

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 9, 2019
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heading called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members 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 & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

https://youtu.be/0KBADG_UR_k?t=115

CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

https://youtu.be/0KBADG_UR_k?t=494

The Council took a brief recess at 5:44 p.m. to receive a presentation of Engine 5391 in front of the Veterans Memorial Hall. The meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m. with all members present.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation of Engine 5391 purchased through Bertha Schultz Trust and Measure Q.

https://youtu.be/0KBADG_UR_k?t=615

PUBLIC COMMENT

https://youtu.be/0KBADG_UR_k?t=1155

Gary Freeburg, co-owner of Pacific Street Cottages located at 218 – 240 Pacific Street, provided the business spot. He also spoke in support of the vacation rental permit process.

Carole Truesdale, President of Neighborhood Watch, announced National Night Out to be held Tuesday, August 6, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Cloisters Park.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, announced a letter writing campaign to the Governor's office in support of mobile home park living as an affordable living alternative.

Manley McNinch spoke in support of local workforce agreements.

David Baldwin, Atascadero, urged the City to take steps toward local hiring.

Scott Zimmerman spoke in favor of local workforce agreements and apprenticeship programs.

Torrey Byles, Morro Bay, spoke in support of community workforce agreements.

Nancy Bast, Morro Bay, spoke on Item C-4, opposed the use of enterprise funds for the project and requested discussion of water/sewer expenditures be placed first on the agenda.

Barry Branin, Morro Bay, stated the July 11th Coastal Commission Meeting will be the first opportunity for Morro Bay and Los Osos residents to speak at a public hearing on the Water Reclamation Facility.

Dan Sedley, Morro Bay, opposed the use of enterprise funds for City Hall safety improvements.

Autumn Brown expressed support for a community workforce agreement.

Mayor Heading closed public comment.

A. CONSENT AGENDA
<https://youtu.be/OKBADG UR k?t=2756>

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the City Council, the following actions are approved without discussion. The public will also be provided an opportunity to comment on consent agenda items.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 28, 2019, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 11, 2019, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TBID) FOR CRITERIA TO EVALUATE GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-20; (TOURISM)

RECOMMENDATION: CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT GRANT EVALUATION PROCESS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TBID ADVISORY BOARD.

A-4 APPROVAL OF HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council consider the request submitted by Harbor Advisory Board (HAB) Member, Dana McClish, to excuse his absences from the December 6, 2018, April 4, 2019, and June 6, 2019 Regular Harbor Advisory Board meetings and allow him to continue serving through the scheduled term ending January 31, 2023.

- A-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-19, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-18, AND ENCOURAGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO NOT OPEN OUR OCEAN, COAST AND LAND TO ANY NEW ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING, EXPLORATION AND FRACKING; (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council adopt Resolution No. 63-19 which encourages the federal government to not permit new onshore and offshore oil development along both the coastline as well as the land within San Luis Obispo County.

- A-6 SUPPORT FOR U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE RESOLUTION (H.R. 763) WHICH ENCOURAGES CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH A FEE ON CARBON PRODUCTION; (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council support U.S. Congressional House Resolution 763 (H.R. 763) and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to congressional representatives on behalf of the City.

Mayor Headding opened the public comment for the Consent Agenda; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Council Member McPherson pulled Item A-5.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved approval of Items A-1 through A-4 and A-6 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Addis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

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https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR_k?t=2828

Council Member McPherson requested Council consider the proposed edits submitted by Ms. Winholtz as agenda correspondence to confirm it was the Council's intent to extend the policy to State lands.

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved approval of Item A-5 with the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C-1 COMPREHENSIVE COST ALLOCATION PLAN AND FEE STUDY UPDATE; (FINANCE)
https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR_k?t=2960

Finance Director Callaway opened the item and introduced Chu Thai, Vice President of Revenue & Cost Specialists, who provided the report and responded to Council inquires.

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

Erica Crawford, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, shared her interest from an economic development perspective and offered to participate in community outreach.

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

There was Council concurrence on the following priorities moving forward:

- Provide more detail specifically looking at other communities to understand the last time they conducted fee studies.
- Reach out to as many community groups as possible and provide feedback to Council on demographics to ensure we're reaching broadly.
- The importance of framing the conversation for the community.
- Confirmed the results would come back to Council late August or September and new fees would go into effect 60 days after adoption.

The Council did not take any formal action on this item.

C-2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-19 TO APPROVE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT, RESOLUTION NO. 65-19 CITY OF MORRO BAY'S POLICY FOR UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSIONS, AND RESOLUTION NO. 66-19 CITY OF MORRO BAY'S RETURNED DEPOSIT ITEM POLICY; (FINANCE)
<https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR k?t=6466>

Finance Director Callaway provided the report.

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

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-19, approving the City of Morro Bay's Utility Discount Program Enrollment and Resolution No. 65-19, approving the City of Morro Bay's Penalty for Utility Payment Extensions and also Resolution No. 66-19, the City of Morro Bay's Returned Deposit Items. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

C-3 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 67-19 ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF MORRO BAY COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY; (FINANCE)
<https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR k?t=6850>

Finance Director Callaway provided the report and responded to Council inquires.

The public comment period for Item C-3 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Council Member McPherson suggested language in grant agreement be consistent and require one report due on July 31st. The Council authorized staff to advertise and accept applications as proposed.

MOTION: Council Member McPherson moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-19, establishing the City of Morro Bay's Community Grants Policy with the proposed change to page 2 of the Grant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

C-4 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 68-19 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$10,000 TO PERFORM FACILITY UPDATES FOR SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY AT CITY HALL; (CITY MANAGER)
<https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR k?t=7712>

City Manager Collins provided the report and responded to Council inquires.

The public comment period for Item C-4 was opened.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, was against the project and felt it was inappropriate to charge water / sewer for the improvements. If pursued, she suggested the entire cost come out of the General Fund.

James Costanzo, Morro Bay, opposed the recommended funding and encouraged the Council to vote no.

Bob Keller, Morro Bay, suggested the item be tabled in order to gather information on other alternatives.

The public comment period for Item C-4 was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-19 authorizing a budget adjustment of \$10,000 to perform security and accessibility upgrades at City Hall funded with \$2,500 from Fund 311- Water Fund, \$2,500 from Fund 321 – Sewer Fund; and \$5,000 from Fund 052 Facility Maintenance Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis for discussion.

There was Council concurrence employee safety was a top priority. Council Member Heller agreed but did not feel bullet proof windows were appropriate for City offices. He suggested the item be brought back with more options and funded by the General Fund.

The motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<https://youtu.be/0KBADG UR k?t=9603>

Council Member Addis asked that a mass casualty response plan be presented to Council for discussion of the Council's role as policy makers. There was full support for this item.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by:


Dana Swanson
City Clerk

