

AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: 8/12/2014

MINUTES – MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING –
JULY 8, 2014
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM – 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	Nancy Johnson	Councilmember
	George Leage	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
STAFF:	Edward Kreins	Interim City Manager
	Joe Pannone	City Attorney

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Irons called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - The Mayor read a summary of Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mayor Irons opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Robbyn Smith spoke on the topic of transferring Morro Bay Dispatch to the Sheriff's Department. She stressed the commitment of the current dispatch staff to the City; they didn't leave for more money and instead, over the last decade, has been taking on more, with less. They are saddened that the answer to their commitment is not to provide additional aid or show appreciation but to "out-source" them. She presented reasons to keep a local dispatch – citizens can make one call and have access ad response from any or all City departments; the potential loss of volunteer services; the use of department Chaplains would diminish; loss of 24/7 to the lobby and department which would hurt visitors looking for services as well as the Operation Medicine Cabinet which is located in the lobby; they also provide clerk duties for parking citations, tow paperwork and requests generated by lobby traffic – all money generating, who would do those; and, they are the only agency left in the County that also handles records duties (reports, retention and submissions to the Court and DA office) – who would do those; you would lose the local knowledge that the current dispatch staff possess. She left with the following statements: spend some time at the dispatch center to get a feel for them; and reach out to City employees, now, morale is very low.

The public comment period was closed.

The City Council moved to Closed Session and heard the following item:

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Designated Representatives: Interim City Manager

Employee Organizations: Morro Bay Firefighters' Association; Morro Bay Police Officers' Association; Service Employee's International Union, SEIU Local 620; Management Employees; and, Confidential Employees

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The City Attorney reported that with regards to the Closed Session Items, the Council did not take any reportable action pursuant to the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Recorded by:

Jamie Boucher
City Clerk