

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2015
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00P.M.

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Joe Pannone reported that with regard to the Closed Session items, the Council did not take any reportable action pursuant to the Brown Act.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- <http://youtu.be/n-rf4CtGZmg?t=22m49s>

Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC) Presentation

Mike Manchak, President & CEO of Economic Vitality Corporation presented an update on the local economy and current countywide economic strategy. EVC is a non-profit organization, a public/private partnership supported by both the business community and local government, in its 20th year. There are over 8,000 businesses in this county and a large percentage of those (56%) are very small businesses with 1-4 employees. EVC partners with resources to help our economy and grow businesses, especially with access to capital. The county, including Morro Bay, has gotten a lot of press, typically focused on tourism which is important, however we want to let the world know this is a great place to do business. Local economic challenges include lack of head of household jobs, companies are challenged to attract employees from outside the region, lower median income than the California average, high cost of living, and one of the least affordable housing markets nationwide. He noted the San Luis Airport is doing well, particularly compared to other similar sized airports. They are working to attract more flights. He encourages everyone to fly local. Business may

contact Mike directly at 788-2013. The City is clearly doing the right thing with the LEAP activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<http://youtu.be/n-rf4CtGZmg?t=44m4s>

The public comment period was open.

The business spot was provided by Jackie Kinsey, Librarian and Branch Manager of the Morro Bay Library, who shared the renovation of the Morro Bay Library is near completion. Services stopped last Saturday to transition materials back to the building. A ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st from 2-4 pm. Regular services will resume the following Tuesday. She thanked the City for use of a temporary office building the past nine months and the community for financial support of this project and enthusiasm for library services. Please see www.slolibrary.org for upcoming programs.

Robert Davis, Morro Bay Friends of the Library, invited the public to the library reopening on Saturday, March 1st, from 2-4pm. He thanked beautiful citizens of MB who have supported the local library since 1922.

Barry Brannin, Morro Bay, spoke regarding importance and economic impact of proper supervision of City-owned property and leases, noting this should be a major function in the City.

Linna Thomas, owner Coalesce Bookstore, presented the Council with 21 pages of signatures protesting the parklet. She looks forward to Council discussion on this item on March 24.

Dan Podesto, Morro Bay resident, business owner and past President of Morro Bay 4th committee, shared that after a large outreach there was not enough public interest to run the Morro Bay 4th event and it is highly likely it will be canceled in 2015. Morro Bay 4th has run the event for five years and believes the city has benefitted both financially and socially. This is an opportunity for the City to consider taking on some, or all, of the event.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, spoke regarding Item D-4 and asked the Council to consider adding protection of our natural resources as a quality of life item.

Ric Deschler, Morro Bay, shared that after a massive windstorm, a large tree landed on his car, and he was unable to find Morro Bay city offices in the phone book.

Pat Bietz, owner of Top Dog Coffee Bar, spoke to dispel several myths about the parklet and asks the community to give the parklet a chance. He is saddened we can't work together as a community to look forward.

Roger Ewing, Morro Bay, spoke in opposition to the parklet and asked the Council be transparent in its decisions and policies. He also thanked Rob Livick, Public Works Director for his integrity and honesty.

Jeremiah O'Brien, representing the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization shared concerns regarding the Chumash sanctuary proposal recently submitted to the Federal government. He is displeased that a County Supervisor stated his support for the sanctuary before reaching out to the commercial fisherman organizations. He asked the Council to agendaize the issue for discussion.

Susan Stewart, Morro Bay resident and business owner, suggests the City's goals address the value of having a strategic regional outreach that attracts people from the county to the city.

Neal Maloney, Morro Bay business owner Morro Bay Oyster Company, expressed concern regarding the proposed Chumash marine sanctuary and how further governmental oversight would affect his business.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<http://youtu.be/n-rf4CtGZmg?t=1h17m29s>

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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2015; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2015; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2015; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2015; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-5 STATUS REPORT OF A MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PLAN (MMRP) FOR THE EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

A-6 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) PROJECT UPDATE; (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

A-7 RESOLUTION NO. 08-15 ADOPTING A NEW CITY SEAL; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 08-15

A-8 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ELLISON ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. DBA FLUID RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF GROVER BEACH, CA FOR THE PROJECT NO. MB2015-WC01: LIFT STATION 1 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS; (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: Award contract as recommended.

A-9 AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE C-MANC ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C., “WASHINGTON WEEK” MEETINGS; (HARBOR)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Authorization for a Three-Person Delegation to Attend the C-MANC “Washington Week” Meetings in Washington D.C.

A-10 RESOLUTION NO. 06-15 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON LEASE SITE 144/144W (1287 EMBARCADERO); (HARBOR)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution 06-15 Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Trust.

The public comment period for the consent calendar was open; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Heading pulled Item A-8. Councilmember Smukler pulled A-9.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved the City Council approve Items A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7 and A-10 of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading and carried unanimously, 5-0.

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<http://youtu.be/n-rf4CtGZmg?t=1h17m51s>

Councilmember Headding pulled Item A-8 to discuss the additional \$20,000 requested from the sewer fund for this project. He is not opposed the staff recommendation, but thought rather than make this a consent item, it should have been an action item for discussion. Council concurred.

MOTION: Councilmember Headding moved the Council award the contract, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Makowetski and carried unanimously, 5-0.

A-9 AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE C-MANC ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C., “WASHINGTON WEEK” MEETINGS; (HARBOR)
<http://youtu.be/n-rf4CtGZmg?t=1h22m41s>

Councilmember Smukler noted the authorization of this trip is a routine item and suggested the opportunity be used to speak to representatives and regulatory agencies regarding the WRF efforts. Mayor Irons agreed with possibly pursuing a dual purpose trip next year and suggests a future agenda item to discuss.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the Council authorize a three-person delegation attend C-MANC, noting most of the expense is grant funded. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES - NONE

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 2014 ANNUAL WATER REPORT AND ALLOCATION OF 2015 WATER EQUIVALENCY UNITS; (PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkA?t=3m15s>

Public Works Director Livick presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiries.

The public comment period for Item D-1 was opened.

Barry Brannin, Morro Bay, questioned the 3.7% unaccounted water loss asking for discussion on how to diminish this number.

The public comment period for Item D-1 was closed.

Director Livick spoke to the 3.7% unaccounted water loss as shown on Table 5, noting at least some of the unaccounted for loss can likely be attributed to water going past the old mechanical meters. There also may be some leaks in the water lines, though there is an annual inspection plan in place. City Manager Buckingham noted that one of the City goals includes consideration of automated meter reading that would replace all water meters in the city.

Council discussed the continued importance of water conservation and public education. There was consensus for a municipal code update to change the reporting date and support for staff recommendations.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved the City Council adopt Resolution No. 07-15, including staff recommendations 1 – 6. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading and carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-2 PRESENTATION THE DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE CITIZENS FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF MORRO BAY; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkkA?t=57m44s>

Administrative Services Director Slayton presented the staff report with proposed changes to the draft Citizens Finance Advisory Committee Policy.

The public comment period for Item D-2 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Council recognizes the difference between public and private sector accounting and noted it is important to separate strategic from operational budget oversight. There was consensus that operational oversight can be accomplished through citizen group that would meet semi-annually, or more as needed. Council recognizes there are many financial challenges ahead and several strong financial/planning people in the community that could be folded into the process, comparing this to WRFAC and the value those citizen experts have brought to the WRF development process.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved the City Council direct staff to move forward with establishment of Citizens Finance Committee, as presented and amended at this meeting, including language clarifying the advisory board reports to the City Council, and bring back a Resolution to formalize the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading.

City Manager Buckingham asked for clarification on whether the amendment strikes the review of contracts, as suggested, or includes review of contract expenditures, as discussed. Council concurred that review of contract expenditures should be included.

REVISED MOTION: Mayor Irons moved the City Council direct staff to move forward with establishment of Citizens Finance Committee, as presented and amended and recommended by staff, including language clarifying the advisory board reports to the City Council, and bring back a Resolution to formalize the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading, and carried unanimously 5-0.

Council further discussed timing for establishing this committee and asked staff to bring back a Resolution in early April. In addition, staff should approach the current Measure Q Committee members to see if that committee is interested in serving both roles.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the City Council state a preference for a dual financial oversight committee comprised of Measure Q Committee members, and directs Administrative Services Director Slayton to communicate with and bring back recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-3 APPROVAL OF THE 2015/16 BUDGET CALENDAR; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkkA?t=2h3m11s>

Administrative Services Director Slayton presented the staff report, noting the need to revise the date for having Revenue and expenditure estimates to Finance to March 20 to avoid conflict with planned vacation.

The public comment period for Item D-3 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Johnson supports calendar as presented and would like to select a date for the 1st Budget Workshop. Staff suggested Tuesday, March 3rd prior to the Planning Commission meeting; Council concurred noting the importance of public outreach.

MOTION: Councilmember Johnson moved the City Council approve the Budget Calendar, as presented with the 1st Budget Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heading and carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-4 DISCUSSION OF 2015-16 CITY GOALS AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES; (ADMINISTRATION)
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkkA?t=2h12m44s>

City Manager Buckingham presented the staff report.

The public comment period for Item D-4 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Council reviewed 10 City goals and program objectives, as revised and presented by staff, and provided direction to staff for edits to be presented for final approval at the February 24, 2015 City Council meeting.

D-5 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES FOR POTENTIAL SALE; (PUBLIC WORKS)
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkkA?t=3h32s>

Public Works Director Livick presented the staff report, focusing on 10 properties with a potential opportunity for sale, including Mindoro Street , San Jacinto @ Coral, 460 Bonita Street,

Downing Street, “Civic Center” blocks, 570 Dunes, 985 Shasta, ~1500 Main (planned Bike Park location), Main @ Hwy 1, and 700 block of Embarcadero.

MOTION: Councilmember Heading moved the Council extend the meeting beyond 11:00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

The public comment period for Item D-5 was opened.

Barry Brannin, Morro Bay, expressed concerned about the concept of potentially selling City properties and encourages extensive investigation. Real estate needs to be managed now and used to generate income properly in the future.

The public comment period for Item D-5 was closed.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved the City Council continue this item to a date uncertain. The motion was seconded Councilmember Smukler and carried unanimously, 5-0.

E. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<http://youtu.be/XRFRWbUTkkA?t=3h20m38s>

Councilmember Johnson requested staff bring back options for City support for daytime events on 4th of July 2015, to be heard at the February 24, 2015 Council meeting; Council concurred.

Councilmember Heading requested a discussion about responsibility for overhead power lines and process for undergrounding. Councilmember Smukler noted the 2007 report to the Public Works Advisory Board be reviewed and supports a memo from staff with possible follow up at Public Works Advisory Board. Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Johnson and Makowetski concurred.

Councilmember Smukler asked to revisit the citizen request for traffic calming at Pacific and Main Street be referred to Public Works Advisory Board for review and recommendation to the City Council; Council concurred.

Councilmember Smukler requested discussion of an integrated pest management policy. Councilmember Johnson supported the item without urgency. Mayor Irons noted there is another related item currently on the agenda planning guide; Councilmembers Heading and Makowetski concurred.

Councilmember Smukler referred to the memo received from the Planning Commission recommending discussion of a solar-ready ordinance and commercial design guidelines. In addition, he would like to include discussion of a dual plumbing/gray water ordinance. Mayor Irons supports commercial design guidelines, but is hesitant on solar and gray water given the other priorities and workload. He suggested a report on these and the other Planning items currently on the agenda planning guide be brought back for discussion and prioritization; Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk