

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2010
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Janice Peters	Mayor
	Carla Borchard	Councilmember
	Rick Grantham	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
	Betty Winholtz	Councilmember
STAFF:	Andrea Lueker	City Manager
	Robert Schultz	City Attorney
	Bridgett Kessler	City Clerk
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Operations Manager
	Susan Lichtenbaum	Harbor Business Manager
	Rob Livick	Public Services Director
	Tim Olivas	Police Chief
	Mike Pond	Fire Chief
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director
	Joe Woods	Recreation & Parks Director

- I. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Members of the audience may address the Council only on items described in the Special Meeting Agenda. (Government Code § 54954.3(a).)

David Weisman thanked Councilmember Winholtz for her years of service to the City.

Patricia Willmar, representative from PG&E, referred to Item VII (Adoption of Resolution Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Installation of SmartMeters by PG&E) and reviewed the technology of the SmartMeter Program.

Judy Vick requested the City Council consider a temporary moratorium on the SmartMeter Program based on overbilling, health hazards, interference with household electronics, privacy and security risks, and fire risks. She reviewed information Assembly Bill information on the SmartMeter Program.

Jeremiah O'Brien, President of the Commercial Fishermen's Association, thanked the outgoing and incoming City Council for their support of the commercial fishing organization.

Melody DeMeritt addressed the outgoing Councilmembers and thanked them for their service to the City.

Samantha Roche from Merced stated they have been affected by the SmartMeter Program with huge spikes in their electric bills, and encouraged the City to contact other cities before proceeding with this program.

Cathy Novak addressed the outgoing Councilmembers and thanked them for their service to the City.

Ken Vesterfelt addressed the outgoing Councilmembers and thanked them for their service to the City. He also thanked the citizens for coming out to vote on November 2nd.

Cory Rafferty, PG&E, made points of clarification on the SmartMeter Program noting the CPUC would not allow moratoriums on the SmartMeter Program.

John Barta addressed the outgoing Councilmembers and thanked them for their service to the City.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2010

Councilmember Smukler referred to the motion on page 9 and made the following amendment:

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council: 1) award RFP No. MB 10-T1 to MV Transportation with a three-year contract and one year option; 2) direct staff continue engagement in the Transit Efficiencies Group evaluating and developing the concept of the Estero Sub-Regional Transit Plan; 3) ~~Council~~ direct staff to further develop support and partnership of alternative community transit opportunities such as the “friendly ride” program and the potential to share a calling support center with the Senior Citizens Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Winholtz and carried unanimously. (5-0)

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 City Council meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Winholtz and carried unanimously. (5-0)

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF

MOTION: Mayor Peters moved the City Council adopt Resolution No. 62-10 reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 2, 2010, and declaring the results thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham and carried unanimously. (5-0)

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF SMART METERS BY PG&E

City Attorney Robert Schultz stated the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the agency charged with regulating utility companies in California including the activities of PG&E; local governments do not have any direct regulatory control over utility companies. Much interest has been expressed in recent weeks regarding an undertaking by PG&E to install “Smart Meters” at their residential customer’s homes. A number of residents have urged the City Council to take action to suspend the installation of these devices. This agenda item is intended to provide background and information regarding this matter. Mr. Schultz recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 63-10 declaring concerns regarding the installation of PG&E “Smart Meters” in Morro Bay.

Councilmember Winholtz stated this is an important issue because of the possible consequences to the residents both financially and health-wise, loss of jobs, and privacy issues. She said she would like to amend #1 in the resolution as follows:

1. The City of Morro Bay urges PG&E not to install, ~~for a period not less than one hundred eighty (180) days~~, any Smart Meters, repeaters, antennas and any related wireless equipment in Morro Bay until AB 37 are addressed by the State Legislature and PG&E has provided local residents additional information on the planned installation.

Councilmember Grantham stated it appears there are more benefits than drawbacks with the SmartMeter Program.

Councilmember Smukler stated it is important that the residents know that the City is aware of their concerns and is taking action to help protect them. He requested to add a condition #4 to the resolution as follows:

4. The City Council of Morro Bay urges PG&E to incorporate strict privacy protections for Smart Meter customer data.

Councilmember Borchard had no comment.

Mayor Peters stated she is concerned with the SmartMeter Program based on cost and privacy issues.

MOTION: Councilmember Winholtz moved the City Council adopt Resolution No. 63-10 declaring concerns regarding the installation of PG&E “Smart Meters” in Morro Bay with amendments to conditions #1 and #4 as stated above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and carried with Councilmember Borchard and Councilmember Grantham voting no. (3-2)

VIII. COMMENTS BY CURRENT MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

IX. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO MAYOR JANICE PETERS,
COUNCILMEMBER RICK GRANTHAM AND COUNCILMEMBER BETTY
WINHOLTZ

X. OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF
ELECTION TO MAYOR WILLIAM YATES AND COUNCILMEMBER
NANCY JOHNSON AND COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE LEAGE

XI. COMMENTS BY NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Recorded by:

Bridgett Kessling
City Clerk