REVISED 5/14/2026 AT 3:50 PM

City of Capitola
City Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Margaux Morgan
Vice Mayor: Gerry Jensen
Council Members: Joe Clarke, Melinda Orbach, Susan Westman

Closed Session – 5:30 PM

Closed Sessions are not open to the public and held only on specific topics allowed by State Law (noticed below). An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made in the City Hall Council Chambers prior to the Closed Session. Members of the public may, at this time, address the City Council on closed session items only. There will be a report of any final decisions in City Council Chambers during the Open Session Meeting.

i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't. Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(3)

One Case

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Joe Clarke, Melinda Orbach, Susan Westman, Vice Mayor Gerry Jensen, and Mayor Margaux Morgan

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

3. Presentations

Presentations are limited to eight minutes.

A. Proclamation Declaring May 18 - May 25, 2026, as National Beach Safety Week

B. Presentation of the 2025 Herb Ross Officer of the Year Award to Sergeant Kraig Evans

C. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the Inaugural Members of the Police Chief Advisory Committee

4. Report on Closed Session

5. Additional Materials

Additional information related to an agenda item on this agenda and submitted to the City after distribution of the agenda packet pursuant to Government Code §54957.5. All correspondence received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding a Council Meeting will be distributed to Councilmembers to review prior to the meeting. Information submitted after 5 p.m. on that Wednesday may not have time to reach Councilmembers, nor be read by them prior to consideration of an item.

A. Item 9A - Correspondence Received

B. Item 9B - Correspondence Received

6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

Oral Communications allows time for members of the Public to address the City Council on any "Consent Item" on tonight's agenda, or on any topic within the jurisdiction of the City that is not on the "General Government/Public Hearings" section of the Agenda. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor. Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications. All speakers must address the entire legislative body and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue. ***A maximum of 30 minutes*** *is set aside for Oral Communications.*

7. Staff / City Council Comments

Comments are limited to three minutes.

8. Consent Items

All items listed as "Consent Items" will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Council votes on the action unless members of the City Council request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered following General Government. Note that all Ordinances which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the special meeting on April 21, 2026, the regular meeting on April 23, 2026, the special meeting on April 30, 2026, and the special meeting on May 6, 2026.

B. Liability Claim
Recommended Action: Deny liability claim from Julissa Guzman.

C. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Appropriation Limit
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution setting the Fiscal Year 2026-27 appropriation limit.

D. Appointment to City Advisory Body
Recommended Action: By motion and vote, appoint Raymond Gaeta to the Capitola Historical Museum Board to a term expiring June 30, 2028.

E. Proposed Expansion of Marine Protected Areas
Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter opposing the petition under consideration by the California Fish and Game Commission, which requests to expand the boundaries of Natural Bridges State Marine Reserve (SMR) and designate a new state marine conservation area (SMCA) off Pleasure Point.

F. Support for State Budget Request for Public Beach Restoration Program Funding
Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to execute a letter supporting the allocation of $200 million in Proposition 4 Climate Bond funding for the Department of Boating and Waterways Public Beach Restoration Program.

G. Escalona Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation, Parcel Creation, and Reservation of Easements
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution: 1) vacating a portion of the Escalona Avenue right-of-way, approving creation of a parcel, and reserving a public open space easement and a public access easement over the parcel; and 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute and record all documents necessary to effectuate these actions, subject to minor modifications approved by the City Manager, City Engineer, and City Attorney.

H. Local Roadway Safety Plan and Long-Term Roadway Safety Goal
Recommended Action: 1) Adopt the City of Capitola Local Roadway Safety Plan; and 2) adopt a resolution establishing a long-term goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Capitola roadways by 2045, consistent with Safe System and Vision Zero principles.

9. General Government / Public Hearings

All items listed in "General Government / Public Hearings" are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed. The following procedure pertains to each General Government item: 1) Staff explanation; 2) Council questions; 3) Public comment; 4) Council deliberation; 5) Decision.

A. Bay Avenue Corridor Project Update & Rule 20A Coordination
Recommended Action: Receive an update regarding the Bay Avenue Corridor Project, including completed outreach, available funding opportunities, and Rule 20A utility undergrounding coordination; confirm whether to continue coordinating corridor improvements with underground utility work; and provide direction on which project components to advance.

B. Transition to By-District Elections
Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on the transition to by-district elections, receive community input, and provide direction to staff and the demographer regarding the composition of voting districts and number of districts.

C. Amendment to FY 2025-26 City Fee Schedule
Recommended Action: Conduct the duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025–26 and adopt a resolution amending the current fee schedule, effective May 14, 2026.

D. FY 2026-27 City Fee Schedule
Recommended Action: Conduct the duly noticed public hearing on the proposed changes to the City's Fee Schedule and adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fee Schedule.

10. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on May 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

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Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The City Council Agenda and the complete Agenda Packet are available for review on the City's website and at Capitola City Hall prior to the meeting. Need more information? Contact the City Clerk's office at 831-475-7300.

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