



Council Minutes

May 6, 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: City Manager Whitney McDonald, Christine Dietrick, City Attorney, Teresa Purrington, City Clerk

1. LAGUNA MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION (5:00 - 5:30 PM)

The City Council recognized Laguna Middle School students who completed 30 hours or more of community service.

2. CALL TO ORDER (5:30 PM)

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on May 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart with all Council Members present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Stewart presented a proclamation declaring May as "National Foster Care Month" to Amanda Briley on behalf of San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services.

4.b CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitney McDonald provided a report on upcoming projects.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion By Mayor Stewart

Second By Council Member Francis

To approve Consent Calendar Items 6a to 6f.

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

Recused(1): Council Member Marx (Item 6d only)

CARRIED (5 to 0)

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

Waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances as appropriate.

6.b MINUTES REVIEW - APRIL 4, 2025, APRIL 8, 2025, AND APRIL 15, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the following minutes of the City Council:

- April 4, 2025 - Special Meeting (Council Retreat)
- April 8, 2025 - Special Closed Session Meeting
- April 15, 2025 - Regular Meeting

6.c ACCEPTANCE OF STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY GRANT FUNDS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11560 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, Approving the Grant Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the 'City of San Luis Obispo Vegetation Management Plan'"; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution supporting the partnership between the City of San Luis Obispo and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) and delegating authority to the City Manager to accept the grant funds and sign the grant agreement and any other necessary instruments to carry out the terms of the grant; and
3. Create Project number 2001077 and transfer \$50,000 from the Office of Sustainability and Natural Resources Contract Services

account to the project budget in the Capital Outlay Fund for the required City matching funds.

6.d 2025 ANNUAL MONITORING FOR THE SAN LUIS RANCH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, MITIGATION MEASURES, AND PROJECT CONDITIONS

Council Member Marx declared a conflict on this item as she owns property in the development.)

Receive and file the 2025 annual monitoring report for the San Luis Ranch Development Agreement, mitigation measures, and required project conditions.

6.e 2025 ANNUAL MONITORING FOR THE AVILA RANCH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, MITIGATION MEASURES, AND PROJECT CONDITIONS

Receive and file the 2025 annual monitoring report for the Avila Ranch Development Agreement, mitigation measures, and required project conditions.

6.f ABANDONMENT OF A 10-FOOT-WIDE PUBLIC WAY BETWEEN 1998 AND 2006 SAN LUIS DRIVE IN THE R-1 ZONE (STAB-0759-2024)

Adopt Resolution No. 11561 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, abandoning a 10-Foot-Wide Public Right-of-Way Between 1998 and 2006 San Luis Drive."

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

7.a ANNUAL CANNABIS BUSINESS PROGRAM UPDATE AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17.86.080 (CANNABIS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING REGULATIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

Cannabis Business Coordinator Ivana Gomez provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Megan Souza
Austen Connella

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Marx
Second By Council Member Boswell

1. Receive an update on the City's Cannabis Business Program; and
2. Introduce Ordinance No. 1746 (2025 Series) entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending Section 17.86.080 ("Cannabis") of Title 17 ("Zoning Regulations") of the Municipal Code to clarify specific land use and operational requirements for commercial cannabis activity."

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.b INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AIRPORT AREA SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SERVICE COMMERCIAL (C-S) AND MANUFACTURING (M) ZONES

Community Development Director Timmi Tway and Contract Planner John Rickenbach provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Rachel Whalen

Robert Truman

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Francis

Second By Council Member Boswell

Introduce Ordinance No. 1747 (2025 Series) entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending the Airport Area Specific Plan to allow mixed-use development in the Service Commercial (C-S) and Manufacturing (M) zones subject to a conditional use permit where appropriate and consistent with the Airport Area Specific Plan, including adoption of an addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Airport Area and Margarita Area specific plans and related facilities master plans."

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.c DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON TANK FARM ROAD STRIPING MODIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2025 PAVING PROJECT (SPEC. NO. 2000616) FOR CONSTRUCTION (Estimated Time: 60 minutes)

Deputy Director Public Works Brian Nelson, and Transportation Manager Luke Schwartz provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Stewart declared a conflict due to owning property within 300 feet of Sacramento Drive. She left the room for the discussion and vote for the Sacramento Drive portion of the Paving Plan.

Public Comments for Sacramento Drive:

None

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Council Member Francis

To approved the proposed paving project for Sacramento Drive.

Ayes (4): Council Member Boswell, Council Member Francis, Council Member Marx, and Vice Mayor Shoresman

Recused (1): Mayor Stewart

CARRIED (4 to 0)

Public Comments for Tank Farm Road

Kelly Alonso

Eneko Alonso

Molly Zagrodny

Beverly Hanson

Elie Axelroth

Myron Wilson

Garrett Otto

Karen Speaker

Robert Truman

Vickie Backman

Lea Brooks

Barry Rands

Jackie Parker

Motion By Council Member Boswell
Second By Council Member Francis

1. Approved Alternative 1 for Tank Farm Road for implementation with the 2025 Paving Project designs; and
2. Authorize the City Engineer to approve final plans and specifications for the 2025 Paving Project, Specification No. 2000616, including incorporation of designs for Tank Farm Road pursuant to City Council direction, prior to advertising the project for construction; and
3. Authorize staff to advertise for bids for the 2025 Paving Project; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract for the 2025 Paving Project pursuant to Section 3.24.190 of the Municipal Code for the bid total, if the lowest responsible bid is within the publicly disclosed funding amount of \$7,720,000; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 11562 (2025 Series) entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, Authorizing Appropriation of Capital Projects Reserve Funds to Support the 2025 Paving Project, Specification Number 2000616”; and
6. Authorize the Finance Director to make the following appropriations and funding transfers to the 2025 Paving Project Account (2000616):
 - a. Appropriate \$1,404,530 of Capital Outlay LRM funds from the FY24/25 Capital Reserve of the Capital Outlay Fund; and
 - b. Transfer \$2,100,000 of Capital Outlay LRM funds from the Roadway Sealing 2024 Project Account (No. 2000615); and
 - c. Transfer \$100,000 of Capital Outlay LRM funds from the Arterials 2023 Project Account (No. 2001065); and
 - d. Transfer \$199,200 of Water funds from the Water Valve Cover Adjustments Account (No. 2001005); and
 - e. Transfer \$76,800 of Sewer funds from the Sewer Valve Cover Adjustments Account (No. 2000084); and

7. Authorize the City Engineer to issue Contract Change Orders for the 2025 Paving Project up to and in excess of \$200,000 if within available project budget, and up to any amended budget subsequently approved by the City Manager per City Purchasing Policy approval thresholds.

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stewart

- Performing Arts Center Commission - attended the meeting on April 29th where a subcommittee was formed to look at how we are going to pay for the maintenance for such a large facility.
- SLO Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) - will be attending a meeting tomorrow (May 7th) to talk about the SLORTA's Vision Zero report.
- Attended the ribbon cutting for North Chorro public art piece "In the Shadow of the Mountain" which on the underpass.
- Attended the Bike Month kick off celebration.

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Attended Cal Poly's Community Days where she had the opportunity to talk with many students about local government.
- Attended and provided the Opening Welcome for the SLO International Film Festival
- Attended the Angel Con event

Council Member Boswell

- Presented the Proclamation at Earthfest for Earth Day
- Attended the FPAC Student matinee and luncheon

Council Member Francis

- Nacimiento Water Project - attended the April 24th meeting where they approved budget and received an update on Nacimiento pipeline repair.

- Community Action Partnership - attended the April 24th meeting
- Spoke at the Take Back the Night event at Cal Poly.
- Attended Cal Poly's Community Days where she had the opportunity to talk with many students about local government.

Council Member Marx

- Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) - attended the April 3rd Executive meeting where they narrowed the search for Executive Director to 3 candidates
- Attended the ribbon cutting for North Chorro public art piece "In the Shadow of the Mountain" which on the underpass.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM p.m. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m with a Closed Session starting at 4:30 PM. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: XX/XX/202X