

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2022
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL /
TELECONFERENCE – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: October 25, 2022

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (2021-22) and Government Code section 54953 this Meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual public participation.

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

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

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CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

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- Dating and Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation presented to Sam Gotlieb, Chief People & Culture Officer at Lumina Alliance.
- Filipino American History Month Proclamation presented to Rosalie S. Marquez, VP of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), California Central Coast Chapter.
- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation presented to Fire Chief Daniel McCrain; Fire Engineer/Paramedics Micah Szopinski, Jeff Simpson and Sam Watson; and Reserve Firefighter Keenan Levine

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Sharon O'Leary, Morro Bay, announced Monday Night Community Dinners and other outreach efforts coordinated by Community Resource Connections.

Linda Quesenberry, Los Osos Cares Executive Director, announced an upcoming Free Health Care event sponsored by the Latino Health Coalition to be held on Sunday, October 23rd from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at 2050 Ironwood Ave., Morro Bay.

Bill Luffee, Morro Bay, shared a PowerPoint presentation and spoke in favor of Measure B-22.

Bob Keller, Morro Bay, provided a recap of the Maritime Museum event held on October 8th.

Aaron Ochs, Morro Bay, spoke regarding the importance of leadership in times of uncertainty and stated the Vistra battery storage project was incompatible with the Morro Bay community.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, commented on the recent candidate forum.

Jon Elliott announced the 8th Annual Morro Bay Trick-or-Treat event to be held Saturday, October 29th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

John Weiss, Morro Bay resident and business owner, commented on the water reclamation facility project and asked residents to vote for Carla Wixom, Zara Landrum and Sarah Robinson.

David Durringer, Morro Bay, urged the City Council to repeal Ordinance No. 644 passed unanimously last year requiring firearms be locked up and unavailable for self-defense.

Tim Crowley, Morro Bay, commented on the recent candidate forum.

Rachel Wilson, Cayucos, spoke in support battery energy storage facilities if located away from a population center.

Garry Johnson, Morro Bay, opposed a lithium battery storage facility in Morro Bay.

Deborah Howe, Vice President of South Bay Women's Network a 501(c)(3) organization, announced a fundraising event to be held October 29th. Visit www.sbwn.org for more information.

Betsy Gaudette-Cross, Morro Bay, spoke against a lithium storage plant being located in Morro Bay.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, thanked Linda Winters and Tim Crowley for their comments and shared her appreciation for the Mayor, Council Members and Staff.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, responded to comments made by candidates regarding the Harbor Fund and stated her opposition to Measure B-22.

Casey Cordes, Morro Bay, spoke in favor of increased height restrictions for downtown business district.

Melanie Williams-Mahan, Morro Bay, expressed concern about the proposed battery energy storage facility.

Mayor Heading closed public comment.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA
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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 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 (INCLUDING PARTIALLY REMOTE) FOR A 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 attached Resolution No. 87-22 reauthorizing for public health and safety the conduct of public meetings of the legislative bodies of the City via remote teleconferencing (including partially remote) for 30 days, thereby allowing the City Council and the City’s advisory bodies to meet remotely (including partially remote) through November 10, 2022.

With approval of this motion and until such further notice, City Council and advisory bodies will continue to hold their meetings in public at the Veterans Hall, with the option for individual Councilmembers and advisory body members to teleconference.

- A-2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 88-22 AMENDING THE 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 8TH REGULAR MEETING (ELECTION DAY) AND REESTABLISH THE NOVEMBER 22ND REGULAR MEETING; (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 88-22 approving the amended 2022 City Council Meeting Calendar.

- A-3 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 89-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MORRO BAY TO ENTER INTO A 2022/2023 SURRENDERED AND ABANDONED VESSEL EXCHANGE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FOR REMOVAL OF ABANDONED/SURRENDERED VESSELS AND HAZARDS TO NAVIGATION; (HARBOR DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 89-22 authorizing the Harbor Director to execute the attached 2022/2023 Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) Grant Contract Agreement #C22S0607 with the California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for \$15,000.00 for the funding of removal of abandoned/surrendered vessels and hazards to navigation.

- A-4 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING “OCTOBER 2022” AS DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH”; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approved as submitted

- A-5 PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS “FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH”; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approved as submitted

- A-6 PROCLAMATION DECLARING "OCTOBER 9-15, 2022 AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approved as submitted

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

Council Member Heller pulled Item A-3.

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved approval of all items on Consent except Item A-3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Addis and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

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Staff responded to Council inquiries.

MOTION: Mayor Headding moved approval of Item A-3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Heller and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

- C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C-1 ACCEPTANCE OF ABC-OTS GRANT AWARDED TO MORRO BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT; (POLICE DEPARTMENT)

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Police Chief Cox provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-1 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-22 accepting and appropriating funds from the 2022-2023 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant for the ABC-OTS Program in the amount of \$24,500.00 for overtime expenses incurred during the eleven (11) month program as outlined in this staff report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

- C-2 BUDGET-IN-BRIEF UPDATE AND DIRECTION; (CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

<https://youtu.be/DJSHmaTUlrQ?t=6267>

City Manager Collins and Assistant City Manager/Admin Services Director Johnson-Rios provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item C-2 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Addis moved to direct staff to utilize the updated budget-in-brief communication tool, which includes input from the Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee; to post the document online and disseminate virtually as well as in November utility bills; and to utilize this as a template for future budget-in-brief documents to be created by staff after budget adoption each year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Heading for discussion.

Following individual comments, the motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
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Council Member Heller shared a list of possible future agenda items, many of which would come back as part of the Council approved work plan. There was no support to add new items to the work plan.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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