



AGENDA NO: PC

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2022

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
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Dana Swanson

From: Dawn Beattie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Council
Subject: Public Comment

I'm becoming more and more frustrated with the pace of each City Council meeting. They're becoming like track meets with the goal of finishing early.

As a citizen who is not able to read every staff report, I appreciate when items are explained, but that seems to be discouraged in an attempt to keep the meeting going.

If each meeting ran over or close to its 4 hour time slot, that would be understandable, but the meetings are consistently ending early.

Please stop discouraging explanations about agenda items during meetings and also at least appear like your decisions aren't already made up prior to the meetings. It may speed things up, but it discourages citizen input and from where I sit, that is what democracy should be about.

Dawn Beattie



AGENDA NO: A6

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Council](#)
Subject: A6
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 3:00:36 PM

Please make the council meetings public again at the vets hall. Everything else is open and I do not have internet. If the senior classes at the community center are open, then the city council meetings should be too....or do you feel the council members are more important than our seniors? Please. Patti Anderson

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From: [betty winholtz](#)
To: [John Headding](#); [Jeffrey Heller](#); [Dawn Addis](#); [Laurel Barton](#); [Jennifer Ford](#)
Cc: [Chris Neumeyer](#); [Dana Swanson](#); [Council](#)
Subject: agenda item a-6
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:55:27 AM

Dear City Council:

Masking is now optional for most. All businesses, including Chamber of Commerce activities, as well as churches in Morro Bay are open. City offices are open half days. The discrepancy increases weekly between these activities supported by the City Council and the City Council not allowing public meetings in the Vets Hall. When will Council exercise the option the Governor has granted government agencies to open up?

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: C1

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Cc: [Greg Kwolek](#); [Dana Swanson](#); [Council](#)
Subject: agenda item c-1
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:57:35 AM

Dear City Council:

1. I am sure you have noted that on page 61 of 233 that 4 of the 5 financial categories are over budget. The project is not close to being done. What measures are being taken to reel in the overruns?
2. The table on page 70 of 233 anticipates the same numbers as on page 61. Yet, there are change orders that have been alluded to at other meetings. Should not the Anticipate Costs be higher?
3. On page 76 of 233, please explain the three pending or "no's" on lines 4, 6, and 7.
4. On page 100 of 233 the report states: "SLO County APCD Determination – PCO #28:– The City has received APCD notice of non-compliance for Pump Station A and Pump Station B emergency standby generators. The City is currently(1) performing Health Risk Assessments at both pump stations, and (2) procuring the additional required Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to achieve the mandated Tier 4 compliance level. This item is not resolved"

In this same vein, there was a Morro Bay High School Bulletin that was issued that seems to be related to this. I have copied it on the bottom of the email. Was it your understanding that these pumps would be diesel and therefore harmful to the sensitive receptor, i.e. the high school?

Should we not change from diesel to something cleaner since electrical outages are common in our town?

5. The end of the report states, "The pilot injection well bid opening was scheduled for December 9th, 2021. The City did not receive any bids at bid opening, therefore the procurement of a well driller is

postponed until another bid package can be advertised. The Program team anticipates that the pilot injection well will go to bid in early 2022 with revised procurement requirements attracting more prospective bidders. The Recycled Water Facilities pilot injection well installation and injection testing plan are the critical path items to the begin the Recycled Water Final design." Has the other bid package been advertised? Any takers?

6. I want to note that it is misleading to keep blaming SHPO and other government agencies for the delays in this project, particularly the conveyance/pipeline system. The issues they raise should have been resolved before the Coastal Development Permit was applied for. Delays have been brought upon us by city council's haste to get a permit without going through the normal steps in order.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz

PUBLIC NOTICE AND
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

February 11, 2022

The Air Pollution Control District (District) has received an application from the City of Morro Bay to install a new diesel emergency generator at their new lift station at 172 Atascadero Road in Morro Bay. The State of California has identified diesel engine exhaust as a hazardous air contaminant. State law requires that the District notify individuals prior to issuing a permit for any new source of hazardous air contaminants within 1,000 feet of a school (H&SC Section 42301.6). The proposed location is within 1,000 feet of the Morro Bay High School. This notice is being distributed to the parents or guardians of all school children attending the school and all residences located within 1,000 feet of the proposed generator facility.

The proposed diesel engine is similar to those found in trucks and school buses and it would only operate during school hours if an electrical power outage occurred. To minimize emissions from the backup power supply, the diesel engine will be Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified and, in addition, non-emergency operation for maintenance and testing would be limited to 30 hours per year or less. Operation of the engine during a power outage would not be limited; however, those hours are typically much less than the 30 hours per year needed for maintenance operation.

The Air Pollution Control Officer has reviewed the proposed project and found that it complies with all of the District's requirements including the health protective standards established by the District Board with public input.

Interested individuals will have thirty (30) days from distribution of this notice to comment on this project. Please do not contact

the school with questions concerning this notice; send written comments to the Air Pollution Control District, 3433 Roberto

Court, San Luis Obispo, California 93401. Verbal comments or questions may also be submitted to Sarah Wade at 805-781-5912.

All comments will be considered before a final decision is made to issue a permit.



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Cc: [Scott Collins](#); [Dana Swanson](#); [Sarah Johnson-Rios](#); [Council](#)
Subject: agenda item c-2
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:59:13 AM

Dear City Council:

At the last City Council meeting, my questions regarding the CFAC presentation were not answered. I hope you will answer these requests.

Please clarify the following terms and phrases.

1. Please explain what "Finance staff will be implementing a lockbox bill processing service for water and sewer bills in March." What is a lockbox bill processing service?
2. What does "growing internal customer service needs" mean? What are internal customer needs? (page 12)
3. Does this phrase "since Measure E replaced Measure Q under the ordinance" mean there is no Measure Q anymore? Under what ordinance? (page 16)
4. What is the "City Health Bank"? (page 22) Why monthly contributions?
5. What are the terms of the City's \$150,000 "loan to the housing development at 405 Atascadero Road? (page 25)

In addition, I have these 3 questions:

1. Will these 2 positions--UTILITY SUPPORT COORDINATOR, OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST--be paid for from the Water or the Wastewater Enterprise Funds? Will the OPERATIONS INTERFACE MANAGER be paid from the WRF money?
2. Please clarify whether the "\$350,000 to the General Government CIP Fund for the Pavement Management project" is the only money the City is spending on street paving this year. It is a sad contrast to the

\$600,000 for the future Hwy 1/41 intersection when we have immediate street needs.

(page 16)

3. Why does the City Manager need to host an all-city-managers meeting for \$10,000? Or even \$1,430 if shared evenly? City managers already meet monthly.

My observations:

1. Seagulls are not overpopulated. (page 11) They can no longer be found in Bayshore Bluffs City Park since the city council continues to agree to allow take of eggs. The population at the shopping centers is reduced to a 1/2 dozen at any one time. You rarely see one on Main Street anymore. Seagulls maintain a presence on the waterfront and at the Rock because they are water birds! It's a human problem, the garbage, not a bird problem.

2. Street trees downtown have been maintained almost annually to the point they are not flowering twice a year as usual. There are few trees left on residential streets. Replanting is not consistent nor consistent with what will grow here. It's not a tree trimmer the city needs, but a tree planter.

(page 11)

3. If more people and money are needed to carry out the city council's goals, a different approach would be to reduce the number of city council goals. The savings could be used to pave streets, an underfunded need.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: C3

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From: [Don Maruska](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Item C-3, February 22, 2022 -- Please Adopt Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency in Morro Bay
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:45:44 PM

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I strongly urge you to adopt the Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency.

1. We face a serious climate crisis globally and locally.

The facts are clear and our experience demonstrate that we have a serious climate crisis. It's affecting our water supplies (both local and State), harbor conditions, and many other aspects of life in Morro Bay.

2. Both the City and its citizens need to take more active and effective steps to support a healthy climate.

We can't wait for national and world leaders to act. First, they aren't acting quickly enough. Second, they need more constituents demonstrating commitment to the issue.

3. Residents and citizen groups are eager to do more but need a rallying point to do so.

We have local organizations (Rotary Club, Sierra Club, faith-based groups, and many more) that are eager to act and acting. The City doesn't need to take on all of the work. Rather, it can be the catalyst and support structure for others to act.

4. The Resolution will position the City to coordinate with others and access outside resources.

I've seen the power of the SLO Climate Coalition and the City of San Luis Obispo working together for climate health. This has led to City-citizen collaborations that are reducing emissions, mitigating emissions with tree plantings that beautify the city, and many other actions. These efforts are creating access to grant funding from Central Coast Community Energy and other, positive eco-brand awareness for the City that attracts tourism, and more. The City of Morro Bay can similarly collaborate with our community.

5. The City needs to support the Resolution with a strong plan and effective implementation.

These efforts offer wonderful opportunities for community building as well as climate health. The City might consider creating a grassroots-engaged Morro Bay Climate Action Program (MB-CAP) . The Local Economic Action Program (LEAP) used this approach and stimulated initiatives that have carried forward with strong citizen support. We can achieve similar results with a Morro Bay Climate Action Program focused on engaging residents, businesses, and visitors in actions that are fun and promote climate health.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to supporting your leadership in climate health.

Don Maruska - climate health leader, entrepreneur, speaker, Master Certified Coach
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ebook series "Grow and Enjoy Your Business" -- my gift to you at <https://DonMaruska.com>
Author of upcoming book: "Climate Health Today - How You Can Have Fun Taking Action" Read about it at www.DonMaruska.com/blog. Please share your stories of fun ways to take action for a healthy planet.

No trees were harmed in the transmission of this email, but trillions of electrons were excited to participate.

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Subject: agenda item c-3
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:01:24 AM

Dear City Council:

I object to some of the statements in the staff report.

1. Moving the sewer plant to its current location has been anything but a climate crisis action. The runoff from cutting the toe of the hill and scraping its top has caused 2 fines by the Regional Water Quality Control Board for pollution runoff into the Estuary. It has caused the destruction of major vegetation the likes of which its replacement won't recoup their maturity in our lifetimes. The National Estuary is now at risk for future damage do to a leak or break in the conveyance system or the plant itself. The energy it will take to run sewage uphill 3.5 miles 24/7 for 30 years has never been revealed to the public.

2. While the city promotes installing electric vehicle hook ups, it has refused, except for one vehicle back in the day, to electrify its fleet.

3. Even though a resolution was passed 15 years ago to do away with herbicides, pesticides, etc. (eliminate use of one every year until they are no longer used), the city has not maintained this practice which declines our bee and Monarch populations.

4. The city does not follow its Urban Forest Management Plan to manage carbon sequestering.

To use the word "crisis" is a misnomer because the city will not throw money at the climate, which is what one would do it if was a real crisis of any kind. The idea behind wanting to support the environment/climate is fine, but the insincerity with which it is addressed is an affront. If council is sincere, send the resolution back so a real commitment through real steps is proposed.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz