

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: 9/9/2014

MINUTES – MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING –
AUGUST 26, 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
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Irons called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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 for items only on the agenda.

Giovanni Comin, former owner of Central Coast Seafood and now managing Santa Maria Seafood wanted to make himself available for any questions that Council might have. Regarding their use of Lease site 129W-131W, they are anxious to get this done and get it behind them.

Neil Maloney, owner of Morro Bay Oyster Company, are current tenants of the Marciels at M&M Refrigeration, Lease site 144/144W. Initially they had no intention of purchasing the lease site but with their increased oyster production – 600,000+ oysters are anticipated this year alone, they are now interested. They have been approved to build a depuration facility which will enable them to continue to harvest oysters from the depuration tanks on land during times of seasonal ran closures of their oyster harvesting from their leases in bay waters. Their business has a unique need for water, making this site so valuable to them. They have grown and hope to continue growing. They also hope to incorporate a tourism and education component to the site with even the possibility of a wholesale location.

Dwight Maloney provided a bit of California history on the shell fish industry. With the closing of Drake’s Bay to commercial shellfish harvesting, the demand for their product doesn’t go away so it has to look elsewhere. Currently the demand is high and the supply is low; as such, the future for this business is very bright and are hoping for a location and the support to do this.

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

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) or subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:
1 Matter

CS-3 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

- Property: Lease Site 129W-131W, Morro Bay Fish Company, 1231 Embarcadero
Agency Negotiators: Joseph W. Pannone, Interim City Attorney and Eric Endersby, Harbor Director
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- Property: Lease Site 144/144W, M&M Refrigeration, 1287 Embarcadero
Agency Negotiators: Joseph W. Pannone, Interim City Attorney and Eric Endersby, Harbor Director
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED 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 5:56p.m.

Recorded by:

Jamie Boucher
City Clerk