

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION – NOVEMBER 8, 2010
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Janice Peters	Mayor
	Carla Borchard	Councilmember
	Rick Grantham	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
	Betty Winholtz	Councilmember
STAFF:	Andrea Lueker	City Manager
	Robert Schultz	City Attorney

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Grantham moved the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borchard and unanimously carried. (5-0)

Mayor Peters read the Closed Session Statement.

CS-1 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6; CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR. Conference with City Manager, the City's Designated Representative, for the purpose of reviewing the City's position regarding the terms and compensation paid to the City Employees and giving instructions to the Designated Representative.

CS-2 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8; REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. Instructing City's real property negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property as to one (1) parcel.

- Property: Water Rights
Negotiating Parties: Roandoak and City of Morro Bay.
Negotiations: Voluntary termination of Water Service

CS-3 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957; PERSONNEL ISSUES. Discussions regarding Personnel Issues including two (2) public employees regarding evaluation, specifically the City Attorney and City Manager.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and returned to regular session at 5:55 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Winholtz moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and unanimously carried. (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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STAFF:	Andrea Lueker	City Manager
	Robert Schultz	City Attorney
	Bridgett Kessling	City Clerk
	Janeen Burlingame	Management Analyst
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Operations Manager
	Susan Lichtenbaum	Harbor Business Manager
	Rob Livick	Public Services Director
	Tim Olivas	Police Chief
	Mike Pond	Fire Chief
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director
	Dylan Wade	Utilities/Capital Projects Manager
	Joe Woods	Recreation & Parks Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

CLOSED SESSION REPORT - City Attorney Robert Schultz reported the City Council met in Closed Session and noted Item CS-1 (Conference With Labor Negotiator) will be discussed under Consent Calendar Item A-3 (Approval Of The Side Letter With The Morro Bay Firefighters IAFF Local 3725); Item CS-2 (Real Property Transactions) will be discussed under Public Hearing Item B-3 (Approval Of Agreement Between Roandoak And The City Of Morro Bay For The Installation Of A Well System And Termination Of City Water Services); and Item CS-3 (Personnel Issues) - no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Father Ed Holterhoff stated St. Timothy's Church has approved a renovation project using a local contractor. He also announced a concert will be held at the church on Friday, November 12th to help support this renovation project.

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D'Onna Kennedy stated she will be forming a veterans' support group starting in mid-December at the Community Center. She also noted Morro Bay Beautiful will be holding a membership drive. Ms. Kennedy thanked those who voted for her in the November 2nd election.

Colleen Stansbury, past President of the Morro Bay Senior Citizens Center, reviewed the benefits of being a member of the Senior Citizens Center.

Michelle Jacquez addressed Item D-1 (Discussion of the Visitors Center Including the 2009/10 Financial Review, Percentage of Funding from the Morro Bay Tourism Business Improvement District and Representation on the Board) reviewing action taken by the Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board on June 24, 2010. She said the motion made was to request not to increase the City's transient occupancy tax by 1%; return the Tourism Business Improvement District to 3%, and in return they would fund the Visitors Center no more than 33% effective when the Tourism Business Improvement District received the increase (11/1/10); that they have financial oversight of the Chamber of Commerce Board who holds the contract with the Visitors Center; they would fund the San Luis Obispo Visitors and Conference Bureau \$24,477; and, they would pay AGP Video \$6,000. Ms. Jacquez stated the Advisory Board also encouraged the City to consider including other retailers and restaurant owners' to possibly adopt a business improvement district to incorporate with the hotel business improvement district.

Stewart McElhinney, President of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, also addressed Item D-1 stating the Chamber Board is in the process of hiring a new CEO, and requested Council postpone making a decision on the Tourism Business Improvement District until this position has been filled. Mr. McElhinney stated there should be some discussion in respect to a City representative being on the Chamber board.

Ken Vesterfelt stated the Thanksgiving dinners can be delivered to those who are house bound. He also congratulated those who participated in the recent General Municipal Election on November 2nd. Mr. Vesterfelt referred to the pianist who will be performing at the church for the remodel benefit stating he is a world renowned pianist. He also stated a tentative date of April 16, 2011 has been set to hold an Emergency Vehicle/Antique Car Show.

Linda Winters thanked the City Council for endorsing Proposition 21 although it did not pass in the past election. She referred to an article regarding an endowment going towards the state parks.

George Leage thanked the voters who had confidence in electing him to the City Council and thanked those Councilmembers who have served the City.

