

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons	Mayor
	Christine Johnson	Councilmember
	Nancy Johnson	Councilmember
	George Leage	Councilmember
	Noah Smukler	Councilmember
STAFF:	Andrea Lueker	City Manager
	Robert Schultz	City Attorney
	Jamie Boucher	City Clerk
	Steve Knuckles	Fire Chief
	Susan Slayton	Administrative Services Director
	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director
	Joe Woods	Recreation & Parks Director
	Rob Livick	Public Services Director

Mayor Irons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – City Attorney Robert Schultz reported that City Council met in a Special Closed Session on September 10, 2013 on the following items: Government Code Section 54956.8: Property Transactions: Instructing City’s real property negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property as to one parcel: Lease Site 30W-33W, Bay Front Marina; and, Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator: Conference with City Manager, the City’s Designated Representative, for the purpose of reviewing the City’s position regarding the terms and compensation paid to the following employee organizations and giving instructions to the Designated Representative: Police Officer’s Association (POA), Management and Confidential Employees; no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

The local business presentation was made by Jon Greisser, the Executive Director of the Central California Seafood Marketing Association (CCSMA). CCSMA is a non-profit fisherman’s co-op marketing association based in Morro Bay who hopes to bring high quality, locally harvested wild seafood to consumers, protecting the health and productivity of fish stocks and habitat and to help stabilize fishery activity and business in Morro Bay. They currently represent six vessel

owners and operators located in Morro Bay and Half Moon Bay. Their mission is to build value and security for their members, their local fishing operations and their seafood products. Their goals are to build a strong foundation for an association with sufficient opportunity to be enduring, efficient and effective; build regional recognition, demand and value of association and member brands and products; and build mid to long term security in the fishery for current and prospective association members. They currently participate in the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce's Business Incubator Program which allows them subsidized office space, office equipment and supplies, support and access to resources and business counseling for start-up businesses. They have appreciated all the help that Lisa, Hank, Craig and John have been able to give them.

Robert Davis announced the upcoming Annual Lighthouse Century 2013 on Saturday, September 28th. The event begins at Morro Bay High School at 7:00am and is a fundraising event for many programs including our very own Morro Bay Community Police Services as well as Morro Bay High School. They are working diligently with the local community and law enforcement to make this a safe event.

Nicole Dorfman along with her sons Avery and Eli voiced her support for a Resolution that would enable Morro Bay to choose a large percentage of renewable sources for our electric power. She believes we need to keep moving away from being a society dependent on fossil fuels and to be more reliant upon renewable energy.

John Solu played a 30 second commercial advertising the upcoming Harbor Festival. There will be an oyster eating contest, Hawaiian t-shirt contest, vendors, beer and wine, incredible food and music. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Harbor Festival office or Albertsons for \$8 or they will be \$10 at the door. He reminded Council that they talked about and financially helped the Morro Bay 4th with their event; the Harbor Festival committee has also requested City financial support and as of the present, hasn't heard anything back. And finally, regarding Item D-5, he hopes that Council does not look to increase the City's TOT tax. He realizes there is a road problem but the tourists and tour busses don't drive the streets slated to be fixed and as such, shouldn't be footing the bill.

Garry Johnson presented a history of Dahlia Days. This annual event was held over the weekend and was a huge success. He thanked the City and Recreation & Parks staff for all the help they gave. Also, the 50th Year Anniversary is coming up and he continues to look for historical pictures.

Jan Watson commented on Item D-7. She recommends that Council vote no to join the CCA as we already have viable sources of energy with Diablo and the solar plant in our County supplying our energy needs. She feels this is a power controlling organization that will eventually eliminate all fossil fuel resources used for energy. She also feels this program would be taking away our freedoms of choice; she agrees we need to curb our use of fossil fuels but not at the risk of destroying our whole society.

Lynda Merrill spoke about the street work that has just been completed in her neighborhood, around San Jacinto. She feels a dangerous situation still remains. She would like to get a traffic

engineer to get parking off of San Jacinto and moved back to the side streets as well as realign the street where it used to be.

Loren Leidinger spoke as a representative of the American Red Cross. She mentioned that they have had a presence in San Luis Obispo County since the 1880's and their mission is to help families whose lives are affected by fires, floods and other disasters that affect their ability to live in their homes. She also presented the City Manager and the City Council with a copy of the MOU with California Emergency Management Agency, now called the Office of Emergency Services, which outlines what their role is in a disaster situation.

