

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2015
MORRO BAY VETERAN’S HALL
209 SURF STREET – 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	John Heading	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
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The public comment period for Item I was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES
[HTTP://YOUTU.BE/E08VYUENJBU?T=5M23S](http://youtu.be/E08VYUENJBU?T=5M23S)

Public Works Director Livick introduced Alex Handlers of Bartle Wells Associates who presented draft findings from the preliminary water and sewer rate study, along with recommendations from the Public Works Advisory Board meetings held on January 29 and February 19, 2015.

There was Council consensus to move forward with the rate study with alternative tier structures, for staff to bring back options for further discussion of pass-through for State Water Project cost increases, and to initiate the Prop. 218 process. Council discussed the importance of strict language defining emergency situations so it is not taken advantage, as well as a policy that would require periodic review of water and sewer rates so the City does not face similar problems in the future.

Mayor Irons requested staff bring back for discussion policies with regard to the water enterprise fund to ensure revenues meet expenses.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved the Council direct staff to develop a Proposition 218 initiation program as presented and recommended by staff and the Public Works Advisory Board, and return to a public hearing with proposal and details including a public outreach and education program, options and recommendations for low income program based on alternative funding models, more detail for the State water pass-thru program, water shortage rate surcharge with strict emergency criteria language, desal operation surcharge, and a policy option to ensure future policy for periodic rate review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk