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## 2017 City Council Meetings

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

### [January 3, 2017](#)

- Public comment - Nada for the whole meeting!
- Reports from Holly Hansen, the Sebastopol Outreach Coordinator.
- Cittaslow report.
- A mere 1:15 meeting length. Must be a record.

### [January 17, 2017](#)

- Bids will be solicited to fix the crosswalk lighting at Bodega Ave/High St.
- Approved 5:0 to amend zoning ordinance to allow 4 stories/50 feet for the proposed Sebastopol Hotel
- Denied 5:0 the appeal from Lynn Deedler, lone dissenter on DRB, of DRB approval of same Hotel
- Back to normal duration...5 hours, 20 minutes

### [February 7, 2017](#)

- [Smart Meter](#) resistance gets a little tepid support
- 2016/17 budget approved
- Zoning changes approved 5:0 for the new hotel, 4 stories, 50 feet ok'd
- \$150k approved 4:1 to get bids to stripe bike lanes through city streets
- Annexation of Village Mobile Home Park and Tomodachi Park discussed

### [February 21, 2017](#)

- Public comment once again dominated by resistance to [Smart Meters](#), despite no Council jurisdiction
- A 10k beer run may be coming to the Barlow April 15<sup>th</sup>
- After very long discussion, Council approved resolution 4:1 formalizing Sebastopol's sanctuary-city attitude, and approved 4:1 a letter in support of state-bill SB 54 along the same lines
- Sebastopol Senior Center's request for emergency funding approved 5:0, \$25k now, another \$25k in a month pending review

### [March 7, 2017](#)

- 10th Annual Sebastopol Film Festival is March 23-26
- Annual lighting assesment report coming - any LEDs part of that??
- Willow St from High to Jewell will be repaired, \$257k
- Granny Units, large and small, may some day be cheaper and easier to add
- Carnacchi renews push for a traffic bypass, City to contact Caltrans

### [March 21, 2017](#)

- Library flashing crosswalk to be repaired by Ghilotti for \$148k
- Time Bank Program (want to milk a cow?) presentation by Cittaslow
- Contract approved for West County Community Services to manage Village Mobile Home Park
- Waddaboring fills the void to keep the meeting going, still a short one at only 150 minutes

### [April 4, 2017](#)

- Necker unable to attend, but still has stimulating commentary
- Fire Department needs volunteers
- Medicine disposal presentation

- Letter from Mayor Glass to PG & E, once again opposing Smart Meters, [here it is](#)

#### May 15 & 16, 2017

- Special Meeting May 15 - CalPERS unfunded liabilities of \$9M
- Mid-year budget adjustment of \$234k - unexpected repairs
- Sebastopol World Friends presentation on recent Japanese visitors
- Overview of 2017-2018 Budget given by Finance Director
- Kept alive by one person, the Willow/Jewell non-problem intersection has not faded away. Is this a good place to put a large amount of limited City cash?

#### June 6, 2017

- Lots of action on Open Mic, including irascible...
- Lighting assessment is up, anyone up for saving \$40k with LEDs?
- Pine Grove Square - development of the parking lot between South Main and Petaluma Ave - is getting some traction. Stay tuned...are we headed to CVS II? This is the mind-meld portion of our story.
- Capital Improvement budget passed, includes paving of Willow St.

#### June 20, 2017

- Teresa Ramondo honored for 28 years at the Chamber of Commerce
- Four more names to be added to the Peace Wall
- \$1.2M grant accepted towards Bodega Ave bike lanes, half the cost
- Pine Grove Square parking study going forward. Pay attention here.
- Big gopher problem this year, owls recruited, another solution in the Notes...

#### July 18, 2017

- Jill McLewis takes over as Exec Director of Chamber of Commerce
- Various funding items approved
- Sebastopol World Friends reported on an April visit to Ukraine
- The Council will staff a table at the Farmer's Market as a public service
- Perhaps a record...only 1 hour, 20 minutes long

#### August 1, 2017

- 6 projects approved totaling approximately \$1,500,000.
- Educational training by police dept approved for those selling alcohol in town
- Plans for Ned Kahn's sculpture moving forward
- Hiway 116 through town to be repaved by CalTrans

#### September 5, 2017

- John Necker called away on special assignment to Bizzaro, the capital of Berserkistan.

#### September 19, 2017

- Public comment gets very private.
- There are opening on Design Review Board and Planning Commission.
- Bodega Ave and Nelson Way to get HAWK pedestrian crossing, \$271k.
- Signs will no longer be allowed on Bodega Ave coming in from West County.

#### October 3, 2017

- Public comment - from the inappropriate to the inane.
- Natchez Crape Myrtle replaces Flowering Pear as official Main St. tree.
- \$1.3M awarded to Ghilotti to replace ailing sewer and water lines.
- Ragle Rd at Bodega Ave is headed for a stop-light, with a flashing light system as interim.

### October 17, 2017

- Jeff Weaver, on the force since 1989, retires as Police Chief.
- Long discussion on City Fees, and use of public property for private profit.
- Ives Park could use an update, no money.

### November 7, 2017

- Closed session, litigation rolls on, even over CVS.
- 13 people had their say at public comment.
- Median strips on Covert lane to be removed for bike lanes.
- Is a second building coming to the CVS site? Stay tuned...

### November 12, 2017

- After 10 years, Diana Rich to retire as Director of the Community Center
- Volunteer firefighters to get protective pants and coats
- \$245k contract awarded for HAWK flashing light at Bodega and Nelson Way
- Housing committee reported
- Caltrans adding bike lane markings, with issues

### December 5, 2017

- Patrick Slayter is now Mayor, Neysa Hinton is Vice Mayor
- 7-layer aluminum hat protects public comment speaker from EMF
- A new LED proposal from PGE, with a warmer 3k color, would save Sebastopol \$26,000 a year, got a frosty Luddite response
- Establishing rules for recreational pot sales moving forward, expect an urgency ordinance to make the Jan 1 deadline
- Grinding, repaving work on 116 from Mill Station Rd to McKinley St takes place 12/11 thru 12/15 from 7pm to 7am - yes that's all night.

### December 19, 2017

- DRB and Planning Commission seats filled, not without drama.
- Marking for bike lanes completed.
- Fee structure for granny units to be examined...reductions coming?
- Recreational pot sales will go ahead in Sebastopol starting Jan 1.
- Is a brand new \$8.5M library in Sebastopol's future?