Linda Seeley, a San Luis Obispo resident, spoke for Mothers for Peace. She stated that the San Luis Obispo Chamber doesn't have any informational brochures available regarding Diablo for their tourists and hopes we make it a point to have brochures available in the case of an emergency. She also hopes there is signage inside of hotel rooms in case there is a release of radiation. She also spoke on Item D-7 stating that energy independence is what the CCA is all about. It allows for a broad choice and hopes we will endorse the CCA and send an individual to the CCA Advisory Board.

Dan Glessman spoke on Item D-5. He stated he enjoys living in a City that provides quality services, police and fire are good examples of that. He also stated we do have a defect that needs to be fixed; it's in our streets which are an expensive piece of our infrastructure. He added that we won't ever get ahead of the problem unless we invest \$900,000 a year for the next 15 years. He suggested the possibility of borrowing money to fix all the streets which would allow Public Services to bargain for better pricing and delivery; pass a half cent increase to local sales tax for this repair, make sure that this or any new revenue source have a sundown clause so that it will go away after the loan is paid off. Tourism is a key source for revenue in Morro Bay; as such, he hopes we don't raise the TOT.

Bonnie Crawford, employee at Sweet Offerings, a new business featuring homemade candies and ice cream spoke in opposition to the City negotiating a contract with the selected business for 307 Morro Bay Blvd. They feel the selected business would considerably impact their business who has already invested a lot of money and time into their location.

Nancy Castle announced there will be a BBQ and Concert this coming Saturday, September 14th at St. Peter's Church beginning at 2pm. The concert will feature Jody Mulgrew and Gary Garrett and starts at 7pm.

Dana Gibson supports the Council's participation in the exploration of the CCA. She hopes that the Resolution passes as it would be wonderful to have clean energy sources, we wouldn't have to worry about nuclear disasters, we could take the stacks down, and we could slow down on climate change and hopefully keep the money local to help us with our own renewable energy sources.

Taylor Newton thanked Nancy Johnson and Janith Goldman for involving the Guerilla Gardner's in the Dahlia Daze event. It was a wonderful event and they loved being a part of it.

Phil Kaspersky spoke on Item D-7 stating that he doesn't believe it's the government's place to make these decisions for us. He doesn't think people should be put in a place where those choices have already been made. He urged people to think about the horrible storms that we have had in the past; what about the PG&E employees who were the ones sent out to ensure we kept our power?

Christine Rogers shared a new EVC program with the Council. For a short period, they are offering a group purchasing program for solar systems. EVC will also provide educational programs on the topic; the program will run through November 1st.

Mayor Irons closed the public comment period.

Public Services Director Rob Livick commented on the situation on San Jacinto stating that staff is looking and evaluating a couple of different solutions to restriping the area. He also reiterated that the area has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour. It was also mentioned that Councilmembers Christine Johnson and Smukler as well as the Police Chief, Public Services Director and City Attorney are working towards alleviating/fixing the problem.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the City Council, the following actions are approved without discussion.

A-1 APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2013; (CITY ATTORNEY)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2013; (ADMINISTRATION)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

Mayor Irons opened up the public comment period for items on the Consent Calendar; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Nancy Johnson moved the City Council approve Items A-1 and A-2 of the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christine Johnson and carried unanimously 5-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 STATUS REPORT OF A MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PLAN (MMRP) FOR THE EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Public Services Director Rob Livick presented the staff report.

Mayor Irons opened up the public comment period for Item C-1; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Leage stated that there seems to be a lot of concern about how much we are fixing up this plant which concerns him. How much money and what would it take to bring it up to secondary?

Mr. Livick stated that for the plant at this site to meet secondary requirements, would require a structure/building to be constructed which would require a Coastal Development Permit which would inevitably be appealed to the Coastal Commission and we are quite certain how that would turn out. Given that, this site wouldn't be appropriate for secondary use.

The report is for review and file.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED SCOPE OF WORK; (ADMINISTRATION)

City Manager Andrea Lueker presented the staff report.

Mayor Irons opened up the public comment period for Item D-1.

Jon Greisser stated they were the first members of the Chamber's Incubator Program. As part of its mission and charge, they provide office space, supplies, office equipment, support, and access to resources and business counseling for start-up businesses. They moved in May and the Chamber has been very helpful in the transition.

Susan Stewart stated that the Chamber Board is fully supportive of CEO Craig Schmidt and excited about the future of the town. She emphasized the decision by City leaders that an economic and business development program is an important goal for the community, demonstrates insight and recognition that a strong local economy must be supported at the civic level. The Chamber Board believes strongly in the work of the Economic Development Program and supports those who are providing the resources and expertise to make this a viable program. This is a worthy investment in our community as well as an opportunity to provide organized business outreach, support and recruitment.

