

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2015
COMMUNITY CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
1001 KENNEDY WAY – 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	John Headding	Councilmember
	Matt Makowetski	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
STAFF:	David Buckingham	City Manager
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Rick Sauerwein	Capital Projects Manager
	Bruce Keogh	WWTP/Collections Division Manager
	Mike Nunley	WRF Program Manager
	John Rickenbach	WRF Deputy Program Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established with Mayor Irons, Councilmembers Headding and Johnson present. The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

A brief recess was called at 5:06pm and the meeting reconvened at 5:15pm.

Councilmember Smukler joined the meeting at 5:16pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Marla Jo Bruton-Sadowski, Morro Bay, asked staff to clarify the timeline for the project and to discuss availability of Proposition 1 funding.

Richard Sadowski, Morro Bay, expressed concern about the project timeline and encouraged the City to look at top technology with a goal of having the plant operational in 5 years. Also, the latest data for climate change, sea level rise and surcharging events needs to be incorporated into the plan.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, asked staff to provide a location where copies of documents related to the project can be reviewed by the public.

The public comment period was closed.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION – WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) PROGRAM OVERVIEW
<HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/V32X8OPZE5G?T=1S>

City Manager Buckingham introduced Mike Nunley, WRF Program Manager and John Rickenbach, Deputy Program Manager, who presented the WRF Program Overview.

Councilmember Makowetski joined the meeting at 5:29pm

The powerpoint presentation from this meeting is available by clicking this link:

<http://ca-morrobay.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8790>

Following the presentation, the public comment period was reopened.

Ginny Garelick, Morro Bay, suggested putting a docket at the library for those who do not have access to computers. She is glad to see Phase 1 includes a master reclamation plan and also confirmed staff is following the State's progress on potable water regulations.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, thanked staff for the presentation, asked for Mr. Nunley's email address, and confirmed the information provided will be available on the City website.

Marla Jo Bruton-Sadowski, Morro Bay, asked to clarify the level of treatment the plant would reach in five years. Based on her experience with Sacramento, Morro Bay is in a good position to receive Proposition 1 funding, possibly including money for recharge of aquifers.

Bill Martony, Morro Bay, asked if water will be discharged to the ocean during Phase 1; and, if it is two years before we can purchase the site, is there anything binding that the City can do to lock up the property.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, asked staff to clarify whether the first phase is tertiary-ready or tertiary, and if so, at what level. She appreciates comments regarding finance and suggests this project should be referred to the Citizens Finance Committee. She also noted you can't define the project until you know what technology you're using.

Barbara Spagnola, Morro Bay resident and member of newly created Citizens Finance Committee, welcomes the Council's solicitation of the Committee's input and comments.

The public comment period was closed.

No formal action was taken by the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk