



AGENDA NO: PC

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2023

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
RECEIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

Dana Swanson

From: Lynda Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: Revisit Resolution No. 07-19 Civility and Civil Discourse

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*Dear Dana,
If it isn't too late please include this in the Jan.24th Council Meeting Correspondence.
Thank you, Lynda*

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Please find below a copy of Resolution No. 07-19 Adopted November 15, 2015 and May 08, 2018 reinstating this resolution. Civility and principles of civil discourse are of upmost importance at all of our Public Meetings and particularly our City Council meetings. During the Jan. 10, 2023 Council meeting Public Comment for Item C-2 a speaker made unfounded derogatory statements regarding a Contractor who was the low bidder on this government contract.

I hope that you will revisit this Resolution and uphold its intent.

Sincerely, Lynda Merrill

Morro Bay Citizen

RESOLUTION NO. 07-19

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA,
PLEDGING TO FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES OF CIVILITY AND CIVIL DISCOURSE
IN ALL OF ITS MEETINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 70-15 pledging to follow best practices of civility and civil discourse in all of its meetings, principles developed by the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 27-18 restating its commitment to the principles of civility and civil discourse in conducting business with appointed and elected officials, staff and citizens; and

WHEREAS, a healthy democracy respects the people's right to debate issues with passion; and not only tolerates disagreement but welcomes it; and

WHEREAS, honest debate helps refine ideas and create policies that benefit the greater good; and

WHEREAS, we, the Mayor, City Council Members, Commissioners, Appointees, and Staff of the City of Morro Bay, in order to ensure **civility** and **civil discourse** in all of our meetings, reaffirm and pledge our commitment to the following **best practices of civility and civil discourse**; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **listen first**, making an honest effort to understand views and reasoning of others by listening to understand, not listening to find fault, allowing thoughtful discussion to lead to the best possible outcomes; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **respect different opinions**, by inviting and considering different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, opposed and clarified in a constructive manner; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **show courtesy**, by treating all colleagues, staff and members of the public in a professional and courteous manner whether in person, online, or in written communication, especially when we disagree; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **avoid rhetoric and refrain from making slanderous, profane or personal remarks intended to humiliate, malign, or question the motivation** of those whose opinions are different from ours in all our meetings; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **speak truthfully** without accusation, and avoid distortion in all our meetings; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment to **debate the policy not the person**, focusing on the issue, and not personalizing the debate or using other tactics that divert attention from the issue; and

WHEREAS, we pledge our commitment **against violence and incivility** in all their forms whenever and wherever they occur in all our meetings; and

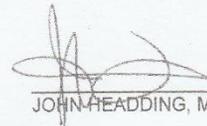
WHEREAS, we commit ourselves to build a civil political community in which each person is respected and spirited public and political debate is aimed at the betterment of the City of Morro Bay and its people and not the disparagement of those with whom we disagree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, City of Morro Bay, California, that the Mayor, City Council Members, Commissioners, Appointees, and Staff of the City of Morro Bay shall promote the use of and adherence to the principles of **civility** and **civil discourse** in conducting business with appointed and elected officials, staff, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council directs this resolution pledging best practices of civility and civil discourse be brought forward in January of each year for re-affirmation by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay at a regular meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of January 2019 on the following vote:

AYES: Headding, Addis, Davis, McPherson
NOES: Heller
ABSENT: None


JOHN HEADDING, Mayor

ATTEST:

DANA SWANSON, City Clerk



AGENDA NO: A-2

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Heather Goodwin

From: Jamie Irons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:44 AM
To: Council
Cc: Scott Collins; Dana Swanson
Subject: CMANC

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Dear City Council,

Please consider four City representatives for the trip to Washington DC. The Mayor, our new Harbor Director, the City Manager, and the Public Works Director. The City Manager provides continuity and knowledge from past trips. This will be important for our new Harbor Director and Mayor. Considering the recent flooding events this is an important time to have the infrastructure and Public Works representation. I would contend this should be the on going make up of the Morro Bay team of representatives on an annual basis. Following the trip from Washington DC. Mayor Wixom can report back to Council and the Community at the next City Council Meeting her experience and assessment of trip. The Mayor's experience can help inform the Council and the Community on future trips and City representation.

Sincerely,
Jamie Irons

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Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:46 PM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Jennifer Ford; Cyndee Edwards; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Scott Collins
Subject: agenda item a-2

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Dear City Council:

The community has always appreciated the Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee covering the cost of sending 2 City people, Harbor Director and Mayor, to represent Morro Bay at the annual C-MANC meeting in Washington, D.C. The Committee does not cover the cost of a third person.

I question the need for a third person to attend. Other lobbying that has been done in the past, i.e. WRF, wind farms, have already come to pass. If further conversation is needed regarding support facilities for the wind farm leases, the Harbor Director is already present. The WRF is more or less complete; who would give money for a completed project? If there are other other topics, please identify.

