

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 26, 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 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—LIABILITY CLAIMS (Gov. Code § 54956.95)
Claim Against the City of Capitola
Claimant: Esther Francis Schrank
- ii. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Govt. Code § 54957(b))
City Council's Performance Evaluation of the City Manager

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. Recognition of Participants of "Discover Capitola"

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 8E - Correspondence Received
- B. Item 8F - Staff Memorandum
- C. Item 9A - Correspondence Received

- D. Item 9D - Staff Memorandum and Budget Amendment

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 March 12, 2026, and the special meeting on March 16, 2026.

- B. City Check Registers

Recommended Action: Approve check registers dated January 16, 2026, January 30, 2026, February 13, 2026, and February 20, 2026.

- C. Liability Claims Against the City of Capitola

Recommended Action: Deny liability claim submitted by Esther Francis Schrank.

- D. Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution adopting the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) 2025 Update, including Volume 1 and the City of Capitola Annex contained in Volume 2.

- E. Capitola Mall and Objective Standards Zoning Code Amendments

Recommended Action: Adopt an ordinance amending Capitola Municipal Code Title 17: Zoning.

- F. Housing Element Annual Progress Report 2025

Recommended Action: Receive report and direct staff to submit the annual report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1, 2026.

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. Stockton Avenue Bridge Investigation Update

Recommended Action: Receive report on the Stockton Avenue Bridge investigation.

- B. Community Action Board Appointment

Recommended Action: Appoint a representative to the Santa Cruz County Community Action Board.

C. Local Roadway Safety Plan

Recommended Action: Receive an informational presentation on the draft Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) and provide feedback.

D. 41st Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation and Multimodal Improvements

Recommended Action: 1) Award a construction contract to Granite Rock Company for the 41st Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation and Multimodal Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,037,868; and 2) adopt a resolution amending the FY 2025-26 Budget in the amount of \$239,500 from RMRA and Measure D Funds and \$60,000 from the Gas Tax Fund identified in the FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Report.

E. FY 2026-27 Budget Principals and Goals

Recommended Action: 1) Review progress and status of adopted 2025-27 Strategic Plan Priorities; and 2) Identify goals and related key projects for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

10. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on April 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

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