

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Joe Clarke

Vice Mayor: Margaux Morgan

Council Members: Gerry Jensen, Melinda Orbach, Susan Westman

Closed Session – 5:15 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code § 54956.8)
Property: Capitola Wharf Buildings, 1400 Wharf Road (APN: 034-072-01)
City Negotiator: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: JFS Incorporated (dba Capitola Boat and Bait)
Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

3. Presentations

Presentations are limited to eight minutes.

- A. Proclamation Recognizing September 29 through October 5 as "Week Without Driving 2025"

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 8A - Correspondence Received
- B. Item 8B - Correspondence Received
- C. Item 9A - Correspondence Received

- D. Item 9B - Correspondence Received
- E. Item 9C - 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 regular meeting on September 11, 2025.
- B. Capitola Municipal Code Title 17 Amendments
Recommended Action: 1) Adopt an ordinance amending Capitola Municipal Code Title 17: Zoning for the Residential Multifamily Zone and the Zoning Map; and 2) adopt an ordinance amending Capitola Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 17.74: Accessory Dwelling Units.
- C. Coastal Conservancy Grant Application
Recommended Action: Authorize staff to submit a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Esplanade Park Coastal Access Enhancement & Adaptation Plan.
- D. Landscape Design and Planting Plan for the Park at Rispin Mansion
Recommended Action: Receive report.

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 and Hill Street Traffic Safety Update
Recommended Action: Receive an update on the Bay Avenue and Hill Street intersection and provide direction regarding next steps.
- B. Code of Conduct Complaint
Recommended Action: Determine whether the complaint filed by Kevin Maquire against Council Member Orbach on June 12, 2025, should be added to a future agenda for further discussion and determination, or dismissed for the reasons stated in Administrative Policy I-42.
- C. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Capitola Active Transportation Plan
Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff.

- D. Capitola Community Center Renovation - Quarterly Progress Report
Recommended Action: Receive a quarterly progress report on the Capitola Community Center Renovation Project.
- E. Award of Construction Contract for Treasure Cove Playground Project
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution awarding the construction contract for the Treasure Cove Playground Project to SSB Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,446,238, authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract, and authorizing the Public Works Department to issue a notice to proceed upon final contract execution.
- F. City Council Request for a Special Meeting
Recommended Action: Identify potential dates, structure, and topics for the proposed meeting.

10. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on October 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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Meeting

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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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