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## 2016 City Council Meetings

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### [January 5, 2016](#)

- Visitors from the planet Outder make public comment
- David Gordon, Warren Arnold, and Jennifer Wertz selected for The Public Arts Committee
- Keating Ave and Seb Community Center projects completed under budget
- Urban Growth Boundary and greenbelt protection issues need to be addressed
- Bike lanes through town stir much discussion following failed grant request for \$800k

### [January 19, 2016](#)

- Public comment - have you seen the City brochure for development of Sebastopol Tractor site?
- Updated Landscape Ordinance was approved - do you need a permit?
- Proposed hotel in Barlow request upped from 62 rooms to 90. New traffic/air study now needed.
- Ratto Group, our garbage hauler, wants to drop some items from the recycle list.
- Seat on Planning Commission has opened up, term ends Dec 2016. APPLY by Jan 28!
- What happened to PG&E's proposal for LED lighting in the City, saving \$54k per year?

### [February 2, 2016](#)

- Maybe we need a traffic light at Burbank Heights?
- New City website is coming, \$40k price tag
- Paul Fritz appointed to vacant spot on Planning Commission
- Council goals and priorities same as last year
- CVS notified City that it plans to pull building permits in the next couple weeks

### [February 16, 2016](#)

- Police Chief Jeff Weaver named Citizen of the Year
- Skate Park expansion going forward, \$53k project
- PGE presents case for LED lighting in City. Council makes no decision, fearing some folks good vibrations may get disrupted. Are you kidding me?
- More on water conservation, Urban Growth Boundary, and, bike lanes...

### [March 1, 2016](#)

- All 7 Consent items approved as agendized.
- Ives Pool presented annual report, 75 years and counting!
- \$35k contract awarded to produce preliminary plan for new Civic Center in parking lot near Hopmonk.
- CVS permit approved for demo and grading. Is the bank back in the mix?
- KOWS approved antenna permit has been appealed

### [March 15, 2016](#)

- Jacob Was absent
- Annual street lighting report to be prepared - any LEDs??
- Council accepted the traffic and air quality study for the proposed Piazza Hotel at 2824 Depot Street.
- The Village Building Convergence (VBC) pitched a totally raw, 50-page plan for an event to be held on April 15-24. This was a disaster!

#### April 5, 2016

- John Necker was absent, and still wrote his notes...
- Seats are open on Streets Advisory, Public Arts, and Planning Commission.
- Water treatment improvements completed on Well 7.
- Measure AA, a parcel tax increase, wants Council support.

#### April 19, 2016

- Robert Jacob is on extended leave.
- Bike lane project rolls on, streets to get slurried to complete repairs
- Sebastopol World Friends reported on recent visit to Japan
- Preliminary review of annexation of Village Park, Tomodachi Park
- Meeting with CalTrans to deal with traffic at new CVS development

#### May 3, 2016

- (Robert Jacob on leave)
- Bike lane project rolls on...
- Appeal of Planning Commission approval for an antenna for KOWS radio went on 3.5 hours no decision.
- Special meeting on May 31st will revisit the KOWS antenna issue.
- Does your cell phone have a "stun" mode?

#### May 17, 2016

- (Robert Jacob on leave)
- AT&T wants to decommission land-line telephone service
- Cittaslow reported
- Seb Independent Charter School wish to build a new campus on Hurlbut is being opposed by our Council.
- Just to confuse the whole GMO debate more, we now have a proposed Transgenic Contamination Ordinance to digest, which has been endorsed by our Council, the first in the County.

#### May 31, 2016

- (Robert Jacob on leave)
- Council reiterated its opposition for Seb Ind Charter School to build a new school on Hurlbut near O'Reilly.
- KOWS antenna appeal by SHARP of Planning Commission approval - only agenda item - decision to uphold the appeal, but also require a limited EIR. Not quite done with this one...

#### June 7, 2016

- (Robert Jacob on leave)
- Mel Davis, City Manager from 1965 to 1993, has passed.
- June 20 is Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day.
- Council formed a committee to meet with Seb Independent Charter School over their wish to build a new campus on Hurlbut, and is being opposed by our Council.
- Petition for renewal of Urban Growth Boundary through 2041 moving forward.

#### June 21, 2016

- (Robert Jacob on leave)
- Contract approved to slurry some streets
- Design Review Board has an opening - apply now!
- 2016-17 budget adopted
- Complete Streets Advisory Committee is on the ropes

- Urban Growth Boundary was adopted by the Council, not submitted to voters as expected.

#### July 5, 2016

- All Council Members present
- No one spoke at public comment - really?
- Nov 8 - election for 2 seats on Council. Free beer from Necker if you run!
- Renewed contract for Holly Hansen as Communication Outreach Coordinator
- Moved ahead to request bids for EIR for the KOWS antenna project - unclear who pays for it.
- A new questionnaire (litmus test?) is being developed for those wishing to do business in Sebtown.

#### July 19, 2016

- All Council Members present
- Public comment - back to the normal droning on...
- Library Commission report
- Cittaslow report from attending a conference in Portugal, paid for by Cittaslow International
- Bids solicited to pave Willow St. between Jewell and High.
- Jewell and Willow intersection will get some study...

#### August 2, 2016

- Vice Mayor Glass was absent
- Appointed Lars Langberg to fill vacant DRB position
- No public comment speakers...summertime break
- City will pay \$1585 to try three 2700K LED lights for a few months instead of using PGE's free 4000K lights
- \$5700 will be spent to research the Jewell and Willow intersection, a solution in search of a problem
- You know you are in Sebastopol when a request is made to change "Before I Die" to "While I live and Love"

#### September 20, 2016

- Medal of Merit to explorer Ryan Imschweiler, on a police ridealong, stepped in to help out
- Public commenter complimented City staff - refreshing change!
- Presentation from Analy 1:4:1, a drug avoidance program.
- New City website is coming! - presentation from Planeteria, the designers.
- New lighting at the Skate Park
- General Plan moving along. Might remove parking at the Plaza.

#### October 4, 2016

- Kenyon Webster, our Planning Director, recognized for 20 years of service.
- Public comment returns to its long-standing traditions
- Pay ranges, view here, approved for City staff
- Are they really going to change Willow St/Jewel intersection? Will they tell the residents beforehand?
- Lots more to do with roads, and the City relationship to the County.

#### October 11, 2016

- City Council Election 2016 - Questionnaire Results! In late September, Sebastopol Citizens submitted a set of 10 questions to each of the four candidates running for City Council.

#### October 18, 2016

- Sebastopol World Friends - Friendship Dinner at Enmanji Temple - Nov 5

- Sebastopol officially is now on record against TPP
- Public comment continues to entertain, if not inspire
- Discussion on increasing city fees
- Rent control has been put on the Agenda. An urgency resolution to freeze rents will be voted on next meeting. Since this was introduced with little preparation, and deemed urgent, outside counsel will be required to prepare the resolution at an estimated cost of at least \$10,000.

#### November 1, 2016

- Early meeting to discuss Willow/Jewell intersection - see report link in Necker's Notes
- Public comment tag-team ranting back in action
- Seats are OPEN on Planning Commission and Design Review Board - Sign up NOW!
- Rent control - urgency moratorium on increases passed 4:1 effective immediately, not retroactive, just retro. This item has moved super-fast through the soon-to-be reconstituted Council, with little analysis or research.

#### November 15, 2016

- General Plan approved, but not without some last minute tweaking
- Sonoma Clean Power presentation on energy saving. No mention how smart meters could help.
- Hotel project on Depot Street gets a big dose of slow-go Sebastopol
- Lease for KOWS antenna approved
- 5 1/2 hour meeting

#### December 6, 2016

- Neysa Hinton and Michael Carnacchi installed on the City Council
- Una Glass is the new Mayor, Patrick Slayter the Vice Mayor
- The Jewell Ave/Willow St intersection thing (is this really an issue?) got tabled
- 3% Rent control moratorium EXTENDED for another 6 months

#### December 20, 2016

- Public comment, the usual mixed bag
- Repaving Willow St. between High and Jewell out to bid
- Fire Department may need to increase paid staff
- Traditional Living Inc is coming to town. Cheetos not included
- Affordable housing, including rent control, went to sub-committee
- Granny unit housing will have new state-mandated rules starting Jan 1