

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (2021-22) and Government Code section 54953 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
	Chris Neumeyer	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Sarah Johnson-Rios	Assistant City Manager/Admin Services Dir.
	Greg Kwolek	Public Works Director
	Scot Graham	Community Development Director
	Daniel McCrain	Fire Chief
	Jody Cox	Police Chief
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director
	Kyle Rhorer	WRF Program Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Headding called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with all but Council Member Barton present. Council Member Barton joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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

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CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=732>

Don Maruska spoke regarding Item C-3 and encouraged the Council to identify two council members with a passion for the climate change initiative to engage citizens and local business and explore potential opportunities and available resources.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, commented on the WRF Project, expressing concern about project delays and the extended closure of the bike trail and South Bay Blvd.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, requested the City return to in-person council meetings.

Mayor Headding closed public comment.

- A. CONSENT AGENDA
<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=1319>

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 JANUARY 11, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
(ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 25, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
(ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-3 SECOND QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT (PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021)
FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-22; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the Second Quarter Investment Report (period ending December 31, 2021) for FY 2021-22.

- A-4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-22 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF RURAL
TRANSIT FUND (RTF) GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF RELATED
DOCUMENTS UPON AWARD; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-22 authorizing submission of Rural Transit Fund (RTF) Grant Application and execution of related documents upon award.

- A-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE
AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED, WITH THE
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN
WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROGRAM GRANT OF UP TO \$30 MILLION, AS
AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 4009(C) OF THE WIIN ACT AND FUNDING
PURSUANT TO THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL), P.L. 117-58, FOR
THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT; (PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-22 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of City of Morro Bay, California, authorizing the City Manager to file an application and execute a grant agreement, if awarded, with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Program grant of up to \$30 million, as authorized under Section 4009(C) of the WIIN Act and funding pursuant to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), P.L. 117-58, for the Water Reclamation Facility Project."

Specifically, Resolution No. 15-22 authorizes the following action: 1) Authorizes the City Manager to File the Application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program grant, as authorized under section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act and funding pursuant to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), P.L. 117-58 for the Water Reclamation Facility Project; 2) Authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and sign the Grant Agreement and related documents including required reports, disbursement requests and certifications; and 3) Represents that the City has sufficient funds of its own to provide for the required non-Federal cost share, in addition to the Grant.

A-6 RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND RE-AUTHORIZING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING FOR A CONTINUED 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361; (CITY ATTORNEY)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 16-22 reauthorizing for public health and safety the conduct of public meetings of the legislative bodies of the City via remote conferencing.

Mayor Headding opened public comment for the Consent Agenda.

<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=1330>

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, concurred with Ms. Winters and urged the City to return to in-person meetings.

The public comment period was closed.

Council Member Heller pulled Item A-6.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved approval of Items A-1 through A-5. The motion was seconded by Council Member Heller and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

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<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=1492>

Council Member Heller expressed a desire to resume in-person meetings in March. City Manager Collins responded stating COVID-19 testing would continue at the Veterans Hall through the end of March and hybrid meetings were not possible at the Community Center.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved approval of Item A-6. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barton and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 REVIEW WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) QUARTERLY REPORT; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=2033>

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, questioned why a diesel backup generator is being used near the high school.

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

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

C-2 REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 MIDYEAR BUDGET REPORT AND GENERAL FUND FORECAST, APPROVAL OF NEW JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND AMENDED SALARY SCHEDULE; (CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/CITY CLERK/HR MANAGER)

<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=5703>

City Manager Collins, Assistant City Manager/Admin Services Director Johnson-Rios and City Clerk/HR Manager Swanson provided the report and responded to Council inquires.

The public comment period for Item C-2 was opened.

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

The public comment period for Item C-2 was closed.

MOTION: Mayor Heading moved to 1) receive the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Midyear Budget Report; 2) adopt Resolution No. 17-22 authorizing the attached staff report Budget Amendments; 3) adopt Resolution No. 18-22 approving new classifications and job descriptions; 4) adopt Resolution No. 19-22 approving the revised salary schedule and authorized Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing list; and 5) receive the annual General Fund forecast and provided input as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Heller and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

C-3 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-22 DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN MORRO BAY; (CITY MANAGER)

<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=10386>

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

The public comment period for Item C-3 was opened.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, encouraged the City to be better role models in this area.

The public comment period for Item C-3 was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-22, declaring a climate emergency. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barton and, following individual comments, carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Heller opposed.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<https://youtu.be/tu-y1OSlkxg?t=11393>

Council Member Ford requested and received full support for a future agenda item regarding formation of a Council subcommittee to assist with the climate emergency initiative.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk