



AGENDA NO: C-1

MEETING DATE: March 13, 2018

**THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
WAS RECEIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
FOLLOWING POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Dana Swanson

From: Jeffery Heller
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 9:30 AM
To: Dana Swanson
Cc: Council
Subject: Written Correspondence re:Item C-1, CC MTG 3/13/18

Spending \$421,200 on another report for this project is a complete waste of money. How many reports do we need? Couldn't this money be better spent repairing our decaying collection system?
STOP THE PROJECT; STOP THE WASTE

Dana Swanson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Council

Hi all, I am writing to object to C-1 and spending MORE money on this horrible sewer project...we absolutely have to stop and go in ANOTHER direction.....I am truly concerned about the existing sewer pipes and believe that they need to be fixed first and that we absolutely have to get more low end bidders on the project IF we can only build at SB.....two bidders are not enough....I still do not understand why we can keep some things over at the existing location but NOT just upgrade our plant....I do not see any community support for this huge expensive project and the endless studies...Please...reconsider and vote no on C-1 for spending another over 400,000thank you, Patti Anderson

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Jamie Irons; Marlys McPherson; Robert Davis; John Headding; Matt Makowetski
Cc: Scott Collins; Dana Swanson
Subject: agenda item c-1

Dear City Council:

My overall impressions from reading this proposal are related to costs and how to reduce them:

1. Work is being repeated which has already been done, adding to the cost.
2. Is it not already known that injections wells would have to be located above the Narrows to be effective; therefore testing in the Narrows adds to the cost.
3. It would be more cost efficient to evaluate items listed under Task1D (page 6) first. This particular relates to the Narrows since the City does not own land there.
4. Is it assumed that the owners of the power plant will accommodate wells on their property?
5. There are several assumptions throughout the report, including regards to permitting, that should be verified now, not after the fact.
6. I am very concerned about salt water intrusion. I don't understand how you are not exasperating this.
7. This study, as stated does not include the actual cost of building the wells: an addition \$1.5 million or more. Why are you doing this now?

sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



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Dana Swanson

From: Norm Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 10:43 PM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda Item C-1

Mr. Mayor, and city council members, I urge you to reject the staff recommendation to award a \$421K contract with GSI Water Solutions for an underground water study related to the proposed sewer/water treatment plant. This is in effect putting the cart before the horse as the citizens of Morro Bay have not yet approved the funding for this plant. Please do not spend any more of the city's money on this project until we know with certainty whether it has met the proposition 218 threshold. Our family and many Morro Bay citizens oppose the current proposed plant and the resulting increases in our utility rates. In view of these facts, to approve the contract listed in Agenda item C-1 would constitute a substantial gift of city funds and a dereliction of your fiduciary duties.

Norm WILLIAMS
[REDACTED]
Morro Bay

Dana Swanson

From: Nancy Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 10:45 PM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda item C1 March 13

Dear Mayor and city council members,

Please do not accept and award a \$421K contract to GSI solutions for the underground water study related to the proposed water treatment plant. The citizens of Morro Bay are soon to protest the rate increases that would fund this sewer plan. Many believe that the current plans for the new sewer are way too expensive. Please stop spending anymore of the city's money on contracts related to the sewer plans until you get the results of proposition 218. The rate increase to fund the current sewer plan may be rejected by the citizens of Morro Bay. To award a costly contract to GSI would be wasting the city's money on a project that has no funding. I, like many Morro Bay citizens want to explore other less costly options for our water treatment plant. We can not afford to build and pay for a plant costing \$167 million. I will be sending in my letter to reject the future rate increases.

Nancy Williams
[REDACTED]
Morro Bay

Dana Swanson

From: Robert Settje [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 6:23 PM
To: Dana Swanson; Council
Subject: Item C-1 3/13 \$421,200 report

The city of Morro Bay does not need any more reports on the sewer. The city does not have the money to build a sewer at South Bay and no assurance that the city can get the money. Why spend money on reports that may never be needed or used. Stop wasting money on reports. Many of you were at the CAL meeting Sunday. How do you think the reaction of the average Morro Bay citizen will be when they find out the sewer we have is good for another 20 years and you are spending \$150 million on something we do not need.

Dana Swanson

From: Alan Muratet [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:47 PM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: Opposition to I'm C-1

I am unable to attend the council meeting but want to register my opposition to spending any more precious funds on yet another study for the sewer project. The only people coming out good in this debacle is the consultants.

Alan Muratet
[REDACTED]

Dana Swanson

From: Annette Lackland [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: Fwd: Water/sewer project

Begin forwarded message:

From: Annette Lackland [REDACTED]
Date: March 12, 2018 at 3:31:43 PM PDT
To: dswanson@morro-bay.ca.us
Subject: Water/sewer project

I wish to state my opposition to Item C-1 at the meeting on March 13.

Annette Lackland
[REDACTED]
Morro Bay, CA

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AGENDA NO: C-2

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Dana Swanson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:15 AM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: Resolution # 08-18

City Clerk Swanson,

We are writing to state our strong support for the Morro Bay City Council to provide funds for the Morro Bay in Bloom (MBiB) program. We also ask you to approve the regulation proposed on pages 43–44 of your [March 13](#) agenda – – Resolution No. 08–18 and the accompanying Attachment 1.

The MBiB program has greatly enhanced the natural beauty of various neighborhoods, with little or minimal support from the City. As you know, MBiB has proven they can accomplish this beautification with volunteer labor and plant materials donated by local residents. Surely, it is now appropriate for the Council to contribute funding resources to leverage additional plantings in our city.

It seems reasonable that MBiB and other neighborhood groups submit a funding request, and a cost estimate, to the City for approval for plant materials (plants, potting soil, mulch, soil amendments, tools, and so on). The City then needs to approve or deny the request within a specified number of days, e.g. 5–10 business days. It is appropriate for City staff to negotiate with the applicant any additional items and funds the City believes will enhance the applicant’s proposal. We suggest you amend the above-referenced regulation to include these considerations.

In summary, we strongly urge you to: Invest a little money to leverage significant beautifications in our city, to be enjoyed by residents and tourists alike. Thank you.

Rick and Chriss Austin
Morro Bay

Sent from Rick's iPhone

Dana Swanson

From: Walter Heath [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Scott Collins
Cc: Dana Swanson
Subject: Proposed Adopt-A-Park Regulations

Dear Scott,

1.) MBI B (and every **adopt-a-park and adopt-a-street** group) should be reimbursed for the cost of plants, potting soil, mulch and other landscape materials. **These items should be specifically mentioned in the proposed regulations** (not just gloves, buckets and "pickers" as mentioned in the staff recommendation).

2.) A requirement for prior authorization of purchases, and a protocol for obtaining prior authorization, should be included in the proposed regulations. Past attempts to have expenditures reimbursed were rejected due to lack of prior authorization. That paradox would be perpetuated by the current version the regulations.

a.) Prior authorization will protect the City of Morro Bay since the proposed regulations clearly state there should be no cost to adopting groups as a general principle. Groups conceivably could spend considerable amounts of money with a valid expectation of being reimbursed.

b.) The prior-authorization process can be as simple as the submission by email of a list of plants and/or materials with a not-to-exceed cost estimate, followed by staff approval within a reasonable period before purchases can be made (followed by original receipts of purchases for reimbursement).

c.) Prior authorization should be required as our city attempts to follow the beautification guidelines provided in the Chabin Associates recommendations and the Downtown Waterfront Strategic Plan.

The relevant sections of the proposed regulations of which I am writing you can be found on pp. 43-44 of the March 13th city-council agenda.

Thank you for supporting all volunteer groups in this manner!

Best wishes,
Walter

Dana Swanson

From: Ed [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: "Adopt-a-Park" "Adopt-a-Street" Resolution No 08-18

Hi Dana,

I noticed on the City Council agenda for your meeting [on Tuesday, March 13, 2018](#), that the Council is taking up the "Adopt-a-Park" "Adopt-a-Street" Resolution No 08-18. The group I am with, Morro Bay in Bloom, has been working (weeding, cleaning up trash, planting new items, watering trees, etc.) at various locations (Centennial Parkway, Visitors Center, the Roundabout off the Rt. 1 exit, Library, Coleman Beach parking lot area, bike park, Embarcadero across from the Kite Shop). We have provided all our supplies (plants, bagged top soil, mulch, etc.) through small donations and out of our own pockets. Would it be possible for the City to reimburse Morro Bay in Bloom for these expenses and include a line item in the Resolution 08-18 Attachment that volunteering groups like ours are to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs through a reasonable approval method.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Ed Boies
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Jamie Irons; Marlys McPherson; Robert Davis; John Headding; Matt Makowetski
Cc: Scott Collins; Dana Swanson
Subject: agenda item c-2

Dear City Council:

I have two main concerns regarding this proposal:

1. It is very open-ended the latitude given to the organization or person adopting a park or street right of way. There is room for inconsistency and varying parameters, choosing vegetation, deciding if something is to be removed, etc.
2. In the past, plaques and trees have been removed at will by city personnel. Where is the guarantee that this won't continue to happen?

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



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Dana Swanson

From: Scott Collins
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 5:54 PM
To: Dana Swanson
Cc: Lori Kudzma
Subject: FW: Reimbursing volunteer groups for City Beautification costs - Fund the Dugnad!

Can you please forward Mr. McEwen's correspondence below to Council for the meeting tomorrow?

Thanks!
-Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: Malcolm McEwen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 4:48 PM
To: Scott Collins <scollins@morrobayca.gov>
Subject: Re: Reimbursing volunteer groups for City Beautification costs - Fund the Dugnad!

Oh yes, please forward to council.

Malcolm McEwen
[REDACTED]
Morro Bay, CA 93442
[REDACTED]

The mission of GO Team is to win
elections and build the Democratic Party.

We recruit, train, and facilitate
Neighborhood Volunteers in getting
Democrats and left-leaning voters to vote.

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018, at 3:34 PM, Scott Collins wrote:

> Hi Malcolm,
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> Thank you reaching out to me and for sharing your thoughts and
> suggested revisions for the Adopt-a-Park and street resolution. Would
> you like me to forward your email to City Council, so that they can
> consider your thoughts in making their decision? Let me know.
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> Thanks!
> -Scott
>
> Scott Collins
> City Manager
> City of Morro Bay
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Malcolm McEwen [REDACTED]

> Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:35 AM

> To: Scott Collins <scollins@morrobayca.gov>

> Subject: Reimbursing volunteer groups for City Beautification costs -
> Fund the Dugnad!

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> Hello Mr. Collins,

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> For several years I have periodically helped Morro Bay in Bloom

> beautify public spaces in Morro Bay. I have spent many hours working

> with a great team of people and have enjoyed the benefits of

> beautified areas, as well as the multiple benefits of doing community

> service with a group of my neighbors. (In Norway this sort of civic

> improvement is called "dugnad" and has a long tradition. See: The Day of the Dugnad:

> Volunteering in Norway - Life in Norway

> <https://www.lifeinnorway.net/the-day-of-the-dugnad/>)

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> I understand that the City of Morro Bay will soon be establishing

> guidelines for reimbursing *adopt-a-park* and *adopt-a-street*

> groups for their costs of such projects. I heartily applaud such

> reimbursement, and urge the City to adopt a simple reimbursement

> scheme with the following elements:

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> 1. Provide reimbursement for tools and materials, including, but not

> limited to: plants, potting soil, mulch and other landscape materials,

> as well as necessary tools and supplies such as gloves, buckets, and

> pickers.

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> 2. Reimbursements should obtain prior authorization from City staff.

> The process for obtaining prior authorization should be clearly laid

> out. The process can be as easy as requiring a submission of a list

> of materials with a not-to-exceed cost, with an expected time frame

> for staff approval.

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> Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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> Malcolm McEwen

> [REDACTED]

> Morro Bay, CA 93442

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AGENDA NO: C-4

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Dana Swanson

From: John Martin
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 8:41 PM
To: Dana Swanson
Cc: Jennifer Callaway
Subject: City Council meeting 3/13/18, agenda item C-4

Dana,

To fully inform the Council re: the alternatives to adopting Res. 11-18, Mr. Livick should provide information addressing the following:

1. A description of the reduced scope of the project as put out to bid by PG&E
2. The amount of the lowest responsive bid for the project
3. An estimated cash outlay for the City to purchase \$650,000 in additional credits to complete the work for the reduced district
4. A draft schedule for the project should the Council decide to proceed with the work
5. Documentation from PG&E re: the above.

Please transmit this email to Mr. Livick and the City Council. Thank you.

John Martin

Dana Swanson

From: Sean Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Dana Swanson; Scott Collins; Rob Livick; Council
Subject: 3/13/18 Council Agenda Item C-4

Council and Staff,

Undergrounding Utility District 7 was established after being deemed both necessary and feasible. To abandon the project now is to admit failure. That's not to say doing so would necessarily be the wrong move—acknowledging defeat sometimes shows strength—but significant resources have already been long-reserved for its completion. More importantly, parcel holders within and adjacent to District 7 have on their balance sheets the intangible asset of City-promised undergrounding—an asset that appears in jeopardy.

Wiping away this project without equitable reinvestment in the same district is akin to a street being next in line for sidewalk completion or re-pavement only to be removed from the list altogether. Should the City decide abandonment and subsequent selling-off of City assets is the message it wishes to send, please consider a far more equitable approach for the District most negatively impacted.

Assuming Staff and Council can successfully market District 7's accumulated credits and sell for top-end-of-the-published-range dollars, 50% or more of those funds should stay within the District (and immediate vicinity) and used on the Public Works projects below (listed in order of importance to the City):

1. Surf St steps
2. Surf St sidewalk completion (south side; steps to Market St bulb-out)
3. Market St sidewalk completion (east side; Surf to Beach)
4. Market St sidewalk completion (west side; Dunes to Harbor)
5. Harbor St sidewalk completion (north side; Embarcadero to Market)
6. 4-way stop at Dunes and Main
7. Surf St sidewalk completion (all; Market to Main)
8. Surf St sidewalk completion (north side; steps to Market)
9. West St sidewalk completion (all; Surf to Beach)
10. Scott St sidewalk completion (all; Surf to Beach)

The looming CA pension issues we face as a city are not going away, but these burdens must be shared equally. Abandonment of neighborhood projects and subsequent selling-off of assets are two options that must be considered by any locality wishing to remain solvent in tough times. In the case of Undergrounding Utility District 7, please consider these options and more. Resolution No. 02-06 promised resources to a neighborhood; Council owes it to this neighborhood to keep most, if not all, replacement funds in the area.

Sincerely,

Sean Green
Morro Bay, CA