

City of Capitola

Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 30, 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

- i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't. Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1).
One Case
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Special 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, Orbach, Westman, Vice Mayor Jensen, and Mayor Morgan.*
2. **Additional Materials**
 - A. Item 4A - *Seven emails received after publication of the agenda packet.*
 - B. Item 4B – *One staff memorandum with Updated Report, Recommendation, and Attachments & Correspondence Received and one email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
3. **Report on Closed Session** - *The City Council met and discussed two items on the Closed Session agenda. No reportable action was taken.*
4. **General Government / Public Hearings**
 - A. Resolution Declaring the City of Capitola's Intent to Initiate Procedures to Transition From At-Large Elections to District-Based Elections Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010; Approving the Tentative Timeline and Other Related Actions.
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution declaring the City's intent to initiate procedures to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010, and approving the tentative timeline and other related actions.

City Attorney Marc Tran presented the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

- ***Mick Routh***
- ***Speaker***
- ***Theresa Green***
- ***Jaques Bertrand***
- ***Kevin Maguire***

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- **Linda Smith**

Council discussed the timeline to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections and the possibility of adding a community meeting to the schedule.

***Motion to approve Resolution No. 4482 with amendments to the meeting schedule:
Council Member Orbach***

Second: Council Member Westman

Voting Yea: Council Members Clarke, Orbach, Westman, Vice Mayor Jensen, and Mayor Morgan

B. Agreement for Demographer Consultant

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with a consultant to be recommended by the Council ad-hoc subcommittee for demographer and mapping consultant services to transition the City to by-district elections, in an amount to be recommended by the Council ad-hoc subcommittee; and 2) adopt a resolution amending the FY 2025-26 budget for expenditures related to the transition to by-district elections.

City Manager Goldstein presented the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

- **Enrique Dolmo**
- **Speaker**

***Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with National Demographic Services for demographer and mapping consultant services to transition the City to by-district elections and approve Resolution No. 4483 amending the budget:
Council Member Orbach***

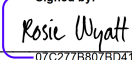
Second: Vice Mayor Jensen

Voting Yea: Council Members Clarke, Orbach, Westman, Vice Mayor Jensen, and Mayor Morgan

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

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Rosie Wyatt, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by:



Margaux Morgan, Mayor