



Council Minutes

March 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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

City Staff Present: 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 March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erica A. Stewart led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN PROCLAMATION

Mayor Stewart presented a proclamation declaring the month of March as the "Holy Month of Ramadan" to Dr. Hisham Assal on behalf of the Islamic Society of San Luis Obispo County.

3.b CITY MANAGER REPORT

Assistant City Manager Scott Collins provided a report on upcoming projects.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Council Member Francis

Second By Vice Mayor Shoresman

To approve Consent Calendar Items 5a to 5g.

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

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 MINUTES REVIEW - FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AND MARCH 4, 2025
COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the following minutes of the City Council

- February 25, 2025 - Special Meeting
- March 4, 2025 - Regular Meeting

5.c AWARD CONTRACT TO ALEXANDER'S CONTRACT SERVICES INC.
FOR CONTRACT METER READING SERVICES

Award a three-year contract to Alexander's Contract Services Inc. for contract utilities meter reading services in an amount not to exceed \$243,780 per year.

5.d ADOPTION OF SLO TRANSIT'S FY 2024-25 PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11550 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, adopting San Luis Obispo (SLO) Transit's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan"; and
2. Authorize SLO Transit's Accountable Executive, City Manager, to sign the finalized version of the FY 2024-25 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2024-25 Certifications and Assurances and any other required documents for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

5.e AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 1166 HIGUERA BUILDING DEMOLITION, SPECIFICATION NO. 2001066B

1. Approve the project plans and special provisions for 1166 Higuera Street Demolition, Specification Number 2001066B; and
2. Authorize staff to advertise for bids; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract pursuant to Section 3.24.190 of the Municipal Code for the bid total, if the lowest responsible bid is within the Engineer's Estimate of \$305,000; and
4. Approve a transfer of \$205,000 from the Parking Structure Capital Account (2001030) to the project account (2001066); and
5. Authorize the City Engineer to approve Contract Change Orders up to available project budget and up to any amended budget subsequently approved by the City Manager up to \$200,000.

5.f AUTHORIZE SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY'S BOX ART PROGRAM

Adopt Resolution No. 11551 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, authorizing suspension of enforcement of business license requirement for local artists participating in the City's Box Art program."

5.g AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A GRANT FUNDED ELECTRIC POLICE MOTORCYCLE

Authorize the Police Department, working in conjunction with Public Work's Fleet Division, to purchase an electric police motorcycle as a fleet addition, using funds from the Office of Traffic Safety Grant.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES TO RESTATE THE CITY'S EXISTING SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND ORGANICS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH SAN LUIS GARBAGE COMPANY AND AMEND SECTION 8.04.070 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

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 Council Member Marx
Second By Council Member Francis

1. Introduce Ordinance No. 1744 (2025 Series) entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, restating its existing franchise agreements with San Luis Garbage Company into one Discarded Materials Agreement”; and
2. Introduce Ordinance No. 1745 (2025 Series) entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending Section 8.04.070 (Use of Disposal Service Mandatory – Collection Charges) of the Municipal Code modifying the process of collecting delinquent solid waste collection and disposal accounts.”

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

6.b 2025 INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE RATES (Estimated Time: 30 minutes)

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:

Rachel Whalen

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Francis
Second By Vice Mayor Shoresman

Adopt Resolution No. 11552 (2025 Series) entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, establishing 2025 Integrated Solid Waste Rates”, provided there is not a majority protest received against such increase.

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stewart

- SLO Council of Governments (SLOCOG) - reported on the March 5th SLOCOG meeting.
- SLO Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) - reported on the March 5th RTA meeting.
- Central Coast Clean Energy - announced that there will be an open house on Wednesday, March 19th, at the 3CE office at 1026 Palm Street in SLO.
- Attended the Cal Cities Channel Counties Dinner in Goleta on March 14th.
- Participated on a Women in Business panel on March 7th.
- Spoke at the International Women's Day event on March 8th.

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Homeless Services Oversight Committee - will be attending the strategic planning session on Wednesday, March 19th.
- Attended the Cal Cities Channel Counties Dinner in Goleta on March 14th.
- Attended the SLO Chamber Housing Summit on March 13th.

Council Member Boswell

- SLO Climate Coalition - attended the meeting on March 10th.

Council Member Francis

- Nacimiento Water Project - attended the March 13th meeting.
- Community Action Partnership (CAP) - announced there will be a Strategic Visioning meeting on March 19th.
- Attended the Cal Cities Channel Counties Dinner in Goleta on March 14th.

Council Member Marx

- Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) - attended the March 12th meeting.
- Attended the SLO REP donors' reception.
- Attended the SLO Chamber Housing Summit on March 13th.
- Attended the Cal Cities Channel Counties Dinner in Goleta on March 14th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2025 with Closed Session from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room 6, the Annual Advisory Body Recognition event from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, then the Regular Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: XX/XX/2025