

## Sebastopol City Council Meeting – October 2, 2012 – Synopsis and Commentary

All Council members were in attendance for this meeting which ended before 8:00pm.

### **Proclamations**

The first proclamation that was read referred to the week of October 14-20<sup>th</sup> as “Freedom From Workplace Bullies” week. The irony of that being read by this City Council may have been lost on them but it was noticed they avoided eye contact with each other during the reading.

Bill Takis presented the City with a plaque in appreciation for the City's support of the Entrepreneurs Project. <http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/sebastopol-entrepreneurs-project>

October 3<sup>rd</sup> was declared International Walk and Roll To School Day.

Some routine business was conducted under the Consent Calendar on a 5:0 vote.

An announcement was made that two seats on the Planning Commission will have their terms expire on December 31, 2012.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

Village Park: Vice Mayor Kyes initiated discussion of the future of the Village Mobile Home Park. This piece of land, just outside the city limits was purchased in 2007 as a potential passive recreation area. It has a negative cash flow (although the exact number is not clear) as well as many safety and use issues. The Council agreed to send the whole problem to staff to sort out so the Council could discuss it in the future while in possession of the facts. Just before that happened Vice Mayor Kyes got down in the weeds suggesting many detailed ideas without said facts yet at hand. When he came up for air, Mayor Wilson quickly made the hand off to staff.

Litchfield Subdivision: Ryder Homes obtained a “Deferral of Fees” that was recommended by

staff. It is not uncommon for the City to defer fees that present no risk of the City being out of pocket. The fees will be collected when the subdivision hits certain benchmarks and the impacts to the City occur. The Council agreed with a 5:0 vote.

Leaf Blower Sub Committee: For reasons known only to herself, Council Member Gurney wanted to hear that subcommittee report. Mayor Wilson and Council Member Shaffer (the subcommittee) stated that the report and all action necessary had been done. In essence they confirmed a detailed email sent to Council Members by SebastopolCitizens' John Henel when we became aware of this item being on the agenda yet again. Gurney seemed to accept the facts as stated but one can't help to wonder why she is expending energy on something so trivial with all the other challenges the City faces. We hope it wasn't just political in nature.

### **Public Comments**

We again heard about the dangers of contrails, EMF, Diane Feinstein and treason, and now sensors being placed in pets, children, steel and “everything.”

### **Candidate Watch**

**Robert Jacob** spoke to Village Park, stating that anytime a project is losing money it “...should be a top priority.” He further stated that we are all landlords and responsible for the quality of life of those in Village Park. He also claimed that the residents do not have “...the same positive view” of the property manager that the City Staff has. Perhaps he would be a little more gracious if he knew that the property manager is providing the service at a loss or very close to it.

**John Eder** arrived just before the leaf blower item but didn't speak to anything.

--John Necker