and go downtown, [where the lights aren't too bright](#), to shop.

Elapsed Time: 1:30 (6:00–7:30pm)

Next City Council meeting is January 15, 2019, at the Teen Center, 425 Morris Street at 6:00pm.

You can view this meeting and others at: <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>.

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