



# Sebastopol Citizens

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## Sebastopol City Council Meeting April 2 , 2019 – Synopsis and Commentary

- All Council Members were present.

### Proclamations/Presentations:

- April 7-13 was proclaimed as [National Library Week](#).
- April 8-12 was proclaimed [Week of the Young Child](#).
- April was proclaimed [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#).
- April was also proclaimed [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#).
- Pat Schoch was knighted as a “[Local Who Makes A Difference](#).”

### Public Comment (aka Open Mike):

- We had to endure 30 minutes of democracy and our perennial EMF gadfly didn't help the situation. After stating that, because of the radiation she couldn't stay long, she stayed – and worse, she spoke. And she spoke with remarkable authority, considering her acquaintance with [Georg Ohm's](#) law is something less than cozy. She also said (about smart devices) “smart is the new stupid.” Because of her close company with the last part of that quote, we will defer to her on that point. Because of the FCC item on the agenda, she had backup. Many of the tribe were present with assertions that: PG&E has space-based satellites that are somehow using space energy for weapons; carbon dioxide is O.K., but apparently using the plasma battery in the sky for mind control is not, and that 5G radiation is raising hell with birds, ducks and cows in Sweden. Another speaker, who possessed the questionable taste of using his cute young daughter as a prop, peppered us with enough numbers to slow down a high-end computer, thereby killing any argument there is beauty in numbers .
- For a change of pace, a fellow who has materialized before and seems to be fixated on the Second Amendment, lambasted the council for a wide array of sins. But it was Vice Mayor Slayter whose very presence seemed to really get this guy's knickers in a twist as he accused the venerable vice mayor of being a “domestic enemy” and of burning the Constitution. A quick fact check will show that the [Constitution has still avoided the vice mayor's evil intentions](#) although we really can't be sure if any *copies* were burned in his back yard at night as he danced around the flames. Being a “domestic enemy” sounds more like a marital problem, one that can't be patched up at a city council meeting.
- Another speaker advocated the use of bicycles and scooters at the skate park. At a different meeting this idea might sound strange and not well thought out. But in comparison with the above .....

### Consent Calendar: (Approved 5:0)

- In September of 2018, when Caltrans re-paved and re-stripped SR 116 that runs through our fair city (Surely you remember), they agreed to paint those meandering green bike lanes at no cost to us – which is exactly what they were worth. However, the city had to agree to upgrade 18

ADA curb ramps. The project budget for that is approximately \$451,920. Tonight the council agreed to ask the Metropolitan Transit Commission for a grant of \$23,541, the maximum the city is allowed to draw at this point, to help off-set some of the cost. What a deal!

**Public Hearing:** (Continued to the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

- The council was ready to take another step in its battle to stop a utility from being able to install cell phone equipment on any or even all utility poles in town without city approval. On April 15 the FCC will require the city “to have design and development standard regulations in place. After that date, it is likely that any adopted moratorium would be null and void.” So the council is moving posthaste to get those regulations in place before [Ajit Pai](#) allows his [non-collusional buddies](#) in the phone companies to hang equipment on anything that stops moving for 17 seconds. **But wait, there’s more:** The city manager announced a just received letter from a Verizon lawyer that prompted our outside council to advise canceling this hearing, which was done. A Verizon spokesman who was present at the meeting said Verizon hoped to work with the city and wouldn’t take advantage of the delay. He also stated there are no plans for rolling out a 5G network in Sebastopol and Verizon only hopes to improve coverage. The council’s discussion focused mostly on aspects of aesthetics, an idea dismissed by the Luddites but is an area where we might actually have some legal recourse. Oh, public comment? See above except for this bonus remark: The sky is a plasma battery for Artificial Intelligence and we are antennas and our heads are turning into phones. Wow! Good one!

**Regular Agenda Items:**

- Red zone parking changes will [take place at 150 and 144 Jewell Avenue](#) and at [642 Petaluma Avenue](#). (Pased 5:0)
- The council discussed the [CASA Compact](#). CASA, in its headlong rush to solve the housing problem in the next 15 minutes has, according to the city, left something out, us. The city said “while intensive dialogue among key interests were facilitated as part of the preparation of the CASA Compact, the City of Sebastopol, along with many other local Sonoma County and Bay Area cities, were not included in the consultation and outreach process.”
- Direction was given to the mayor and her representative regarding nominations to various regional commissions and committees.

**A Parting Shot:**

- CASA (Collusional Attempt to Siphon Assets?) can present some real serious problems for us and the council is all over it like a wet blanket. When asked for a presentation, the CASA clan said we are too small and could just sit in at the Santa Rosa presentation. This does not bode well for our self interests. Our potential contributions could disappear down a black bureaucratic hole only to bubble up in San Jose where they wouldn’t even net us a few Sharks tickets. The council is a long way from joining this club.

**Closed Session:**

- A conference followed with labor negotiators from the public works department and the police.

Elapsed Time: 4:15 hours (6:00–10:15pm)

Next City Council meeting is April 16, 2019, at the Teen Center, 425 Morris Street at 6:00pm.

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

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