

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2015
MORRO BAY VETERAN’S HALL
209 SURF STREET – 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	John Heading	Councilmember
	Matt Makowetski	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
STAFF:	David Buckingham	City Manager
	John Fox	Assistant City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Joe Woods	Recreation Director
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director
	Amy Christey	Police Chief
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director
	Scot Graham	Community Services Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The public comment period for Item I was opened.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Morro Bay’s special natural resources and asks the Quality of Life section of the goals include an environmental component for preservation and protection of those important resources.

Robert Davis, Morro Bay, spoke regarding the importance of rehabilitation and maintenance of the City’s bike and pedestrian paths and asked this be included under Goal #2 or Goal #10. He also encouraged the Council consider co-sponsoring the 4th of July celebration to include a bike parade, skateboard race and activities at Tideland’s Park; fireworks aren’t needed.

Ric Deschler, Morro Bay, stated the term “complete streets” under Goal 2b concerns him if it leads to another surge to install sidewalks in residential areas, noting cars drive faster unless there are other traffic calming measures.

Walter Heath, along with his north Morro Bay neighbors, spoke regarding Goals 2b and 2c, requesting the Traffic Management Plan be adopted early in the cycle to address the lack of controlled intersections in the neighborhood near Del Mar Elementary School.

Kenny Blackwell, Morro Bay, stated he had reviewed the list of goals and did not find anything about neighborhood compatibility guidelines. He has spoken with many people who are concerned about losing public view sheds and homes going up that do not fit with character of the neighborhood. He asks the Council seriously consider this very important item.

Council and staff noted neighborhood compatibility guidelines are included in Goal 3G.

Dr. Jim Lipsett, Morro Bay, spoke regarding concerns with streets, specifically the intersection of San Jacinto/Main Street/Hwy. 1 which is becoming increasingly dangerous. He uses this intersection several times a day and is very concerned.

City Manager Buckingham responded to public comment and encouraged Ms. Merrill and Mr. Davis to help craft specific Program Objectives related to the issues they had addressed. Director Livick spoke regarding sidewalks and intersection issues, noting the “complete streets” initiative is intended to provide equal access for all citizens, including persons with disabilities, and the City is required to follow those guidelines; also, the intersection of San Jacinto/Main Street/Hwy. 1, as well as Hwy 41/Atascadero Road, are being addressed with CalTrans.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. STUDY SESSION TO AFFIRM, AND AS REQUIRED, MODIFY AND REPRIORITIZE THE CURRENT 10 CITY GOALS AND EXTEND THOSE GOALS THROUGH JULY 2016.

City Manager Buckingham presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

Council reviewed the Program Objectives presented by staff and provided direction for staff to bring back at the February 10 Council meeting for adoption.

The meeting was recessed to the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:58pm

The meeting was reconvened at 10:25pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk