

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
TELECONFERENCE – 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: October 27, 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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Scott Collins City Manager
 Dana Swanson City Clerk
 Jennifer Callaway Finance Director
 Scot Graham Community Development Director
 Steve Knuckles Fire Chief
 Eric Endersby Harbor Director
 Sandra Martin Budget / Accounting Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/8FMWktZRagA?t=117>

Mayor Headding opened public comment.

Erica Crawford, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, recognized the benefits and merits of the Utility Discount Program, as proposed, and requested the City develop a program with similar benefits for the business community.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. UPDATE ON CITY OF MORRO BAY'S ROCK SOLID TOGETHER FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN; (CITY MANAGER/FINANCE)
<https://youtu.be/8FMWktZRagA?t=263>

City Manager Collins introduced the item and turned it over to Finance Director Callaway to present the report.

The Mayor and Council commented on the report and established consensus to direct staff to bring forward for Council approval a micro-loan or grant program to support local businesses affected by COVID-19, utilizing available Economic Development funds.

- II. WATER AND SEWER RATE REVIEW; CONSIDER INCREASING THE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM RATE FROM 10% TO 25% AND EXTENDING THE COVID-19 UTILITY DISCOUNT, FOR QUALIFYING MORRO BAY RESIDENTS, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, THROUGH RESOLUTION NO 83-20; CONSIDER INCREASING UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ANNUAL REBATE TO \$180.00 FOR QUALIFYING MORRO BAY MOBILE HOME PARK AND APARTMENT RESIDENTS, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 84-20; (CITY MANAGER/FINANCE) <https://youtu.be/8FMWktZRagA?t=6297>

City Manager Collins introduced the item and turned it over to Finance Director Callaway to present the report.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved to adopt Resolution No. 83-20 Extending the Temporary Morro Bay Cares COVID-19 Utility Discount Program through the June 2021 billing cycle and increasing the discount rate for all enrolled Utility Discount Program customers to 25% of the approved rates for FY 2020/21; and Resolution No. 84-20 Increasing the Utility Rebate Program to \$15 per month (\$180 per year) through the June 2021 billing cycle to eligible members of Mobile Home Parks and Apartments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk