

MINUTES - PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD (PWAB)
SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 15, 2015
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Marlys McPherson	Chair
	Steve Shively	Vice-Chair
	Janith Goldman	Board Member
	Stu Skiff	Board Member
	Chris Parker	Board Member
	David Sozinho	Board Member
	Deborah Owen	Board Member
STAFF:	Dave Buckinham	City Manager
	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Kay Merrill	Administrative Utilities Technician

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m., and a quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/FgLMW-tMz4E?t=1m53s>

The public comment period was opened.

Bill Fritch requested the Board have complete rejection of privatization of the water system in Morro Bay.

Lynda Merrill expressed concern regarding signs being tacked on cyclone fencing and buildings around town.

Betty Winholtz spoke on behalf of Morro Bay Beautiful. The Morro Bay Tree Committee has contributed to the adoption of the Morro Bay Urban Forest Management Plan which has an official tree list and cactus is not on the list and has noticed somebody has planted cactus in City tree wells around town. She would like to know who paid for these cactuses, who did the work and do we really want cactus on our City streets. Morro Bay Beautiful would like the City to talk with the person or groups that planted the cactus and have them remove them now.

The public comment period closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PWAB MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2015

<https://youtu.be/FgLMW-tMz4E?t=7m55s>

Marlys McPherson stated she wanted to speak up for the old guys in town. She did this at the last meeting and was questioning the new structure for meeting minutes and was told this is the new way they are

going to be done and to go to the Youtube videos. She stated that it is contrary to the stated goal of encouraging more citizen participation, awareness and information especially taking into consideration people who are not quite as tech savvy as others. Marlys tried to use it and looked at the last meeting and she wanted to go to one discussion and ended up having to listen to the whole meeting. There may be a way but she wants this in the minutes. She stated maybe there could be a training session and not sure if that is customer focused.

MOTION:

Steve Shively moved to approve Item A-1. The motion was seconded by Janith Goldman and carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. OLD BUSINESS

B-1 Automated Metering and Contract Customer Service (Continued from June 18, 2015)
<https://youtu.be/FgLMW-tMz4E?t=9m20s>

Rob Livick presented the staff report and Jason Bethke who is with Fathom, gave a presentation on Automated Metering and Contract Customer Service.

The public comment period was opened.

The following spoke in favor of a negative recommendation to City Council on Item B-1:

Rigmor Samuelson, Phil Kispersky, Ric Deschler, Bill Martony, Janice House, Nancy Bast, Lynda Merrill, Homer Alexander, Casey Caldwell, Ted De Mont, Betty Winholtz, Barbara Doerr, Bob Doerr, Larry Knapp and Dede Alexander.

The public comment period closed.

MOTION:

Steve Shively moved to send a negative recommendation to City Council for Item B-1 and Marlys McPherson requested to add: Direct staff to explore some other alternatives and bring it back to City Council with more information about other alternatives to accomplish the goals. Shively agreed to the requested addition. The motion was seconded by Chris Parker and carried, 6-1, with Deborah Owen opposing.

B-2 Consideration of Forming Public Works Subcommittees (Continued from June 18, 2015)
<https://youtu.be/FgLMW-tMz4E?t=2h39m34s>

The public comment period was opened.

Barbara Doerr asked if subcommittees are subject to the Brown Act and are meetings open to the public. She stated there are Ad Hoc subcommittees and there are standing subcommittees and recommends standing subcommittees. Meetings should be noticed, there should be an agenda and material from staff would benefit the community. She asked if the information provided to the subcommittees is subject to the Public Records Act. Standing subcommittees should be subject to the Brown Act with the public invited.

The public comment period closed.

MOTION:

Marlys McPherson moved to create a subcommittee as needed versus having a standing subcommittee and increase the number of meetings to 10 times a year (excluding July and December). The motion was seconded by Janith Goldman and carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.