



**MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**January 28, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay, CA**

Members Present: Mayor Carla Wixom
Council Member Cyndee Edwards
Council Member Jeff Eckles
Council Member Zara Landrum
Council Member Bill Luffee

Staff Present: City Manager Yvonne Kimball
Interim City Attorney Robert Schultz
City Clerk Dana Swanson
Public Works Director Greg Kwolek
Harbor Vitality Director Chris Munson
Police Commander Tony Mosqueda

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with all members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Wixom opened public comment for items on the agenda; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

3. SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM(S)

**3.a Presentation and Adoption of the City of Morro Bay's 2025-2026
Legislative Advocacy Platform**

<https://youtu.be/nklwZDFtXsw?si=il2PTg7XI1R0Db9y&t=29>

City Manager Kimball introduced the item and invited the City's state lobbyist, Spencer Street of Townsend Public Affairs, to present the Draft Legislative Plan and respond to Council inquiries.

The City's federal lobbyist, Mike Miller of The Ferguson Group, introduced himself and commented on the Draft Legislative Plan.

James Worthley, SLOCOG, presented an initiative to seek special legislation that would provide an exemption to the current two percent sales tax cap rate.

Following discussion, there was Council consensus to direct the following changes to the Draft Legislative Platform:

- Administrative Services, Item 6, clarify this relates to public employee employment rights.
- Incorporate the City's support for policies that promote investment in small business support and job growth.

Motion by Council Member Eckles
Seconded by Council Member Edwards

Adopt Resolution No. 05-25 approving the 2025-2026 City of Morro Bay Legislative Platform with amendments and edits as discussed.

Ayes (4): Mayor Wixom, Council Member Edwards, Council Member Eckles, and Council Member Luffee

Noes (1): Council Member Landrum

CARRIED (4 to 1)

4. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dana Swanson, City Clerk
