

Sebastopol City Council Meeting – February 19, 2013 – Synopsis and Commentary

All Council members were present

Public Comments

The usual alarmists were in fine form tonight. The first speaker displayed something that looked like Flash Gordon's ray gun.(if you had to Google that, it's nice to know some of you young folks are taking interest in your local government). She carries this device to avoid EMF mind control. She also mentioned subliminal messages in Popeye cartoons. (Yeah, you can Google that too)!

Another speaker assured us she was committed to reorganizing the Occupy tent. She would like to share the tent with others and sebastopolcitizens.org specifically. According to her, anyone can open the tent. When we declined her offer, she was less than pleased.

When the usual EMF/Tick lady stepped up to speak, the Mayor, fearing her wrath, stopped the meeting and admonished us all to shut off our cell phones.

Another speaker suggested we fine CVS for letting the weeds grow on their property.

And one speaker asked the City to consider charging the Farmers' Market more than \$11.00 for the use of Mario Savio Free Speech Plaza! (Hmmmmm....)

Informational Presentation

The Sebastopol World Friends gave a report on the efforts with our sister cities.

<http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/page/sebastopol-sister-city-program>

Discussion and Action

The Council unanimously approved a Biotic study for the proposed Laguna Vista Project which is starting to smell like CVS redux.

Sebastopol was one of six cities nationwide to receive SDAT Team funding. For \$2500.00 (compare this with \$4000.00 to remove blackberries) we receive about \$250,000.00 in planning services. See <http://www.the-core-project.org/> for more information.

But then the Gorilla in the room rose up in the form of the Smart Meter ban. About fifty people were there to rant about them when council member Jacob asked for a show of hands from those opposed to smart meters. They all went up. Then he asked who favored them. If he was trying to intimidate me he failed as my bony claw shot skyward. (There were gasps.) It's a shame he didn't have the presence of mind to ask who might have been ambivalent about them.

What he said next was unsettling as he placed great importance on the 50:1 straw vote and completely ignored the other citizens of Sebastopol who were not present. He was not alone, as only Patrick Slater gave a nod to representative democracy while the other council members pandered to the 1%.

By the time of this writing, they have undoubtedly passed an ordinance to allow the police to ticket meter installers-just like a traffic ticket. That their action flies in the face of Federal law, was lost on

them.*

Over 20 people spoke to this issue at 3 minutes each, and each said essentially the same thing and each possessing an ego that filled the full three minutes. During a break, several of them were highly offended that, after listening to them for an hour, I declined to listen to them some more. Below is a sample of their thinking:

I was a PG&E plant

I was a shithead (well, OK, maybe he was on to something there.)

I needed to listen to more John Lennon songs.

I was secretly taking pictures of them.

I was a Nazi.

The Nazi remark was a shocking thing to say. For anyone to compare what the Nazis did and what takes place in simple little Sebastopol is an affront to Jews everywhere-living or dead.

Ideas like these make one wonder if all of these people who claim to have been damaged by EMF have not, in fact, been damaged by something.

*It did pass. The fine to be levied on the installer is \$500.00.

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