The public comment period for Item D-1 was closed.

Chamber CEO Craig Schmidt stated that their goals remain the same – gather information and data useful to the current business community and prospective new businesses; business retention and expansion, taking care of the businesses already here; and, new business recruitment to fill vacancies in our community. They have and continue to gather data relevant to demographics, commercial property inventory, retail sales gap analysis, event economic impact analysis, providing new business recruitment packets, and preparation of an Event

Planners Guide. To date they have met with 88 businesses to offer assistance, they will be making 20 business visits per month, they will be conducting in-depth business surveys with 100 Morro Bay businesses, and they will be providing information from those surveys in spring of 2014. They have also developed a listing of vacant commercial property, they have developed a list of desired businesses from the retail survey, they have reached out to Fresno and Bakersfield Chambers to identify businesses that may want a satellite location in Morro Bay and have worked with 15 businesses expressing a desire to relocate in Morro Bay of which 3 are up and running and 12 are on the active list. He also went on to say that Entrepreneurial Development – growing our own businesses in Morro Bay is vital. Over 20% of the Morro Bay workforce is self-employed. He feels that with proper professional assistance, the failure rate of those businesses can be turned around after 5 years. He finished by saying that the Morro Bay Business Center is fully functional, there are 2 active incubators using the Business Center, the business coaching team is in place, the new advisory council will resume meeting monthly, and they are lobbying the state to support Cuesta College, their most important training partner to provide more dollars for entrepreneurial development.

Councilmember Smukler asked about the Shop Local program to which Mr. Schmidt answered that it is a joint project with the Tourism Bureau whose components focus on 4 different retail areas: Quintana, No. Morro Bay, the Embarcadero and the Downtown area. Each will have its own event that creates an awareness of the shops in the area. The kick-off is slated for the end of October.

Councilmember Christine Johnson pointed out, from the report, that clear monthly reporting on increased sales tax and new start-ups and businesses attracted or retained will be the primary reporting focus. Tonight they have received a lot of information regarding the incubator program which has been really important and can also be used as a great recruitment tool. It's also important to point out that an incubator business isn't supposed to fill a large commercial space in the first 6 months; we need to see where and how things develop over time. She feels it's important to get out word about filling the empty commercial spaces.

Mr. Schmidt stated that they aren't looking at filling individual vacant spaces but instead putting together materials that will represent all the vacancies in town.

Mayor Irons stated that the Council is very supportive of Economic Development. He asked for this to come forward as he felt that considering the change that transpired, and for him, it wasn't communicated very well which led him to believe the community might feel there was some instability. To ignore that might make people think Council wasn't in support of the program. This hopefully tells the community that Council is still very supportive of the program.

Councilmember Nancy Johnson is a very strong supporter of this program. She would also like to recommend that the Chamber provide a brief monthly report providing numbers such as how many business packets have gone out, how many contacts/interactions have been made, how many referrals have been made, etc.

Councilmember Smukler liked that idea and hoped that it would be a brief and simple report so it wouldn't take a whole lot of Craig's time but does allow for us keeping aware of what is

occurring as well as allows the Chamber to let the City know if help is needed. It will also help at budget time to have these performance reports.

This report is to be received and filed only.

D-2 DISCUSSION OF A VOLUNTEER BUDGET REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE; (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Administrative Services Director Susan Slayton presented the staff report.

The public comment period for Item D-2 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Leage doesn't see anything wrong with what we are doing right now and is against forming this committee. He went on to say that staff is already overloaded; they don't need to also become teachers.

Councilmember Christine Johnson realizes this may not be a popular idea with staff but the City's Major Goal #5 is to Ensure Sustain Fiscal Responsibility; and, action plan, key task 'c' - continue with budget workshops to include more information and detail as well as a glossary and 'e' - to evaluate the concept of a budget subcommittee, are being met. She disagrees with staff where it states that currently there is significant amount of input from people with expertise in finance without the benefit of a formal subcommittee. She didn't see this during the budget process. It is the citizen's money and we are obligated to make time to hear what they have to say. She is in full support of creating a budget subcommittee and thinks the City of Benicia has a good and simple outline to follow.

Councilmember Nancy Johnson agrees with Councilmember Leage. She feels she has received wonderful and detailed advice from citizens and is happy with the informal way that citizens help. If the majority of Council chooses to go with this, she hopes that each Councilmember is allowed to nominate somebody to the committee.

