



# Sebastopol Citizens

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## Sebastopol City Council Meeting May 31, 2016 – Synopsis and Commentary

Robert Jacob is on extended leave. He is expected to return for the first meeting in July. All other Council members were present.

This meeting was a continuation of the [May 3, 2016 meeting](#), which was focused on an appeal by [SHARP](#) of the Planning Commission's decision to grant [KOWS Radio](#) an antenna at our water tank location at 1281 Pleasant Hill Road.

### Public Comment (aka Open Mike):

- There was an **appeal to the Council not to oppose** the moving of the [Sebastopol Independent Charter School](#). (The Council is going to continue to ask the Sonoma County's Permit & Resource Management Department to deny the move anyway. Councilman Eder will appear before them to **reiterate the Council's opposition**.)
- **In the “have you no shame” department**, an insurance salesman hawked his wares to those who fear a loss due to the EMF of the proposed antenna.

### Regular Agenda Items:

- Both KOWS and SHARP fielded about the same number of speakers, all of whom had nothing new to say but ate up 35 minutes of our time saying it anyway. There was even a **fellow who did a rope trick** while speaking but, though it was unclear to me which team he was on, at least he wasn't selling insurance.
- Cutting to the chase: **Council Member Eder moved to both uphold the SHARP appeal** and kicked the can down the road by also moving that a “limited EIR” be done. Both motions passed 4:0 with a great deal of equivocating. Staff will work up the scope of the EIR, have another public hearing, and then send the result out for bid. KOWS should pay for that EIR, not the City. [You may find a more more professional report from Amie Windsor of the Sonoma West Times and News here.](#)

### A Parting Shot:

- **Yes, there was.** At the gavel, there was a physical altercation between two opposing members of Team KOWS and Team SHARP. It might have been just a shove but it was still **a flagrant foul** and the police escorted one of the team members out of the building. It's unknown if he was booked and/or charged. **That's it from Peace Town USA!**

**Elapsed Time:** Forgot to check after all the excitement. Probably around two hours.

Next City Council meeting is June 7, 2016 at the Teen Center, 425 Morris Street at 6:00pm.

**John Necker**

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