



Council Minutes

January 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Council Members Present: Council Member Emily Francis, Council Member Jan Marx, Vice Mayor Michelle Shoresman, Mayor Erica A. Stewart, Council Member Mike Boswell

City Staff Present: City Manager Whitney McDonald, Christine Dietrick, City Attorney, Teresa Purrington, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on January 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Emily Francis led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitney McDonald provided a report on upcoming projects.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

David Yohe
Paavo Ogren

--End of Public Comment--

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Vice Mayor Shoresman
Second By Council Member Francis

To approve Consent Calendar Items 5a and 5b.

Ayes (5): Council Member Francis, Council Member Marx, Vice Mayor Shoresman, Mayor Stewart, and Council Member Boswell

CARRIED (5 to 0)

5.a WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances as appropriate.

5.b CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO SUPPORT FOR SLOCOG'S PURSUIT OF SPECIAL STATE LEGISLATION TO WAIVE THE 2% BRADLEY-BURNS SALES TAX CAP FOR A REGIONAL SALES TAX MEASURE FOR TRANSPORTATION

Approve advocacy on behalf of the City of San Luis Obispo (City) to support legislation that would provide an exemption from the current Bradley-Burns two percent local sales tax cap for the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) to pursue a regional sales tax measure for transportation, subject to voter approval.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

Finance Director Emily Jackson, Deputy Director of Finance/Controller Debbie Malicoat, and Senior Accountant Tavy Garcia provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

None

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Marx
Second By Council Member Boswell

Review and accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Transportation Development Act Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Ayes (5): Council Member Francis, Council Member Marx, Vice Mayor Shoresman, Mayor Stewart, and Council Member Boswell

CARRIED (5 to 0)

6.b RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO RESTATE THE SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND ORGANICS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2025 SOLID WASTE RATES

Utilities Director Aaron Floyd and Solid Waste and Recycling Program Manager Meg Buckingham provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

None

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Vice Mayor Shoresman
Second By Council Member Francis

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11539 (2025 Series) entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, declaring the City’s intent to adopt an Ordinance restating its existing franchise agreements with San Luis Garbage Company and set a Public Hearing for March 18, 2025” pursuant to the provisions of Article X of the City Charter; and
2. Direct the publication and mailing of a notice consistent with Article XIID of the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Proposition 218) as it relates to solid waste rates; and
3. Set a Public Hearing date of March 18, 2025, to consider the adoption of the solid waste rates if there is no majority protest in accordance with Proposition 218.

Ayes (5): Council Member Francis, Council Member Marx, Vice Mayor Shoresman, Mayor Stewart, and Council Member Boswell

CARRIED (5 to 0)

6.c REVIEW OF AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A CANNABIS RETAIL STOREFRONT, EMBARC SLO, AT 2400 BROAD STREET (USE-0266-2024, APPL-0608-2024)

ACTION: At the request of the Applicant, and with agreement from the Appellant, this item was continued to a date uncertain. The item will be re-noticed when a new hearing date is determined.

7. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stewart

- SCLC - provided an update on the January 16th meeting.
- Attended the following events UA 403 building dedication in honor of Thomas Lane, the County Mayor's meeting.
- Provided the welcome for 22nd Annual Afrikan Black Coalition Conference ABC conference
- Provided a presentation at United Way San Luis Obispo County meeting

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Homeless Services Oversight Committee - provided an update on January 15th meeting.
- Attended the Chamber dinner on Saturday, January 20

Council Member Boswell

- Attended a tour of 40 Prado Homeless Services Center.

Council Member Francis

- Community Action Partnership - Provided an update on the January 18th meeting.

Council Member Marx

- Attended the UA403 building dedication in honor of Thomas Lane and the Chamber annual dinner
- Greeted a group of students from Barstow Community College who did their Martin Luther King Day of service volunteering to do cleanup of some of the Utility boxes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The City Council will hold a **Special Meeting, the semi-annual Community Forum, on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo.** The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on February 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: XX/XX/2025