Councilmember Smukler is in support of moving forward to look at how a committee could help look at priorities and strategize as well as look at other revenue generating opportunities as we move forward. He feels that we should start with a committee that is simple and build on that. He also feels that we have amazing expertise in this town willing to help out.

Mayor Irons is in support of this as well. There is always the opportunity, if there are successes we can build on it, if it's not working or taking too much staff time, we can recognize that and act accordingly.

MOTION: Councilmember Christine Johnson moved to approve the formation of a Citizen's Finance Committee and direct staff to prepare and bring back for Council consideration the following key elements for the Committee: mission, duties, structure, and scope of work; and Council to direct staff to use the cities of Benicia and Piedmont as guiding documents to create a working document for Citizens Finance Committee in

the City of Morro Bay. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and carried 3-2 with Councilmembers Nancy Johnson and Leage voting no.

D-3 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE SUBLEASE OF 307 MORRO BAY BLVD.; (ADMINISTRATION)

City Manager Andrea Lueker presented the staff report.

Applicant Beverly Ford stated that she wanted this business location to be an interactive gathering; she has received the help of Taylor Newton who has agreed to landscape, she has spoken with local musicians who have agreed to play, and there will be board and card games. The Chamber and Merchant's Association have been her biggest cheerleaders. She is also proud to be able to offer the public restroom as well as a bike parking area which will allow for anybody to park there and be able to shop and eat downtown.

Mayor Irons opened up the public comment period for Item D-3.

Barbara Doerr is amazed at the wonderful collaboration efforts. She urged Council to approve.

Susan Stewart thanked everybody for the restroom; she feels this is a great choice as it brings more life and vibrance to the downtown area.

Taylor Newton stated that the whole club is behind this. He appreciates working with local businesses in the community that allow for sustainable partnerships with their club. He also appreciates a business coming forward that allows his club members to explore their arts. He thanked the City for creating this opportunity.

The public comment period for Item D-3 was closed.

Councilmember Christine Johnson said it was a pleasure to work on this committee and that every idea was a great one. She is also very supportive of the businesses not selected and hopes they work with the Chamber in an effort to find a commercial space for them somewhere as it would be great to have all of those businesses in Morro Bay. This is also meets a Major City Goal #7 Improve City Infrastructure, key task e – Determine Downtown Restroom Feasibility. Her efforts were focused on whose business would be able to keep the restroom open as a public restroom. She is impressed with their research efforts, of their business model and their collaboration in creating this concept of the Gathering Place.

Councilmember Nancy Johnson thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the process. She also stated that Craig was a part of the committee so he will be able to contact those businesses not selected for other possible locations or to participate in the incubator program. She is very impressed with the time that Grandma's put into the process and is looking forward to approving this.

Councilmember Smukler stated it is important to recognize the public comment made earlier but that each proposal had the possibility of having competition with another business in the area. Grandma's is providing a great public benefit. He is glad to see that the Chamber will be contacting the other businesses. He would like to talk about possible escalators to the rent to

keep up the City's escalators with the owner. Mr. Schultz stated that that was a topic for Closed Session.

MOTION: Councilmember Nancy Johnson moved approval of Item D-3, directing staff to negotiate a sublease agreement for the sublease of 307 Morro Bay Blvd with Grandmas Place. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leage and carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-4 AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR A RATE STUDY FOR WATER & SEWER RATES; (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Public Services Director Rob Livick presented the staff report.

The public comment period for Item D-4 was opened.

Barbara Doerr posed some questions to Council regarding the funding of the WRF. Can the City use TOT or other tax measures to help pay for the WRF in an effort to help subsidize everybody equally?

The public comment period for Item D-4 was closed.

Mayor Irons stated that this staff report came to Council back in March of this year. Those minutes stated that this item was requested to be brought back and include a history of why we would go 20 years without adjusting water rates as well as what a rate policy would look like. This report doesn't have any of that data in it which troubles him. We need to come up with policy where we are proactively reviewing things. Before we go to an RFP, those questions need to be answered.

Councilmember Christine Johnson looked at the March 26th minutes as well and feels we need to dig in and lay out for the community as to why we haven't raised water rates in the last 20 years. She would love to see some historical analysis, doesn't have to be very detailed, maybe times and dates of when things were brought forward and what the decisions were. It would be helpful to her when she makes big decisions on rates. She would like to know the thought processes that previous Council's went through and how they struggled with it.