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Linda Hill stated the SLO Chapter for Americans for Safe Access thanked those who voted against Measure B-10 (Prohibiting Marijuana Dispensaries in Morro Bay). She said SLOASA requests the City Council proceed without delay to schedule the next sub-committee meeting to continue developing an ordinance and guidelines on storefront operations.

Rich Donaldson, Chairman for SLOASA, thanked the City Council for their support and participation in the sub-committee meetings.

Bill Yates thanked those who voted for him at the November 2nd election.

Joan Solu addressed Item D-1 and shared a Power Point presentation on the City's Tourism Business Improvement District.

Taylor Newton stated he has been working on the landscaping at St. Timothy's Church getting ready for the renovation project. He said the City Tree Vote will be published in the *Bay News* October 21st – November 17th. Mr. Newton also acknowledged Morro Bay Beautiful and their funding assistance with the accomplishments of the Tree Committee.

Tom Laurie addressed Item D-1 stating the Tourism Business Improvement District was created by the lodging industry for the lodging industry to promote Morro Bay in general and lodging in particular. He suggested before considering the funding of the Visitor Center, the City should consider how it would create and configure a new Visitor Center organization.

Richard Morgeson stated there will be a fundraiser for the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter on December 11th at the Los Osos Community Center.

Gerry Walsh also discussed all of the events that will be happening at the fundraiser for the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter; she also noted donations are welcome.

John Barta thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their service to the City. He referred to Item D-1 suggesting the City should hold a seat on the executive committee of the Chamber Board. Mr. Barta referred to Item D-4 (Discussion on the Status of the Currently Acknowledged Tree Committee and Whether to make it Official) stating there should be no changes made to the Tree Committee.

Mayor Peters closed the hearing for public comment.

Mayor Peters called for a break at 7:19 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

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A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the City Council, the following actions are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2010; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE A WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR II WITH A WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR I; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the hiring of a Water System Operator I for the Water Division and approve the provided job description.

A-3 APPROVAL OF THE SIDE LETTER WITH THE MORRO BAY FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 3725; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the terms and conditions of the side letter with the Morro Bay Firefighters, IAFF Local 3725.

A-4 RESOLUTION APPROVING ADJUSTMENT TO LEASE SITE MAPS FOR LEASE SITES 113W AND 122W-129W: GREAT AMERICAN FISH COMPANY/VIRG'S LANDING/HARBOR HUT; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 60-10.

A-5 RESOLUTION NO. 59-10 ACCEPTING \$100,000 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM; (POLICE)

This item was moved out of order and heard as Public Hearing Item B-4.

A-6 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 564: REPEALING, AMENDING, AND REENACTING TITLE 14 OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY MUNICIPAL CODE - BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. 564.

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A-7 APPROVAL OF SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR CITY PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS FUNDS; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the San Luis Coastal Unified School District's request for \$2,000 in Public, Education and Government Access Funds.

A-8 PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2010 AS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH"; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Proclamation.

Councilmember Winholtz pulled Items A-2 and A-4 from the Consent Calendar; Councilmember Smukler pulled Item A-3.

MOTION: Councilmember Grantham moved the City Council approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items A-2, A-3 and A-4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borchard and carried unanimously. (5-0)

A-2 AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE A WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR II WITH A WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR I; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Councilmember Winholtz stated in order to be consistent she is not in support of hiring a replacement position not knowing what the budget will look like next year.

MOTION: Councilmember Borchard moved the City Council approve Item A-2 of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham and carried with Councilmember Winholtz voting no. (4-1)

A-3 APPROVAL OF THE SIDE LETTER WITH THE MORRO BAY FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 3725; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Councilmember Smukler recognized the first step in the two-tiered benefit package in the negotiation process.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council approve Item A-3 of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borchard and carried unanimously. (5-0)

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LEASE SITES 113W AND 122W-129W: GREAT AMERICAN FISH
COMPANY/VIRG'S LANDING/HARBOR HUT; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Councilmember Winholtz expressed concern with extending these lease sites so far into the channel and beyond the t-pier.

Harbor Business Manager Sue Lichtenbaum reviewed the adjustment to the lease site maps for Council clarification and information.

Public Services Director Rob Livick clarified the adjustment to the lease sites extends 10 feet beyond the t-pier and 100 feet into the channel.

