

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
 Katie Lichtig Interim Finance Director
 Greg Kwolek Public Works Director
 Scot Graham Community Development Director
 Steve Knuckles Fire Chief
 Jody Cox Police Chief
 Eric Endersby Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding 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/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=190>

CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=739>

PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=809>

- Hunger Awareness Day Proclamation Presented to Garret Olson, CEO of San Luis Obispo Food Bank
- Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Outgoing Del Mar Elementary Principal Janet Gould

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=1579>

Jen Ford, Morro Bay, extended her gratitude to Del Mar Elementary School Principal, Janet Gould.

Judy Neuhauser, Los Osos, expressed concern regarding the bulldozing occurring in the creek area near the power plant and potential impacts on sensitive habitat and nesting birds.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, thanked Ms. Gould for being supportive of the transportation needs of those attending the United Methodist Children's Center. She also inquired as to the return of in-person public meetings, and funding sources for the Rock parking lot and Veterans' Hall improvements.

Mayor Heading closed public comment.

Staff responded to issues raised during public comment.

A. CONSENT AGENDA
<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=2299>

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 APRIL 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
(ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 11, 2021 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE HELLER AS COUNCIL LIAISON AND MAYOR HEADING AS THE ALTERNATE TO REACH'S SLO ADVISORY COMMITTEE; (MAYOR)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the revised list of Discretionary Appointments which provides for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Heller as Council Liaison and Mayor Heading as the alternate to REACH's SLO Advisory Committee (and otherwise the list of Discretionary Appointments remains the same).

A-4 PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 4, 2021 TO BE "HUNGER AWARENESS DAY"; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-5 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OUTGOING PRINCIPAL OF DEL MAR ELEMENTARY JANET GOULD FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Mayor Heading opened public comment for the Consent Agenda.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Item A-3 and asked why Council Member Barton does not have an advisory board liaison assignment.

The public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved approval of all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- B-1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-21 FOR PLAN MORRO BAY CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM AND THE GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=2424>

Community Development Director Graham provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

Mayor Headding opened the Public Hearing and Public Comment.

Judy Neuhauser, President of Morro Coast Audubon Society, restated concerns regarding activities in the willows and pointed out the Plan states that ESHA includes willows, woodland and scrub environments.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, questioned language in Policy C-1.6B which provides a buffer may be reduced per determination of City staff for sites where the linear distance is not met but the proposed project is separated by ESHA topography. She also requested clarification about the definition of urban and rural, and who makes that distinction.

Mayor Headding closed the Public Comment period and Public Hearing.

Staff responded to questions raised during public comment.

Council Member Heller stated he could not support approval until concerns regarding ESHA boundaries and requirements for Embarcadero businesses related to sea level rise were resolved.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-21 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopt the (i) Findings of Fact, (ii) Statement of Overriding Considerations, (iii) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and (iv) Plan Morro Bay: General Plan/Local Coastal Program Update, and to direct staff to submit to the Coastal Commission an application for LCP amendment to certify Plan Morro Bay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis.

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

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C-1 REVIEW WRF QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION AND INPUT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)
<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=4438>

WRF Program Manager Rhorer provided the report and responded to Council inquires.

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

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, raised questions various questions regarding the report.

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

The Council and staff responded to questions raised during public comment.

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

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/ERW7fGt7dPk?t=7358>

Council Member Addis requested support for facilitated process looking at opportunities that would focus on norms and team building, with a shared goal of making best decisions for our community. There was full Council support for this item.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk