

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 2019
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: April 23, 2019

PRESENT:	John Headding Dawn Addis Jeff Heller Marlys McPherson	Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member
ABSENT:	Robert Davis	Council Member
STAFF:	Scott Collins Chris Neumeyer Dana Swanson Jennifer Callaway Rob Livick Scot Graham Jody Cox Steve Knuckles Eric Endersby	City Manager City Attorney City Clerk Finance Director Public Works Director Community Development Director Police Chief Fire Chief Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., with all but Council Member Davis present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION – None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – City Attorney Neumeyer stated no reportable action was taken by the City Council in accordance with the Brown Act.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Matt Phines, Dealers Choice Inc. located at 1598 Main Street, provided the business spot. Dealers Choice has two locations in the Central Valley and looks forward to being part of the Morro Bay community. They are open Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visit www.805deal.com or call (805) 617-0099 for more information.

Del Mar Elementary School students, Emma Watson, Mollie Lange, and Isabella Ketchum shared information about upcoming activities and events.

Barbara Wolak, Morro Bay, spoke in favor of more pickle ball courts at Del Mar Park and offered to present a fundraising proposal at a future meeting.

Rich Raub shared his support for more pickle ball courts and willingness to raise funds so there is no cost to the City.

Meredith Bates, Morro Bay, spoke in support of opening a warming shelter in Morro Bay.

Rigmor, Morro Bay, suggested land be gifted to a resident who would coordinate efforts to rebuild the Surf Street stairs. She was also supportive of a 1% sales tax increase to build new stairs.

Joe Guzzardi, San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Manager, introduced himself and looked forward to working closely with local agencies and special districts.

Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay, voiced her support for Items C-1 and C-2 and encouraged the Council to continue forward in partnership with Central Coast Aquarium and Cal Poly to build an aquarium.

Maggie Juren, Morro Bay, spoke in support of the proposed aquarium project and encouraged the Council to continue working with Central Coast Aquarium.

Sophia Tolle, Atascadero resident and Morro Bay business owner, inquired about the City's position on 4th of July fireworks and shared her support for an aquarium on the Embarcadero.

Bill Martony, Morro Bay, stated his opposition to the proposed up-zoning to allow more intensive use in the area of Main Street south of the boat launch.

Mandy Davis, Morro Bay, appreciated the proposed Resolution No. 17-19 opposing piping and trucking offshore oil through SLO County.

Chuck Stoll, Morro Bay, spoke in support of Item C-2 and announced a Lions Club Fundraiser to be held on March 23 in the Morro Bay Community Center from 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Linda Fidell, Morro Bay, spoke in support of Item C-2 and the need for a warming station and safe parking in Morro Bay.

Andrew Christie, SLO Sierra Club, thanked the City for the proposed resolution opposing oil pipeline and trucking oil through San Luis Obispo County and hoped the City would also adopt policies prohibiting investment in those companies.

John Barbieri, Morro Bay, spoke in support of the proposed aquarium project and hoped, looking forward, the City would consider public/private partnerships that would encompass all ocean uses.

Leah Heidt and Greg Olson, Morro Bay High School, spoke regarding benefits of an aquarium and encouraged the City to continue working with Central Coast Aquarium on this project.

Doug Redican, Rose's Landing, shared his support for the aquarium project.

Cliff Branch, Otter Rock/Boatyard, stated the aquarium project is essential to the future viability of the Embarcadero.

Dr. Eric Prater, San Luis Coastal Unified School District Superintendent, spoke regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and School District to fund a School Resource Officer.

The Public Comment period was closed.

The Mayor and staff responded to issues raised during public comment.

- A. CONSENT AGENDA
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=3778>

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

- A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 22, 2019, CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
(ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 13, 2019, CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
(ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-3 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-19 APPROVING A 1-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRO BAY SKATEBOARD MUSEUM, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 781 MARKET STREET; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution No. 16-19.

- A-4 APPROVE NEW CONSULTANT AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT; (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council approve the following and authorize the City Manager to execute the requisite contract documents:

1. **New agreement with Environmental Science Associates, Inc. (ESA) for completion of an addendum to the WRF Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) in the amount of \$30,666; and**
2. **Amendment to an existing agreement with Kestrel Consulting, Inc. (Kestrel) for preparation of two new grant applications in support of the WRF program in the amount of \$74,420.**

- A-5 RESOLUTION NO. 17-19 OPPOSING PROPOSAL TO PIPE AND TRUCK OFFSHORE OIL THROUGH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES; (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-19, opposing the proposal before Santa Barbara County to truck and pipe offshore oil through Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern County, and authorize the Mayor to send a letter outlining the City's position on the matter to Santa Barbara County and other government agencies considering the proposal.

- A-6 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, THROUGH THE MORRO BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT (MBPD), AND THE SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (SLCUSD) FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO); (POLICE/FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council approve the MOU agreement between the City of Morro Bay through the Morro Bay Police Department (MBPD) and the SLCUSD to provide a full-time dedicated sworn School Resource Officer (SRO) to the

District for coverage of the Morro Bay High School and Del Mar Elementary (ongoing personnel costs to be paid by SLCUSD and equipment costs to be paid by Morro Bay) and authorize Police Chief Cox to execute the agreement on the City's behalf.

A-7 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18-19 APPROVING THE PARCEL MAP MBAL 17-0139 (787 MAIN ST. & 280 MORRO BAY BLVD) AND ABANDONMENT OF PORTIONS (FOR ONLY PARCEL 1) OF THE MAIN STREET AND MORRO BAY BOULEVARD RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITH A REVISED DELINEATION ON PARCEL MAP MBAL 17-0139 TO NOT INCLUDE THE ABANDONMENT TO PARCELS 2 AND 3; (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council adopt Resolution No. 18-19 approving Parcel Map MBAL 17-0139, and the partial right-of-way abandonment (vacation) of both a 2-foot wide strip along the westerly side of Main Street as well as a 1-foot wide strip along the southernly side of Morro Bay Boulevard for only Parcel 1, with a revised delineation to not include the abandonment to Parcels 2 and 3.

Mayor Headding opened public comment for the Consent Agenda.

Jane Heath, speaking on behalf of the applicant, asked the Council to adopt Resolution No. 18-19 approving the proposed parcel map (Item A-7).

Scott Lawson, Morro Bay, spoke in opposition to the proposed abandonment of portions of public right-of-way (Item A-7).

The public comment period was closed.

Council Member McPherson pulled Item A-4. Council Member Heller pulled Item A-7.

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved the Council approve Items A-1, A-2, A-3, A-5 and A-6 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Heller and carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Davis absent.

A-4 APPROVE NEW CONSULTANT AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT; (PUBLIC WORKS)
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=4017>

At Council's request, Public Works Director Livick provided an update on pending grant applications.

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved the Council approve Item A-4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Addis for discussion.

Council Member Heller expressed concern this was not an appropriate item for the Consent Agenda.

Staff responded to questions regarding the WRF Program budget, contract authority and work to be completed under both contracts.

The motion carried 3-1-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed and Council Member Davis absent.

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RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITH A REVISED DELINEATION ON PARCEL MAP MBAL 17-0139
TO NOT INCLUDE THE ABANDONMENT TO PARCELS 2 AND 3; (PUBLIC WORKS)
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=4773>

Council Member Heller did not feel item was appropriate for the Consent Agenda and opposed abandoning public right-of-way for no compensation or public benefit.