MOTION: Councilmember Grantham moved the City Council approve Item A-4 of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and carried unanimously. (5-0)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPORTS & APPEARANCES

B-1 RESOLUTION NO. 61-10 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF RURAL
TRANSIT FUND GRANT APPLICATION; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Management Analyst Janeen Burlingame stated on December 5, 2002, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) adopted Resolution No. 02-16 to create a Rural Transit Fund (RTF) program. The creation of the program was designed to streamline the lengthy federal process of applying for, receiving and using Federal Transportation Administration Section 5311 funds for rural transit agency projects by programming the region's share of Section 5311 funds to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) for operations and exchanging it with a like amount of State Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, programmed through SLOCOG, to create the RTF. SLOCOG, RTA and City staff worked on developing program policies and procedures that would govern the RTF program for SLOCOG Board approval that would preserve the intent of the Section 5311 program in terms of who and what projects would be eligible for funds. The SLOCOG Board adopted the policies and procedures in October 2003, and the City of Morro Bay is an eligible recipient to apply for these funds. Approximately \$520,000 is available for competitive distribution for the FY 2011/2012 cycle. Applications are due December 3, 2010 and applicants are requested to rank multiple project applications in case all requests cannot be funded. The City of Morro Bay intends to submit an application for the FY 2011/20012 cycle for: 1) operating assistance for Morro Bay Transit; and, 2) a bus stop information display case project. Ms. Burlingame recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 61-10 authorizing submission of the RTF grant applications for operating assistance and the purchase of various materials, supplies and equipment needed for operation of the Morro Bay Transit and Trolley services.

Mayor Peters opened the hearing for public comment; there were no comments, and Mayor Peters closed the public comment hearing.

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Councilmember Smukler stated he was disappointed that there was no reference to the community bus concept, which Council made a motion directing staff to investigate and develop that concept as much as possible.

Councilmember Grantham stated he is supportive; however, he would encourage using parking in-lieu funds but not Measure Q funds.

Councilmember Winholtz stated the biggest concern she has received was the cost of the dial-up program, and she was surprised at the small amount that was being requested in this application. She agreed that there were ample funds in the Accumulation Fund and to not use Measure Q funds.

Mayor Peters stated she is supportive; however, she does not support using Measure Q funds.

MOTION: Councilmember Grantham moved the City Council adopt Resolution No. 61-10 authorizing submission of the RTF grant applications for operating assistance and the purchase of various materials, supplies and equipment needed for operation of the Morro Bay Transit and Trolley services from the Accumulation Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borchard and carried unanimously. (5-0)

B-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS [NO. MB 10-T1] FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MORRO BAY TRANSIT AND TROLLEY SERVICES; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Management Analyst Janeen Burlingame stated the current six month extension agreement awarded by Council in May 2010 with MV Transportation for operation and management of the Morro Bay Transit and Trolley services expires December 31, 2010. Staff developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) and draft agreement for dissemination on September 10, 2010 with proposals due October 8, 2010. A notice was placed in the Tribune, Los Angeles Times, the California Association for Coordinated Transportation website, and City website advertising the RFP. A copy of the RFP specifications and notice was sent to eight (8) transportation providers. A pre-proposal conference was held on September 22, 2010 and representatives from five transportations providers were in attendance. Two proposals were received by the October 8, 2010 due date and reviewed by an evaluation committee who made a recommendation to the Public Works Advisory Board and Council regarding award of the RFP. Proposals were received from MV Transportation and the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA). The new contract commencing on January 1, 2010 will be for three years with the possibility of five one-year extensions. The Public Works Advisory Board considered the RFP proposals at its October 27, 2010 meeting and concurred with the evaluation committee's recommendation to award the RFP to MV Transportation. Ms. Burlingame recommended the City Council award RFP No. MB 10-T1 to MV Transportation.

Mayor Peters opened the hearing for public comment.

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Dan McKee, Regional Vice President MV Transportation, stated they are looking forward to continuing as the City's service provider. He said MV Transportation has been running the City's service since 2001 and in the past several years has developed a true partnership with the City.

Susan Brown, General Manager for MV Transportation, stated transit is a public service business that she enjoys, and working with MV Transportation has been a pleasure to work with who treats their employees well.

Mayor Peters closed the public comment hearing.

Councilmember Grantham thanked MV Transportation for their service to the citizens of Morro Bay.

Councilmember Winholtz stated she would hope that future Council will make transportation a high priority otherwise she is supportive of MV Transportation.

Councilmember Smukler stated this proposal is very competitive and he is supportive of MV Transportation. He said he would like staff to work with alternative groups such as the Senior Center to encourage and promote programs such as "friendly ride".

Councilmember Borchard stated she is disappointed in the process based on the action Council took in April and the lack of information regarding alternative sources of transportation.

