



# Sebastopol Citizens

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Gentle Readers,

The following is a correction to the [May 5 summary](#).

The city council **did not** vote 5:0 to hire CoMission as the Community Vitality Consultant. In fact, they didn't vote on it at all. CoMission was hired by city staff. So how did that happen?

Like this:

It got off the ground at the September 3, 2019 meeting. [Scroll down to "Regular Agenda Items."](#)

Then, on [December 17, 2019 Agenda Item #9](#) reads in part:

"The proposal is for a contract employee who can network with the community, engage citizen and business participation, and create collaborative partnerships to work with the City and community to improve the overall vitality of Sebastopol."

At that meeting things took a turn toward the weird when as noted in the [SebastopolCitizens.org Summary](#):

"Council Member Hinton proposed a selection method that involved a sub-committee, and both the council as a whole and **Mayor Slayter seconded that**. Shortly following that second, the council voted on the proposal and the **Mayor voted against it**. It failed 4:1, leaving Council Member Hinton in the minority with a real puzzled look on her face. So, staff will handle finding a coordinator . That passed on a 5:0 vote."

How it went from one-part time person to CoMission that is billing between \$94 to \$211 each per hour is a mystery. And at the May 5 Zoom meeting three CoMission people were present, and their time was billable.

Anyway, please accept my apologies for the fake news about the 5:0 vote.

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