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved for approval of Item A-7. The motion was seconded by Mayor Heading and carried 3-1-1 with Council Member Heller opposed and Council Member Davis absent.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 INTRODUCE, DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE NEW MORRO BAY AQUARIUM MARKET AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETED BY CONSULTECON, INC. FOR THE CENTRAL COAST AQUARIUM, AND DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE FUTURE OF LEASE SITE 69-70/69W-70W, LOCATED AT 595 EMBARCADERO AND SITE OF THE OLD MORRO BAY AQUARIUM; (HARBOR)
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=4919>

Harbor Director Endersby introduced the item and provided background information.

The Council took a brief recess at 7:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:12 with all but Council Member Davis present.

Christine Johnson, Central Coast Aquarium Executive Director, provided historical information regarding the Central Coast Aquarium (CCA) in Avila Beach.

Tim Williams, CEO Digital West and CCA Board Member, spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Dean Wendt, Cal Poly Dean of College of Science and Mathematics and CCA Board Member, spoke as a member of the Board and expressed Cal Poly's interest in growing its partnership with the CCA.

Elena Kazlas, Principal with ConsultEcon, Inc., provided a summary of findings for the New Morro Bay Aquarium Market and Economic Feasibility Study.

Ms. Kazlas, Ms. Johnson and staff responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-1 was opened.

Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor, offered a commitment of support on behalf of himself and Supervisor Adam Hill, who represents the Avila Beach area.

Ken Twist, Morro Bay resident and business owner, recommended the City partner with CCA and Cal Poly to bring an aquarium to Morro Bay.

Bill Martony, Morro Bay, supported an aquarium project but suggested the old Breakers building is a better location.

Don Maruska spoke to the strong community support he's seen since 2003 and believed there is a lot more opportunity than is reflected in the feasibility study. He encouraged the Council to assign one or two Council Members to champion the project.

Bob Keller, Morro Bay, urged the Council to move forward in partnership with CCA.

Jen Ford, Morro Bay, encouraged the Council to support aquarium project.

The public comment period for Item C-1 was closed.

Following discussion there was Council concurrence to continue forward with CCA in pursuing the project as outlined in the CCA Board action, including the proposed one-year timeline. Mayor Headding suggested, and the Council agreed, to incorporate the following milestone updates: Concept / Philanthropic Plan presented to Council within 90 days to include an economic spin-off plan; Business Marketing Plan at 180 days (pro forma); report on success to date for philanthropic efforts and concept plan progress at 270 days (9 months), and a final report at one year—"go" or "no go." The Council appreciated the partnership with CCA and Cal Poly, and spoke to the importance of providing educational opportunities as well as be good stewards of the bay and ocean.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved the Council move forward with CCA in pursuing this project as outlined in the CCA Board action including the proposed one-year timeline to include four milestones: 1) Concept / Philanthropic Plan presented back to Council within 90 days, 2) Business Marketing Plan presented back to Council at 180 days, 3) Report on Philanthropic / Concept Plan progress at 270 days, and 4) final report at the end of one year with regard to further decisions on moving forward, and to appoint Mayor Headding and Council Member Addis (existing sub-committee members) as chosen members to participate on the proposed task force. The motion was seconded by Council Member McPherson carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Davis absent.

The Council took a brief recess at 8:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. with all but Council Member Davis present.

C-2 CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR A HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,300, WITH POTENTIAL ONE TIME COST OF \$34,700 TO CITY, AND POTENTIAL ANNUAL COST TO CITY OF UP TO \$20,000, IF GRANT IS AWARDED; (CITY MANAGER)
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=12149>

City Manager Collins presented the report and, along with Council Member McPherson, responded to Council inquiries.

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

Sharon O'Leary, Morro Bay resident and Community Resource Connections volunteer, spoke to the need for a warming shelter and supported this funding opportunity.

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

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved the Council submit the HEAP grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Heller and carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Davis absent.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<https://youtu.be/vQFSIm3Xw5E?t=13137>

Council Member Heller requested staff bring back within 30 days a menu of revenue options to maintain City infrastructure. Following discussion, it was agreed staff would provide an update to Council on the timing of a dedicated study session.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk