



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

**July 22, 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: Interim City Manager Andrea Lueker  
Interim City Attorney Robert Schultz  
City Clerk Dana Swanson  
Finance Director Emily Conrad  
Community Development Director Airlin Singewald  
Police Chief Amy Watkins  
Fire Chief Dan McCrain

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**1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wixom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present.

**2. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. REPORTS**

**4.a Closed Session Report**

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=Mruj5bh8tP8hf2gP&t=81>

Interim City Attorney Schultz announced no action was taken in Closed Session that required reporting under the Brown Act.

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

[https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=ly\\_XHA9ngli\\_B3h0&t=98](https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=ly_XHA9ngli_B3h0&t=98)

**4.c City Manager Reports, Announcements and Presentations**

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=-NDI3YlyQ1L6DRuU&t=615>

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

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=i11vJWzOnxzWRy1h&t=710>

None

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

**5. RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5.a Donation Presentation by Friends of the Morro Bay Fire Department**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

**5.b National Night Out Proclamation**

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=-GcYIADvz2DkADs1&t=744>

Presented to Police Chief Amy Watkins who announced the City's National Night Out event will take place Tuesday, August 5th at Cloisters Park from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Alice Kolb, Morro Bay, announced an upcoming Historical Society event to be held at at Calvary Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m. on July 27th.
- Courtney Shepler, Morro Bay, invited the Council to have a community dialogue regarding fireworks regulations and consider a drone show as a children and dog friendly alternative.
- Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay resident and representative of REACT Alliance, promoted an upcoming event to be held Saturday, July 26th at Tidelands Park from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Barry Branin, Morro Bay, offered a suggested approach to retire debt related to construction of the Water Reclamation Facility in order to remove the water/sewer surcharge from monthly bills.
- Linda Winters, Morro Bay, expressed concern about the manner in which the City communicated Ms. Kimball's dismissal.
- Garry Johnson, Morro Bay, welcomed Ms. Lueker as Interim City Manager and shared his appreciation to the Fire Department for their response to a recent medical call.

- Kiernan Cottle, Morro Bay, offered his thoughts on community.
- Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, spoke in support of adding pickleball courts and, regarding Item 9.a, requested the Council not revise the public comment policy.
- June Swall, Morro Bay resident and representative of Friends of Morro Elementary School, announced Conductor Kent Nagano would be interested in doing a fundraising concert to support community efforts to purchase Morro Elementary.
- Margaret Carman, Morro Bay, looked forward to the upcoming Historical Society event. Regarding Item 9.a., she hoped the Council would not limit public comment to 30 minutes and wished to have an overhead projector.
- Michelle Leicester-Cadaret, Morro Bay, requested the City ban fireworks and explore the option of having a drone show.
- Nancy Johnson, Morro Bay, was pleased to welcome Ms. Lueker as Interim City Manager.

*End of public comment.*

## 7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=Gqm-DeDqmNntKO2U&t=2868>

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 for items on the Consent Agenda; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Council Member Eckles pulled Item 7.c.

**Motion by Mayor Wixom**

**Seconded by Council Member Edwards**

Approve Consent Agenda items 7.a and 7.b 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.

- June 10, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting
- June 24, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting

- c. June 24, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. June 25 and 27, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting
- e. June 27, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting
- f. July 1, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting
- g. July 10, 2025 - Special Meeting Minutes

**7.b Proclamations**

Approve as submitted.

- a. Proclamation declaring August 5, 2025, as "National Night Out" in Morro Bay

**7.c Approval of a 2-Year Lease Extension with Let's Get Tuned, LLC for property located at 781 Market Avenue**

[https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=q-mYaf\\_hJaSLrOk6&t=2918](https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=q-mYaf_hJaSLrOk6&t=2918)

Council Member Eckles noted an error in Item 3.1 where the numerical and written values for monthly rent did not match. Staff concurred and agreed to correct the written dollar amount to match the numerical value of \$5,528.

**Motion by Council Member Eckles  
Seconded by Council Member Luffee**

Approve and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a 2-year lease extension, with the corrections noted, for the City-owned property located at 781 Market Avenue (APN: 066-321-027).

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

**CARRIED (5 to 0)**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**9. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**9.a Discussion and Consideration of Adoption of Proposed Changes to the Council Policies & Procedures**

<https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=Vb8UCV64z6tBHKAU&t=3047>

City Attorney Schultz presented the report and responded to Council inquiries.

Mayor Wixom opened public comment for Item 9.a.

[https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=Ys0dgF12Alu\\_Egu5&t=5401](https://youtu.be/8P64QbWYyoA?si=Ys0dgF12Alu_Egu5&t=5401)

- Tim Crowley, Morro Bay, opposed limiting public comment to 30 minutes.
- Courtney Shepler, Morro Bay, urged the Council to defer voting on the item to allow further review and provide each Council Member an opportunity to review with the City Attorney and Clerk. She suggested speaker slips be required for public comment and expressed concerns about Chapter 8.
- Nancy Johnson, Morro Bay, spoke in support of the policy update and, if not tonight, hoped it would be approved very soon.
- Garry Johnson, Morro Bay, opposed the required use of speaker slips.

*End of public comment.*

Following discussion, there was consensus to approve the revised Council Policies with the following changes: Section 1.2.7, Council Member Reports and Announcements have a 'suggested' limit of 3 minutes each to allow flexibility; Section 3.11 specify the City's participation in an Amicus Curiae be consistent with the adopted legislative platform; and Section 5.6.3 regarding handling of private, personal and confidential mail specify staff will notify the Council Member they have confidential mail in their mailbox.

**Motion by Council Member Eckles**  
**Seconded by Council Member Luffee**

Adopt Resolution No. 44-25 approving the revised Policies with the following changes: 1) the section regarding the City Attorney's filing of an Amicus brief be revised to state the the brief must be consistent with the adopted legislative platform; 2) the section on the handling of confidential mail specify staff will notify the Council Member they have confidential mail in their mailbox; and 3) the time limit for Council Member announcements have a suggested limit of three minutes and suggested limit of five minutes for staff.

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/8P64QbWYoA?si=8cwnLSAdiuxoSzZW&t=7638>

Council Member Eckles requested and received full support for consideration of a revised fireworks ordinance.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dana Swanson, City Clerk