

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR Meeting of January 21, 2020

As Approved by the City Council at their regular meeting of February 4, 2020.

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A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on January 14, 2020.

5:00 pm: Convene City Closed Special Meeting (Closed Session), Sebastopol City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA

The Closed Session Meeting was cancelled.

Reference Number: 2020-023

6:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING: CONVENE City Council Regular Meeting, Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slayter called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Slayter
Vice Mayor Glass
Councilmember Carnacchi
Councilmember Gurney
Councilmember Hinton

Absent: None

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Staff: City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley
Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
Fire Chief Bill Braga
Planning Director Kari Svanstrom
Acting Police Chief Greg DeVore

REPORT OUT OFF CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Slayter stated the Closed Session Meeting at 5:00 pm had been cancelled.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Slayter led the salute to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT (At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, unless otherwise permitted under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the merits of the matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration.)

A member of the audience commented as follows:

- Sebastopol World Friends representative
- Extend invitation to Sister City Friendship Dinner
- Saturday – January 25th
- Celebration of Two Sister City Community Relationships

Elizabeth Smith commented as follows:

- New to community
- Introduced herself
- Will follow up with emails
- Moved here for the community
- Wellness children program
- Family engagement
- West Sonoma County Soroptimist
- Sebastopol Union School Board
- Director for Peacetown
- Started the Family Village
- Advocate

Tony Gerald, General Operations Manager, Sonoma County Airport Express commented as follows:

- Sonoma County Airport Express sponsor of Scholarship Program
- 74th Miss Sonoma County Scholarship competition
- March 7th
- 7:00 pm

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- Spreckels Performing Arts Center
- Recognized by Miss California organization for how engaged Miss Sonoma County is
- Contestants receive scholarship money
- Scholarship competition
- Thanked Councilmember Hinton for serving on the judging panel

Emma Chen, Miss Teen 2019 Sonoma County, commented as follows:

- Exciting year
- Thanked Councilmember Hinton for being on the panel
- Eventful year
- Made many appearances
- Miss CA Outstanding Teen contestant
- Third Runner up in Top Talent
- Thanked the City Council

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (This is the time for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflicts of interests for any item listed on this agenda). There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- The consent agenda consists of items that are routine in nature and do not require additional discussion by the City Council or have been reviewed by the City Council previously. These items may be approved by one motion without discussion unless a member of the City Council requests that the item be taken off the consent calendar.
- The Mayor will read the consent calendar items; ask if a Councilmember wishes to remove one or more items from the consent calendar; and then open public comment to the members of the public in attendance. At this time, a member of the public may speak for up to three minutes on the entire consent calendar and request at that time that an agenda item or items be removed for discussion.
- If an item or items are removed from the consent calendar, the item shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.
- Council Members may comment on Consent Calendar items or ask for minor clarifications without the need for pulling the item for separate consideration. Items requiring deliberation should be pulled for separate consideration and shall be placed at the end of the regular agenda items unless otherwise determined by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tern.

Mayor Slayter read the consent calendar items.

Mayor Slayter questioned if any Councilmember(s) wanted to remove any item(s) from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Gurney requested item number 4 be pulled from the consent calendar.

Mayor Slayter asked for public comment on the consent calendar items. There were none.

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Vice Mayor Glass questioned if the termination of this local emergency proclamation has any affect on the rent gouging issue. City Manager McLaughlin stated he does not believe so and Chief Braga stated he did not believe so.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) Number(s) 2, 3, 5 and 6.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Slayter
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

2. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 7, 2020 (Responsible Department: City Administration)

City Council Action: Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 7, 2020

Minute Order Number: 2020-024

3. Approval of Local Emergency Proclamation Termination (Kincade Fire, Evacuation, PGE PSPS) (Responsible Department: Fire Chief)

City Council Action: Approved Local Emergency Proclamation Termination (Kincade Fire, Evacuation, PGE PSPS)

Minute Order Number: 2020--025

Resolution Number: 6282-2020

- ~~4. Approval of Libby Park Final Playground Design and Authorization to Procure Bids (Responsible Department: Planning)~~

5. Approval of Rescinding of Parking Permits for the Public parking lot located behind the Chamber of Commerce (Responsible Department: Police)

City Council Action: Approved of Rescinding of Parking Permits for the Public parking lot located behind the Chamber of Commerce

Minute Order Number: 2020-027

6. Approval to Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter to Sonoma County Airport Regarding Noise from Current Flight Patterns (Requestor: Agenda Review Committee)

City Council Action: Approved Authorization to Mayor to Sign Letter to Sonoma County Airport Regarding Noise from Current Flight Patterns

Minute Order Number: 2020-028

Councilmember Gurney acknowledged Councilmember Carnacchi for bringing item number 6 to the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

Due to technical difficulties, item number 7 was postponed to later in the agenda.

REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION)

8. Receipt of Presentation from Sebastopol Walks and Approval of Continued City Sponsorship of the Sebastopol Walks Program for 2020 (Requestor: Councilmember Gurney)

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Councilmember Gurney presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the Presentation from Sebastopol Walks and Approval of Continued City Sponsorship of the Sebastopol Walks Program for 2020. Councilmember Gurney acknowledged Kathy Oetinger and Geoffrey Skinner and expressed gratitude to members, speakers, colleagues, and provided information on different walks.

The following persons spoke:

Geoffrey Skinner:

- Led as much as 5 walks one year
- Happy leadership group has expanded
- Favorite walks (walks and talk)
- Love to do research of community
- History
- Participating in inaugural runs program

Joan Schwan commented as follows:

- Environmental walks
- Love to run
- Suggested adding a Sebastopol runs element to this program
- Maybe adding a Sebastopol bikes
- Idea is to piggyback on success of Sebastopol Walks
- Have a run that starts at the same time
- Social runs
- Any level ability
- May have themed runs

Amie Windsor commented as follows:

- Not been involved in walks yet
- See the walks go by her house
- Adding kid walks to the selection of walks
- April/October
- Halloween morning
- On runs team
- Excited about this
- Figure out lay of the land by running it

Virginia commented as follows:

- Returning leader of the walk about trees
- Focused walks
- Great program

Councilmember Gurney discussed that this is a request for continued sponsorship and discussed drawing in new leaders and persons to the walks/runs. She stated this activity checks all the boxes (health, community building, hospitality to visitors, support of local artist, Health Action, and inspired a number of other walks programs, Marin County participant who stated a program in their community.

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Kathy Oetinger commented as follows:

- Original core group
- Designer of the book
- Manage the flyers
- Hiked with Richard and Brenda Nichols and created books
- Three editions
- A lot of fun
- 116 walks
- Impressed how many people show up

Mayor Slayter opened for questions. There were none.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations: There were none.

Mayor Slayter moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to receive the report and approve the Continued Sponsorship of Sebastopol Walks 2020.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Slayter

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Continued Sponsorship of Sebastopol Walks 2020.

Minute Order Number: 2020-029

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION:

7. Informational Presentation – Sonoma Clean Power 2019 Annual Report (Requestor: Mayor Slayter)

Mayor Slayter presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the Sonoma Clean Power 2019 Annual Report and provided notable comments about current operations. SCP is a strong agency, community minded, local and happy to represent the City of Sebastopol. Mayor Slayter provided a short video on Sonoma Clean Power to the Council.

Mayor Slayter opened for questions.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Keep hearing about as potential solution to PSPS and energy issues is idea of micro grids
- Has that been thought about

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Comes up at every turn
- Micro grids are one possible solution
- Difficulty with micro grids is in legislature

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Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed energy dilemma
- Terrible economic impact

Mayor Slayter commented on SCP's letter to PG&E:

- Voiced opposition to PG&E's RFO for the Microgrids Rulemaking
- Discussed local governments in Sonoma County have convened the Sonoma County Resilience Advisory Panel, which is actively developing policy for the full range of community protections from PSPS events
- Discussed grid resiliency
- Discussed PSPS concerns

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed generator noise
- Discussed smell from generators
- Questioned if there are any communities regulating the generators

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Small scale not regulated by CPUC or SCP
- Regulated by State Air Board
- Concern of environmental degradation of people using generators
- Discussed the situation
- Technology we have now with exception of solar panel and battery storage

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- As we face drought and water shortage people are interested in what steps to conserve
- What are the baby steps
- Different way of perceiving consumption and changing habits
- SCP have some easier to more complex activities for recommendation
- How to clean up energy use
- Reduce consumption
- Move to all electric world

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Sign up for 100% EverGreen
- 100% renewable
- Baby steps to take
- City of Sebastopol has done this
- Check out from local library energy audit kit and test things in your home
- Check out induction cook top
- Will take that to the Board at the next meeting
- Discussed incentives
- Discussed the duck curve (solar energy)

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- Discussed powering home using solar panels and batteries
- Discussed use of car batteries for energy

Councilmember Gurney commented

- Every bring back electric vehicle program
- Very successful

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Not in the foreseeable future
- Very successful program
- Other programs the Board is interested in running
- Staff not able to put together programs and run effectively at this item
- Discussed the EV program – by third year – knew it was happening in late summer or fall
- Dealerships were selling fewer EVs

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations:

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Climate Emergency Declaration
- What can people do
- City of Sebastopol should issue the Sebastopol Evergreen Challenge
- Publicize as many people in town – largest percentage of Evergreens in City

Mayor Slayter commented that Sebastopol is the leader.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Proud jumped into Sonoma Clean Power in the beginning
- Proud many Councils have taken on those responsible decisions

Councilmember Carnacchi stated that a representative from CPUC will be here on February 18th.
City Council Action: Information report. No action required.

Minute Order Number: 2020-030

9. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution approving Caltrans' request to eliminate three crosswalks along SR 116/Petaluma Avenue and build a new crosswalk that would include a pedestrian activated lighted warning system across Petaluma Avenue at the Weeks Way entrance to the Downtown Plaza (Requestor: Councilmember Carnacchi/Responsible Department: Engineering)

Engineering Manager presented the agenda item to explain Caltrans' proposal to eliminate three crosswalks and replace them with a new, flashing-light protected crosswalk along SR 116. He also thanked Councilmember Carnacchi and Mayor Slayter for their work on the Caltrans ADA subcommittee.

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Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Important to add in eliminating the crosswalk by CVS and one by Bobbitt's building, that whole island is slated for landscaping as part of the project
- Depot Street crossing – representatives from Caltrans (regional director) and Sonoma County Director, met with Screamin Mimi's and discussed the elimination of depot street to get their blessing (got their blessing)

Mayor Slayter opened for questions.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- If eliminate section in front of CVS - What is that turn going to be like
- Make that turn daily
- Acts as a roundabout
- Will that back up more
- Is signal going to work same way

Engineering Manager commented as follows:

- Stated that is correct
- Should not change signal
- Discussed sidewalk becoming part of light system
- Discussed new configuration

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Sidewalk from Bobbitt building - launches from same place
- More of garden area
- Walk all the way across from CVS - longer straight crosswalk
- Right turners will have to stop at red light
- Pedestrians in a long crosswalk

Manager Mikus discussed the travel lanes.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- How many lanes wide
- More like distance of four lanes

Manager Mikus stated there are three lanes.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed revision to landscape area
- Will help with the crossing
- Will move easterly

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Hardscape is the same

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- Question – is there no island of refuge in a long crosswalk

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Reason to do it
- Drivers in right hand turn lane heading north
- Pedestrians are crossing
- If someone is at CVS corner and heading west, drivers who are turning right going toward Santa Rosa are looking for cars and not pedestrians
- Signal crosswalk controlling its entire length
- Providing positive traffic control over the entire passage way

Vice Mayor Glass and Councilmember Hinton stated they are not convinced of this design and questioned what happens if the City does not want that island.

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- City would not pass the resolution
- Caltrans would have tough choice

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Caltrans will probably still do it
- Been included for a long time
- Caltrans has proposed this in the past

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed McKinley intersection
- Plaza sidewalk runs right to that crosswalk
- People when walking through Plaza go straight
- What if we say no to that one also
- Say yes to Screamin Mimi's

Manager Mikus commented that the sub-committee and staff members were vocal that this is not a good idea.

Councilmember Gurney stated she had the same concerns.

