

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2018  
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL  
209 SURF STREET – 4:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-3

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2018

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Robert Davis	Council Member
	Matt Makowetski	Council Member
	Marlys McPherson	Council Member
ABSENT:	John Heading	Council Member
STAFF:	Dana Swanson	City Clerk

#### ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Irons established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with all but Council Member Heading present.

Clerk Swanson provided a brief report regarding current vacancies and the recruitment process. At the time of closing, four applications were received to fill the Harbor Advisory Board Member-at-large position and two for a Waterfront Leaseholder representative. Since the posting of the agenda, Dennis Wahlberg elected to withdraw from the process and Rory Kremer advised staff he was unable to attend due to work commitments. City policy requires the Council to take affirmative action in order to consider an applicant who is not present for interviews.

During the application period, which ran from July 9 to August 10, no applications were received to fill the vacancy on the Visit SLO County (VSLOC) Board of Directors. Following the close of the application period, Hemant Patel expressed interest in serving in this capacity and submitted a letter of interest on August 22, 2018, which was provided with the staff report. Based on past difficulties finding hoteliers who are willing to serve on advisory bodies, staff recommended the Council consider Mr. Patel's application.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Irons opened public comment for items on the agenda; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

#### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

##### I. ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS

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MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved the Council move forward with the application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 4-0-1, with Council Member Heading absent.

Staff requested clarification on whether the motion was limited to consideration of Mr. Patel's application or was intended to include consideration of Mr. Kremer's application in his absence.

MOTION: Council Member Makowetski moved the Council consider Mr. Kremer's application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis for discussion.

Council McPherson expressed her reluctance to consider the application given the inability to review his resume. The motion failed 1-3-1 with Mayor Irons, Council Member Davis and Council McPherson voting no, and Council Member Heading absent.

Harbor Advisory Board

- a. One (1) vacancy for a Member-at-Large for the remainder of a term ending January 31, 2021
- b. One (1) vacancy for a Waterfront Leaseholder representative for the remainder of a term ending January 31, 2019

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Mark Blackford and Robert Bliss were interviewed for consideration of appointment to the Member-at-Large position. Robert Fowler and Cherise Hansson were interviewed to fill the Waterfront Leaseholder representative position. Following interviews, the Council voted by written ballot and the City Clerk read the results. Mr. Blackford received three votes (Council Members Davis, Makowetski and McPherson) and Mr. Bliss received one vote (Mayor Irons). Mr. Blackford was appointed to fill the current vacancy with a term ending January 31, 2021. Ms. Hansson received three votes (Mayor Irons and Council Members Davis and Makowetski) and Mr. Fowler received one vote (Council Member McPherson). Ms. Hansson was appointed to fill the current vacancy with a term ending January 31, 2019.

Visit SLO County ("VSLOC") Board of Directors

One (1) vacancy for a representative from a Morro Bay lodging establishment to fill the remainder of a term ending June 20, 2020.

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The Council interviewed Hemant Patel to fill a current vacancy for as the City's representative to the VSLOC Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved to appoint Mr. Patel to the Visit SLO CAL Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Makowetski and carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote, with Council Member Heading absent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson  
City Clerk