

**CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Termini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

No members of the public had comments and the Council adjourned to the City Manager's Office with the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Govt. Code § 54957.6]

Negotiator: Dania Torres Wong/Larry Laurent

Employee Organizations: (1) Capitola Police Officers Association

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL – 7 PM**1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Stephanie Harlan: Present, Council Member Ed Bottorff: Present, Mayor Michael Termini: Present, Vice Mayor Jacques Bertrand: Present, Council Member Kristen Petersen: Present.

Treasurer Peter Wilk was present.

2. PRESENTATIONS**A. Junior Guards Recognition**

Mayor Termini presented proclamations to Capitola Junior Guards who qualified and represented the City at national competition.

B. Proclamation Honoring St. John's Helpful Shop

Mayor Termini presented a proclamation to Rector Tracy Wells Miller, who noted the shop will be reopening in Aptos near the church.

3. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Attorney John Barisone reported that for labor negotiations the Council received information and gave instructions, but took no reportable action.

4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A. Item 2.A – one public comment email

B. Item 10.A – five public comment emails

C. Item 10.B – one public comment email

D. Item 10.C – two public comment emails

5. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Linda Smith followed up on summer letter about Sgt. Sarah Ryan praising her and the Capitola Police Department.

Gene Bernari asked for more notice to attend meetings.

7. CITY COUNCIL / CITY TREASURER / STAFF COMMENTS

Treasurer Wilk announced the Finance Advisory Committee meeting is being moved to October 23 to discuss how to maximize options for library funds and increasing the committee’s responsibilities should Measure K pass.

Council Member Petersen thanked the volunteers who put on the successful Capitola Foundation golf tournament.

Council Member Bertrand encouraged positive feedback regarding City efforts.

Council Member Harlan attended the annual League of Cities convention in September, with sessions on diversity, harassment claims, coastal city issues, pension costs and more.

Mayor Termini praised the success of the recent Beach Festival. He also thanked the Monte Foundation for the recent fireworks and noted this year’s proceeds go to the children's wing of the new library. He also thanked the Police and Public Works departments for managing these events.

8. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS

A. Appoint Youth Member to Museum Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Joshua Henshaw as a youth member to the Board of Trustees of the Capitola Historical Museum, as recommended by the board.

Museum Board Member Dave Peyton introduced Joshua Henshaw and said the board is looking forward to his perspective for increasing youth interest and participation in the Museum. Joshua expressed his thanks for the opportunity.

MOTION:	APPOINT JOSHUA HENSHAW AS A YOUTH MEMBER AS RECOMMENDED
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kristen Petersen, Council Member
AYES:	Harlan, Bottorff, Termini, Bertrand, Petersen

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION:	APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stephanie Harlan, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Harlan, Bottorff, Termini, Bertrand, Petersen

A. Consider the September 27, 2018, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

B. Annual Donations Report
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive the donations and contributions report.

10. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Report and Direction on Jewel Box Traffic Calming Options

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept a report on Jewel Box traffic calming and direct Public Works to develop plans for increased neighborhood signage and the installation of speed tables on Jade Street and 42nd Avenue.

Public Works Director Steve Jesberg presented the staff report. He noted the highest polling solutions at the summer workshop were enforcement, neighborhood signage, and speed tables. He said speed bumps and tables deter as much as 20 percent of traffic and speed tables can be premade or built in place at the same cost.

The option to close Jade Street eastbound received 60 percent approval but has significant impacts to levels of service at other intersections. He advocated for traffic studies to measure effectiveness of any implemented options.

Council Member Bertrand confirmed that signage and speed tables do not require studies because they don't impact intersection levels of service.

In public comment, most speakers praised the workshops and supported the staff recommendation. Some also advocated for including signs prohibiting turns into the neighborhood at designated times.

Speakers were:

Linda Smith
Rose Filicetti
Bill Gray
Jim Hobbs
Cindy Kus
Alan Cable
Cherry McDonald
Todd Anderson
Marcos Vascovi
Karl Shubert
Ron Burke

Council Member Harlan said she hopes the Council and community can learn from the process and said she supports the short-term recommendation.

