

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2016
MORRO BAY VETERAN’S HALL
209 SURF STREET – 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	John Headding	Councilmember
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	Matt Makowetski	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember

STAFF:	Dave Buckingham	City Manager
	Joe Pannone	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Sam Taylor	Deputy City Manager
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director
	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Scot Graham	Community Development Manager
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director
	Amy Christey	Police Chief
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Irons established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

I. STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS FY 16/17 PROGRAM OBJECTIVES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPTED CITY GOALS

PUBLIC COMMENT RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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Robert Davis, Morro Bay, proposed the Council add an objective to name one of the public parks after Franklin Riley, who founded our town, and requested staff partner with the Historical Society and Citizens’ Beautification and Heritage Committee to memorialize Mr. Riley.

Peggy Mandeville, Morro Bay, supported community pool planning efforts and offered to volunteer her time to assist the City in bringing this goal forward.

Bill Luffee, Morro Bay, would like to see Goal 10 - Objectives k) Lease Management Office Reorganization, and g) Harbor Maintenance reorganization, tabled until a later time.

Jeremiah O'Brien, representing the Morro Bay Fishermen's Organization, spoke in support of the Morro Bay Harbor Department and saw no reason to disrupt continuity by restructuring Harbor operations and maintenance.

Erica Crawford, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, shared the Chamber Board supports Goal 6 - Objectives d) Business Information on Website, e) Business Incentives, f) Commercial Real Estate Inventory, and m) Morro Bay as a Destination. She looks forward to collaborating with the City on these objectives.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, noticed Discover Your Better Nature had been removed from the list of Objectives and encouraged continued support for nature and wildlife.

Bill Luffee, Chair of the Harbor Advisory Board, requested Council discussion of the triangle lot / Beach Street mini-master plan in order to determine the economic feasibility of a marine services facility.

Ed Boyce, Morro Bay, expressed concern the goals and objectives did not speak to the problem of homelessness and suggested the City be proactive in this area. He also supported Goal 6 - Objective m) Morro Bay as destination, increased trash removal efforts along Highway 1, a lower speed limit through town, and increased pickle ball court space.

Rigmore, Morro Bay, recommended the Council wait until the General Plan update is complete before making any decision about a boat haul-out.

Chuck Stoll, representing Morro Bay Senior Citizens Inc., spoke in support of pickle ball noting the group has grown in 14 months from 6 to 150 players per week. The proposal for increased court space will be on the February 23rd City Council agenda. Quality of life is a main concern and they promote activities for residents 50 years and older, including bocce ball and disk golf.

The public comment period was closed.

City Manager Buckingham provided the staff presentation by reviewing the draft list of objectives under each goal, beginning with Goal 7, and turning it over to Council for questions and comments between Goals.

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Goal #7 - Improve City Infrastructure, Facilities and Public Spaces

Councilmember Johnson asked for discussion on how Objectives a) Market Street Bluff/Centennial Parkway Revitalization, c) Parking Management Plan, and e) Signage and Branding would be integrated into the General Plan update and suggested listing specific measurable milestones for the General Plan update.

Mayor Irons and Councilmember Heading supported Objective d) ADA Compliance Improvements; staff noted an updated ADA assessment will start in a couple of weeks.

Regarding Objective h) Community Beautification, Councilmember Smukler suggested updating the Adopt-a-Park program including volunteer recognition, and encouraged staff to continue attending Community Heritage and Beautification meetings.

Goal #8 - Quality of Life

Councilmembers Johnson and Makowetski supported Objective g) Recreation Guide and encouraged a holistic look at recreation opportunities offered by the City and other organizations.

Councilmember Headding noted Objective h) Vets Hall Renovation Planning isn't high on his priority list and suggested community organizations be given the opportunity to partner with the City to invest in and improve this public facility.

Regarding Objectives d) Fall Concerts and e) Downtown Friday Series, the Council suggested rolling this into Objective b) City-Sponsored/Partnered Events and working to refine and build on current events.

Goal #9 - Improve Water Supply Diversification

The Council agreed the objectives listed are all important for the community's future and reinforced the importance of reaching out to other agencies to explore regional opportunities. Staff noted the planning effort will be addressed as part of the General Plan update.

Goal #10 - Improve City Operations

Responding to public comment, the Council agreed it was important to follow through with Management Partners recommendations and move forward with Objectives k) Lease Management Office Reorganization and g) Harbor Maintenance.

Closing Comments

Regarding Goal #2, Councilmember Johnson looks forward to discussion on street financing options and suggested holding a Street Summit joint meeting with the Public Works Advisory Board and Citizens Finance Committee; the Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk