

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2017
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL
209 SURF STREET – 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Robert Davis	Council Member
	John Headding	Council Member
	Matt Makowetski	Council Member
	Marlys McPherson	Council Member
STAFF:	Martin Lomeli	Interim City Manager
	Chris Neumeyer	Assistant City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Ikani Taumoepeau	Deputy City Manager
	Craig Schmollinger	Finance Director
	Scot Graham	Community Development Director
	Greg Allen	Police Chief
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief

ESTABLISH A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. with all members present.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. REVIEW OF MARIJUANA COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE MARIJUANA REGULATIONS
<https://youtu.be/Qrc66EpSdP4?t=44s>

Assistant City Attorney Neumeyer provided the staff report and, along with the Council Subcommittee Members Davis and McPherson, responded to Council inquiries. (The presentation can be found [here](#).)

Mayor Irons opened the public comment period for items on the agenda.

Carole Triesdale, Morro Bay, expressed appreciation for the time and energy spent on this important subject.

Adam Pinterits, resident of Marina, CA, urged the Council to allow testing labs, which require minimal inspections and are critical for quality control. He also encouraged the City to avoid redundancies with State record keeping regulations and suggested the Council consider expanding zoning to allow storefronts in industrial areas.

Megan Souza, Megan's Organic Market, spoke in support of adult use dispensaries and requested future City documents use the terms "cannabis" instead of "marijuana" and "adult use" rather than "recreational."

Eric Powers, Megan's Organic Market, suggested the Council consider 2 to 10 dispensaries to foster better competition and serve the needs of the community. He also encouraged reasonable regulations allowing outdoor cultivation.

Cynthia Gonzalez, Elite Care California, shared the importance of proper testing procedures and processes, and urged the Council to support comprehensive testing to ensure safe use for all patients.

Luis Valencia, A-1 Collective, reaffirmed the importance of testing labs and suggested regulations for indoor cultivation limit light wattage usage.

The public comment period was closed.

Staff responded to questions raised during the public comment period and additional questions from Council. Further discussion on this item was scheduled to occur at the August 8 Regular City Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by:



Dana Swanson
City Clerk