



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

**March 25, 2025, 5:30 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
Finance Director Emily Conrad
Public Works Director Greg Kwolek
Community Development Director Airlin Singewald
Police Chief Amy Watkins
Fire Chief Dan McCrain
Harbor Vitality Director Chris Munson

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

Mayor Wixom announced no closed session meeting was held.

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

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4.c City Manager Reports, Announcements and Presentations

<https://youtu.be/LOUHiQFCTpA?si=y-lpdqwlwYrgnFCb&t=1009>

4.d Subcommittee Reports - Verbal Update of Current Subcommittee Activities

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- a. Water Reclamation Facility & Morro Bay / Cayucos Sanitary District JPA
- b. Morro Bay Power Plant (Vistra)
- c. Offshore Wind Energy
- d. Downtown Design District

5. RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

5.a Presentation of Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map update

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Presented by Fire Chief Dan McCrain.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- Kiernan Cottle, Morro Bay, commented on the recently attended Ethics Training.
- Ray Riordan, Morro Bay Chamber Foundation President, announced fundraising efforts to provide student scholarships and an opportunity to support their efforts at the upcoming Community Recognition and Awards Gala.
- Paul Boisclair, Morro Bay Chamber Foundation, provided additional information about the Foundation's fundraising efforts.
- Barry Branin, Morro Bay, suggested the City form a 5-person committee to analyze and make recommendations about long-term opportunities related to City-owned property.
- Michelle Leicester-Cadaret, Morro Bay, requested a status update on the fire damaged property in the 400 block of Trinidad.
- Margaret Carman, Morro Bay, appreciated the goals setting session and establishing Morro Elementary as one of the priorities.
- Dina Lundquist, Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, appreciated the goals setting session and reinforced the importance of housing that supports a diverse community.
- Linda Winters, Morro Bay, provided an update on Monday night community dinners and urged residents to consider a donation to support

805 Outreach, a non-profit that provides free showers at the library on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

End of public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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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.

Mayor Wixom opened public comment on the Consent Agenda.

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- Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, raised questions regarding Item 7.c.

End of public comment.

Mayor Wixom invited Public Works Director Kwolek to respond to questions raised during public comment.

Motion by Mayor Wixom

Seconded by Council Member Landrum

Approve consent agenda items 7.a through 7.d as submitted.

Ayes (5): Mayor Wixom, Council Member Edwards, Council Member Eckles, Council Member Landrum, and Council Member Luffee

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.a Approval of Minutes

Approve as submitted.

- a. March 11, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting
- b. March 11, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting

7.b Accept Completion of Sequoia Court Storm Drain Repair Project

1. Accept the completed work by AAAA Engineering Construction, Inc., for the Sequoia Court Storm Drain Replacement Project; and
2. Authorize issuance and recording of the Notice of Completion; and
3. Transfer remaining project funds (\$23,508.63, General Fund) to the Annual Storm Drain Replacement Capital Project.

7.c Receive and File Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Water Reclamation Facility Quarterly Reports

Receive and file the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Quarter 1 and 2 reports for the Water Reclamation Facility Program (WRF).

7.d Approval of Proclamation

- a. Proclamation declaring the month of April Fair Housing Month

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

9.a Introduce an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Title 7 (Animals) of the Morro Bay Municipal Code

This item was pulled and will be reagendaized at a future meeting as a public hearing item.

9.b Authorize Community Development Director to request the Coastal Commission transfer permitting jurisdiction to the City for specified areas in accordance with Section 30613 of the Coastal Act

<https://youtu.be/LOUHiQFCTpA?si=VLB8yMaNiiGTdu5t&t=3295>

Community Development Director Singewald presented the report and responded to Council inquiries.

Mayor Wixom opened public comment for Item 9.b.

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- An unnamed resident asked if this action was categorically exempt under CEQA and wished to confirm maps were available.
- Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, questioned the boundaries, particularly the area below the bluff where the staircase used to be.

End of public comment.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Motion by Council Member Landrum
Seconded by Council Member Luffee

Authorize the Community Development Director to send the attached letter requesting the Coastal Commission transfer permitting jurisdiction to the City for specified areas in accordance with Section 30613 of the Coastal Act.

Ayes (5): Mayor Wixom, Council Member Edwards, Council Member Eckles, Council Member Landrum, and Council Member Luffee

CARRIED (5 to 0)

10. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/LOUHiQFCTpA?si=Vv-3WE04BHIPQe24&t=4572>

Council Member Landrum requested support for consideration of forming a marketing subcommittee to develop revenue enhancement ideas. There was consensus to allow the CFAC subcommittee to finish its work in this area and bring forward recommendations vetted by that Committee.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

/s/ Dana Swanson, City Clerk