

# City of Capitola

## Special City Council Meeting Agenda

### Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 5:30 PM



City Council Chambers  
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**Mayor:** Vacant  
**Vice Mayor:** Joe Clarke  
**Council Members:** Gerry Jensen, Melinda Orbach, Alexander Pedersen

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### Special Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 5:30 PM

*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.*

#### 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Gerry Jensen, Melinda Orbach, Alexander Pedersen, and Vice Mayor Joe Clarke.

#### 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

#### 3. Additional Materials

*Additional information submitted to the City after distribution of the agenda packet.*

- A. Item 6A - Correspondence Received
- B. Item 6B - Correspondence Received
- C. Item 6C - Correspondence Received
- D. Item 6D - Correspondence Received & One Application Withdrawn

#### 4. 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.*

#### 5. Staff / City Council Comments

*Comments are limited to three minutes.*

#### 6. 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. Appointment to Vacant City Council Seat  
Recommended Action: Receive a report regarding the interview process to fill the City Council vacancy and consider rescheduling the interviews to January 27, 2025.
- B. City Council Reorganization for 2025  
Recommended Action: Nominate and appoint a new Mayor and Vice-Mayor.
- C. City Council Representation on Regional Boards & City Advisory Bodies  
Recommended Action: Review nominations for City Council representatives on regional boards for the City Selection Committee meeting on January 27, 2025; review appointments of City Council representatives on regional boards and committees and City advisory bodies.
- D. City Council Appointments to City Advisory Bodies  
Recommended Action: Appoint members of the public to the City of Capitola’s Art and Cultural Commission, Commission on the Environment, Finance Advisory Committee, and Historical Museum Board; appoint a member of the public as an alternate to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Bicycle Advisory Committee.

## 7. Closed Session

*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 Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)  
One Case

## 8. Report on Closed Session

## 9. Adjournment - *The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on January 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM.*

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City of Capitola, California YouTube Channel

#### To Join Zoom Application or Call in to Zoom:

Meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83328173113?pwd=aVRwcWN3RU03Zzc2dkNpQzRWVXAydz09>

Or dial one of these phone numbers: **1 (669) 900 6833, 1 (408) 638 0968, 1 (346) 248 7799**

Meeting ID: **833 2817 3113**

Meeting Passcode: **678550**

### How to Provide Comments to the City Council

Members of the public may provide public comments to the City Council in-person during the meeting. If you are unable to attend in-person, please email your comments to [citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us](mailto:citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us) and

they will be included as a part of the record for the meeting. Please be aware that the City Council will not accept comments via Zoom.

**Notice regarding City Council:** The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

**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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