



AGENDA NO: PC

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2023

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE
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PUBLIC REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

Dana Swanson

From: Joan Behrick [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda correspondence 3/14/2023

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Mayor Wixom and City Council members,

On Thursday, 3/16/2023, a Town Hall meeting hosted by Monterey County will be held to discuss the two Moss Landing lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and the three failure events (2021-2022) that have occurred there. The meeting is being hosted by Monterey County District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church and County Administrative Officer Sonia de la Rosa.

The location of this meeting will be at the North County Recreation Center at 11261 Crane St. in Castroville from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a panel discussion with multiple stakeholders, including a Vistra Energy representative, Environmental Health and Emergency Management.

Since the City of Morro Bay is the lead agency overseeing Vistra Energy's application to construct and operate a BESS in our bustling visitor serving commercial district, I encourage you to attend this meeting. It will give you an opportunity to listen to the experience of others and to speak directly with those involved in the Moss Landing BESS operations, and failures.

This may also be a meeting that would be valuable for our City planner(s) to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Joan Behrick
Morro Bay, CA

03/11/2023

Sent from my iPhone

Dana Swanson

From: Joan Behrick [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Council
Cc: Cindy Jacinth
Subject: Addendum to Correspondence

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Mayor Wixom and City Council,

I have just been informed that the 3/16/2023 Town Hall meeting I had referenced in an earlier correspondence submitted today, has been postponed due to a weather-related evacuation warning.

Monterey County Supervisor Glenn Church's office notified me that once it is rescheduled, it will be live-streamed. I will notify you when New information is received.

Respectfully,
Joan Behrick
Morro Bay, CA

03/11/2023 11:15 a.m.

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Dana Swanson

From: Lynda Merrill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2023 2:07 AM
To: Dana Swanson
Subject: New Manager and other important decisions

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Dear Dana, please include this in the March 14th, 2023 City Council Meeting Correspondence. Thank you, Lynda

Dear Mayor Wixom and Council Women Ford, Barton, Edwards and Landrum,

Our new City Manager will be very important to the success of our City. Council will benefit greatly from a Manager as similar to Scott Collins as possible. One of the many attributes he brought to our City was unbelievable organizational skills. I think he left a good blueprint to follow. Our department heads are the most capable group of people we could hope for and I have dealt with most of them and have found caring, sincere and highly intelligent people in every situation, so retaining these employees would seem to me to be the best road forward. My experience has been amazingly responsive (emails returned promptly) people at every level of our government, no matter what I asked about, each of them made sure I felt heard. They said, "all your concerns are important". I believe we need people who will continue on with this attitude.

Mayor and Council members, I am worried for our City as we have serious decisions to be made. The City will be focused on getting the best information about the Battery Storage proposal and the Wind Energy consideration. This will require lengthy, patient exploration. (I hope with less political rancor) Only with the information coming from our top knowledgeable engineers will we truly be able to make the right decisions. We need to make sure these professionals are respected and that we show confidence in their findings (even if we don't always agree). I believe we must carefully go about these proposals step by step so please, get whatever professional help is necessary to provide a careful over view of these subjects.

I want this Council to be the best the City has ever had and I believe by working together you all can achieve this. There is a wealth of information in the previous Council minutes as well as our Advisory boards where extensive discussion has taken place and it is all available to be read in our documents. It seems our Department heads and Attorney have answered questions and explained in detail subjects that come before you. Public commenters often have not watched the meetings or read up on the subjects they comment on and they just want to vent or make their views known, which is fine,

but unfortunately while they are passionate they aren't always informed. At no time should speakers be rude or personally attack any member of the Council!

I read every agenda packet and watch all the City meetings on TV which I am very grateful for, thank you! I have lived here for 40 years and so have seen many Councils at work so, I wish all of you the best in sorting out what is the most beneficial decisions for all of us. I truly appreciate the time and energy you put in to this job. Thank you.

I'll be watching and interested in every Council meeting and the decisions you make as everyone is important.

Sincere thanks, Lynda Merrill

MB resident



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Dana Swanson

From: Joan Behrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda Correspondence 3/14/2023

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Mayor Wixom and City Council Members,

On the 3/14/23 agenda before the City Council is the staff recommendation that the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) be awarded to two applicants: Five Cities Homeless Coalition in Grover Beach and the City Public Works Department.

I believe this is a misallocation of CDBG funds. Five Cities Homeless Coalition is located in Grover Beach, 29 miles from Morro Bay. They provide no homeless outreach to Morro Bay residents. Instead, they refer inquiries for homeless assistance to the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center in San Luis Obispo. 40 Prado provides a warming center and a homeless shelter. Morro Bay homeless residents with the \$2.75 bus fare can take a bus from Morro Bay Park at Harbor St. and Piney Way to Osos and Palm in San Luis Obispo and walk the 2.2 miles to 40 Prado to seek shelter. They stay at the warming center if there is space, or participate in a nightly lottery for the limited number of overnight beds in the homeless center dormitory.

Five Cities Homeless Coalition refers any inquiries for Morro Bay homeless residents to 40 Prado in San Luis Obispo for assistance. They accept referrals from 40 Prado, but mostly they refer to 40 Prado. A Five Cities staff member reports they have assisted in Morro Bay with rental assistance.

City staff recommends the further allocation of CDBG funds to improve handicapped accessibility at an intersection on Main St and Quintana. That particular intersection, in close proximity to a homeless encampment, appears to already be handicapped-accessible.

The remainder of CABG funding is allocated for administrative costs.

CDBG monies are earmarked by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, to eliminate blight, and for urgent needs.

How do either of the recommended recipients accomplish this for Morro Bay?

I recommend that instead, CDBG funds for 2023 and beyond be allocated to opening and maintaining a day resource center in Morro Bay for homeless residents, to serve as a hub to connect them to necessary assistance within and beyond our community. At the very least, we should have a warming center open for our unsheltered residents during inclement weather and not wait for a flooding emergency to be declared.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Joan Behrick
Morro Bay resident
03/10/2023

Sent from my iPhone

Dana Swanson

From: Cindy Jacinth
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Dana Swanson; Scot Graham; Greg Carpenter; Sarah Johnson-Rios; Christopher Neumeyer
Subject: Fwd: agenda item b-1

From: betty winholtz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 12:21 PM
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Dear City Council:

Every year the City receives Block Grant money whose intent is to "benefits low-income and very low-income families or persons, project feasibility, cost effectiveness, and organization's experience or knowledge regarding program requirements."

The criteria for choosing projects includes "funding recommendations and funding priorities developed using **community input**."

The program criteria includes consistency with federal regulations and laws, **community support, seriousness of community development needs**
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I would like to point out that projects for block grant monies have not included the bolded language above: community input, community support, community needs. What traditionally has occurred is that staff identifies the project(s) brings it to city council; there is minimal discussion, and then it is approved.

I would like to suggest that during the next round of block grant money that the public be alerted ahead of time to their ability to make suggestions about how to spend the money and given the opportunity to share their ideas with staff (perhaps through the planning commission) before staff's recommendation goes to city council for approval. This would be closer to fulfilling the criteria for this money.

Sincerely,

Betty Winholtz