



Council Minutes

February 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Whitney McDonald, 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 February 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Mayor Stewart.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Stewart presented a proclamation declaring February 2026 as Black History Month to John King representing the NAACP San Luis Obispo County Chapter.

3.b INTRODUCTIONS - POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Rick Scott introduced Aaron Schafer, Deputy Police Chief.

Public Works & Utilities Director Aaron Floyd introduced Madeline Kascinta, Assistant Public Works Director and Shawna Scott, Assistant Utilities Director.

3.c CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitney McDonald provided a report on upcoming projects.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

John Pranjic
Shawn Harris
Bob Goldman
Candace DeGeare
Steve Delmartini
Gene Nelson

--End of Public Comment--

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Boswell asked that Item 5g be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Vice Mayor Francis asked that Item 5h be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Council Member Shoresman

To approve Consent Calendar Items 5a to 5f.

Ayes (5): Council Member Boswell, Council Member Marx, Council Member Shoresman, Vice Mayor Francis, 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 - JANUARY 20, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 20, 2026.

5.c AMEND THE COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND THE ADVISORY BODY HANDBOOK TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL ADVISORY BODY RECRUITMENT PROCESS

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11624 (1026 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California,

amending its Council Policies and Procedures Manual,” to account for the change in time of annual recruitment for City Advisory Bodies; and

2. Adopt Resolution No. 11625 (2026 Series) entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending the Advisory Body Handbook to adjust the annual recruitment, oaths of office, and election of chair and vice chair deadlines”; and
3. Extend the Advisory Body Members’ terms and the elected Chair/Vice Chair terms that expire on March 31, 2026, to expire on June 30, 2026.

5.d AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDED AND RESTATED EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH SMART SHARE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Approve the draft Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Smart Share Housing Solutions, in a final form satisfactory to the City Attorney.

5.e ADVISORY BODY APPOINTMENT FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Confirm the appointment of Jennifer Chassman Browne to the Human Relations Commission (HRC) for the remainder of the vacated term expiring June 30, 2026, and a consecutive 4-year term expiring June 30, 2030.

5.f AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TECH CLEAN CALIFORNIA QUICKSTART GRANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITS IN MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

1. Accept the TECH Clean California QuickStart Award; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the draft grant agreement and related documents and approve the budget changes necessary to appropriate the grant amount upon acceptance of the grant award; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the draft Community Partnership Agreements Between the City of San Luis Obispo and: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo,

Diversity Coalition of San Luis Obispo County, and San Luis Obispo Climate Coalition.

Item pulled from Consent by Council Member Boswell

- 5.g REVIEW OF A REQUEST TO REMOVE ONE TREE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SLO REP THEATRE PROJECT LOCATED AT 614 MONTEREY STREET

Community Development Director Tway and City Arborist Walter Gault responded to questions from Council

Public Comments:

Kevin Harris, SLO REP
Daniel Glidden

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Boswell
Second By Mayor Stewart

Adopt Resolution No. 11626 (2025 Series) entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California approving the removal of one (1) Coast Live Oak Tree at 614 Monterey Street and subsequent replanting of one (1) tree on-site and four (4) trees off-site with an Addendum to the Certified Environmental Impact Report."

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

Noes (1): Council Member Marx added for the record *"I feel it is a real tragedy of errors, and I don't want to ever see something like this happen in the city again."*

CARRIED (4 to 1)

Mayor Stewart announced that due to the large number of people here for Item 7a it will be heard after 5h and then Council will hear Item 6a.

Item pulled from Consent by Vice Mayor Francis

- 5.h APPROVE A DRAFT LETTER TO LEGISLATORS REGARDING DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT

Public Comments:

Kara Woodruff

Gene Nelson

Rachel Whalen

Susannah Brown

Ben Lippert

Aaryn Abbott

---End of Public Comment---

Motion By Council Member Shoresman

Second By Vice Mayor Francis

Approve sending a letter to members of the California State Legislature on behalf of the City of San Luis Obispo titled "Request for State Legislation Supporting Coastal Land Conservation and Restoration of Tax Revenue for Impacted School Districts and Local Government Service Providers Related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant" *as amended at the meeting.*

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

CARRIED (5 to 0)

7. STUDY SESSION

7.a LAGUNA LAKE GOLF COURSE PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW STUDY SESSION

Assistant City Manager Scott Collins, Parks and Recreation Director Greg Avakian and Recreation Manager Devin Hyfield provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Terri Benson

Darren Avrit

Jeff Spevack (Speevack)

Amy Zakaria

Steve Silberstein

Tyler Coari

---End of Public Comment---

ACTION: By consensus the Council provided the following direction:

1. To receive and file the presentation on the Laguna Lake Golf Course Operations and Maintenance.

2. To continue operations of the Laguna Lake golf course and move forward on the Pro Shop renovation and the pedestrian/cart bridge replacement projects as soon as possible.
3. Explore ideas (uses) to generate new sources of revenue by looking at how we can utilize some of underutilized space.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.40.040 (CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS)

Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann and City Clerk Teresa Purrington provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Motion By Council Member Marx

Second By Council Member Boswell

To introduction Ordinance No. 1755 (2026 Series) entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, amending Chapter 2.40.040 of the Municipal Code related to Campaign Contribution Limitations” increasing the per person contribution limit from \$250 to \$500 with the following correction to the Ordinance:

SECTION 1.

c. The Council has considered and affirms the statement of purpose and intent set forth herein and determines the amended and ~~decreased~~ **increased** contribution limits adopted herein further and support the stated purpose and intent.

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

4. CARRIED (5 to 0)

8. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Due to the late hour Liaison Reports and Communication were continued to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for February 17,2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: XX/XX/202X