

MINUTES - MORRO BAY  
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 3:00 P.M.

**AGENDA NO: A-2**  
**MEETING DATE: October 10, 2023**

PRESENT:	Carla Wixom	Mayor
	Laurel Barton	Council Member
	Cyndee Edwards	Council Member
	Jennifer Ford	Council Member
	Zara Landrum	Council Member
	William Roschen	Planning Commission Chair
	Mike Rodriguez	Planning Commissioner
	Joseph Ingraffia	Planning Commissioner
	Asia King	Planning Commissioner
	Eric Meyer	Planning Commissioner
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF:	Yvonne Kimball	City Manager
	Chris Neumeyer	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Scot Graham	Community Development Director
	Ted Schiafone	Harbor Director (via Zoom)
	Dan McCrain	Fire Chief
	Cindy Jacinth	Planning Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established by the City Council with all but Council Member Barton present. Council Member Barton joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

A quorum was established by the Planning Commission with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/JsO8nTbqtpk?si=0afqxNMJbwurJolq&t=212>

Rachel Wilson, Morro Bay, discussed plume model data from Moss Landing, expressing concerns about the proposed BESS plant.

Betsy Gaudette-Cross, Morro Bay, commented on the Moss Landing Town Hall, raised concerns about the proposed BESS project and requested a town hall with Assemblymember Addis and Senator Laird.

Karen Aguilar, Morro Bay, commented on Vistra.

An unnamed spoke in opposition to the proposed BESS project.

An unnamed resident spoke regarding his desire to preserve the community.

Ron Bovasso, Morro Bay, visited Moss Landing last week and noted they have population of 71.

Steve Ray, Morro Bay, spoke regarding the EIR process and recommended the Council direct staff to have a 90 day public review period.

Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay, spoke in opposition to the proposed BESS project.

The public comment period was closed.

#### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. STATUS UPDATE ON OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT; (HARBOR DEPARTMENT)  
[https://youtu.be/JsO8nTbqtpk?si=o7voiYs22\\_w8sX8j&t=1359](https://youtu.be/JsO8nTbqtpk?si=o7voiYs22_w8sX8j&t=1359)

Harbor Director Schiafone provided the presentation and responded to Planning Commission and Council Member inquiries.

The Council and Planning Commissions did not take any action on this item.

- II. STATUS UPDATE ON THE VISTRA BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE (BESS) PROJECT; (CITY MANAGER/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)  
<https://youtu.be/JsO8nTbqtpk?si=Plqp0oJ5hFpahiZa&t=3472>

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

The Council and Planning Commissioners did not take any action on this item.

- III. STATUS UPDATE FOR THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE EFFORTS AND UPDATE OF THE 2023-2025 GOALS AND SHORT-TERM ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; (CITY MANAGER/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)  
<https://youtu.be/JsO8nTbqtpk?si=mAjMOYj9ChdEJXLt&t=5627>

Community Development Director Graham provided a report on the Downtown Design District Ac Hoc Committee Efforts and responded to Planning Commissioner and Council Member inquiries.

The Council and Planning Commissioners did not take any action on this item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

*Dana Swanson*  
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Dana Swanson  
City Clerk

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