



Council Minutes

July 15, 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. CLOSED SESSION

2. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on July 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a ANNUAL PRESENTATION FROM CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY ENERGY (3CE)

Das Williams, Senior Advisor for Policy and Legislative Affairs; Spencer Brandt, Community Relations Manager presented the Annual Report to City Council.

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

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Vice Mayor Shoresman

Second By Council Member Marx

To approve Consent Calendar Items 6a to 6k.

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

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 - JUNE 17, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on June 17, 2025.

6.c APPROVE A UTILITY EASEMENT WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC (PG&E) TO FACILITATE CALTRANS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT SANTA ROSA STREET & HIGHLAND DRIVE

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Utility Easement Agreement with PG&E in a final form approved by the City Attorney to support improvements planned by Caltrans to the Santa Rosa Street (State Route 1) & Highland Drive intersection.

6.d ADVISORY BODY APPOINTMENTS FOR UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Confirm the appointment of Jennifer Fields to the Human Relations Commission (HRC) and Mark Eads to the Tourism Business Improvement District Board (TBID), for the remainder of the respective vacated terms as detailed in the report.

6.e DOWNTOWN SLO AGREEMENT 2025-26

Authorize the City Manager to finalize and approve a one-year agreement with Downtown SLO, as well as the referenced separate agreements for the holiday lights program and tree lighting and power program, to execute the Downtown-related initiatives in the 2025-27 Financial Plan, with the

option to renew the agreements for one additional year by mutual written consent of the City Manager and Downtown SLO.

6.f AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF LA LOMA ADOBE

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement with the Friends of La Loma Adobe in a final form satisfactory to the City Attorney.

6.g FY 2025-26 POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Authorize staff to submit grant applications and accept awards for FY 2025-26 from the following agencies: a. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in the amount of \$94,211.b. Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program in the amount of \$74,276.c. Department of Justice Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Project in the amount not to exceed \$130,000.
2. Adopt the following Draft Resolutions entitled, a. "Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for Funding from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control." b. "Resolution Authorizing a Grant Award Provided Through the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program."
3. If the grants are awarded, authorize the City Manager or the Police Chief, to execute grant related documents and authorize the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments upon the award of the grant.

6.h AGREEMENT WITH SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FUND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with San Luis Coastal Unified School District to fund the School Resource Officer position for FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$217,957.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute future agreements with San Luis Coastal Unified School District with similar terms.

6.i ADOPTION OF FY 2025-26 COMMUNITY PROMOTION PROGRAMS FOR TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TBID) AND PROMOTIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

As recommended by the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Board and the Promotional Coordinating Committee (PCC):

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into various contracts for the TBID not to exceed the 2025-26 budget of \$1,900,458 (excludes staffing costs), based on the recommendations by the TBID Board; and

- This includes approval of the funding for the second year of the contract with Noble Studios for marketing services in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

- The funding of the contract with Badger Branding for content marketing services in the amount of \$107,700; and

2. Authorize the City Manager to use the TBID Fund Balance for tourism marketing expenditures in 2025-26 in accordance with TBID use of revenue policy;

3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into various contracts and program expenditures for Community Promotions not to exceed the 2025-26 program budget of \$367,000 (excludes staffing costs) based on the recommendations by the PCC; and

- This includes the 2025-26 Cultural Arts & Community Promotions (CACP) allocations in the amount of \$100,000 and authorization to execute individual agreements with each grant recipient.

6.j **CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025-27 DEI HIGH IMPACT GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES AND INFORMATION**

As recommended by the Human Relations Commission, approve the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) High Impact Grant funding priorities and information for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years.

6.k **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE RECORDS RETENTION POLICY AND SCHEDULE TO REFLECT NON-RETENTION OF CERTAIN INCIDENTAL VIDEO FOOTAGE AND IMAGES NOT RETRIEVED FOR CITY BUSINESS OR USE BY CITY STAFF**

Adopt a draft Resolution entitled “ A Resolution of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, Authorizing the City Clerk and City Attorney to Amend the Records Retention Policy and Schedule to Reflect Non-retention of Certain Incidental Video Footage and Images Not Retrieved for City Business Use by City Staff.” (Attachment A) This policy clarification does not alter in any way the statutorily mandated retention requirements

applicable to footage of police in-vehicle camera, body-worn camera, or routine video monitoring.

7. STUDY SESSION

7.a CLIMATE ACTION - EXISTING BUILDING ENERGY RETROFIT POLICY UPDATE AND FUTURE OPTIONS STUDY SESSION

Natural Resources and Sustainability Official Bob Hill and Sustainability Manager Chris Read provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Laura Albers

Rachel Whalen

Jenn Fields

---End of Public Comment---

ACTION: Council provide strategic direction to:

- Re-adopt the Energy Efficient Renovations Requirements for single-family homes
 - Along with additions and alterations, evaluate the alternative to include attached ADUs in the Energy Efficient Renovations program update.
- Evaluate and return with an additions and alteration policy for multi-family and nonresidential buildings
- Undertake initial BPS work with available staff time
- Continue to monitor and provide feedback on the state BPS program
- Continue to advocate for non-residential retrofit rebates and incentives
- Participate in a voluntary Home Energy Score pilot

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

8.a APPOINT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COLLABORATE WITH STAFF TO PREPARE RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY REPORT "ROUND & ROUND WITH TOWN & GOWN"

City Manager Whitney McDonald 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 Boswell

Appoint Mayor Stewart and Council Member Marx to the Ad Hoc Committee to collaborate with staff on responses to the Findings and Recommendations in the Grand Jury Report entitled "Round & Round with Town & Gown".

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8.b APPOINT 2026 COUNCIL COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann and City Clerk Teresa Purrington provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

None

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Mayor Stewart

Second By Council Member Marx

To appoint Andy Pease, Jill LeMieux, Erin Foote, Kari Howell, Trent Johnson, Barry Price, and Joyce Tseng to the Council Compensation Committee effective immediately and ending upon presentation of their Recommendations.

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

9. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stewart

- Attended the June 18th Performing Arts Center Commission meeting
- Hosted the June 25th Mayor/Advisory Body Chairs Quarterly meeting

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Attended the July 8th Downtown Association Board meeting
- Will be attending the Homeless Services Oversight Committee tomorrow July 16th

Council Member Boswell

- Will be attending the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on Thursday June 17th

Council Member Francis

- Attended the Community Action Partnership (CAPSLO) meeting on June 26th

Council Member Marx

- Attended the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting on June 18th
- Attended the Welcome Home Village Ribbon cutting

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025 has been cancelled. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: XX/XX/202X