

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 9, 2021
TELECONFERENCE – 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-5
MEETING DATE: August 10, 2021

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
 Laurel Barton Council Member
 Robert Davis Council Member
 Jeff Heller Council Member

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Scott Collins City Manager
 Chris Neumeyer City Attorney
 Dana Swanson City Clerk
 Scot Graham Community Development Director
 Rob Livick City Engineer

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/Xazcz4HT3X4?t=181>

Mayor Headding opened public comment.

Jane Heath, Morro Bay, commented a \$3 Million payment to the City may not be sufficient incentive to demolish the stacks and asked the Council to consider negotiating a more appropriate incentive so that the likelihood of completing the demolition is increased.

Norm Williams stated \$450,000 in property tax revenue was not enough based on the risk incurred and urged the City to negotiate a better deal. He also suggested if the stacks were removed, the area be reserved for open space or a park, not expansion of the battery project.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MORRO BAY AND VISTRA CORP TO PURCHASE NECESSARY WRF EASEMENTS FOR \$1, SETTLE EMINENT DOMAIN LAWSUIT, AMEND ENCUMBRANCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF SHUTTERED POWER PLANT SITE, AND ADDRESS POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT; (CITY MANAGER)

<https://youtu.be/Xazcz4HT3X4?t=649>

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

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute, the binding Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the City and Vistra Corp which purchases necessary WRF easements for \$1, settles eminent domain lawsuit, amends encumbrances on development of shuttered Morro Bay Power Plant site, and addresses possible development. The motion was seconded by Mayor Heading and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk