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, Orbach, 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.

Public Comment:

- ***Darcy Pruitt, County of Santa Cruz***

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*

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.

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Margaux Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk