



Council Minutes

August 19, 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, Deputy City Attorney Sadie Symens, Teresa Purrington, City Clerk

1. CLOSED SESSION (4:00 PM - 5:30 PM)

1.a CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Erica A. Stewart called the Closed Session of the San Luis Obispo City Council to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room with all Council Members present.

1.b PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

Public Comments:

Thomas Kessler

Bob Vessely

---End of Public Comment---

1.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Deputy City Attorney Sadie Symens indicated that the Council on a motion by Mayor Stewart and a second by Council Member Francis with a vote of 5 - 0 directed to initiate litigation on one case. The defendants and specifics of this case will be disclosed upon request as soon as possible once the disclosure will not jeopardize the case.

1.d CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Deputy City Attorney Sadie Symens indicated there was no reportable action taken on this item.

1.e CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Deputy City Attorney Sadie Symens indicated that the Council on a motion by Vice Mayor Shoresman and a second by Council Member Francis on a vote of 5 - 0 agreed to continue an existing lease with the History Center of San Luis Obispo until 2027 upon the request of the History Center.

1.f CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Deputy City Attorney Sadie Symens indicated there was no reportable action taken on this item.

1.g ADJOURNMENT

2. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on August 19, 2025 at 5:37 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 CONVIVENCIA CELEBRATION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Stewart presented a Proclamation to Dr Rushi Cader declaring the 3rd Saturday in August as Convivencia.

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:

Teri Kanefield

Louise Justice

Chelsea Ruiz

Dave Houghton

Gina Whitaker

Eric Veium

Sherry Lin

Timothy Mai MY

Captain Pat Walker

Dona Hire Price

Julia Alber

Foaad Khosmood

Rita Casaverde

Barry Price

--End of Public Comment--

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Vice Mayor Shoresman

Second By Council Member Francis

To approve Consent Calendar Items 6a to 6j.

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

Recused (1): Council Member Marx (Item 6c)

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 - JULY 15, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 15, 2025.

6.c ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX LEVY REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO 2019-1 (SAN LUIS RANCH) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Council Member Marx declared a conflict on this item, as she lives in the San Luis Ranch development.

Receive and file the CFD No. 2019-1 (San Luis Ranch) Tax Report FY 2025-26.

6.d ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX LEVY REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (AVILA RANCH) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Receive and file the Avila Ranch CFD No. 2017-1 (Services) – FY 2025-26 Tax Report

6.e CITY-COUNTY ZONE 9 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT UPDATE

Approve an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Luis Obispo and the County of San Luis Obispo, as administrator of the Zone 9 Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("Zone 9"), in order to provide funding support (reimbursement) for activities to assist in the update of the Waterway Management Plan, Volume 1.

6.f AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF 10-YEAR CROSS-CONNECTION INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Authorize the renewal of the 10-year Cross-Connection Services agreement between the County of San Luis Obispo and the City of San Luis Obispo.

6.g FY 2025-30 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Authorize the Mayor to execute a five-year agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo for the continued provision of Animal Care and Control Services for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$389,746 for the first year, with annual adjustments thereafter.

6.h ADVISORY BODY APPOINTMENT FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE TREE COMMITTEE

Confirm the appointment of Kari Gephart to the Tree Committee (TC) for the remainder of the vacated term expiring March 31, 2026.

6.i SELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 2025 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Appoint Council Member Mike Boswell as the Voting Delegate and Council Member Emily Francis as Alternate Voting Delegate to vote on the City's behalf at the Annual Business Meeting of the League of California Cities on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

6.j BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM AND MOBILE CRISIS UNIT (FYS 2025–27)

Authorize the City Manager to execute up to two (2) one-year renewals of the contracts with the County of San Luis Obispo for continued Behavioral Health Services in support of the Police Department's Community Action Team and the Fire Department's Mobile Crisis Unit.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- 7.a REVIEW OF A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT TO REVOKE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY, RELATED TO A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1144 CHORRO STREET, FOR SEVEN (7) AFFECTED PROPERTIES. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (30 MINUTES)

Associate Planner Hannah Hanh provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Greg Wynn

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Marx
Second By Vice Mayor Shoresman

To introduce Ordinance No. 1749 (2025 Series) revoking the Planned Development Overlay (Ordinance No. 1687 [2020 Series]), related to a development project proposed at 1144 Chorro Street, and amending the Zoning Map to rezone the seven (7) associated properties from C-D-PD and C-D-H-PD to C-D and C-D-H, respectively. The project is exempt from environmental review under Section 15301(b)(3) (General Rule Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

8. STUDY SESSION

- 8.a SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL STRATEGY AND PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM UPDATES (90 MINUTES)

Utilities Director Aaron Floyd and Deputy Director for Wastewater Chris Lehman provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Damien Mavis

John Tricamo

Bryan Ridley
Rachel Whalen
Greg Wynn
Andy Pease

---End of Public Comment---

To receive and file the 2025 Wastewater Collection System Infrastructure Renewal Strategy report, and provided the following strategic direction on:

Item 1 - Should the Wastewater Flow (Private Sewer Lateral) Offset Program Continue?

Directed staff to return at a future Study Session with more clarity and options on proactive requirements for requiring faulty laterals to be replaced, and expanded timelines for property owners to remedy laterals found in poor and/or failed condition.

Item 2 - Should a General Plan Amendment Adopting the Staff-Recommended Capacity-Constrained Areas Map be Brought Forward for Adoption (if the Offset Program is not dissolved?)

Yes, to proceed with amending the General Plan, Staff would proceed to the Planning Commission in October and return to Council on December 2, 2025, with a draft resolution only for the maps.

Item 3 – Should Staff Further Evaluate a New Private Sewer Lateral Inspection Rebate (for capacity-constrained areas) to be Brought Forward to Council in December for Adoption via Resolution?

Yes, to assessing the potential rebate program, including terms, limitations, and program administration to be brought back to Council for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Item 4 - Should Staff Further Evaluate Expanding Eligibility for Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Rebates in Capacity-Constrained Areas to be Brought Forward to Council for Adoption in December via Resolution?

Yes, to assessing the potential expansion, including terms, limitations, and program administration to be brought back to Council for consideration on December 2, 2025.

9. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stewart

- SLO Council of Governments (SLOCOG) attended the meeting on August 11
- Ride-a- long with the Fire Department
- Attended the Cal Cities Statewide Board Meeting in July
- Attended the French Park Monday meetup
- Went on a tour of the Moss Landing Battery Plant
- Met with ASI President
- Met with SLOMA Executive Director

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Attended the Downtown Association Board meeting
- Presented Proclamations for KCBX 50th Anniversary and Convivencia Celebration
- Attended the IWMA meeting on behalf of Council Member Marx
- Attended the Monday Meet-up at Devaul Park

Council Member Boswell

- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) attended the July 17 meeting
- Attended the Downtown Association Board meeting

Council Member Francis

- Community Action Partnership (CAP) has a meeting August 21st
- Attended the Mid State Fair Apprenticeship fair
- Attended Convivencia Celebration
- Attended the Zone 9 meeting

Council Member Marx

- Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has a meeting on August 25th

- County Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) has a meeting on September 3rd
- Invited to join a group to explore a Community Mediation Center
- Attended the Green Business discussion

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for September 2, 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