

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 22, 2023
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-2
MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Yvonne Kimball 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
Paul Amico WRF Program Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom 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 - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Aaron Ochs, Morro Bay, felt there was consensus opposing the battery storage project and suggested a community task force be formed including those who support and oppose the citizens' initiative.

Linda Winters, Morro Bay, shared she attended the San Luis Obispo City Council Meeting to speak in support of Hope Village's effort to provide permanent housing for the unhoused and encouraged the City to implement a program similar to Morro Bay's Monday Night Dinners.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, made inquiries about the company providing fiber optic internet to portions of the city and whether they had a franchise agreement with the City.

Chuck Stoll, Morro Bay resident and President of the Morro Bay Lions' Club, spoke regarding the Club's activities and ways they serve the community.

Sharon O'Leary, Morro Bay resident and Community Resource Connections volunteer, shared partnering agencies who coordinate Monday Night Dinners had served 32,000 dinners to residents over a period of nearly 9 years and suggested a second site in north Morro Bay was needed.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, commented on landscaping of the bike trail and raised questions regarding grading and fencing.

Mayor Wixom 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2023, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 FOURTH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT (PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2023) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-23; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the attached Fourth Quarter Investment Report (period ending June 30, 2023) for FY 2022-23.

A-4 DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY FOR ABC LICENSE – 295 ATASCADERO RD., HAMPTON INN (ESCAPE HOSPITALITY, LLC); (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council make the Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity to approve the request to allow sales of alcohol for off sale beer and wine type 20 license for Hampton Inn at 295 Atascadero Rd.; and direct staff to provide the applicant with a letter of support.

A-5 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE AT LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING; (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council:
1. Select Council Member Barton, as the voting delegate, and Council Members Edwards and Landrum, as the alternate voting delegates, for the upcoming annual

business meeting to be held at the League of California Cities Annual Conference; and 2. Authorize City Clerk to sign the League of California Cities' form affirming the selection of the voting delegate and the alternate voting delegates (page 4 of Attachment 1)

A-6 HARBOR DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW OF HARBOR DEPARTMENT LEASE MANAGEMENT POLICY; (HARBOR DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council review and approve the proposal for Harbor Director review of the current Harbor Department Lease Management Policy for financial sustainability.

A-7 2023 ZERO EMISSION BUS (ZEB) ROLLOUT PLAN; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 53-23 approving the 2023 ZEB Rollout Plan.

Mayor Wixom opened public comment for the Consent Agenda.

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Homer Alexander, Morro Bay, commented on Item A-3 and suggested these and other investment reports be reviewed by the Citizens Finance Oversight Committee.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Item A-3, concurring with Mr. Alexander investment reports should be referred back to the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee; regarding Item A-4, she raised concerns about serving alcohol next to Morro Bay High School; and regarding A-7, she questioned trolley ridership and whether three trolleys were needed.

The public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved approval of all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edwards and carried 5-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF FIFTY PERCENT FEE REDUCTION REQUEST FOR PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTIES DAMAGED BY THE 2023 WINTER STORMS; (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

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Community Development Director Graham provided the report and responded to Council inquiries.

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

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Heather Baker, Morro Bay, commented and shared a video showing flood damage to their home from the January 2023 storms. She requested the Council consider a full waiver of permit fees necessary to rebuild.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, spoke in support of the proposed fee reduction.

Nattalia Merzoyan, Morro Bay, agreed with Mr. Simons and urged the City to take responsibility.

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

Staff responded to additional Council questions.

MOTION: Council Member Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 54-23 temporarily reducing Building and Planning Permit fees by fifty percent for properties damaged by the 2023 winter storms. The fee reduction would run through the end of 2023 and be available to those that can demonstrate that other sources of recovery dollars (FEMA, Homeowners insurance) are insufficient to cover costs of repair and permitting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford for discussion.

Following individual comments, the motion carried 5-0.

C-2 REVIEW AND COMMENT ON FISCAL YEAR 2023 QUARTER 4 WRF QUARTERLY REPORT; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

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Public Works Director Kwolek, Water Reclamation Facility Program Manager Amico and Dan Heimel from Confluence Engineering 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, urged the Council to explore direct reuse of reclaimed water as an alternative to injection well technology.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, commented on the report and urged the Council to explore alternatives to the reclamation portion of the project.

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

Staff responded to questions raised during public comment.

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

D. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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None

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
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Dana Swanson
City Clerk

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