

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2021
TELECONFERENCE – 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-3
MEETING DATE: January 11, 2022

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-08-21 issued on June 11, 2021 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
 Jennifer Ford Council Member
 Jeff Heller Council Member

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Scott Collins City Manager
 Dana Swanson City Clerk
 Sarah Johnson-Rios Assistant City Manager/Admin Services Dir.
 Scot Graham Community Development Director
 Greg Kwolek Public Works Director
 Daniel McCrain Fire Chief
 Eric Endersby Harbor Director
 Kirk Carmichael Recreation Services Manager
 Bonnie Johnson Police Support Services Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS ADOPTION; (CITY MANAGER)
<https://youtu.be/laLiZkITBKU?t=161>

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

Following discussion, there was Council consensus on the following:

- Elevate “Climate Crisis” to “Climate Emergency” by way of resolution or some other method and seek funding to move Morro Bay forward in this area.
- Under Climate Action, add an action item to implement Central Coast Community Energy (“3CE”) Reach Code Incentive Program limited to electrification of new residential construction with the adoption of 2022 Building Code in January 2023.
- Provide community information/education and resources regarding access to mental health resources to address behavior health or mental health crises:
 - Substance abuse issues
 - Depressive illnesses

- Exacerbation of previously controlled mental health issues

Council Member Heller expressed concern about use of the term “climate emergency” and stated he was reluctant to add anything to the list.

MOTION: Mayor Heading moved to adopt the proposed City Council goals, goals’ statements, and short-term and long-term action Items with the changes that have been made. The motion was seconded by Council Member Addis and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed.

- II. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION OF STATE REPRESENTATION TO SUPPORT CITY OF MORRO BAY PROJECTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES; (CITY MANAGER)
<https://youtu.be/laLiZkITBKU?t=2985>

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

Christopher Townsend, President of Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. provided an overview of the representation and support they can provide to the City of Morro Bay and, along with Associate Andres Ramirez and Senior Director Richard Harmon, responded to Council inquiries.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an 8-month retainer agreement (November 2021 – June 30, 2022) with Townsend Public Affairs, in a form reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, to support efforts to gain state support and funding for the City’s goals; support offshore wind development and other economic development initiatives beneficial to Morro Bay; seek state grants for the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) project, OneWater infrastructure projects, and other infrastructure projects; and keep the City apprised of other relevant state legislation and funding opportunities. The motion was seconded by Mayor Heading and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk