

City of Capitola

Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 03, 2026 – 4:00 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

Special Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 4 PM

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Clarke, Westman, Vice Mayor Jensen, and Mayor Morgan. Absent: Council Member Orbach.

2. Additional Materials

- A. *Item 3A – Two emails received after publication of the agenda packet.*
- B. *Item 4 – One piece of correspondence received after publication of the agenda packet.*

3. General Government

- A. Chapter 8.40: Capitola Municipal Code

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt an urgency ordinance amending Chapter 8.40 of the Capitola Municipal Code to remove the expiration language in Section 8.40.150(G), so the City's safe drug and sharps disposal requirements remain in effect; and 2) introduce for first reading, waiving further reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 8.40 of the Capitola Municipal Code to remove the expiration language in Section 8.40.150(G).

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report. Staff invited Darcy Pruitt, staff member from Santa Cruz County, to speak about the item.

Public Comment: None

The Council provided positive feedback on the City's existing safe disposal program for medications and sharps containers.

Motion to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1077 and introduce Ordinance No. 1078: Council Member Westman

Second: Council Member Clarke

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

Absent: Council Member Orbach

4. Oral Communications by Members of the Public – None

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5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on September 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Signed by:

Margaux Morgan

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Margaux Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Julia Gautho

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk