

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Kristen Brown

Vice Mayor: Yvette Brooks

Council Members: Joe Clarke, Margaux Morgan, Alexander Pedersen

Closed Session – 5:30 PM

- i. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Govt. Code § 54957(b))
City Council's Performance Evaluation of the City Manager
- ii. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code § 54956.8)
Property: Esplanade Park (APN 035-26-209)
City Negotiator: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager
Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease of Real Property

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. In attendance: Council Members Clarke, Morgan, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brooks, and Mayor Brown.*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *None*
3. **Presentations**
 - A. *Mayor Brown presented a certificate of recognition to Luke Coatney, the "Mayor for a Day" Youth Essay Contest Winner.*
4. **Report on Closed Session** – *The City Council met and discussed two items on the Closed Session Agenda. No reportable action was taken.*
5. **Additional Materials**
 - A. *Item 9B - Updated Attachment 1 and one email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
6. **Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
 - *Goran Klepic*
 - *John Mulry*
 - *Marilyn Garrett*
7. **Staff / City Council Comments** – *None*
8. **Consent Items**
 - A. City Council Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on October 24, 2024, and the special meeting on November 7, 2024.

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- B. City Check Registers
Recommended Action: Approve check registers dated October 11, 2024, and October 18, 2024.

- C. 2024 Zoning Code Updates
Recommended Action: Adopt an ordinance amending Capitola Municipal Code Title 17: Zoning, Chapter 18.03: Density Bonus, and the Zoning Map (collectively, the “Zoning Code Amendments”), as well as amending Chapter 9.61: Marijuana Sales, Processing and Cultivation. **(Ordinance No. 1066)**

Project Description: Application #24-0026 for Amendments to Capitola Municipal Code Title 17: Zoning, Chapter 18.03: Density Bonus, and the Zoning Map, collectively known as the “Zoning Code Amendments,” as well as a conforming amendment to Chapter 9.61, Marijuana Sales, Processing and Cultivation. The proposed Zoning Code amendments will impact the development standards and regulations for properties Citywide. The Zoning Code and Zoning Map are part of the City’s Local Coastal Program (LCP), and amendments require certification by the California Coastal Commission before taking effect in the Coastal Zone. The amendments to Chapter 9.61 are conforming changes that implement the Zoning Code Amendments allowing for retail cannabis in the C-C zone when fronting 41st Avenue. The proposed Zoning Code Amendments are exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Morgan

Second: Council Member Pedersen

Voting Yea: Council Members Clarke, Morgan, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brooks, Mayor Brown

9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Stockton Bridge Debris Mitigation Project Update
Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the City Council: 1) receive report; and 2) direct staff to utilize available funding to develop project plans/permits and solicit public feedback to rebuild Stockton Bridge to address flood risk and debris accumulation.

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

- **Dave Fox**
- **John Mulry**
- **Marilyn Garrett**

The City Council discussed the possibility of debris mitigation in Soquel Creek prior to implementation of any long-term replacement projects and stressed the importance of using state grant funding over City funds for this project.

Motion to direct staff to utilize available funding to develop project plans, obtain permits, and solicit public input: Vice Mayor Brooks

Second: Mayor Brown

Voting Yea: Council Members Clarke, Morgan, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brooks, Mayor Brown

- B. FY 2024-25 City Fee Schedule
Recommended Action: Conduct the duly noticed public hearing on the proposed City Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and adopt a resolution amending the current fee schedule.

Finance Director Malberg presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

- **Marilyn Garrett**

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The City Council discussed the possibility of a collaborative program with Central Coast Community Energy to reimburse the City for costs associated with staff time for permit review for vehicle charging stations to align with the goals of the Climate Action Plan.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4402, with changes as read into the record during the meeting and with the removal of fees for vehicle charging stations (lines 11-14 of Exhibit A of the resolution): Vice Mayor Brooks

Second: Council Member Morgan

Voting Yea: Council Members Clarke, Morgan, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brooks, Mayor Brown

10. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on November 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

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Kristen Brown

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ATTEST:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

Signed by:

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk