

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 28, 2020
TELECONFERENCE – 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with Section 3 of California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 in response to the present State of Emergency in existence due to the threat of COVID-19. This meeting was held via teleconference for all participants.

PRESENT:	John Headding	Mayor
	Dawn Addis	Council Member
	Robert Davis	Council Member
	Jeff Heller	Council Member
	Marlys McPherson	Council Member
STAFF:	Scott Collins	City Manager
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Jennifer Callaway	Finance Director/Acting Public Works Director
	Chris Neumeyer	City Attorney
	Scot Graham	Community Development Director
	Jody Cox	Police Chief
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief
	Rob Livick	City Engineer
	Jennifer Little	Tourism Manager
	Kirk Carmichael	Recreation Services Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding established a quorum by roll call vote and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/wHwCcWdgpqQ?t=48>

Phillip Hill, Morro Bay, spoke in opposition to the proposed liveaboard fees.

Carole Truesdale, Morro Bay, suggested various methods of reducing operating costs.

John Weiss, Morro Bay, recommended furloughs for non-safety employees and hiring an in-house City Attorney.

Val Seymour, Morro Bay, urged the Council to pursue paid parking and RV parking at the Rock.

Dan Sedley, Morro Bay, recommended the City implement cost savings measures including a hard overtime freeze, furloughs, and layoff of non-essential employees.

Jeremiah O'Brien, Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Association, expressed his appreciation for City staff.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

<https://youtu.be/wHwCcWdgpqQ?t=1186>

I. COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON CITY FINANCES AND CONSIDERATION OF ROCK SOLID TOGETHER, THE CITY'S SHORT-TERM FISCAL EMERGENCY PLAN AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; (CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR/ACTING PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR)

City Manager Collins and Finance Director/Acting Public Works Director Callaway presented the report and responded to Council inquiries.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved the Council adopt Resolution No. 37-20 to adopt a five percent salary reduction for unrepresented confidential and unrepresented management designated employees; and adopt Resolution No. 38-20 to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Morro Bay and the Morro Bay Peace Officers' Association, adopting a five percent salary reduction; and adopt Resolution No. 39-20 to defer Tidelands Trust Lease Site rent payments to the City for the months of March, April, May and June 2020; and adopt Resolution No. 40-20 to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Morro Bay and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), adopting a five percent salary reduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Addis for discussion.

The Council expressed its appreciation for concessions by the employee groups. Council Member Heller stated his concern with the proposed deferral of Tidelands Trust rent payments and suggested taking more time to review alternatives, including percentage rent as suggested by an existing leaseholder.

Following discussion, the motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed.

There was Council consensus to move forward with the following General guidance to staff:

- Expand the City's Utility Discount Program through June 2020 billing cycle to customers who have been laid off due to COVID19 and those who are self-employed whose businesses were affected by COVID-19.
- Return with a Chamber of Commerce contract amendment to provide additional funds for business outreach and assistance efforts.
- Support for a micro loan program for the Tidelands Trust lease area businesses and local business outside the Tidelands Trust area not to exceed a maximum of \$100,000 of Castle Wind Community Benefit funds and \$200,000 of SB 1090 funds with program parameters to be developed by staff.
- Use of up to \$1 Million to Emergency Reserves for the remainder of FY 2019/20.
- Consideration of the sale or lease of City-owned properties, including 460 Bonita Street, the Teen Center, 570 Dunes Street, and others deemed appropriate.
- Explore RV Parking on a limited basis
- Ongoing advocacy for Federal and State economic support
- Agendize an ordinance permitting the sale of adult use cannabis and streamline the opening of the selected businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson, City Clerk