



Council Minutes

October 21, 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 (4:30 PM TO 5:30 PM)

1.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

City Attorney Christine Dietrick indicated that the Council met in Closed Session regarding existing litigation regard Elks Lodge City Claim No. 24-017 and no reportable action was taken.

1.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

City Attorney Christine Dietrick indicated that the Council met in Closed Session regarding anticipated litigation with the facts unknown to the potential opponent, one potential case. There was no reportable action taken.

1.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

City Attorney Christine Dietrick indicated that the Council met in Closed Session regarding existing litigation with City of San Luis Obispo v. Righetti NC, LLC, a Limited Liability Company; Righetti Ranch, LP, a Limited Partnership and Righetti NC, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company v. City of San Luis Obispo, two cases. There was no reportable action taken.

1.d ADJOURNMENT

The Closed Session was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

2. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on October 21, 2025 at 5:46 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart, with Vice Mayor Shoresman participating remotely.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Mayor Stewart presented a Proclamation declaring October 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples' Day to Mona Olivas Tucker, Tribal Chair of yak titvu titvu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region.

4.b ARBOR DAY

Mayor Stewart presented a Proclamation declaring November 1, 2025 as Arbor Day to Walter Gault, City Arborist.

4.c 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:

Shawn

--End of Public Comment--

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Marx requested that Item 6g be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

Jack Lahey – Item 6d and 6e

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Council Member Francis

To approve Consent Calendar Items 6a - 6f and 6h - 6j.

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 - OCTOBER 7, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 7, 2025.

6.c CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026-27 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES AND INFORMATION

Approve the Human Services Grant funding priorities and information for the 2026-27 funding year.

6.d CONSIDERATION OF 2026-27 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES

Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ranked funding priorities for the 2026-27 funding year.

6.e AWARD CONTRACT TO CIO SOLUTIONS FOR NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT

1. Authorize the City Manager to award a contract to CIO Solutions for the purchase of Juniper Network Switches and Firewalls (Project #2000604-02, Firewall Replacement and #2000604-04, Network Switching Infrastructure Project); and
2. Waive formal bids and authorize the use of NASPO Agreement Number AR3232 as allowed under 03.24.060E of the City of San Luis Obispo Municipal Code.

6.f REQUEST TO ADD PROPERTY AT 1110 BUCHON STREET TO THE MASTER LIST OF HISTORIC RESOURCES (HIST-0504-2025).

Adopt Resolution No. 11601 (2025 Series) entitled "A Resolution By The City Council Of The City Of San Luis Obispo, California, Adding The Property Located At 1110 Buchon Street To The Master List Of Historic Resources As The Hans Nissen And Lena Peterson Hansen House".

6.h AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT

1. Authorize the Fire Department to accept the award from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant in the amount of \$60,240.00; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the grant documents and approve the budget changes necessary to appropriate the grant amount upon acceptance of the grant award.

6.i APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 3136, BULLOCK RANCH, 3580 BULLOCK LANE (FMAP-0168-2022)

Adopt Resolution No. 11602 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, approving the final map for Tract 3136, Bullock Ranch, and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Subdivision Agreement in a form subject to the approval of the City Attorney (3580 Bullock Lane, FMAP-0168-2022)."

6.j AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN CONSULTANT AND FIDUCIARY INVESTMENT ADVISOR; AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A SUBSEQUENT RFP TO CONSOLIDATE RECORDKEEPING SERVICES

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11603 (2025 Series) entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, Designating the City Manager as Plan Administrator for Deferred Compensation Plans"
2. Authorize the Director of Human Resources to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Deferred Compensation Consultant;
3. Authorize the Director of Human Resources to advertise a RFP for a Deferred Compensation Recordkeeper, via the selected Consultant; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute professional services agreements with the selected consultant and selected recordkeeper.

6.g AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GRAND AVENUE SIGN & STRIPING MODIFICATIONS, SPECIFICATION NUMBER 2000615-01

Dana Ebe, Transportation Planner and Madeline Kacsinta, CIP Administrative Manager 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 Mayor Stewart

1. Authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract to Toste Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$228,890.00 for the Grand Ave Sign and Striping Modifications project, Specification Number 2000615-01, using remaining funds in the 2024 Roadway Sealing project account (2000615); and
2. Approve the plans and specifications for the Grand Avenue Sign and Striping Modifications Project, Specification Number 2000615-01; and
3. Authorize the City Engineer to approve Contract Change Orders not to exceed a total construction contract value of \$275,000, using remaining funds in the 2024 Roadway Sealing project account (2000615).

