



AGENDA NO: Public Comment

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
RECEIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

Dana Swanson

From: Nancy Bast
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: New Year Wishlist

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Dear Dana,
Please include in correspondence for Tuesday evening City Council Meeting.
Thank you,
Nancy Bast

. Good Evening Mayor and Council members, my welcome to you all.

I have a wish list of New Year's resolutions, some easy and some harder, that only you, Dear Mayor and Councilmembers have the power to make come true.

1. RePave Quintana Road ASAP from end to end.
2. Return Council meeting time to 6 pm so we can have dinner and working people will be more inclined to attend. Meeting at 5:30 was a special dispensation for Councilmember Addis.
3. Give the Audience back the public use of the overhead camera for speakers illustrations. A picture is worth a thousand words.
4. During the tenure of the previous two mayors, very few items were agendized under **Section B Public Hearings** but instead improperly placed under **Section C Business** which is for projects in progress, other public interest issues were placed under **Section A Consent calendar** for which there is no discussion, unless there is a speaker request, but requires merely a Council yes or no vote.

These placements on the agenda helped to create the secrecy that **plagues the community's sense of not being informed** and the behind closed door secrecy that allowed certain Council members to oblige the city, that's us, in binding documents (MOUs) to change zoning to facilitate major city development for two different applicants. Please return to placing items on the Agenda for maximum public participation.

4. Stop the mis-used, abused policy of allowing **Administrative Permits for major development**, which has essentially created a pay to play city government.

The appropriate use of Administrative permits is for no or low impact activity like fences, minor repairs or changes, etc. Demolition of a house for new construction should never be issued on a secretive Administrative Permit when free public discussion is part of the process rather than a neighbor being required to pay \$325 to appeal, a clear deterrent to free speech.

5. Council members are assigned to represent MB in attendance at other outside agency and other civic meetings, however Councilmembers do not always, but need to, inform about that meeting at the following City Council meeting.

Thank You for your consideration of these wishes.
Nancy Bast

Morro Bay



AGENDA NO: A-2

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Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 12:37 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson
Subject: agenda item a-2

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Dear City Council:

I would like to bring to your attention what appears to be a discrepancy in County and Regional appointments. Page 10 or 146 of the agenda packet says,

"The City Council Policies and Procedures Section 6.1 ("County or Regional Representation") states: One Member of the Council shall serve as a voting representative and one member shall serve as alternate."

Yet,

1. COUNTY WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE [WRAC] Alternate is the "City Manager (or their designee)"
and
2. SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND Member is the "City Manager or designee (Comm. Dev.)"

To align assignments with policy, one solution may be to appoint Council Member Edwards, who has no primary appointments and only 2 alternate positions, to the County Housing Trust Fund. The WRAC alternate could also be Council Member Edwards, or Council Member Ford since she has only one alternate appointment.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: A-3

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**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
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Dana Swanson

From: Nicole Dorfman
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Council
Subject: Item A-3

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Dear City Council,

It is well past time for the City Council to end the local public health state of emergency. Lacking evidence of any such emergency, it is only correct to vote NO on A-3 and resume normal functioning of City business. If you wish to continue allowing City Council and advisory bodies to meet remotely, I urge you to find other means to do so.

Sincerely,

Nicole Dorfman

Sent from my iPhone

Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 12:41 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Chris Neumeyer
Subject: agenda item a-3

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Dear City Council:

On page 3 of the staff report, or on page 17 of 146 of the agenda packet, is an alternative to the continuing need to vote every 30 days on teleconferencing for health reasons.

I suggest that the City of Morro Bay is no longer in a state of emergency. Council and advisory board members have the traditional Brown Act method or the new AB 2449 alternative to not meet in person with their full council or board. Not adopting the Re-Authorization allows the City to move pass the last 2 years and be up to date with what other cities are doing in the State.

Please vote no to re-authorization.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: A-4

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Dana Swanson

From: Sean Green
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:34 AM
To: Council
Cc: HAB; PlanningCommission; CityClerk
Subject: 1/10/23 Council Agenda Item A-4: Amending waterfront lease sites

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Council,

While giving up 450sf of our public water channel to a single, private leaseholder feels like a step in the wrong direction for Morro Bay, the Harbor Walk improvements do make the concession a bit easier to swallow. That said, I generally don't support allowing a single lease site special consideration to extend further into our channel than others who've complied with longstanding Tidelands Trust land use maps and do fear this allowance may set precedent for others seeking the same advantage. Unless the public gains resulting from a "yes" vote on today's Item A-4 clearly outweigh the potential public burdens of such an allowance, Council ought to seriously consider the custodial role Morro Bay plays on behalf of the people of California who've entrusted us with management of public lands and at least discuss a possible "no" vote on this item. Lease Sites 65-66 and 65W-66W are set to expire in just over a decade (to my knowledge), which represents a coming opportunity to fundamentally redesign access at this site rather than doubling down on what's there in perpetuity. As a supplement to today's brief staff report, you may wish to review the Planning Commission agenda and minutes from their 4/6/21 meeting ([linked below](#)) and reach out to our fishing and boating communities, master leaseholders, Harbor Advisory Board, and/or new harbor director for their feedback. Today's Item A-4 could go either way, but please dig deeper into our city's options prior to rubber-stamping a seemingly minor consent agenda item with potentially major consequences.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Green
Morro Bay, CA

[4/6/21 Planning Commission Agenda](#)
[4/6/21 Planning Commission Minutes](#)

Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 12:43 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Eric Riddiough
Subject: agenda item a-4

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Dear City Council:

It is not apparent why the boat slips need to go further into the Harbor is necessary. How close to the dredged channel does this take the lease site? The respective lease sites on either side do not go this far into the water or near the the channel. Are you not setting a precedent? How wide are you requiring the boardwalk to be? Is this affecting the slips having to go further west?

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: C-1

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From: Sean Green
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Council
Cc: CityClerk
Subject: 1/10/23 Council Agenda Item C-1: Advisory Board Interviews

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Council,

Please accept this letter of support for current HAB member Cal Myers. Working with Cal on HAB has been a pleasure; he's not only diligent and thoughtful but proactive as well in his efforts to bring forth new agenda items for the Board to discuss. I'm hopeful that the new council will provide greater opportunities for Cal and the entire HAB team to help improve the Morro Bay waterfront as we all adjust to new leadership.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Sean Green



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Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 1:00 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Eric Riddiough
Subject: agenda item c-2

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Dear City Council:

I am surprised that pictures are not included to show the immediacy for the work needed to protect this area in north Morro Bay.

20% contingency is high. A 20% contingency puts the lowest bidder within \$100,000 of the highest bid. A 20% contingency says we know we under bid and will likely go over budget with change orders. We learned from building the new sewer plant that contingencies are spent. This is only a 30-day project. Try 10% and see if the company can stay within budget. Rather than a contingency, maybe there can be a bonus for staying within budget.

Is storm drain work normally paid for out of the General Fund? Should the money come from Measure Q?

Sincerely,
Betty



AGENDA NO: C-3

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Dana Swanson

From: Nicole Dorfman
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda Item C-3

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Dear City Council,

Installing 11 License Plate Recognition Cameras on our streets will formally usher in the age of Big Brother in Morro Bay. Has there been a rash of crime in our City that would warrant such intrusion into the privacy of residents and visitors? What are the stated objectives of the Police Department in requesting such surveillance? Are there other, less-intrusive means to accomplish those objectives? What guidelines have been put in place to assure that this surveillance is not misused and that data is not being gathered and sold to outside entities for other purposes?

If you feel that this surveillance is vital to achieve a City objective, we suggest you do a pilot program and start with 1 camera in the most impactful location. Otherwise, we urge you to reject this proposal, and instead prioritize and protect the privacy of residents and visitors on our city streets.

Thank you,
Nicole and Brian Dorfman

Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 1:02 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Amy K. Watkins
Subject: agenda item c-3

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Dear City Council:

This does have shades of Big Brother watching. What incidents have happened that cause the Department to think it needs this technology? What policies does the City need to put in place to limit misuse of the data acquired on these machines?

This is not a one time expense, but an annual expense that can increase each year. In addition, who pays for repairs, faulty equipment, poor installation?

Since a staff person, I assume a police officer, has to be designated as the "agent coordinator," how many hours per week will this position take away from regular policing responsibilities? What data do you have that demonstrates this is worth the investment to a town our size? Is there a penalty for dropping the contract before the 5 years are up?

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz



AGENDA NO: C-4

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Dana Swanson

From: betty winholtz
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2023 1:04 AM
To: Carla Wixom; Laurel Barton; Cyndee Edwards; Jennifer Ford; Zara Landrum
Cc: Dana Swanson; Scott Collins
Subject: agenda item c-4

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Dear City Council:

This item actually contains 3 actions:

1. A city council retreat
2. An annual meeting calendar
3. A budget calendar

With regard to the first item, I recommend a retreat if the CA League of Cities did not provide this experience.

With regard to the second item, I object, as I have previously, to the City Council taking a 7-week hiatus from their duty. At least meet once during July; This is a big projects year.

With regard to the third item, the City Council may want to consider using a zero-based budget process.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz