

MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2015
JOINT MEETING OF THE MORRO BAY
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
MORRO BAY VETERAN’S HALL
209 SURF STREET – 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	John Headding	Councilmember
	Matt Makowetski	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
	Robert Tefft	Planning Commission Chairperson
	Katherine Sorenson	Planning Commission Vice Chairperson
	Michael Lucas	Planning Commissioner
	Richard Sadowski	Planning Commissioner
ABSENT:	Gerald Luhr	Planning Commissioner
STAFF:	David Buckingham	City Manager
	Joe Pannone	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Scot Graham	Community Services Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established by the City Council with all members present.

A quorum was established by the Planning Commission with Commissioners Tefft, Sorenson, Lucas and Sadowski present.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The public comment period for Item I was opened.

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Marla Jo Bruton, Morro Bay, spoke regarding a May 2013 citizen presentation to the State Water Board regarding nitrate infiltration and asked the Council to discuss results of sucralose testing in the wells west of Main Street.

KC Caldwell, Morro Bay, asked the Council and Commission to make the General Plan update the highest priority and use Dynegy funds to cover the cost if existing funds and grants aren't enough. She appreciates the effort staff has put into the draft neighborhood guidelines but has concerns. A community forum is scheduled on March 25 at 7pm at the Morro Bay Community Center.

Kenny Blackwell, Morro Bay, asked that neighborhood compatibility guidelines be a priority and hopes the City will seek more public input.

Judy Walters, Morro Bay, supports a thoughtful look into neighborhood compatibility with consideration of the quality of life in neighborhoods. She is concerned about the amount of resources larger homes are consuming, particularly with the drought, and wants to keep the small town character.

Glenn Silloway, Morro Bay, shared the City is embarking on a difficult process, and that receiving public input in a way that makes a difference and helps to develop the vision is the most important step. The following steps are more technical, but easier.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

I. REVIEW OF DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR THE GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (GP/LCP) UPDATE
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Community Development Manager Graham presented the staff report noting the average cost for the GP/LCP update is \$1.2 million; current resources include \$397,000 in grant funds, \$100,000 currently set aside, and \$100,000 of Dynegy funds being requested for the 2015-16 budget year. He requests the Council and Commission discuss budget needs, review the draft work plan and provide direction to staff to move forward with a request for proposals for the GP/LCP update.

City Manager Buckingham noted community involvement in this process began on December 2, 2014, and suggests establishing GP/LCP advisory committee as one step of community involvement. One of the key goals and objectives is to develop the mission, vision and values of the community. That advisory committee could work with the community developing that mission, vision and values document to help drive the plan. The formation of the citizens advisory committee will be brought to the Council at a future meeting, as will the consultant contract and final work plan.

Councilmember Smukler noted there is consistent language about the environmental or sustainability component of the plan and importance of drafting that so it doesn't limit our economic growth and potential, but that language is not as clear in the environmental stewardship side. Our economy is dependent on a healthy environment, whether it relates to tourism, fishing industry or new emerging industries. He asks the language be adjusted to be sure it's clear environmental stewardship is a key component.

Jeff Henderson of PMC noted could be accommodated by adding some language to the green print, in particular. It comes across strongly in the blue print but not the green print. Based on general direction tonight, that adjustment can be made.

Mr. Henderson explained the draft work plan is responsive to the very unique characteristics, staging, funding, and priorities established in December workshop and current status of the City's planning documents. All was taken into account to develop a document that is specific to

Morro Bay. Economic vitality goal is common to all cities, but this document is also responsive to concerns about neighborhood compatibility, sea level rise, a working waterfront, and a variety of conditions that exist in Morro Bay and do not exist in other cities.

There was Council and Commission consensus to endorse the proposed work plan that includes Councilmember Smukler's recommended changes and directs staff to move forward with the RFP process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk