



Sebastopol Citizens

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Sebastopol City Council Meeting October 30, 2018 – Synopsis and Commentary

- Council Member Gurney was absent.

Proclamations/Presentations:

- The council recognized November 11 as [Veterans Day](#).

Public Comment (aka Open Mike):

- Using the most hyperbolic terms in a limited repertoire, rambling and repeating ridiculous reasons for her fears, this speaker warned of a wave of wireless water meters washing up against our shores from that ever expanding ocean of evil – Santa Rosa. But, as Mayor Slayter later pointed out, we have our own wells, our own pumps and our own meters that are not now or likely to become wireless. (He could have added “at least until the council overcomes its fears of the EMF voting block,” but he didn’t.)
- In order to understand the next speaker you must perform this task. On slips of paper, write these words: ionosphere heaters, weaponizing the atmosphere, nano “mumble” (this is a wild card, add what you will) and Elon Musk. Next, add an assortment of verbs and adverbs and an optional few more mumble wild cards. Finally, shake the ingredients in a *paper* bag and then dump them on your desk. Read it. **That** is what he said.
- We were informed by another EMFer that all those popping sounds during the great fire were smart meters exploding and exacerbating the problem. Firefighters thought they were sounds of propane tanks exploding, but what do they know?
- This speaker spoke about the last meeting and aggressive behavior. She might have been referring to the clapping. At that meeting **Mayor Slayter asked the public not to clap** in support of speakers as those with opposing views might feel intimidated – especially if they were in the minority. Well, she was right. **When the clapping only increased, the opposing views became like one hand clapping.**

Consent Calendar: (Consented to 4:0)

- The council finalized incorporating the small piece of county property behind Tomodachi Park.
- The council also adopted the “Social Host” Ordinance “to include cannabis products possessed for non-medicinal purposes, in recognition that youth access to the substance is equally contrary to the public health and safety as is alcohol.”
- And the ordinance that would have prohibited camping on Morris Street, had not the Ninth Circuit Court ruled it unconstitutional, was rescinded. Exactly what is wrong with them using Village Park? It used to be called Village **MOBILE HOME** park.

Informational Item:

- In an attempt to quell the furor over the new bike lanes, the city trotted out staff and [W-Trans](#) in an effort to explain away the bike lanes. Would that they could. Some errors were made in the

striping, especially between Burnett Street and the Post Office area. They will be corrected but you are still going to have to live with **The Maze** just past the Feed Store. The best critique came from the fellow who believes, among some other strange things, that vapor trails (water vapor) are chemicals being applied by some deep state actors. Anyway, after looking at numerous photos of the bike lanes on a sunny afternoon, he questioned why none of them contained any, ah, bikes. Well the council ignored that, of course, just like it ignored the critics two weeks ago who were largely unopposed by any pro bike lane speakers. Tonight the council smugly noticed no detractors were present (there were three with five having mixed feelings.) The supporters numbered twelve and the council embraced them as lovingly as they rejected the critics two weeks ago. [Oh, it's good to be part of the in crowd.](#)

Public Hearings: (Passed 4:0)

- Some minor changes to the zoning ordinance were introduced and [given a first reading](#).
- The council adopted an urgency ordinance in an attempt to prohibit small (no one has quantified that word “small” yet) cell towers getting slapped up utility poles within the city without permission.

Regular Agenda Items:

- Public works presented a case to the council for converting the street lights to LED as follows:
 - They would be the warmer 2700 Kelvin as opposed to the 4000K/3000K fixtures.
 - PG&E is in the process of phasing out the orange high pressure sodium lights.
 - They will be replaced as they fail with 4000K/3000K LEDs, which would produce a checkerboard lighting effect around the city.
 - Lower Kelvin values are unlikely and PG&E will not be coming back to the City with a 2300K proposal.
 - The \$2.81 per fixture utility charge is ending in early 2019.

Because of these facts, the council, with one exception, finally saw the light and voted to approve the 2700 Kelvin LED light conversion for Sebastopol. Installation should start early next year at which time **the city will start saving about \$27,000 per year**. Council member Carnacchi said he didn't believe PG&E's timetable and wanted to wait and do more public outreach. (Passed 3:1)

A Parting Shot:

- City policy allows a member of the public to pull an item from the consent calendar for comment **if** a council member grants permission to do so. **Mayor Slayter** allowed that very thing to happen with the “social host” ordinance item in the consent calendar. And who did he grant that to but the “ionosphere heaters” guy from **Public Comment**. With his over-sized baseball cap almost literally pulled down over his eyes, he mumbled through his disoriented spiel while stylin' in a sweatshirt that, in large letters read, “**Black Guns Matter.**” Classy guy, no? **What was Mayor Slayter thinking?**

Elapsed Time: 4:45 hours (6:00–10:45pm)

Next City Council meeting is November 13, 2018, at the Teen Center, 425 Morris Street at 6:00 pm.

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

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