City Attorney Rob Schultz stated that 20 years ago when the City raised its rates, we had to fund State water and subsequently the desalination plant. It was only until approximately 5 years ago that the City found itself "behind the curve" financially; we hadn't been behind prior to that. It is his recollection that water rate discussions have come forward 2 or 3 times but there was never political support and so was never moved forward.

Councilmember Smukler agreed that the previous Council did discuss this issue but never came to any agreement. He feels it is very important in moving forward to present the community the justification of why we need this as well as provide the implications of what happens if this isn't done. He too feels we need to provide the history that has brought us here, to take a little more time to work through this, and then make the decision as to what the rate study needs to accomplish.

Mayor Irons read an excerpt from the March 26th minutes that stated “there should be more information, historical information, rate comparisons with other cities, as well a more detailed breakdown of our costs and expenses, and how our water and sewer rates tie together”. The community needs to be educated as to why our water rates are where they are and why it took 20 years for us to address it. We need to look at a policy to address this issue and shouldn’t be so quick to go out to RFP with this.

Councilmember Smukler agrees feels there needs to be more work done internally to present the justification information discussed at the previous meeting. He also feels it’s important to present historical information regarding expenditures in both the water and sewer funds and how they’ve been managed so far.

Mayor Irons also feels that the RFP can be worked on simultaneously so that it is ready to be sent out as soon as the historical information is presented at a future meeting.

Councilmember Christine Johnson is interested in what the historical thought process was, it isn’t important who said what or when but instead, what was said.

Councilmember Smukler would also like to know where our rates stand in comparison to other cities in the County.

This item was continued and is to be brought back with the information requested.

D-5 DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL REVENUE BALLOT MEASURES FOR THE JUNE 2014 ELECTION INCLUDING A SALES TAX, PUBLIC UTILITIES USER TAX, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, AND 911 TAX; (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Rob Schultz presented the staff report.

Councilmember Leage is very much against increasing the TOT tax; he would rather see us look at bringing businesses into town to increase business revenues. If he had to select a revenue measure to support, it would be the sales tax.

The public comment period for Item D-5 was opened.

Barbara Doerr stated that any new tax should only go to the new WRF as it is the biggest project. She hoped that residents would be treated as intelligent voters and wants to see everything put out there at once. The City has had success with sales tax because they were up front with what they were asking for. She said she wouldn’t support a Utility User Tax as it would have to be addressed every year. She would support a TOT tax increase. She hoped they wouldn’t look at an assessment tax.

The public comment period for Item D-5 was closed.

Mayor Irons stated that this item came forward from the results of a Councilmember request as well as results of the Street Summit. For him, this is driven by the community and the

community wants to pave streets. He would be in support of a specific sales tax initiative dedicated to streets just as proposed through our PWAB Board.

Councilmember Christine Johnson agrees with the Mayor as Streets is the City's #2 Major Goal. She has had many conversations with residents and based on those, can only support a tax to fix our streets and she is looking at a general sales tax as the tax to move forward with as it makes the most sense and would generate the most money. She is also looking for the public's input as to whether or not there would be support for this.

Councilmember Nancy Johnson is not in favor of any of the taxes. She would much rather see a stronger, non-tourist economic base. That being said, the City does need the money and the only tax measure she could support is a sales tax. She felt that if we raised the TOT to 14 or 15%, it would discourage tourists from coming/staying. A sales tax measure is fairer as it hits both residents and tourists. She would like to see an ad-hoc committee formed; she feels that one of the reasons that the Measure Q was so successful was through the work of that ad-hoc committee.

Councilmember Smukler stated the only revenue measure he could support is a sales tax measure. An increase to the TOT wouldn't be favorable to our market. He encouraged staff to continue to work with the Tourism Bureau to ensure their marketing and management is effective; he also stated that we needed to work towards weaning them off of the general fund monies. He agreed that the Measure Q format is a good format to work from. He also feels it would be beneficial to work this through a bit more. His number one concern is the sales tax increase that is being discussed at the County level which, if passed as well, could create a disincentive to shop in Morro Bay. He feels that it would be a good idea to have the Chamber do a survey with some of their members about this and what the impact might be to their business. He feels that PWAB is a good forum to work on this and get more details. He also definitely supports a citizen ad-hoc committee bigger than just the 2 Councilmembers.

Mayor Irons agrees that a survey tool is a good idea as the higher tax rate structure is concerning. He also likes the idea of a citizen committee and is in general support of moving forward as this is just an opportunity to explore what a sales tax initiative would be – ultimately, it's up to the voters.

Councilmember Smukler thinks we need to take our time and foresees this occurring at the November election.

Mayor Irons restated the items being supported from Council which include having an ad-hoc committee to work towards a possible general sales tax measure; creating and implementing a survey, using the Measure Q format, and having this ready for the November election.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved for the formation of an ad-hoc committee to work with the City Attorney for the purpose of developing a sales tax initiative within the guidelines of the Measure Q format for the purpose of streets; structure a survey mechanism and polling citizens; and presenting this at a public hearing at the PWAB in October. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smukler and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Discussion was held on the City Councilmembers to appoint to the ad-hoc committee. Councilmembers Nancy Johnson and Smukler volunteered to participate.

MOTION: Mayor Irons moved to appoint Councilmember Nancy Johnson and Councilmember Smukler to the Ad-hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christine Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-6 UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP); (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Public Services Director Rob Livick presented the staff report.

Councilmember Christine Johnson thanked the Public Services staff for amending the PMP and that the goals approved this year really did rely on us taking a more holistic view of the whole City and the paving.

Mayor Irons echoed those thanks recognizing it is a working document. He appreciates the attention to a cost effective strategy. There is the underlying note of the asphalt strike as well as weather that still concerns him.

The public comment period for Item D-6 was opened.

Jen Ford thanked Council and staff for fixing the potholes on her street. Is looking forward to seeing what happens - she said she didn't care what the streets looked like, as long as they were safe. She is comforted in knowing people are looking at this and appreciates the efforts of getting them fixed.

The public comment period for Item D-6 was closed.

Councilmember Smukler announced the "Let Us Know" module found on the City's website feeling it is the best way for staff to find out about street problems.

The item was received and filed.

D-7 RESOLUTION NO. 47-13 CONFIRMING THE CITY OF MORRO BAY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA) FEASIBILITY STUDY AND APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE CCA EXPLORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC); (ADMINISTRATION)

City Manager Andrea Lueker presented the staff report.

The public comment period for Item D-7 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Christine Johnson felt there was very little risk to get involved at this point in the process and suggests moving forward with the City's participation.

Mayor Irons stated that earlier public comment brought out reasons for and against the City's participation in the program. He feels there a lot of interesting things about this concept both for and against. He thinks it's good to be at the table when this is being discussed as it would be smart to be a part of their discussions.

Councilmember Nancy Johnson stated that since this is a feasibility study only, she sees nothing wrong in moving forward.

Councilmember Smukler stated that we need to be at the table to learn more and he is very interested in learning more.

MOTION: Councilmember Smukler moved approval of Resolution 47-13, confirming the City's participation in the Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study. The motion was seconded by Mayor Irons and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Mayor Irons asked for volunteers from Council to sit on the committee to which Councilmember Smukler was nominated. Councilmember Smukler stated that he is more inclined to be in favor of this concept and feels the Mayor would be a much more effective member of this committee as he would be cautious about it; he also has the background that would be the most beneficial.

Mayor Irons feels it would be an interesting opportunity.

MOTION: Councilmember Nancy Johnson moved to appoint Mayor Irons as the City's delegate to the CCA Exploration Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leage and carried unanimously.

D-8 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) PROJECT STATUS AND DISCUSSION; (ADMINISTRATION)

City Manager Andrea Lueker presented the staff report.

The public comment period for Item D-8 was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

This report was received and filed.

E. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Leage requested a discussion of the Parking Management Plan concentrating on delivery truck parking on Central Embarcadero between Harbor and Pacific; Mayor Irons and Councilmember Nancy Johnson concurred.

Councilmember Smukler requested an evaluation of options of use for the old Transit Building on Harbor Street; Mayor Irons and Councilmember Christine Johnson concurred.

Councilmember Christine Johnson requested staff schedule a Budget Report of the use of City funds by the Tourism Bureau to include a report of City funds used in marketing (overnight and regional) and a report of City funds used by the Visitor's Center from the time of the transition of the Visitor's Center from the Chamber of Commerce to the Bureau into the present; Mayor Irons and Councilmember Smukler concurred.

Councilmember Christine Johnson requested an evaluation of options to improve citywide collaboration between Economic Development, Marketing, Events and City Operations; Mayor Irons and Councilmember Smukler concurred.

Mayor Irons requested a discussion of what a water rate policy would look like and how to present it; Councilmembers Christine Johnson and Smukler concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57pm.

Recorded by:

Jamie Boucher
City Clerk