

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 28-29, 2023
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: April 25, 2023

PRESENT: Carla Wixom Mayor
Laurel Barton Council Member
Cyndee Edwards Council Member
Jennifer Ford Council Member
Zara Landrum Council Member

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Greg Carpenter Interim 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
Amy Watkins Police Chief
Ted Schiafone Harbor Director
Cindy Jacinth Senior Planner
Emily Conrad Finance Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., with all but Council Member Landrum present.

The Mayor announced that due to multiple power failures and surges, we were experiencing technical difficulties affecting the ability to broadcast the meeting. If that continued to occur, the meeting would be continued to Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Morro Bay Community Center.

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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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Due to technical difficulties, the Council took a brief recess at 5:39 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:42 p.m.

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CITY MANAGER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/7pvaNytNQJI?t=1000>

Council Member Landrum joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Presentation
<https://youtu.be/7pvaNytNQJI?t=2467>

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/7pvaNytNQJI?t=3130>

Homer Alexander, Morro Bay, urged the City to promptly reopen the bike path.

Rachel Wilson, Cayucos, opposed offshore wind development and battery storage facilities that would negatively impact the estuary and Central Coast.

Sharon O'Leary, Morro Bay, provided an update on her activities as a Community Resource Connections volunteer and services coordinated by Estero Bay Alliance of Care (EBAC). With regard to goal planning, she hoped the City would explore a safe parking program and contract with an organization that could provide a warming/cooling station for unhoused residents.

Aaron Ochs, Morro Bay, opposed offshore wind farm development and the proposed battery storage facility.

Margaret Carman, Morro Bay, opposed offshore wind energy and the proposed battery storage project.

Michael Wambolt, Visit Morro Bay, provided an update on tourism activity and marketing strategies.

Erica Crawford, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, announced upcoming events including the Community Awards Gala on Friday, April 21st. Visit morrochamber.org for more details.

Betsy Gaudette-Cross, Morro Bay, asked that the BESS project be agendized so the community would have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

Nattalia Merzoyan, Morro Bay, spoke regarding in opposition to offshore wind and the proposed BESS project.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, appreciated the collective storm date by staff and commented on potential FEMA funding for decommissioning of properties out of the flood zone.

Judy Setting, Morro Bay, opposed development of an industrial port or battery storage project and hoped to preserve Morro Bay's natural beauty.

Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay, opined offshore wind and battery storage projects are not green energy and advocated for more resident input on these issues.

Steve Mathieu, Morro Bay resident and co-owner of AGP Video, commented on the electrical issues being experienced at the Vets Hall and the need for updates to the Channel 20 production equipment. He also discussed storm impacts along Preston Lane.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, appreciated staff efforts to clear storm drains on south Main Street before the recent storm and asked if the City Park project would be completed before the Memorial Weekend event. Lastly, she encouraged the City to not hire a consultant for street assessments.

Mayor Wixom closed public comment.

Given the frequent power surges and uncertainty viewers participating via teleconference could fully participate in the meeting, out of an abundance of caution, at 7:09 p.m. the meeting was continued to Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Morro Bay Community Center.

The meeting reconvened on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:35 p.m. with all members present. Council Members Landrum and Edwards participated via teleconference in accordance with AB 2449 as they were traveling on City business.

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Mayor re-opened public comment for those who did not have an opportunity to provide general public comment on March 28, 2023.

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Haley Goodman, Dimension Renewable Energy, introduced a community solar program designed to bring energy savings to communities throughout the state. Visit www.dimension-energy.com for more information.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, shared her appreciation for the help received and noted she and other mobile home park residents were home preparing for another storm.

Dawn Beattie, Morro Bay, responded to previous comments and encouraged people to get accurate information.

Paul Donnelly, Morro Bay, asked that the bronze dedication plaque previously located in the Community Center lobby and Council Member photos in City Hall be replaced. He also asked when the WRF pipeline would be complete.

The public comment period was closed.

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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 15, 2023, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 RESOLUTION NO. 15-23 FOR APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP MB22-0044 (295 ATASCADERO ROAD) AND ACCEPTANCE OF ABANDONMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-23 approving the Parcel Map MB 22-0044 (295 Atascadero Road) and Acceptance of Abandonment of Right of Way.

- A-5 LICENSE AGREEMENT TWO-YEAR RENEWAL WITH PG&E FOR USE OF MORRO BAY COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT FOR PSPS EVENTS; (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager and Fire Chief to enter into a two-year renewal of the License Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) through an amendment (Amendment No. 1 at Attachment 1 hereto), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the use of the Morro Bay Community Center parking lot to establish an Outdoor Community Resource Center (CRC) in the event of a Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) event.

- A-6 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-23 UPDATING THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council update the City's Conflict of Interest Code by adopting the proposed Resolution No. 16-23.

- A-7 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS MONTH OF THE CHILD AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-8 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2023 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

- A-9 DESIGNATE UP TO \$80,000 IN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS FOR MULTIPLE EMERGENCY DOCK REPAIRS; (HARBOR DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council designate up to \$80,000 in budget savings from the approved capital improvement project funds for the Boat Launch Ramp & Float Replacement Planning project to new capital improvement projects for Emergency Dock Repairs.

Mayor Wixom opened public comment for the Consent Agenda.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Item A-4, asking why this action was occurring so late in the process. Regarding Item A-6, he requested FPPC records from the City and hoped they would be available soon for public review.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Item A-5, hoping the City would better advertise this service. Regarding Item A-6, she was pleased the policy includes contractors hired by the City.

The public comment period was closed.

Staff responded to questions raised during public comment.

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved approval of Items A-1 through A-9 on Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- B-1 REVIEW AND ADOPT FINAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
https://youtu.be/HGZTHHk_WDM?t=1074

Senior Planner Jacinth provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

Mayor Wixom opened the Public Hearing and public comment for Item B-1.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, asked the City to consider a different approach next year that allowed more public input on projects chosen for funding. She also asked if the City would receive more funding if it applied separately rather than part of the consortium.

Devon McQuade, 5Cities Homeless Coalition, described the programs and services provided countywide and, specifically, how those programs served Morro Bay households.

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-23 approving final funding recommendations for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant funds and forward recommendations to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors for inclusion with the other final funding requests from the Urban County Consortium. The funding recommendation is for the two applications received from 5 Cities Homeless Coalition and the City Public Works Department along with City program administration of \$3,667 for a total 2023 funding allocation of \$89,860. Additionally, staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to make pro rata adjustments to the allocation based on the final funding amount from San Luis Obispo County based on the approval of the federal budget and HUD's final grant amount to the County. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edwards and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C-1 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-22 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT)
https://youtu.be/HGZTHHk_WDM?t=2328

Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Johnson-Rios introduced the item and turned to Lindsey Zimmerman, Partner with Brown Armstrong, who provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, asked when and how the joint facilities owned by the City and the Cayucos Sanitary district would be divided and how that would be handled.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, raised various questions regarding City finances and whether the City would be considering a rebate from the \$41 monthly surcharge passed in 2018.

Paul Donnelly, Morro Bay, understood from his participation on the WRFCAC construction costs for the WRF would be split 71% from the sewer fund and 29% from the water fund and asked, based on WIFIA funding, if that was still true. He also asked if the City was considering a rebate of the \$41 surcharge.

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

No formal action was taken on this item.

Mayor Wixom invited Nataly Renteria from First 5 SLO to speak regarding the Month of the Child Proclamation presented as Item A-7.

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C-2 INPUT FOR THE CITY STRATEGIC PLANNING FORUM FOR FY 2023-24 AND FY 2024-25; (INTERIM CITY MANAGER/ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/ADMIN SERVICES DIRECTOR)

https://youtu.be/HGZTHHk_WDM?t=4561

Interim City Manager Carpenter provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, asked if there would be an opportunity for public comment at the April 5th meeting.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, provided a brief overview of her written comments submitted for the upcoming Goals Workshop.

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

No formal action was taken.

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

https://youtu.be/HGZTHHk_WDM?t=6007

Mayor Wixom requested and received majority support for a resolution asking for notification of local, regional and state meetings regarding offshore wind energy development in the area outside of Morro Bay, and that Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to state and federal legislature stating the City's desire to be engaged and represented during the process.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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City Clerk

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