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### **2015 City Council Meetings**

(You may click on the dates to read the full summary.)

#### [January 6](#)

- The Council seated Michael Jacob and Zachary Douch on the Planning Commission.
- Council Members Gurney and Glass both voted to seat Christine Level on the Design Review Board. Mayor Slayter and Council Member Jacob voted against.

#### [February 3](#)

- The City sets its goals.
- The Council supports raising the sales tax cap.
- The Council strongly disapproves of a new winery at 5150 Sebastopol Road.

#### [February 17](#)

- The Council seats Cary Bush, licensed landscape architect and Christine Level, a licensed building designer on the Design Review Board.
- The City and Small Town Sebastopol receive settlement funds from CVS.
- Council Members Eder and Jacob unsuccessfully try to cut off funds to The Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Eder said Mr. Music's funds should be cut off too.

#### [March 3](#)

- Without discussion the entire Council votes to allow using parking spaces for mini parks.
- The Council delays approving a State mandated and approved Housing Element for the General Plan.
- The Council approves lighting and night time skating at the Skate Park.
- After the resignation of Robert Beauchamp from the Design Review Board, the Council replaces him with architect Alexis Persinger.

#### [March 17](#)

- Public comment - more complaints from neighbors of Rotten Robbie car wash
- The city's Sewer Management Action Plan (SSMP) was re-certified
- Presentation by Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force (formed as a result of Andy Lopez shooting)

#### [March 30](#)

- **Special** City Council Meeting
- **Public Comment (AKA Open Mike):** A speaker criticizes our our police department. He needs to get out more!
- After a few weeks of delay, the Council, rolls over for the State and approves the Draft Housing Element with insignificant changes.

#### April 7

- A thinly disguised blanket condemnation of police in general. There was much applause supporting this, despite Mayor Slayter's request to refrain, lest it discourage others from voicing an opposing opinion. Of course he was ignored because that is exactly why they were doing it.
- Ives Pool continues to be remarkable.
- Two folks get a Certificate of Appreciation that makes one wonder what the Council was thinking,

#### April 21

- The Chief of Police reports **zero** Apple Blossom Festival-related incidents despite the above public comments.
- The “parklet” resolution passes without discussion.
- **Council Member Eder** continues to press for consistency in our ordinances.

#### May 5

- **Supervisor Carrillo** pitches Measure A at the Council Meeting.
- Speaker complains to Council that her neighbor tried to run her over with a shopping cart.
- Council admits that we don't have the money for Class A bike trails.
- Appeal to the Council for a large Barlow sign is rejected

#### June 30

- Police Chief Weaver finds finds \$84k grant for anti drug program at Analy.
- All City workers agree to various pay schedules.
- City budget was approved.

#### July 7

- The usual rants against corporations at public comment.
- Skate garden revamp moves forward.
- The bid for repairs to Keating Avenue are accepted.
- The ban on formula business with over 25 stores in the US starts moving along.

#### July 21

- The Council extends contract Community Outreach Coordinator.
- Council moves ahead with “parklet” day.
- Council sweats out corporation sneaking in from the North.
- City cuts back on irrigation.

#### August 4

- **Mayor Slayter** again announced that Public Comment was for items not on the agenda and *within the jurisdiction of the City of Sebastopol*.
- Yard debris rates going up.
- The City retains enforcement authority over Village Mobile Home Park.

#### September 1

- Formula Business ban passes first reading.
- CVS to install electric car charging stations.
- Still working on building a new Civic Center.

#### September 15

- LED street lighting proposal from PGE met with skepticism.
- Second reading of formula business ordinance goes nowhere
- Complete Streets update

#### October 6

- Seats opening on Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and Public Arts - sign up!
- Living Peace Wall approved
- Formula business ordinance has the bar raised.

#### October 20

- Sebastopol World Friends annual dinner Nov 7 - All welcome.
- Formula business ordinance passed without comment 3:0.
- Is there a drive-through compromise in place?

#### November 3

- Florence Ave resident reported to police, told to cease use of his leaf-blower - in violation of the (absurd level) 55 dba noise limit - are you kidding me??
- Skate Park expansion plans moving forward.

#### December 1

- Sarah Gurney selected as Mayor, Una Glass as Vice-Mayor for 2016
- Public comment rallies pot growers
- \$240k to be spent repairing streets - is yours on the list?

#### December 15

- Way Finding Sign Project was awarded to Studio L'Image
- Medical marijuana resolution easily passes urging county to get its act together by March 1
- Kenyon Webster scores a grant for \$383k for skate park improvements