

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 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

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Clarke, Morgan, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brooks, and Mayor Brown.*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *Staff pulled Item 8D from the agenda.*
3. **Presentations**
 - A. *Presentation from Oneill's Sea Odyssey*
 - B. *Presentation from Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired*
4. **Additional Materials**
 - A. *Item 8B – One email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
 - B. *Item 8C - One letter received after publication of the agenda packet.*
 - C. *Item 8D - One email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
5. **Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
 - *Janet Edwards*
 - *Terri Thomas*
 - *Cheryl Van*
 - *Marilyn Garrett*
 - *Matt Arthur*
 - *Carin Hanna*
 - *Melinda Orbach*
 - *Richard Lewis*
 - *Keith Cahalen*
 - *Tracey Weiss*
6. **Staff / City Council Comments**
 - *City Manager Goldstein advised the public that the City is actively recruiting for all advisory groups.*
 - *Public Works Director Kahn provided updates on upcoming projects that will impact traffic in Capitola.*
 - *Police Chief Dally provided updates on traffic calming and traffic safety.*
 - *Council Member Clarke congratulated the Police Department on their social media outreach.*

- *Council Member Pedersen requested that the filtered cigarette ban come back to the City Council at a future meeting; and requested that an item considering an Economic Development Committee be brought back to the City Council at a future meeting.*
- *Vice Mayor Brooks requested that the City Manager provide an update to the City Council about upcoming traffic impacts and upcoming projects.*
- *Mayor Brown reminded the public of the City’s youth participation opportunities, reminded the public to drive safely, and reminded the public of the Monte Foundation Fireworks Show on October 13th.*

7. Consent Items

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on September 26, 2024.
- B. Donations Report FY 2023-24
Recommended Action: Receive the Annual Donations and Contributions Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Morgan

Second: Council Member Clarke

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

8. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Netherlands Transportation Study Visit
Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on the June 2024 Santa Cruz County Delegation Transportation Study Visit to the Netherlands with the Dutch Cycling Embassy.
- Public Works Project Manager Mozumder and Matt Miller, Ecology Action, presented the staff report.***

Public Comment:

- ***Marilyn Garrett***
- ***Paula Bradley***
- ***Janet Edwards***
- ***Keith Cahalen***
- ***Melinda Orbach***
- ***Richard Lewis***

- B. RFQ for 41st Avenue Corridor Plan
Recommended Action: Authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a 41st Avenue Corridor Plan.

Community Development Director Herlihy presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- ***Melinda Orbach***
- ***Keith Cahalen***
- ***Terri Thomas***
- ***Matt Miller***

The City Council discussed the timing of the City’s Strategic Plan Project, Annexation Study, and the proposed 41st Avenue Corridor Plan, and weighed the consequences of delaying the Corridor Plan to leverage the results of other ongoing projects.

Motion to authorize staff to issue an RFQ for a 41st Avenue Corridor Plan: Council Member Clarke

Second: Council Member Pedersen

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

C. Capitola Mall Redevelopment Land Use Study

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation by Kosmont Companies on the findings of the Capitola Mall Redevelopment Land Use Study.

Community Development Director Herlihy and the Kosmont Company presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- **Terri Thomas**
- **Carpenters Local Union No. 46**
- **Kim Fry**
- **Janet Edwards**

The City Council voiced appreciation for staff and the consultant’s work on this study and encouraged further partnership with the Capitola Mall owner/developer.

D. Council Parental Leave

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution adopting an Administrative Policy permitting the City Council absences from official service occasioned by parental leave for up to 12 weeks. (**Item pulled from the agenda by staff**)

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on October 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

Julia Gautho, City Clerk