

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 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 Joe Clarke, Margaux Morgan, Alexander Pedersen, Yvette Brooks, and Mayor Kristen Brown.*
- 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *None*
- 3. Presentations**
 - A. *Mayor Brown presented certificates of recognition to the 2024 Junior Guard Participants.*
- 4. Additional Materials**
 - A. *Item 7D – One email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
 - B. *Item 8A - Two emails received after publication of the agenda packet.*
 - C. *Item 8B - One email received after publication of the agenda packet.*
- 5. Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
 - *Goran Klepic*
 - *Marilyn Garrett*
 - *Gary Allstart*
- 6. Staff / City Council Comments**
 - *City Manager Goldstein expressed his gratitude for the public and staff's participation in the Capitola Wharf Grand Reopening Event. He also reminded the public and the City Council of the Public Community Forum on October 1st at 6:00 PM to discuss the City's Strategic Plan and obtain public input.*
 - *Council Member Clarke thanked the public for their attendance at the Wharf Grand Opening Event and requested that the City consider maintaining a portable restroom facility on the Wharf and challenged the Police Chief to a paddle board race.*
 - *Council Member Morgan thanked the public for their attendance at the Wharf Grand Opening Event.*
 - *Council Member Pedersen echoed sentiments about the Wharf Grand Opening Event.*
 - *Vice Mayor Brooks thanked staff, CWEP, and our allied agencies for their efforts to reopen the Wharf. She also provided an update on the appointment of two Capitola Youth Liaisons. Vice Mayor Brooks shared concerns about the closure of the Bay/Porter off-ramp from Highway 1 and requested that traffic safety data be paused during this closure. She also echoed Council Member Clarke's request about the Wharf portable bathroom facilities. She*

requested that the Long Term Wharf Plan Survey and the Strategic Plan be agendaized at upcoming City advisory group meetings.

- *Mayor Brown echoed sentiments about the Wharf Grand Opening Event. She reminded the public that they may find information about the Bay/Hill Traffic Improvements Project on the City's website.*
- *Council Member Clarke requested that the City work with the CVWBIA to continue to host Wharf Events monthly year-round.*

7. Consent Items

A. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on September 12, 2024.

B. City Check Registers

Recommended Action: Approve check registers dated August 30, 2024, September 6, 2024, and September 13, 2024.

C. State Grant Administration Agreement Amendment

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Adams Ashby Group for grant administration services for 2023 Community Development Block Grant Administration in the amount of \$100,000, for a total contract value of \$240,052.

D. Annexation Feasibility Plan Development Contract Award

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with RSG Inc. to study the feasibility of annexation in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, subject to City Attorney review and approval.

E. 2024 Holiday Parking

Recommended Action: Authorize the suspension of parking meter and pay station operation to allow free three-hour parking in the Village Parking Meter Zone A (1) from November 28, 2024, through December 25, 2024.

F. 2024 CDBG Grant Application

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to prepare and submit an application under the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program for the Jade Street Community Center Project Phase II and Public Service Food Distribution Programs. (**Resolution No. 4397**)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Morgan

Seconded: Council Member Clarke

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

8. General Government / Public Hearings

A. Dog Park at Noble Gulch Park

Recommended Action: 1) Provide feedback on the proposed dog park design; 2) approve the Coastal Development Permit; 3) defer the funding decision to future budget discussions; and/or 4) direct staff to assess interest in donations and/or community fundraising for the project.

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

- ***Dave Montgomery***
- ***Marilyn Garrett***

The City Council voiced support for this project and discussed maximizing usable space in Noble Gulch Park, drainage issues within the proposed park location, and the possibility of community fundraising to support the project funding.

Motion to approve the Coastal Development Permit based on the findings outlined in the staff report: Vice Mayor Brooks

Seconded: Council Member Morgan

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

B. Daylighting Law AB 413 – Village Parking

Recommended Action: 1) Review the AB 413 compliance approach in the Village and Citywide; and 2) approve the Coastal Development Permit.

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

- ***Marilyn Garrett***

The City Council discussed the timing of enforcement of AB 413, the need for additional bicycle parking, and requested that staff gather additional public buy-in for the Citywide approach of implementation of AB 413 compliance. The City Council voiced concern about members of the public receiving citations for parking in unmarked areas.

Motion to approve the Coastal Development Permit for implementation of AB 413 based on the findings outlined in the staff report: Council Member Morgan

Seconded: Council Member Pedersen

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

C. Public Art Project

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution: 1) approving the Begonia Commemorative Public Art Project, 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with artist Geoffrey Nelson in the amount of \$40,000 for the Project, and 3) amending the adopted FY 2024-25 budget to accept a \$20,000 donation from the Capitola Beach Festival and allocate funding for preparation of the project site for installation.

Recreation and Community Services Director Bryant and artist Geoffrey Nelson presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

- ***Marilyn Garrett***
- ***Laurie Hill***
- ***Mary Beth Cahalen***
- ***Roy Johnson***

The City Council thanked the Art and Cultural Commission for their careful review of Mr. Nelson's proposal.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4398: Vice Mayor Brooks

Seconded: Mayor Brown

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

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on October 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

Julia Gautho, City Clerk