Mayor Peters stated the Senior Center is considering a community bus service, and noted the City does not have the funding to provide alternative sources of transportation.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council: 1) award RFP No. MB 10-T1 to MV Transportation with a three-year contract and one year option; 2) direct staff continue engagement in the Transit Efficiencies Group evaluating and developing the concept of the Estero Sub-Regional Transit Plan; 3) direct staff to further develop support and partnership of alternative community transit opportunities such as the "friendly ride" program and the potential to share a calling support center with the Senior Citizens Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Winholtz and carried unanimously. (5-0)

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B-3 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROANDOAK AND THE CITY OF MORRO BAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WELL SYSTEM AND TERMINATION OF CITY WATER SERVICES; (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Robert Schultz stated the City entered into an Agreement with Roandoak of God in 1982. The 1982 Agreement granted the City of Morro Bay the right to extract water from Well No. 9A in exchange for the City providing free water service to Roandoak. In January 2010, the City Council authorized the termination of the 1982 Agreement. With the termination of this Agreement, the City no longer has the use of Well No. 9A and Roandoak has been paying for City water. Because of the degradation to the water quality and the changes in regulations, the City no longer has the ability to both maintain the pumping of wells in the Chorro Groundwater Basin as well as provide water that meets all State and Federal standards to customers in the Chorro Valley basin. In December of 2008, the California Department of Public Health inactivated all of the wells in the Ashurst well field including Well No. 9A. Until a method of providing treatment for nitrate removal or blending is in place, the City is unable to use these wells as a supply source. The degradation of water quality in the Chorro Valley, coupled with the connection of water services to the pumping line, and further complicated by more stringent regulations, will continue to strain the City's water resources until resolved. Pursuant to City Council direction, Staff has negotiated the terms for the removal of water services to the Roandoak property. Mr. Schultz recommended the City Council review the Agreement between Roandoak and the City of Morro Bay and approves the Agreement.

Mayor Peters opened the hearing for public comment; there were no comments, and Mayor Peters closed the public comment hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Borchard moved the City Council approve the Agreement between Roandoak and the City of Morro Bay for the installation of a well system and termination of City water services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham.

Councilmember Winholtz stated she would be voting in opposition to this motion because she disagrees with the nebulous term "historical water use" in the last "Whereas" in the Recitals of the Resolution, noting it is leaving it opened too wide.

VOTE: The motion carried with Councilmember Winholtz voting no. (4-1)

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B-4 RESOLUTION NO. 59-10 ACCEPTING \$100,000 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM; (POLICE)

Police Chief Tim Olivas stated since 1996 the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) established by AB 1913 and codified as Government Code Section 30061, has been distributing State grant funds to local law enforcement agencies to supplement "front line law enforcement services." These funds are also known as Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding (SLESF). The legislation requires a report in September to the City Council on how the funds are proposed for use by the Police Department and annual reporting to the County Oversight Committee on the proposed use and actual expenditures of COPS funds. This report requirement was delayed this year due to the delay in the State budget adoption. Since the recent passage of the State budget, law enforcement agencies are now preparing the required resolutions. The State Legislature has indicated that local law enforcement agencies are scheduled to receive a minimum of \$100,000 in COPS grant funds. These funds will be tracked separately by the Finance Department in a separate account with any interest earned credited to the account. To comply with the COPS program, each City Council is requested to act upon the written request from the Police Chief. This report is presented to Council in compliance with annual hearing/reporting requirements and to adopt the proposed expenditure plan by the Police Department. Chief Olivas stated it is appropriate to use these grant funds for the Property Evidence Technician position and equipment as it enhances front line law enforcement, and recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 59-10 authorizing the proposed spending plan for the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant program.

Mayor Peters opened the hearing for public comment; there were no comments, and Mayor Peters closed the public comment hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Winholtz moved the City Council adopt Resolution No. 59-10 authorizing the proposed spending plan for the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham and carried unanimously. (5-0)

Mayor Peters called for a break at 8:43 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE "FAMILY FUN ZONE" ARCADE LOCATED AT 725 EMBARCADERO SUITE 105; (POLICE)

This item was continued to the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

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D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 DISCUSSION OF THE VISITORS CENTER INCLUDING THE 2009/10 FINANCIAL REVIEW, PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING FROM THE MORRO BAY TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD; (ADMINISTRATION)

City Manager Andrea Lueker stated on June 28, 2010 during the annual review of the Visitors Center Agreement, the City Council amended the Agreement to include language regarding a financial review of the Visitors Center operations at the end of the 2009/10 fiscal year. In September 2010, the Chamber of Commerce provided this information to the City Administrative Services Director, and she performed a financial review. Also during that same City Council meeting, the Council discussed placing a measure on the November 2010 ballot, approving an increase in the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The City Council discussed the "give and take" between placing this item on the ballot or changing the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) assessment from 2% (which went into effect in June 2010) back to 3% (which had been collected from June 2009 through May 2010). During that discussion, the City Council was presented with the recommendation from the TBID Board that was passed on June 24, 2011. The TBID Board's recommendation was that the City forgoes efforts to increase the TOT, but agree to move forward with increasing the TBID assessment from 2% to 3%. The TBID Board's motion also included funding the Visitors Center at 33%, as soon as the TBID assessment rate was changed from 2 to 3%, and proceeds were realized from that change. A third topic, which has been raised several times during past City Council discussions of the Visitors Center, was representation from City staff on the Chamber Board for oversight of the Visitors Center operations. Ms. Lueker recommended the City Council provide direction on three issues with regard to the Visitors Center: 1) financial review of the 2009/2010 fiscal year; 2) funding of the Visitors Center from the TBID Assessment; and 3) representation on the Chamber Board for Visitors Center oversight.

Councilmember Winholtz stated she would support using some of the City's promotions money and hiring someone in-house to manage promotions. She does not feel this should be placed as a primary responsibility of the City Manager but be designated to another City staff person.

Councilmember Smukler stated this is a time to take a look at what would best serve the stakeholders for the money and what is going to create the most efficient and inviting Visitor Center and what is going to give the City the best value. He said he would like to have a roundtable discussion with the Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board, Community Promotions Committee and members from the Chamber before reporting to Council.

Councilmember Grantham stated he would support waiting until February when the new Chamber board members are installed.

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Councilmember Borchard stated there is a need for oversight from a City representative, and since the City Manager already has been the representative on the Community Promotions Committee and Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board she should meet with the stakeholders.

Mayor Peters stated an oversight committee is needed right away, and someone from the City has to be on the executive board.

MOTION: Councilmember Borchard moved the City Council: 1) direct staff, due to the change in Executive Directors and Board members, to meet with the new Chamber Executive, review the past Visitor Center profit and loss statement with the new Chamber Executive Director, discuss further plans based on the new Executive Director's plan, and report back to City Council in 60 days; 2) approve 33% of funding (not to exceed \$50,000) from the Tourism Business Improvement District, beginning with the month of November; and 3) recommend to the Chamber of Commerce that the City of Morro Bay have a designated "voting" position on the executive board held by the City Manager or his/her designee, and to include a seat on the board by a Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board Member as long as they have funding for the Visitors Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham and carried unanimously. (5-0)

D-2 CREATION/FUNDING OF A FACILITY REPAIR FUND [FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF 714 MARKET STREET]; (RECREATION & PARKS)

This item was continued to the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

D-3 REQUEST TO ACCESS PARK FEE FUNDS TO UPGRADE CITY PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEMS; (RECREATION & PARKS)

Recreation & Parks Director Joe Woods stated the proposed irrigation upgrades to City Park would allow for the centralized control of all turf irrigated properties incorporating smart technology that could extend, decrease, or eliminate programmed irrigation events based on current weather conditions. Additional benefits of this automation include data logging and the ability to identify and alert staff immediately about irregularities such as leaks and no flow events, and the ability to automatically shut down entire systems in the event of line breaks. The Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) reviewed staff's request at their regular meeting on October 26, 2010. The RPC agreed the proposed project would be beneficial and appropriate use of Park Fee funds and it was motioned and unanimously carried to recommend approval by the City Council. Mr. Woods recommended the City Council approve the proposed use of Park Fee funds allowing staff to enhance and improve City Park irrigation systems.

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MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council approve the use of \$35,000 of Park Fee Funds for the upgrade to City Park irrigation systems. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Winholtz and carried unanimously. (5-0)

D-4 DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS OF THE CURRENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED TREE COMMITTEE AND WHETHER TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL; (COUNCIL)

Councilmember Winholtz stated over the last two years, an unofficial, meaning not City Council appointed, group of residents known as the tree committee has been recognized by City Council and used by staff. Their influence has brought changes to the City's public appearance and visual resources by changing the public physical environment. Councilmember Winholtz stated due to their increasing influence, a discussion on the membership and status of this group would be appropriate.

MOTION: Councilmember Borchard moved the City Council make no changes to the Tree Committee at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grantham and carried with Councilmember Winholtz voting no. (4-1)

E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Recorded by:

Bridgett Kessling
City Clerk