

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 29, 2014
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	Nancy Johnson	Councilmember
	George Leage	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
STAFF:	Susan Slayton	Acting City Manager
	Jamie Boucher	City Clerk

- I. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period for the special meeting was opened.

Lynda Merrill hoped that the Council would appoint Planning Commissioners who embrace the philosophy of our Mayor and Council majority. Please select people who understand and are willing to achieve our goals.

The public comment period was closed.

- V. ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved, if the absence arises, there is an excuse under the policies, an excuse would be allowed for an applicant to participate in the interview process and the letter would be represented as the excuse. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and carried unanimously 5-0.

There were two applicants for the Planning Commission vacancy: Jeffrey Cox (unable to attend but had filed a letter) and Betty Winholtz.

Councilmember Smukler stated that we only have one represented applicant for a very important position and he suggested postponing voting on this position until we get a chance to re-notice and bring in a larger batch of candidates to vote on and review.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved to postpone voting on this position until we get a chance to re-notice and bring a larger batch of candidates to vote on and review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Johnson and carried 5-0.

There was one applicant for the Public Works Advisory Board vacancy: Aaron Ochs.

Councilmember Smukler stated that he thinks there is a distinct difference between the Planning Commission and the Public Works Advisory Board. Personally, he'd be willing to move forward with interviewing this candidate but also recognizes the importance of being consistent and it wouldn't hamper the Public Works Advisory Board if we followed the same process.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved to continue the interview process for the Public Works Advisory Board to a date uncertain. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Johnson and carried unanimously 5-0.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the 3 vacant seats on the Recreation & Parks Commission: John Bates, Bob Swain and Aaron Ochs; Jeffrey Cox (letter on file) was unable to attend but was considered in the process.

The City Council voted by written ballot and Acting City Manager Susan Slayton read the results:

John Bates (5 votes – Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler)

Bob Swain (5 votes – Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler)

Aaron Ochs (4 votes – Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Leage and Smukler)

Jeffrey Cox (1 vote – Councilmember Nancy Johnson)

Mr. Bates was given a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Mr. Swain was given a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Mr. Ochs was given a term expiring January 31, 2016.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the 4 vacant seats on the Harbor Advisory Board: Alan Alward, Joseph Conchelos, and Tom Hafer (for the vacant Commercial Fishermen's Association seat); Christopher Anderson, Judith "Lynn" Meissen, Ron Reisner and Jim Sanders (for the 2 vacant Members-at-large seats); Gene Doughty (letter on file) was unable to attend but was being considered for the vacant South Bay/Los Osos seat.

The City Council voted by written ballot and Acting City Manager Susan Slayton read the following results:

Alan Alward (5 votes - Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler for the Primary Commercial Fishermen's seat)

Joseph Conchelos (5 votes - Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler for an Alternate Commercial Fishermen's seat)

Tom Hafer (5 votes - Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler for an Alternate Commercial Fishermen’s seat)

Christopher Anderson (2 votes – Councilmembers Nancy Johnson and Leage for a Member-at-large seat))

Judith “Lynn” Meissen (3 votes – Mayor Irons, and Councilmembers Christine Johnson and Smukler for a Member-at-large seat)

Ron Reisner (5 votes - Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Christine Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Leage and Smukler for a Member-at-Large seat)

Jim Sanders (no votes)

Mr. Alward (primary member), Mr. Conchelos (alternate member) and Mr. Hafer (alternate member) were given a term expiring on January 31, 2017.

Ms. Meissen was given a term expiring on January 31, 2018; Mr. Reisner was given a term expiring on January 31, 2017.

Mr. Doughty was given a term expiring on January 31, 2018.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved to re-notice the PWAB and PC for approximately 30 days and bring it back with the hopes of the interviews being held prior to a Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and was carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Recorded by:

Jamie Boucher
City Clerk