



**MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay, CA**

Members Present: Mayor Carla Wixom
Council Member Zara Landrum
Council Member Laurel Barton
Council Member Cyndee Edwards
Council Member Jennifer Ford

Staff Present: City Manager Yvonne Kimball
City Attorney Chris Neumeyer
City Clerk Dana Swanson
Interim Finance Director Emily Conrad
Public Works Director Greg Kwolek
Interim Comm Dev Director Michael Codron
Police Chief Amy Watkins
Fire Chief Dan McCrain
Harbor Director Ted Schiafone

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., with all members present.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORTS

4.a Closed Session Report

City Attorney Neumeyer announced no reportable action was taken in closed session.

4.b Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports, Announcements and Presentations

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4.c City Manager Reports, Announcements and Presentations

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5. RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

5.a Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

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The Proclamation was presented to Shana Paulson, Council Member of the Early Care and Education Planning Council.

5.b San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Presentation on Countywide Self-Help Transportation Measure

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- Linda Winters, Morro Bay, shared her hopes for Morro Bay's future.
- Natalie Teichmann and Jon Nowaczyk, Let's Get Tuned, provided a business update.
- Casey Cordes, Morro Bay, questioned information being presented by REACT Alliance about the effects of offshore wind development.
- David Yohe, Morro Bay, commented on a presentation by REACT Alliance to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors and the importance of remaining engaged on the potential impacts of offshore wind development.
- Wynde Dyer, Morro Bay, stated her opposition to offshore wind development.
- Kathleen McCollum, Cambria, spoke against offshore wind farms.
- Barry Rands, San Luis Obispo, responded to information being offered regarding the impacts of offshore wind and announced an upcoming event hosted by Citizens' Climate Education on April 6, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Morro Bay Library.
- June McIvor, San Luis Obispo, submitted a recent Tribune article disputing claims made regarding negative impacts of offshore wind and urged the City to be thoughtful and deliberate when considering potential benefits of offshore wind development.
- Mandy Davis, Paul Gallo, Betty Winholtz, Nicole Dorfman, Sheri Hafer, Andrea Lueker, David Raichart and Melissa Beach from REACT Alliance, presented information regarding the negative impacts Offshore Wind Energy may have on the environment, economy and culture.

- Don Maruska, announced Climate Solutions Community Forum on Saturday, April 6th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Los Osos.
- Laura Fiedler, California Community Affairs Director for Equinor, offered to follow-up with Council Members, staff and members of the public regarding the proposed Atlas Wind project. Visit atlaswind.com or contact atlas@equinor.com for more information.
- Ted Key, Cambria, spoke in support of REACT Alliance and concerns raised by the Northern Chumash Tribe regarding anticipated impacts offshore wind would have on their tribal lands.
- Victoria Young, Los Osos Middle School student, read a quote by Dr. Miles Bidwell from Columbia University regarding offshore wind.
- Margaret Carman, Morro Bay, requested Council review information provided on information cards prepared by REACT Alliance.
- Michelle Leister-Cadaret, Morro Bay, read a statement submitted to the CEC opposing offshore wind.
- Terry Simons, Morro Bay, stated the importance of having consultants in Washington D.C. express the community's concerns regarding offshore wind and raised questions regarding the 1/2 cent sales tax measure presented by SLOCOG.
- An unnamed resident commented on Morro Bay's voter turnout and failures of those in authority.
- Susan, a retired NASA employee, expressed concern about misinformation being promoted by REACT Alliance.

End of public comment.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the City Council, the following actions are approved without discussion. The public will also be provided an opportunity to comment on consent agenda items.

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- An unnamed resident commented on the Month of the Child and Fair Housing Month proclamations.

End of public comment.

Motion by Council Member Ford
Seconded by Council Member Barton

Approve Consent Agenda Items 7.a through 7.f as submitted.

Ayes (5): Mayor Wixom, Council Member Landrum, Council Member Barton, Council Member Edwards, and Council Member Ford

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.a Approval of Minutes

Approve as submitted.

- a. March 12, 2024 - Special Closed Session Meeting
- b. March 12, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting

7.b Authorization to Apply for and Accept the Grant, if awarded, from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Authorize the Fire Department to apply for and accept the grant, if awarded, of funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency for the hiring of limited term Firefighters. This application would be for two (2) Firefighter positions to increase daily staffing to five (5) Firefighters.

7.c Approval of Assignment and Assumption Agreement, transferring Lease Site 129W-131W located at 1231 Embarcadero from Morro Bay Fish Company to Morro Bay Seafood Company and Approval of Settlement and Release Agreement with Morro Bay Fish Company

Approve the Assignment and Assumption Agreement transferring Lease Site 129W-131W located at 1231 Embarcadero from Morro Bay Fish Company to Morro Bay Seafood Company for the remainder lease term which ends on June 30, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release of all claims with Morro Bay Fish Company.

7.d Approval of Lease Agreements between the City of Morro Bay and Orietta M. DeGarimore, as Trustee of Michael G. and Orietta M. DeGarimore Revocable Trust for Lease Sites 105.1W/105.2 and Lease Sites 102/102W

Approve the Lease Agreement by and between the City of Morro Bay and Orietta M. DeGarimore, as Trustee of Michael G. and Orietta M. DeGarimore Revocable Trust for Lease Sites 105.1W/105.2 and Lease Sites 102/102W.

7.e Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month

Approve as submitted.

7.f Proclamation Declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month

Approve as submitted.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

None

10. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Council Member Landrum requested and received majority support for discussion and consideration of a resolution opposing AB 2560, proposed legislation that would eliminate the exemption of the Coastal Zone from the State's Density Bonus Law.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

/s/ Dana Swanson, City Clerk