

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2016
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-3

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2017

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Robert Davis	Councilmember
	John Heading	Councilmember
	Matt Makowetski	Councilmember
	Marlys McPherson	Councilmember
STAFF:	Dave Buckingham	City Manager
	Joe Pannone	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Ikani Taumoepeau	Deputy City Manager
	Craig Schmollinger	Finance Director
	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Scot Graham	Community Development Director
	Larry Todd	Interim Police Chief
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m., with all members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

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The City Council, City Manager and Interim Police Chief presented Lifesaving Awards to Sergeant Tony Mosqueda, Sergeant Nicole Canby, and Officer Thomas Nolan.

Chief Todd presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Morro Bay High School (MBHS) Automotive Technology Class and Teacher James Bueno for repairing a Police Department vehicle, allowing it to be used as a volunteer car.

Ken Vesterfelt and Chris Parker of Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show presented a donation to the MBHS Automotive Technology Class.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – No Closed Session Meeting was held.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Sophia Tolle of Poppy Boutique, located at 911 Embarcadero, provided the business spot. Poppy Boutique offers a variety of beauty, comfort, clothing, shoes, and gift items in a friendly environment. She thanked those who participated in this year's 12 Days of Christmas event.

Rigmor, Morro Bay, shared her appreciation to Council for its leadership and the Fire Department for lighting her neighborhood during a recent power outage. She commented on the proposed Centennial Stairway project suggesting it should look more natural; she does not favor the glass elevator. She also suggested building a parklet at the end of Surf Street.

Richard Sadowski, Morro Bay, spoke to Item C-2 stating the WRF consultants are misusing his 2004 work product, and building the lift station near the current wastewater treatment plant is a fatal flaw.

Bill Woodson, Morro Bay, spoke to Item C-2 suggesting the wastewater reclamation facility project must be managed by a constructed manager at risk to bring the project in on time and under budget. He believes the proposed 20% contingency is too high and Chorro Valley is the right location but does not see the needed extra protection in the FMP to prevent spills into the estuary.

The public comment period was closed.

The Council and staff responded to issues and questions raised during the public comment period.

A. CONSENT AGENDA
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Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the City Council, the following actions are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 CLOSED SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2016 CLOSED SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 79-16, TO REAFFIRM INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF) AND DESIGNATE TRANSACTION OFFICERS; (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution No. 79-16.

A-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 80-16, DESIGNATING AND AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT TRANSACTION OFFICERS; (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution No. 80-16.

A-6 APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCORPORATE NEW UTILITIES DIVISION POSITIONS; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Council review the update contained in this staff report and approve the attached job description and updated salary schedule.

A-7 PUBLIC RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PG&E REGARDING CLOSURE OF DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the Council approval of the tentative settlement agreement among PG&E and the cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo to assist with mitigation of the economic impacts that will result from the closure of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

A-8 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) PROGRAM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Council review the current status of the WRF program.

Councilmember Makowetski pulled A-6. Councilmember Headding pulled A-7.

MOTION: Councilmember Headding moved the Council approve Items A-1 through A-5 and A-8 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and carried unanimously, 5-0.

A-6 APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCORPORATE NEW UTILITIES DIVISION POSITIONS; (ADMINISTRATION)
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At Councilmember Makowetski's request, City Manager Buckingham further explained the Utilities Division staff transition plan.

A-7 PUBLIC RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PG&E REGARDING CLOSURE OF DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT; (ADMINISTRATION)
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=55m40s

Councilmember Headding pulled the item to thank the cities involved for the great effort securing funding to help mitigate the closure of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Councilmember McPherson asked staff to explain the funding to be received and timing of that funding.

The public comment period for the Consent Agenda was opened.

Jane Oliveira, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), spoke to Item A-7 and shared PG&E has been part of this community for many years and is privileged to continue working with the community through the retirement of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

The public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Headding moved the Council approve Items A-6 and A-7. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McPherson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 609, REPEALING AND REENACTING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF TITLE 14 OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=1h26s

Community Development Director Graham presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item B-1 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed

MOTION: Councilmember McPherson moved the Council adopt Ordinance No. 609: An Ordinance of the City of Morro Bay, California, repealing and reenacting Chapters 14.01 – 14.12 of the Morro Bay Municipal Code adopting by reference and amending the 2016 California Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Engineering, Historical Building, Fire, Existing Building, Green Building Codes and 1997 Uniform Housing and Abatement of Dangerous Building Codes and Appendix Chapter 33 of the 1997 Uniform Building Code. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Davis requested the motion be amended to correct the reference to “engineering” to be “energy”. Councilmember McPherson agreed to the amendment.