Manager Mikus discussed Caltrans as stating that the crosswalk at McKinley is superfluous.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed installation of the HAWK
- Discussed the two white lines
- Why cannot they stay there
- Talking money for HAWK
- Moving it to in front of the hotel

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City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Made argument to Caltrans to no avail
- Impedes traffic flow to have these two crosswalks in such close proximity to each other
- Put HAWK and remove lines
- Nothing to prevent pedestrian from using that former crosswalk
- Under CA Vehicle Code legal crosswalk
- Assume crosswalk there
- Legal to cross as if in crosswalk
- Want to move HAWK
- Traffic Flow too close in proximity to crosswalk
- Can still utilize it even though not see white lines
- Suggesting approving resolution with motion to request reconsideration of McKinley
- If not pass resolution will not do mid-block cross walk
- Discussed very dangerous crosswalk at Screamin Mimi's
- If remove crosswalk people will still use it unless there is a viable alternative
- Felt mid-block crosswalk necessary
- Hotel stepped up to this (did not request this)
- Paid sum of money to engineers to do work Caltrans required be done in advance prior to final approval
- Not promised anything to hotel
- Stepped up and gone to considerable expense to make this happen – will benefit from it
- Staff feels strongly City Council should consider this
- Eliminate highly problematic crosswalk
- Ask them to retain McKinley
- Asked the City to pass the resolution

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Discussed two resolutions
- Discussed change order – tear out ramp (McKinley Street to intersection) will be landscaped
- Have monies from CVS settlement to build out barrier to prevent people from using that
- Put in resolution to keep it – may change their change order

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Designed that way
- Visual component to that

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Not okay with removing the sidewalk
- Was on the design committee for the plaza
- Reason for design

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed California laws

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- Know what the City Attorney discussed as what is legal under California law
- If we say not remove that and they do it anyway – do they have liability

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- City worries of liability differently than Caltrans
- Agree they have liability
- Does not inform the Caltrans decisions

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Multi-mode transportation
- Discussed removal of plaza design
- Connect plaza into theater and Barlow district
- Asking the City to put that aside in favor of them redesign our downtown core around traffic
- Contrary to their policy position
- Was that discussed (new Caltrans mission statement)

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Had discussed that
- Significant push back on McKinley Street crosswalk removal
- In exchange for HAWK (\$400,000) worthy of consideration knowing we did not want to get rid of McKinley Street crosswalk
- Put subcommittee and staff in a difficult position
- What is the lesser harm of two choices

Manager Mikus commented as follows:

- Better proposal originally
- Came back and said they could not do it
- This came out of nowhere
- Seem worthy of discussion and input
- This was the only avenue for Caltrans

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Caltrans will do one HAWK
- Moved to mid-block because we want to take out Depot Street
- For hotel - For tourists
- We give up known path of travel that is intentionally advertised and signed
- Get as much back and forth as possible
- Not sure why favoring tourists who are not here over path of our own citizens
- Attorney said people can still cross at McKinley
- Not say that to people
- Same behavior people will do at Depot Street

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Not make life easier for people at hotel

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- Make more attractive
- Increase usage of depot street
- Increase usage when hotel is built
- Fear of larger liability situation
- Trying to prevent injuries
- Caltrans crosswalk on Caltrans roadway
- Concerned someone will get hurt

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Will they all go across the mid crosswalk block - Strong possibility
- More people than hotel and Screamin Mimi's to consider in traffic patterns

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There was none.

Council Deliberations:

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Hearing concern over loss of McKinley Street crossing as it currently exists
- Discussed the subcommittee meetings
- Discussed items discussed at these meetings
- Sense is very real that people will still cross there
- No logical way to get from the plaza to the theater without going the long way around and people do not go the long way around
- Stated to Caltrans we want that to stay there
- Received the most recent proposal
- Agree about statements of Depot Street
- Discussed development of hotel site and it will only lead to more problems
- Discussed changes to Depot Street and other upgrades, simple to design barriers to dissuade people from going across there
- Discussed sightlines
- Would like to see elimination of Depot Street, add mid-block crossing (HAWK), leaving McKinley crossing as is with expectation of HAWK (a lot easier to get across there) people head that way
- Good reasons for people to get to cross trail head at mid-block crossing
- Discussed CVS corner sidewalk – island has been there forever – entire corner reconfigured around swoop to head right to Santa Rosa
- Proposal increases safety in that location
- If proposal from Caltrans is take two away and put one in, it needs to be clear that people are still going to cross at McKinley
- Same traffic pattern will continue to occur

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed the HAWK
- How will mid-block function with light at Sebastopol Avenue
- Experience ques of traffic on right turn lane on Petaluma Avenue
- Straight ahead lane cues up

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- Left turn straight ahead
- How will that work
- Discussed demand there
- Not know how to protect against complaints of traffic there
- Red light on HAWK will go on and on and on and traffic will be backed up
- Will be a traffic problem
- How does the use of the HAWK coordinate with that light during the day and during commute hours

Mayor Slayter commented that the sub-committee did not see traffic study.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Synchronize lights
- Not sure if this can be done with a HAWK
- Not know the answer to that
- Caltrans is aware of the problem
- Need to synchronize the traffic signals
- Did plan previous to report

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Concerned talking about traffic
- Talk of pedestrian friendly
- Pull downtown together
- Want Barlow and downtown to be single thing
- Are we thinking that people who use the mid-block crosswalk are going to walk through the hotel to get over to Barlow
- Plaza aerial – what looks attractive to a pedestrian
- Feeling of connected area
- Divert people away from the most attractive part of our downtown
- Put them in crosswalk between a limited constituent building – serving those customers
- Eliminate crosswalk that would be inviting people from the plaza to stroll down to Barlow businesses
- Does not make sense
- Argue Caltrans is violating their own mission statement and policies
- Design traffic around pedestrian and bicycle-oriented development
- Not against mid-block crossing
- McKinley is used
- To eliminate that is not smart
- Want improvements to not bifurcate our downtown – make it more holistic
- Get more people doing different things in downtown
- Making is a barrier rather than strolling down McKinley counterproductive
- Agree Depot Street crossing is outrageously dangerous
- Want to keep crosswalk at McKinley

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- Longer to cross – more dangerous – no island of safety
- Does not feel safe the longer the crosswalk is
- Not sure this is the right improvement without island of refuge

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- HAWK idea is relatively new – always thought it would be a RRFB
- Not met as subcommittee when this turned into a HAWK
- Discussed ADA improvements – will do nothing if we do nothing on Depot
- Will not do ADA improvements if we do nothing at Petaluma
- Will be left for a future project
- Discussed drop off for Screamin Mimi's
- In a pickle with this

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Agreed to eliminate Depot Street and will be upgraded for ADA
- Agree that is a dangerous intersection – should be changed and upgraded

Councilmember Carnacchi commended as follows:

- If do not remove Depot Street and move mid-block Caltrans will not do ADA improvement to Depot Street crosswalk
- Will not do anything if we do not put in themed block crossing

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Put in center island in front of Parkside
- Have center island to slow down cars – refuge for people crossing
- Not make sense to remove CVS crossing
- Concur with mid-block
- No sense to remove white lines if people can still cross there
- Makes it unsafe for people legally crossing – cars will not understand
- Excited of HAWK mid-block crossing and get rid of dangerous crossing by Mims

Manager Mikus provided a drawing of the mid-block crosswalk.

Councilmember Gurney stated this is landing in the plaza driveway.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Drawings are schematic
- Not a construction document
- Put together to help our understanding of which crosswalks were proposed to be eliminated and which ones were proposed to be installed
- Not accurate

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Drawings were helpful

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- Getting to fine point
- Asking people who used to cross at McKinley to walk down to the landscaping area of the plaza to cross mid-block

Mayor Slayter commented Caltrans is saying that the crosswalk comes in at south end of driveway to plaza – Manager Mikus stated the drawings show the driveway to plaza on north side.

Mayor Slayter stated he used the Caltrans drawing as background - Location reasonably close of Caltrans version of drawing.

Councilmember Gurney questioned if we could ask them to move that.

Councilmember Carnacchi discussed the issue of people turning out of the plaza looking right.

Manager Mikus discussed concern for people coming out of the plaza and turning left.

Mayor Slayter discussed the hotel potholing on the south side of the driveway.

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Prefer it on the north side
- Discussed people crossing at the theater
- Discussed traffic concerns
- Not cross in front of trash container

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Could a HAWK light be installed perpendicular - Facing weeks way
- People in parking lot would see HAWK

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Like north side
- Like alerts
- What is the hotel property going to look like
- Wide sidewalk

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed sight entrance into hotel
- Nice wide sidewalk
- Space to do offset

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Discussed pedestrian traffic on hotel side of block
- Wide sidewalk
- Saving trees
- Businesses fronting the sidewalk

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- Asked staff for clarification

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- Trees on hotel site are staying
- Wide sidewalk
- Southwest corner
- McKinley corner is the restaurant
- Walk up rooms on second floor
- Business/spa on lower part of southwest corner

Councilmember Gurney questioned what is on Depot Street.

Director Svanstrom stated Artists on ground floor and Hostel spaces above.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned how wide the sidewalk along McKinley is across from movie theater.

Mayor Slayter stated not as wide as frontage along Petaluma Avenue – but wider than six feet.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Concerned of pedestrians
- No where to go unless visit CVS

Director Svanstrom discussed the hotel development.

Councilmember Gurney stated she thought the mid-block crosswalk was going to front door of hotel.

Director Svanstrom commented as follows:

- Discussed the Ned Kahn artwork
- Passage through the hotel
- Aligns with passage way across site

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Hotel guests will be out on McKinley by Barlow side
- Lobby
- If exit lobby come out under the sculpture
- Wide sidewalk
- See HAWK

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Call another meeting of ADA subcommittee
- List concern of Council
- Put back on agenda
- List concerns for Caltrans
- Discuss options

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Conversation led us there tonight
- Not support for resolution
- Discuss with Caltrans the way the Council sees the definition of pedestrian friendly
- Interest in retaining island
- No safe haven as pedestrian
- Reconvene subcommittee meeting with Caltrans
- Depot Street crossing removal has support
- Looking for straw poll - if Caltrans is open to discussing HAWK at north end of driveway – is McKinley removal amendable – No consensus

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Keep crosswalk white lines
- Keep temporarily until people get idea of crossing at mid-block

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Think out of the box
- Need to move up the food chain and go to people who are sub-agency directors
- Whose job it is to run pedestrian friendly design friendly department
- Find that person
- Find out how we can get those department persons as part of the conversation with Caltrans
- Be about pedestrian and bikes and not just about moving traffic through town

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- New longer crosswalk – design with island of refuge
- See conversations to make parklet and take out those places on Depot Street - make nice outdoor area that is landscaped and safe

Mayor Slayter commented that Caltrans is on board with that.

Councilmember Carnacchi stated that Screamin Mimi's does not want to lose those parking spaces.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Want to keep that conversation alive
- Make downtown
- In favor of HAWK on north side
- Cross into landscape of plaza
- Keep McKinley
- Want to talk of closing first driveway into Whole Foods
- All happening on turn
- Want to have conversation of closing that driveway
- Appreciate how challenging for staff and subcommittee

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Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Recapped comments of the City Council
- Island refuge at CVs
- Recapture parklet corner at Screamin Mimi's
- North side of plaza preferred for a HAWK
- See McKinley Crosswalk
- Discuss closure of first entrance driveway Whole Foods
- Issue with driveway that close to intersection

The council discussed the issues with the Whole Foods parking lot which causes conflict and difficulties.

Mayor Slater stated the sub-committee will take these comments to Caltrans.

City Council Action: No formal action. Provided comments.

Minute Order Number: 2020-031

Mayor Slayter called for a break at 8:18 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:29 pm.

10. Report back on City Council Sponsorship Events for Apple Blossom 2020 / 100th Year Anniversary of Women's Suffrage (Councilmember Carnacchi)

Councilmember Carnacchi presented the agenda item recommending the City Council receive the report back on the City Council Sponsorship Events for Apple Blossom 2020 / 100th Year Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and highlighted the following:

- Discussed flyer
- Volunteers
- Little League approval for use of field
- Discussed REACH female pilot (staging at helicopter)
- Not used any of the funds yet

Mayor Slayter opened for questions. There were none.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Discussed the use of Ives Park for the helicopter landing
- If that does not work, suggesting helicopter dropping a line over Ives Park

Councilmember Carnacchi commented as follows:

- Can bring that up
- Want to get ducks in a row to have options
- Helipad would work better if they get a call

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

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- Concern that the Helipad is not within people's walking distance for the event
- Road will be traffic jam most of the day
- Look for a nearby lot
- Is CVS lot big enough
- Smart crosswalks there
- Hotel site
- Think walking distance

City Council Action: No formal action needed – informational item only.

Minute Order Number: 2020-032

Consent Calendar Items Pulled:

4. Approval of Libby Park Final Playground Design and Authorization to Procure Bids (Responsible Department: Planning)

Director Svanstrom presented the agenda item recommending the City Council approve the Recommended Option and Authorize staff to procure bids.

Mayor Slayter opened for questions. There were none.

Mayor Slayter opened for public comment. There were none.

Council Deliberations:

Councilmember Gurney discussed the possible inclusion of the zip line (zipkrooz) element.

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

Would like to see the zip line item included as an alternate in bid package

Council can decide at that time

Budget subcommittee is meeting with staff

Can discuss revenues /potential funding for this project

Councilmember Hinton commented as follows:

- Finished budget subcommittee work this am
- Council decision on funding for this item
- Agree with getting bids
- Can come back with alternate

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Can the Council commit the funding tonight and find the money or come back at mid-year budget
- Put in next year's budget or put in bid package now

Mayor Slayter commented as follows:

- Would like to know price for alternate bid
- Council can discuss then the ability or inability to fund it

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Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- City has the money somewhere
- Budget subcommittee can find it
- Put in bid package
- Reasonable solution

Councilmember Hinton discussed if a project is larger, sometimes the costs of the additional items come down.

Director Svanstrom discussed getting quotes and the city's purchasing list.

Mayor Slayter commented he would like to know the installment costs and costs of equipment from other companies.

Director Svanstrom stated she does not know if other companies would want to supply or do the installation, will be part of the bid process.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Discussed looking at various special funds
- See if we can get creative
- Put in bid package
- Come back with more information to Council

Director Svanstrom discussed the park in lieu budget of \$100,000 and that the balance at the end of the year is anticipated to be \$15,000.

Councilmember Gurney suggested looking at other sources for funding.

Councilmember Gurney moved and Vice Mayor Glass seconded the motion to approve Libby Park Final Playground Design and Authorization to Procure Bids with the following addition:

- Include zipkrooz in bid package, with its removal as a deduct

Discussion:

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Need help to find funding
- Discussed Super Playground
- Have a nice playground

Mayor Slayter discussing having a cohesiveness with unit installed on school property which has been well received.

VOTE:

Ayes:	Councilmember Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Slayter
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

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Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved Libby Park Final Playground Design and Authorization to Procure Bids with the following addition:

- Include in bid package
- All inclusive
- Add alternate/deduct

Minute Order Number: 2020-026

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

11. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports:

City Manager Mclaughlin reported as follows:

- Met with hotel principals
- Working on getting checklist of plan approvals done
- Anticipate pulling building permit before first week in March

12. City Council Reports/Committee/Sub-Committee Meeting Reports: (Reports by Mayor/City Councilmembers Regarding Various Agency Meetings/Committee Meetings/Sub-Committee Meeting /Conferences Attended and Possible Direction to its Representatives (If Needed) on Pending issues before such Boards)

Councilmember Hinton reported as follows:

Conducted Budget Subcommittee – two mid-year budget subcommittee meetings

Councilmember Carnacchi requested the Agenda Review Committee have a placeholder for the ADA item.

Vice Mayor Glass reported the Mosquito abatement meeting was rescheduled.

Councilmember Gurney reported as follows:

- Written report from SCTA RCPA Meeting
- Discussed three Es and Emergencies
- In crisis mode of so many issues
- Been in touch with Bryan Albee (SCT) numbers up and very good as are other free shuttles
- Discussed other upcoming meetings

Mayor Slayter reported as follows:

- Sister City Dinner
- Major Fundraiser
- Counts as annual business meeting as called for in by laws
- SCP Board – reported on earlier
- Senior Center Board meeting Thursday
- Working on Aged to Perfection

Councilmember Hinton reported as follows:

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- Employers housing council meeting - Jan 23rd – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Would not be able to attend Sister City dinner fundraiser and there are two other rotary functions on that same night

Mayor Slayter stated that he would be attending and that one staff member and one elected were invited.

13. Council Communications Received. There were none.
14. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See Agenda and City Web site for Up to Date Meeting Dates/Times)

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Mayor Slayter adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Meeting was adjourned to the next Special City Council Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA.

The January 15th, 2020 Special City Council Meeting will be adjourned to the next Special City Council Meeting (Closed Session) which will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Sebastopol City Hall, City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA and then adjourned to the next Regular City Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted:



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