

AGENDA ITEM: VI – A

DATE: May 17, 2006

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CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay
Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Chair Vicki Landis

Vice Chair Barry Dorfman

Board Member Bill Olson

Board Member Roger Ewing

Board Member Noah Smukler

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
Members Present: Vicki Landis, Barry Dorfman, Bill Olson, Roger Ewing, and Noah Smukler
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Bill Boucher, and Cathy Weaver

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Landis called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Ewing, to accept Agenda as presented (Smukler 2nd)

Vote 5-0

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Smukler wanted to invite the public to attend a debate of the candidates for The Board of Supervisors sponsored by Surfrider on Sunday, April 23rd at the Vets Hall in Cayucos.

Landis noted that Saturday was Earth Day and the American Red Cross was collecting electronics to be recycled at Cuesta College from 8 am to 1 pm. She reminded everyone not to throw batteries away -- they needed to be recycled.

Landis questioned two areas of the Board Bylaws; she thought the Organization section was vague and the time was incorrect. It was determined that the City Council's motion covered all Boards and Commission and only dealt with the 'Absence of Meetings' Section. It removed the references to excused and unexcused absences.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Marla Brutan asked if the Board knew the interviews for PWAB members were canceled or were they being held somewhere else? Boucher explained one of the City Council members was ill today and he assumed that was the reason it was cancelled.

Richard Sadowski talked about changes happening in Sacramento and the Governor's 50 million dollar bond measure. He explained his qualifications and how he had done the sewer flow data collection for Cayucos recently, but data being used in the Sewer Master Plan update was antiquated.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of March 15, 2006. Ewing had a correction on page 2, paragraph 3; he noted that the cost of financing the Sewer Master Plan Update improvements had been discussed. He moved to add at the end of the paragraph, "... ; also discussed was the cost of upgrading the infrastructure."

MOTION: Ewing, to approve the minutes as corrected (Smukler 2nd).

Vote 5-0

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Boucher went over the Director's report by giving updates on the following issues: Harborwalk; Green Accords; Fire Station 53; and the Sewer Collection Master Plan update.

Dorfman asked about the service cuts for the transportation Pilot Program for Sunday service, and Boucher explained the Pilot Program would be free to the city this coming year but the following years, if the program is successful, it will impact Morro Bay's Dial-A-Ride because there will be less TDA funds available for local services.

Ewing questioned the Roundabout Project at Morro Bay Blvd. Boucher told him it was approved and waiting on funding. Ewing asked if adjacent property owners would be notified when the City Council held the public hearing on Creek Cleaning and Boucher said yes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Green Cities Declaration/Urban Environmental Accords (Boucher): Selection of 3 "Actions" to Recommend to the City Council. General discussion followed about the different Action items with 4 votes for #11) "Conduct an inventory of existing canopy coverage in the city; and, then establish a goal based on ecological and community considerations to plant and maintain canopy coverage in not less than fifty per cent of all available sidewalk planting sites." Smukler suggested an addition of "... with an emphasis on native flora." There were 3 votes each for #7 & #8 with a consensus that #8 included same principals plus more than #7. #8) "Adopt urban planning principles and practices that advance higher density, mixed use, walkable, bikeable and disabled-access neighborhoods which coordinate land use and transportation with open space systems for recreation and ecological restoration." There were also 3 votes for #21. #21) "Adopt municipal wastewater management guidelines and reduce the volume of untreated wastewater discharges by ten per cent in seven years through the expanded use of recycled water and the implementation of a sustainable urban watershed planning process that includes participants of all affected communities and is based on sound economic social and environmental principles."

MOTION: Ewing to recommend the City Council adopt Action Items #8, 21, and #11 with the addition of "... with an emphasis on native flora" (2nd by Smukler).

Vote: 5-0

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (Boucher): Consideration of Analysis Required by State Law and Recommendation to City Council. Boucher gave his presentation and suggested the Board forward their recommendation to the City Council to adopt the plan as presented. Discussion followed about the meaning of water production vs. water consumption noted in the report.

Ewing questioned contingency report and asked if the City was able to bank any water, Boucher responded no. Smukler asked about the rebate for low flow toilets and Energy Star washing machines. Smukler then brought up the subject of a Chorro Creek tertiary wastewater treatment plant. Boucher explained the proposal, which was last looked at in the 1990's. General discussion followed about keeping this option in the public eye and ways to fund the project.

The Board discussed the matter in detail with bright, cogent points raised by each member.

Boucher summarized the report by stating the City was in good shape; to provide an adequate supply of good quality potable water to the public, at build out in accord with the current General Plan.

MOTION: Ewing to recommend the City Council adopt the plan as presented (2nd by Dorfman).

Vote 5-0

MOTION: Smukler to recommend the City Council give consideration to a tertiary treatment plant in Chorro Valley as a potential option for future water and protection of the Estuary (2nd by Ewing).

Vote 5-0

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Appointments (2) to APCD Greenhouse Gas Sub-Committee, North Coast Transit Plan, and South Bay Blvd./Quintana Road Traffic Petition.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall.