

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL /
PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2014
MORRO BAY VETERAN’S HALL – 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
	Robert Tefft	Planning Commission Chair
	Katherine Sorenson	Commissioner
	Richard Sadowski	Commissioner
	Michael Lucas	Commissioner
	Gerald Luhr	Commissioner
STAFF:	David Buckingham	City Manager
	Rob Livick	Public Services Director
	Scot Graham	Planning Manager
	Cindy Jacinth	Associate Planner
	Joan Gargiulo	Contract Planner
	Rick Sauerwein	Capital Projects Manager
	Joe Woods	Recreation & Parks Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Irons established a quorum of the City Council and called the meeting to order.

Chair Tefft established a quorum of the Planning Commission and called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Barbara Doerr is pleased that we are doing this as well as announced it to the public. The highest priority in the community is to do something about the closed power plant site. It has the most economic benefit as well. She hopes the outcome of this is fluid and not set in stone. She hopes that there is more opportunity to shape key issues than just “voting with a token”. This community needs more than tourist serving; we need to nurture new high tech businesses as part of our plan. We also need to think of what we can do for our community in a recreational element. Make this a multi-generational community. Public input is critical.

Steve McElvaine, with Rancho Colina, would like to consider the annexation of their area sometime in the future. What they can offer the City is affordable housing. They can also offer the opportunity for more RV sites.

Barry Brannin spoke on the infrastructure in Morro Bay. Unless we have water and a wwtp facility that is adequate, we are wasting our time. We need to control our future and to do that

we need a piece of property. We could “flag annex” the Rancho Colina property which will take the County out of it and we go ahead with the plans for the plant there.

Lynda Merrill wanted to say that she hoped that planning was a part of this workshop. We need to think in terms of “does it fit?” We need guidelines for bulk and scale.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

I. CITY OF MORRO BAY GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Jamie Hill, Chis Reeve, Tammy Seale and Nora DeCuir with PMC conducted/facilitated the workshop.

The public comment period was reopened.

Barbara Doerr, in listening to everybody, it really seems you should be establishing your General Plan Advisory Commission immediately. It will bring people together, get them involved and get them excited. When you establish your GPAC, think about excluding Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners from the group, they will have the power to make the ultimate decision. We need balance for all citizens, young and old alike.

John Sayers encouraged you to reach out to the younger generation possibly via teachers working this thru curriculum in the middle and high schools.

The public comment period was closed.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Irons adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m.

Chair Tefft adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m.

Recorded by:

Jamie Boucher
City Clerk