I would hope the City's paid D.C. lobbyist could assist the mayor with anything else.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: B-1

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Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:47 PM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Jennifer Ford; Cyndee Edwards; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Cindy Jacinth
Subject: agenda item b-1

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Dear City Council:

I agree with the appellant that 2 of the 3 requirements to grant a variance have not been met.

1. *Grant of special privilege.* If I were a current or future property owner whose property abuts the Embarcadero south of the staircase, I would interpret this decision as permission to put some type of living unit on my property below the bluff line. Within that permission, I would understand that it is acceptable to cut into the bluff to do so, whether 2 feet or more. While cutting into the bluff may undermine my own house above the bluff, this owner is potentially undermining another owner's property. Also, within that permission, would be the right to take down the public fence to access the development on the lower lot. I would conclude this because accessing below the bluff from Main Street is too steep, just as this applicant is claiming it is too steep to access their lot from Fig Street.

To go one step further, if the fence comes down to access living units, would street improvements be required? At least curb and gutter, if not sidewalk?

If you would not grant all the property owners the reduced front setback, allow cutting into the bluff so they don't violate the backyard setback, and grant perpendicular rather than parallel parking to the bluff with daily vehicular access, then it is a grant of special privilege. If you are willing to let all the property owners do the same, then your decision is precedent setting.

2. *Special circumstances.* The lot is substandard. However, there is an envelope within which the City allows building on substandard lots. Even with the bluff above, I am not understanding why the project cannot be reduced to stay within the envelope, and, thereby, not deprive the owners of privileges enjoyed by others without violating City standards.

Other. As I stated at the Planning Commission hearing, the Settlement Agreement between the City and the upland landowners in its entirety, should be part of the record for the decision makers benefit.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: C-1

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**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
AND STAFF PRESENTATION
RECEIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
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1/9/2023 Storm Surge Emergency - Update

Scott Collins

City Manager

January 24, 2023

Agenda

- Recap storm surge event
 - Local rain, 5 inches in 6 hours in Morro Creek watershed, countervailing high tide
- Emergency declaration
 - Local, State and Federal
- City of Morro Bay Storm Damage
 - Clean-up and assessment
- Accessing FEMA and SBA Assistance
- After Action Review
 - EOC and flood lessons learned
 - Resiliency investments

Storm Overview (1/9)

- Unprecedented rain in our watershed, combined with high tide, on top of prior rains and higher creek levels
- 40-50 Calls for service
- Several impacted areas, power outage, roads flooded
- EOC opened and local emergency declared











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Emergency Declaration

City Council ratified Emergency Services Director local emergency declaration on 1/10/2023

State declared statewide emergency in late December 2022

Mayor and Councilmembers met with County, State and Federal representative. Major Disaster declaration extended to SLO County

Storm Damage (Public)

Widespread, impacting virtually all aspects of the City (\$18M)

Harbor, storm drains, roads, parks, trees, Corp Yard, equipment, vehicles

Clean up (\$1M+)

Storm Impacts





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IMPACT SOCKETS











Storm Cleanup







FEMA/Insurance Process (Public Damage and Clean up)

- Repairs & storm response costs submitted to insurance and FEMA
- Anticipate some clarity on insurance coverage in 60-90 days
- FEMA reimbursement process likely 1 to 3 years



FEMA/SBA Process (Residents and Businesses)

- Impacted residents should submit information to FEMA
- Potential for low-interest disaster loans through SBA



Where to Find Information

- FEMA – www.fema.gov/assistance/individual
- SBA – www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance
- SLO County – www.recover slo.org
- City of Morro Bay – www.morrobayca.gov
- Disaster Recovery Center and Local Assistance Center
 - Seven days a week, 8am – 7pm
 - Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue in SLO

After Action Review

- EOC lessons learned
- Flood lessons learned
 - State/County Coordination
 - Resiliency projects

Dana Swanson

From: Karen Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 8:03 AM
To: Council
Cc: Scott Collins
Subject: Agenda Item C-1 - 1-24-23 Meeting

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Dear Mayor and Council members:

We would like to commend City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, Scott Collins for his swift action in taking all the necessary steps to work diligently to help businesses and residents through the storm surge that affected our town this month. Staff and first responders are also to be commended for their work, time and efforts during this critical time. So many times we just expect that these many individuals are supposed to just do this because it is their job to do so. But, it was obvious, it was more than a job. The time and energy they all put in, appeared to be because they cared about what was happening to everyone - to all of us - to our community and those surrounding us. We are fortunate to have Scott, in this leadership position during this crisis, along with a team of staff and first responders that have been knowledgeable, efficient, calm and compassionate.

Thank you to Scott, as well, for working with all the right people for garnering the appropriate support that will be needed to help our businesses and residents during the necessary recovery.

We are are so grateful.

Karen Robert and Rick Gilligan
Residents