The amended motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

There was Council concurrence to hear Item C-3 next.

C-3 DISCUSSION OF INITIAL RESULTS FROM THE SALARY STUDY CONDUCTED BY KOFF & ASSOCIATES, AND CONFIRMATION OF NEXT STEPS; (FINANCE)
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=1h9m45s

Finance Director Schmollinger reviewed the purpose of this item and proposed next steps then introduced Georg Krammer of Koff & Associates, who presented the findings of the compensation study and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-3 was opened.

Bill Woodson, Morro Bay, suggested more information was needed including employee attrition rates in these various positions, how retirement and health plan contributions compare, and quality and quantity of candidate pool.

The public comment period for Item C-3 was closed.

The Council directed staff to identify and separate out those positions that need a broader market comparison, bring back comparative information regarding benefits and other benchmark data that could be used to establish where the City should be in terms of compensation, along with potential draft policy language.

MOTION Mayor Irons moved the Council receive the presentation and report completed by Koff & Associates, confirm the proposed timeline for next steps, and return to Council with the additional data requested regarding employee salary study information. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading and carried unanimously, 5-0.

The Council took a short recess at 8:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m. and the Council agreed to hear Item C-2 next.

C-2 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY MASTER PLAN; (PUBLIC WORKS)
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=2h33m18s

WRF Deputy Program Manager Rickenbach, WRF Program Manager Nunley and Matt Thomas of Black & Veatch presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-2 was opened.

John Maino, Morro Bay, expressed concern about potential decrease to his property value should the City move public works offices to that location. He urged the Council to pursue a minimal footprint for the water reclamation facility only, with no other commercial uses.

Bill Woodson, Morro Bay, shared the importance of keeping the project on schedule and under budget. He suggested the finance team be more involved to ensure appropriate checks and balances.

The public comment period for Item C-2 was closed.

The Council discussed the importance of bringing the project to a scope that meets affordability of the community, that cost must be a primary consideration. Responding to Mr. Woodson's comments, contracts should be structured to provide incentives to keep the project on time and under budget.

No formal action was taken on this item.

C-1 STRATEGIC PLANNING OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2017 MEETING AND BUDGET SCHEDULE; (CITY MANAGER)
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=4h28m43s

City Manager Buckingham presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-1 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

The Council discussed the importance of encouraging residents and community groups to provide more input during the goals process, and directed staff to develop an outreach plan using various methods, including social media, to gain input from residents and service groups throughout that process.

MOTION: Councilmember Heading moved the Council adopt Resolution No. 81-16, including the City Council meeting, goal setting, budget, and advisory board workplan process for calendar year 2017 with the incorporation of significant community outreach according to a plan established by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and carried unanimously, 5-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Heading moved the meeting go past 11:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McPherson and carried 4-1 with Councilmember Davis opposed.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
https://youtu.be/2zm3R0a_3K4?t=4h46m19s

Councilmember Heading requested discussion of issues related to the future community theater. Mayor Irons announced his property lies within 500 ft. of the location and he would recuse himself from discussion of this future agenda item. Mayor Irons stepped down from the dais.

Councilmember Heading requested discussion of waiving or reducing special use permit fees for the community theater. Councilmembers McPherson and Makowetski supported the item.

Mayor Irons rejoined the meeting.

Councilmember Davis requested discussion of supplemental funding options for street repairs and transportation items, including scope of work (streets only or transportation improvements as well, such as Highway 1 / 41 intersection improvements, extension of the California Coastal Trail), amount of money that could be raised, sunset date, possible source of funding (sales tax, parcel tax, utility user tax, TOT), vote requirements, oversight, timing of election, and other County sales tax issues. Mayor Irons and Councilmember Makowetski supported the item. Councilmember McPherson suggested the PWAB consider the various alternatives before coming to Council. There was concurrence the Council would have a general discussion, then forward to PWAB for further analysis.

Councilmember Davis requested discussion of establishing formal relationships with various community groups, like that established with the Citizens Bike Committee in 2001. There was no support for this item.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by:


Dana Swanson, City Clerk