Ayes (3): Council Member Boswell, Council Member Marx, and Mayor Stewart

Noes (2): Council Member Francis, and Vice Mayor Shoresman

CARRIED (3 to 2)

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

7.a AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A CALPERS RETIRED ANNUITANT FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD DUE TO AN APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Community Development Director Tway provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

None

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Francis
Second By Council Member Marx

Adopt Resolution No. 11604 (2025 Series) entitled, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, Appointing Donald Wright To Provide Specialized Building Plan Review Services During The Temporary Absence Of A Plans Examiner Pursuant To Government Code Section 21221(G).”

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

- 7.b RECEIVE A REPORT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONFIRMING THE COST, WORK COMPLETED, PARCEL DESCRIPTION, AND ASSESSMENT FOR CITY-COMPLETED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED BY A FORMAL NOTICE TO CORRECT ISSUED TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Aaron Floyd, Interim Public Works Director and Greg Cruce, Deputy Director of Public Works 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. Adopt Resolution No. 11605 (2025 Series) entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, confirming the Report on the Cost of Repairs and Assessing the Cost of Repairs against the property at 878 Islay for the Replacement of Deteriorated Frontage Improvements that were completed by the City as required by Formal Notices to Correct, Pursuant to San Luis Obispo Municipal Code 12.12.020"; and
2. Authorize staff to file a special assessment lien with the County Recorder’s Office in the event a property owner fails to pay the assessment within five (5) days of Council’s confirmation **with an interest rate of 5%** and

3. Authorize staff to negotiate alternative methods of collection, including collection of the assessment in installment payments on the tax roll pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §5628.1, if requested by the property owner within five (5) days of notice of Council's confirmation.

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

Noes (1): Mayor Stewart

CARRIED (4 to 1)

7.c ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Council Member Boswell

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the City Council's intention to continue the San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District and determine whether a legally sufficient protest is made; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 11606 (2025 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, declaring the basis for and the levy of the assessment for the San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District and affirming the establishment of the District."

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.d REVIEW OF AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO REVOKE A USE PERMIT FOR OPERATION OF A FRATERNITY ORGANIZATION AT 1236 MONTE VISTA PLACE (USE-0332-2025, APPL-0665-2025) (90 MINUTES)

Council Member(s) Francis and Boswell and Mayor Stewart noted their Ex Parte Communications regarding the project. Council Member(s) Marx and Vice Mayor Shoresman reported having no Ex Parte Communications.

Rachel Cohen, Principal Planner and Mallory Patino, Assistant Planner provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Chris Green - Appellant

Jack Werle - Appellant

Garrett Hegger - Appellant

Jesse Grothaus

Chris Nielsen

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Mayor Stewart

Adopt Resolution No. 11607 (2025 Series) entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, denying an appeal and conditionally revoking the Use Permit for a fraternity located at 1236 Monte Vista Place. The project is exempt from environmental review under Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as amended at the City Council meeting. (See attached legislative draft of the Resolution.)

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

Noes (1): Council Member Francis

CARRIED (4 to 1)

- 7.e REVIEW OF AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 17 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING REGULATIONS) SECTION 17.02.020 TO INCLUDE AN APPLICABILITY SUBSECTION AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY FEATURES IN CITY PROJECTS FROM THE ZONING REGULATIONS (30 MINUTES)

Community Development Director Tway and Principle Planner Rachel Cohen provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Mary Jane Jodry

William Jodry

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Francis

Second By Vice Mayor Shoresman

Introduce Ordinance No. 1750 (2025 Series) entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending Title 17 of the City’s Municipal Code (Zoning Regulations) Section 17.02.020, “Purpose and Authority of the Zoning Regulations” to include an “applicability” subsection and to exempt certain public safety features in City projects from the Zoning Regulations.”

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

- Attended the Cal Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.

Vice Mayor Shoresman

- Attended the Cal Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.

Council Member Boswell

- Attended the Cal Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.

Council Member Francis

- Attended the Cal Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.
- Attended the Main Street Conference in San Luis Obispo

Council Member Marx

- Attended the Cal Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m. Council will hold a Special Meeting on October 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for November 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/202X