

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 9, 2023  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1  
MEETING DATE: June 13, 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

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom called the meeting to order at 5:33 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

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=572](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=572)

- National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation
- National Public Works Week Proclamation
- National Foster Care Month Proclamation
- National Estuary Program "State of the Bay" by Melodie Grubbs and Ann Kitajima

PUBLIC COMMENT

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=2653](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=2653)

Aaron Ochs, Morro Bay, spoke in support of Item C-3 and thanked the National Estuary Program volunteers for their work.

Jacob Naschne, Morro Bay, spoke regard short-term rentals and asked that the City classify ADUs as home shares rather than whole home rentals.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, shared his appreciation for the Police and Public Works Departments and suggested the paper street extension of Beachcomber offers an alternative to resolve concerns regarding use of Toro Lane for the bike path connector.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, aired concerns about a dead seagull hanging from a tree near the Fire Department.

Margaret Carman, Morro Bay, expressed concerns regarding health impacts of EMF exposure.

Natallia Merzoyan, Morro Bay, concurred with Ms. Carman and added her concerns regarding EMF exposure.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, wished the decision regarding the Cayucos to Morro Bay Bike Connector project could be revisited, and announced she was appointed Region 8 Associate Manager to the GSMOL Onbudsman Group with access to statewide information and legal counsel to help mobile home residents better understand their rights.

Judy Setting, Morro Bay, thanked the NEP for their report and efforts to preserve the Morro Bay ecosystem, asked for clarification on the definition of political signs, and requested line item expenditure reports for the Cloisters Assessment District.

Mayor Wixom closed public comment.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA  
[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=4126](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=4126)

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 APRIL 11, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 25, 2023, CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 26, 2023, CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-4 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN DORFMAN TO THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT/FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; (CITY CLERK)

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council consider the appointment of Brian Dorfman to the Citizens Oversight/Finance Advisory Committee ("CFAC") to complete an unexpired term through January 31, 2026.**

A-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 28-23 APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF A CONSENT OF LANDOWNER FOR CALIFORNIA COASTAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, DOING BUSINESS AS LIBERTINE BREWING COMPANY, LEASE SITE 86/86W, 801 EMBARCADERO, MORRO BAY; (HARBOR DEPARTMENT)

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 28-23, approving a six-month Extension of a Consent of Landowner (COL) for Libertine Brewing Company, lease site 86/86/W.**

A-6 PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY; (ADMINISTRATION)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-7 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 21-27, 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK; (ADMINISTRATION)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

A-8 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH; (ADMINISTRATION)

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.**

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

Council Member Ford pulled Item A-4.

MOTION: Mayor Wixom moved approval of all items on Consent except Item A-4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barton and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

A-4 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN DORFMAN TO THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT/FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; (CITY CLERK)  
[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qqVxKa-w?t=4404](https://youtu.be/8j_qqVxKa-w?t=4404)

Mayor Wixom invited Mr. Dorfman to introduce himself.

MOTION: Mayor Wixom moved approval of Item A-4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barton and carried 5-0.

The Council took a brief recess at 6:47 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m. with all members present.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 29-23 APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARING THE INTENT TO LEVY THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CLOISTERS LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD); (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)  
[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qqVxKa-w?t=4459](https://youtu.be/8j_qqVxKa-w?t=4459)

Council Member Edwards recused herself from Item C-1 to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

Public Works Director Kwolek provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=4881](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=4881)

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, asked if repaving the bike path from Morro Bay High School to State Park would come out of the assessment fees or some other funding mechanism. She also thought it was worthwhile to ask for a Prop 218 vote to increase the assessment.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ford moved to adopt Resolution No. 29-23 approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring the Intent to Levy the Annual Assessment for the Cloisters Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District (LLMAD). The motion was seconded by Council Member Barton and carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Council Member Edwards having recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest.

Council Member Edwards returned to the dais.

C-2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 30-23 APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARING THE INTENT TO LEVY THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE NORTH POINT NATURAL AREA LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=5146](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=5146)

Public Works Director Kwolek provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

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Terry Simons, Morro Bay, suggested the paper street extension of Beachcomber may offer a solution to resident concerns.

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

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved to adopt Resolution No. 30-23 approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring the Intent to Levy the Annual Assessment for maintenance of the North Point Natural Area for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edwards and carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

C-3 ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 656, AND INTRODUCTION OF REGULAR ORDINANCE NO. 657, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.56 OF THE MORRO BAY MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE SPEED ZONES AND SPEED LIMITS IN THE CITY OF MORRO BAY; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=5452](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=5452)

Public Works Director Kwolek provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qgVxKa-w?t=6301](https://youtu.be/8j_qgVxKa-w?t=6301)

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, objected to lowering the speed limit on Main Street between Radcliffe and Hwy 41.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, appreciated there would soon be signage on Quintana and look forward to providing input on the public safety package.

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

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved to receive the 2023 Citywide Speed Survey and: 1) Adopt by title only with further reading waived, Urgency Ordinance 656 Amending Section 10.56.010 of the Morro Bay Municipal Code (MBMC) to Update Speed Limits and add New Speed Zones in the City of Morro Bay; and 2) Introduce for first reading by title only, with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 657 Amending Section 10.56.010 of the MBMC to Update Speed Limits and add New Speed Zones in the City of Morro Bay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford

Council Member Landrum requested a friendly amendment to keep the section of Main Street between Radcliffe and Hwy 41 at its current speed limit of 35 MPH. Council Member Barton declined to amend her motion.

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

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
[https://youtu.be/8j\\_qqVxKa-w?t=7417](https://youtu.be/8j_qqVxKa-w?t=7417)

Council Member Landrum requested but did not receive support for consideration of a zoning amendment that would reduce the building height limit in the downtown area.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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City Clerk

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