Council Member Bertrand said he supports turn restrictions and speed tables.

Council Member Petersen agrees that speed tables are needed, but she is hesitant to add options from the mid- and long-term lists.

Council Member Bottorff asked for courtesy and not divisiveness, and said he has seen progress. He supports the recommendation with the addition of no-turn sign options.

Mayor Termini said he does not favor traffic studies believing they do not give comprehensive information.

MOTION:	ADOPTED THE RECOMMENDED OPTIONS AND NO-TURN SIGNS FOR CERTAIN HOURS AT 47TH AND PORTOLA AND 45TH AND TOPAZ.
RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Ed Bottorff, Michael Termini, Jacques Bertrand, Kristen Petersen
NAYS:	Stephanie Harlan

B. Receive Report from the Ad Hoc Depot Hill Bluff Group

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.

Director Jesberg provided background on the ad hoc committee formation. Council Member Petersen, who served as the City's representative, said it has been meeting about 18 months. Efforts included hearing from geologists, and she thanked the members.

John Hart presented the group's findings. The near-term concern is complete loss of the path, and whether the city wants to and can afford to keep path open. To have a chance at preserving the path, the first step the committee identified would be to fill cave sections under the bluff with frangible concrete and rock bolt. Longer term, groins could create beaches that help protect the bluff by forming beaches and/or a shotcrete wall similar to Pleasure Point could be constructed.

Council Member Harlan fears that the Coastal Commission would not approve a groin due to sand movement. Council Member Petersen noted that an ad hoc committee could not do sand studies and opted to provide potential solutions.

A member of the public said the shape of the coast provides a groin for New Brighton State Beach.

Mayor Termini confirmed that all solutions would need Coastal Commission permits and approval.

Council Members Harlan and Bertrand expressed concerns about costs and permits, which the City does not have funds to cover.

Council Member Petersen said the committee did not feel that it is safe to simply move the path to property lines.

In response to a question, Director Jesberg estimated based on current City projects that a required sand study and plans costing about \$100,000 would be needed to submit an application for a groin.

Mayor Termini said he believes the path likely cannot be saved and he encouraged residents to activate the previously formed Geological Hazard Abatement District to save their homes in the future. He praised the committee's work.

RESULT: RECEIVED REPORT

C. Consider Joining the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties Airport/Community Roundtable

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consider a Resolution to join the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable for a period of one year, direct the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the one-year condition, and appoint a council member representative and alternate to serve on the Roundtable.

City Manager Jamie Goldstein presented the staff report and background on jet noise issues and federal response to previous recommendations. He advocated for the one-year trial recommendation to evaluate the benefits versus costs.

In public comment, John Glina said he supports membership as the only chance at influencing federal officials. Brett Graessle, Cathlin Atchison, and Susanna Glina also spoke in support of joining the roundtable.

Mayor Termini noted that within the roundtable structure, Capitola gets as much of a voice as larger jurisdictions.

Council Member Harlan supported naming Council Member Bottorff as the representative and noted counties are naming staff against the bylaw directions.

Council Member Petersen offered to serve as the alternate after working on the issue with former Congress Member Farr.

MOTION:	ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED AND APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTORFF AS REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSEN AS ALTERNATE.
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stephanie Harlan, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Harlan, Bottorff, Termini, Bertrand, Petersen

D. City Council Pension Discussion

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and provide direction.

City Manager Goldstein presented the staff report. Council clarified whether any action would take effect with the 2018 incoming council and was told it was unlikely.

Council Member Bottorff said he requested to discussion as part of an effort to address rising costs.

Council Member Harlan said she believes it is important for the Council to show it is willing to make cuts on its side.

MOTION:	DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO REVISE THE CALPERS CONTRACT SO FUTURE COUNCIL MEMBERS CANNOT ENROLL IN THAT PENSION PROGRAM.
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand, Vice Mayor
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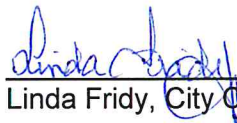
11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Michael Termini, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Fridy, City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED ON OCTOBER 25, 2018.