

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2017
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: March 14, 2017

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Robert Davis	Council Member
	John Headding	Council Member
	Matt Makowetski	Council Member
	Marlys McPherson	Council Member
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
	Cindy Jacinth	Associate Planner
	Jody Cox	Acting Police Chief
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., with all members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION - None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – The Council did not take any reportable action pursuant to the Brown Act.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATIONS – Chamber of Commerce 2016 4th Quarter Report

Erica Crawford, Chamber of Commerce CEO, provided the 2016 4th Quarter Report.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Dana Charvet, owner of The Grateful Body Training Center, provided the business spot. The Grateful Body, located at 850 Shasta Avenue, and provides martial arts, fitness and advanced athletic training, and transformational health coaching. For more information, call 701-7397.

David Nelson, Morro Bay, urged the City to explore alternative technology for the sewer plant and suggested a marijuana dispensary could produce revenue to fund street repairs.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, suggested having a consultant or Cal Poly intern write unbiased surveys will provide balanced community input and expressed concern about the amount of herbicide being used around the edges of the parks.

Janice Peters, Morro Bay, agreed with Ms. Winholtz' survey concerns, and announced the live theater opening of "On Golden Pond" this Friday at St. Peters by the Sea. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. "On Golden Pond" is scheduled to run February 17 through March 5.

Peggy Mandeville, Morro Bay, spoke to Item C-2, suggested Goal #1, item 7 be revised to include "various approaches for parking management" and include paid parking as one of those approaches. Regarding the description for Goal #2, she suggested adding the phrase "fiscally conservative" comprehensive water resource policy.

Cherise Hansson, Morro Bay resident and owner of Under the Sea Gallery located at 725 and 833 Embarcadero, shared her vision for proposed improvements at 833 Embarcadero and asked residents to voice an opinion for what you'd like to see on the Embarcadero.

The public comment period was closed.

- 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 JANUARY 11, 2017 JOINT CITY COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2017 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – GOALS STUDY SESSION; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2017 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-17 UPDATING THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council update the City's Conflict of Interest Code by adopting the proposed Resolution No. 04-17.

- A-6 RELEASE OF A MARINE SERVICES FACILITY/BOATYARD RFQ; (HARBOR)

RECOMMENDATION: Council allow the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document, as recommended by the Harbor Advisory Board (HAB) and as outlined in a letter from HAB Chairman Ron Reisner. The RFQ process will assist with the development of a “short list” of parties or entities potentially interested and qualified to design, build and operate, or to assist the City in designing, building and operating a full-service marine services facility/boatyard in Morro Bay, in the “Triangle Parking Lot” area of the former power plant.

The public comment period for the Consent Agenda was opened.

Pandora Nash-Karner, Los Osos, spoke in support of Item A-6, stating a boat haul-out facility will bring more jobs, more boats, and supports the working waterfront concept.

Dana McClish, Morro Bay resident and member of the Harbor Advisory Board (“HAB”), spoke in support of a marine services facility and presented information gathered by the HAB ad hoc committee from Plan Morro Bay stakeholder meetings and other workshops.

Lexie Bell, Director of National Estuary Program, was pleased the Council is moving forward with the RFQ for a marine services facility and emphasized a properly sited and properly managed facility will benefit water quality and the community.

Jeremiah O’Brien, Morro Bay, thanked the Council for considering the RFQ for boatyard facility and thanked Ms. Peters for bringing live theater to Morro Bay.

The public comment period was closed.

There was Council consensus to pull Item A-6.

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

A-6 RELEASE OF A MARINE SERVICES FACILITY/BOATYARD RFQ; (HARBOR)
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The Council discussed the value of the RFQ process and thanked the Harbor Advisory Board and its ad hoc committee for their work on this item.

MOTION: Council Member Makowetski moved for approval of Item A-6. The motion was seconded by Council Member Headding and carried unanimously, 5-0.

The Council took a short recess at 7:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-17 APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. UP0-448 AND PARKING EXCEPTION NO. AD0-109 FOR GRAYS INN, 561 EMBARCADERO. PROJECT INCLUDES PUBLIC HARBORWALK & VERTICAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, BUILDING FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS, AND SIDEWALK REPAIR; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
https://youtu.be/BJgv_ErlSRs?t=1h12m37s

Associate Planner Jacinth provided the staff report.

Cathy Novak of Novak Consulting spoke on behalf of the applicant, providing background information on the project and highlighting key design features.

Gene Doughty, architect for the project, has reviewed sidewalk concerns with the Building Inspector and will need to raise sidewalk 2" to meet ADA requirements.

Staff and the applicant responded to Council inquiries.

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

Council discussion stressed the importance of adhering to the Waterfront Master Plan, eliminating the pole sign to bring that into compliance and also eliminating the need for a parking exception.

Ms. Novak was invited to respond to Council comments. She suggested a compromise where the existing sign would be mounted as a projection sign on the front of the building. That would remove the need for a parking exception.

Mr. Doughty stated the Waterfront Master Plan was for major development on the waterfront and some of those requirements do not apply to this smaller project.

Staff offered various alternatives to move the process forward, including continuing the item to a future meeting to include the sign exception and remove the parking exception.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved the Council continue this item to a date uncertain, with a new resolution that does not include the parking exception (conforms to requirement for 3 - 9' spaces), and including a sign exception to allow the existing sign to be mounted as a projection sign, for Council review. The motion was seconded by Council Member McPherson and carried, 5-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-17 APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 16/17 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT/FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; (FINANCE)
https://youtu.be/BJgv_ErISRs?t=2h28m32s

Finance Director Schmollinger presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

Barbara Spagnola, Citizens Finance Advisory Committee Chair, provided a review of 2015-16 Measure Q expenses and 2016-17 1st and 2nd quarter budget performance reports.

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

MOTION: Council Member Heading moved the Council adopt Resolution No. 06-17 approving the Fiscal Year 16/17 mid-year budget amendments with the correction on Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried unanimously, 5-0.

C-2 DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 17/18 GOALS & OBJECTIVES; (CITY MANAGER)
https://youtu.be/BJgv_ErISRs?t=3h36m24s

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

The public comment period for Item C-2 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Goal #1

The Council directed the following changes:

Objective #1 – integrate language such as “while adhering to our community values....” to clarify economic development is not an open floodgate to unencumbered development.

Objective #2 – change “medical center” to “ambulatory medical complex”

Objective #5 – edit to specify 3- to 4-star hotel rooms.

New Objective #8 – evaluate opportunities for new revenue sources (including potential tax measures) and cost control approaches and present to Council for consideration.

Goal #3

New Objective #6 – evaluate existing adopt-a-park program and new opportunities for community volunteer public space improvements.

Goal #4

Objective #4 – include fences and hedges.

Mission Statement

There was Council consensus to remove “safety” and include quality of life.

No formal action was taken on this item.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Mayor Irons requested future discussion of Council Policies & Procedures, particularly related to advisory boards and offered to pre-craft language for Council input. Council Member McPherson asked that discussion of general training for advisory boards be included in the discussion. There was support for this item.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 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

