

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 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 – 5:15 PM

- i. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code § 54956.8)
Property: Capitola Wharf Buildings, 1400 Wharf Road (APN: 034-072-01)
City Negotiator: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: JFS Incorporated (dba Capitola Boat and Bait)
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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, Brooks, and Mayor Brown.*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *None*
3. **Presentations**
 - A. *Robert Seals performed an original song, “Capitola Village Sunday.” The Mayor declared that “Capitola Village Sunday” shall be the City of Capitola’s official song.*
4. **Report on Closed Session** – *The City Council met and discussed one item on the Closed Session Agenda. No reportable action was taken.*
5. **Additional Materials**
 - A. *One email was received relating to Item 9B.*
6. **Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
 - *Alex Fowler*
 - *Goran Klepic*
 - *Nick Hart*
 - *Kory Asfour*
 - *Kyle Josephson*
 - *Marilyn Garrett*
 - *Kyle*
7. **Staff / City Council Comments**
 - *Council Member Morgan congratulated staff on the Bicycle Docking Station ribbon cutting event and encouraged the public to use this new service.*
 - *Vice Mayor Brooks requested that staff ensure that feminine hygiene dispensers are filled regularly; that staff respond to public comments about the Pump Track; that staff provide*

information to the City Council about receiving a Sister City designation; that staff affirm that the City Council can use City Council Training funds to buy branded gear; and recognized the Mayor for her contributions to the RTC at the RTC Groundbreaking Event on April 11th.

- *The City Manager addressed the Pump Track requests by informing the City Council that it will be brought back during the Budget process.*
- *Mayor Brown congratulated Recreation staff on the CSLSA Event that is being held in Capitola.*

8. Consent Items

A. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approved minutes from the regular meeting on March 28, 2024.

B. COE Bylaws & FY 2023-25 Goals

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution adopting amended Commission on the Environment Bylaws and approved the list of Commission on the Environment Goals for FY 2023-25.

C. Pedestrian Pathway from the Upper Beach and Village Parking Lot to Monterey Avenue

Recommended Action: Approved the plans, specifications, and construction budget of \$370,000 for a Pedestrian Pathway from the Upper Beach and Village Parking Lot to Monterey Avenue; approved the Coastal Development Permit; and authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise for construction bids.

Vice Mayor Brooks pulled Item 8B and requested that the Commission on the Environment provide a City Council presentation at a future meeting.

Motion to approve Items 8A and 8C: Vice Mayor Brooks

Second: Council Member Morgan

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

9. General Government / Public Hearings

A. Potential Ballot Measures

Recommended Action: Provided staff direction regarding potential tax measure(s) for placement on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot.

Chloe Woodmansee, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- ***Marilyn Garrett***

The City Council provided direction to staff to prepare a ballot measure replacing Measure F with a half-cent sales tax for the length of 10 years beginning in January 2025, and requested staff to research and refer to other agency measure language to ensure Capitola's measure is competitive to voters.

B. Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project Update

Recommended Action: Adopted Resolution No. 4361 amending the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget to allocate an amount not to exceed \$430,000 in funding for the Wharf Project for additional project expenditures.

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- ***Gerry Jensen***
- ***Carin Hanna***

- **Marilyn Garrett**

The City Council directed staff to reduce utility hookups to two, remove vehicle runners from the current project scope, add wood cladding to the restroom, and add \$50,000 to the project budget to cover contingency costs from the Facilities Reserve Fund.

Motion to amend the FY 2023-24 Budget to increase the Wharf Project budget by \$480,000: Vice Mayor Brooks

Second: Mayor Brown

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Pedersen

10. Adjournment – Adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on April 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

Julia Gautho, City Clerk