



## Council Minutes

April 7, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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

Council Members Absent: Council Member Jan Marx

City Staff Present: City Manager Whitney McDonald, Christine Dietrick, City Attorney, Teresa Purrington, City Clerk

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### 1. CLOSED SESSION

#### 1.a CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Erica A. Stewart called the Closed Session of the San Luis Obispo City Council to order at 4:00 PM indicating that all Council Members except Council Member Marx were present.

#### 1.b CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

City Attorney Christine Dietrick reported that the Council met in Closed Session regarding real property negotiations on property located at 975 Broad Street.

**Motion By** Mayor Stewart

**Second By** Council Member Boswell

To authorize staff to enter into real property negotiations and provided direction on price and terms.

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

Absent (1): Council Member Marx

CARRIED (4 to 0)

1.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

City Attorney Christine Dietrick indicated that the Council met in Closed Session regarding conference with Legal Counsel on one matter of existing litigation Ruda et al vs. City of San Luis Obispo.

**Motion By** Council Member Shoresman

**Second By** Vice Mayor Francis

To authorize defense of the action and authorize staff to retain Kevin Siegel, Burke Williams Sorensen to act as outside counsel in defense of the city.

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

Absent (1): Council Member Marx

CARRIED (4 to 0)

1.d ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session adjourned at 5:15 PM.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo City Council was called to order on April 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. with all members present except Council Member Marx.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

4.a MONTH OF THE CHILD

Vice Mayor Francis presented a Proclamation to Shelby West representing the Early Childcare Education & Planning Council.

4.b NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Council Member Shoresman presented the Proclamation to Sandra Sarrouf representing Cultural Creations Collaborative.

4.c EARTH MONTH

Council Member Boswell presented the Proclamation to Laura Albers representing the SLO Climate Coalition.

4.d SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Erica A. Stewart presented the Proclamation to Maggie Torres representing Lumina Alliance.

4.e 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 Harris  
Ben Lippert  
Jackie Loew  
Steve Barrasch  
Leslie Halls  
KC Matthews

*--End of Public Comment--*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Stewart requested that Item 6c be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

None

*--End of Public Comment--*

**Motion By** Council Member Shoresman

**Second By** Vice Mayor Francis

To approve Consent Calendar Items 6a, 6b and 6d.

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

Absent (1): Council Member Marx

CARRIED (4 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 - MARCH 17, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on March 17, 2026.

6.d AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD 879 MORRO ROOF REPLACEMENT, SPECIFICATION NO. 2000075-10

1. Approve the project plans and special provisions for the 879 Morro Roof Replacement, Specification No. 2000075-10; and
2. Award a construction contract (Attachment A) to Ranger Roofing and Solar in the amount of \$189,074.96 for the 879 Morro Roof Replacement, Specification No. 2000075-10; and,
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Brezden Pest Control Inc., following completion of the roofing project, at an amount within the remaining available project budget; and,
4. Authorize a transfer of \$24,948.21 from Sewer Fund Completed Projects to support the roofing project and pest control work; and,
5. Authorize the City Engineer to approve Contract Change Orders, provided they remain within the approved project budget or any amended budget subsequently authorized by the City Manager.

6.c 2026 LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLATFORM

Public Comments:

None

*---End of Public Comment---*

**Motion By** Vice Mayor Francis

**Second By** Mayor Stewart

To adopt Resolution No. 11638 (2026 Series) entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, establishing a City Legislative Action Platform for 2026 and appointing a Council Member and Staff Persons to act as a liaison between the City of San Luis Obispo and the League of California Cities"; with the following changes

1. **Update:** Public Safety #18: Support building code reforms to enable single-stair mid-rise apartment buildings, consistent with the findings of the [March 2026 Cal Fire – Office of the State Fire Marshal report to the Legislature pursuant to Assembly Bill 835](#) and that incorporate modern fire and life safety standards.
2. **Update:** Diversity, Equity, Inclusion #14: Support Medicare and other health insurance program reforms, including updates to geographic designation criteria, that promote equity, expand access

to care, enhance regional collaboration, and ensure healthcare sustainability on the Central Coast.

3. **Add:** Transportation #22: Support legislation that strengthens e- bike safety through rider education, improved equipment regulations, and visibility standards, provides cities with local authority to set operating and speed rules on bike paths and multi- use trails and that also support the City’s mobility and climate goals.
4. **Add:** Public Safety #32: Support legislation, laws, and policies that ensure municipalities retain full autonomy over data collection, responsible data use, and data privacy protections.

To appoint the Mayor, City Manager, and the City Attorney to act as the primary legislative liaisons between the League of California Cities and the City of San Luis Obispo.

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

Absent (1): Council Member Marx

CARRIED (4 to 0)

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS ITEMS

### 7.a 2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT (30 MINUTES)

David Amini, Senior Planner and Ethan Estrada, Assistant Planner, provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

None

*---End of Public Comment---*

**ACTION:** No action taken other than receive and file.

## 8. STUDY SESSION

### 8.a COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT AND 2027 PLAN UPDATE STUDY SESSION (60 MINUTES)

Chris Read, Sustainability Manager and Lucia Baesemann, Sustainability and Natural Resources Analyst provided an in-depth staff report and responded to Council questions.

Public Comments:

Mary Gardner  
June McIvor  
Spencer Brandt  
Melanie Mills  
Lea Brooks  
Rachel Whalen  
Garret Olson  
Eric Vieum  
Megan Souza  
Laura Albers  
Barry Rands  
Don Maruska

*---End of Public Comment---*

*The City Council provided the following direction:*

- Think about the opportunity to align and accelerate implementation of our existing Plans.
- Recognizing what we are doing in San Luis Obispo, we need every city in the county, every city in the state and the world doing more. We need to be more assertive in asking other cities to do their part.
- We should continue to look for opportunities to tell our story beyond our community.
- Tell our story that we have continued to grow our economy along with reducing our carbon emissions.

Staff should evaluate the following as part of the 2027 Climate Action Plan Update.

1. Re-evaluation of mobility innovations related to bikeshare, carshare, and microtransit.
2. Enhanced support for regional transit and EV charging infrastructure.
3. Re-evaluation of large building energy efficiency programs.
4. Evaluation of the new single-family Home Energy Score program.
5. Proactive legislative advocacy.

6. Evaluation of bulk purchasing and direct installation programs for rooftop solar, batteries, and electric heat-pump water-heater and HVAC units.
7. Support for “plug-in” solar and battery energy storage systems.
8. Recommitment to our mode share goals.
9. Look for direct-to renter benefits.

Council wants to maintain our existing carbon neutral goals for 2035.

Continue with the existing “narrow and deep” approach to covered greenhouse gas emissions (focusing on energy, transportation, and landfilled solid waste.)

**Motion By Mayor Stewart**

**Second By Council Member Shoresman**

To join the Local Government Climate Alliance to advocate for pre-approved positions via the City’s adopted Legislative Action Platform to advance Council goals related to the Climate Action Plan, and delegate City participation in the organization to the City Manager or their designee.

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

Absent (1): Council Member Marx

CARRIED (4 to 0)

## 9. LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### Mayor Stewart

- Attended the SLO Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Board meeting on April 1
- Toured the ECHO Shelter in Atascadero
- Attended the Mid State Fair Annual Awards
- Attended the Righetti Ranch Groundbreaking
- Attended the Mid-Higuera Bypass Wrap Party

### Vice Mayor Francis

- Attended the SLO NOOR Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Attended the Righetti Ranch Groundbreaking
- Attended the Mid-Higuera Bypass Wrap Party

**Council Member Boswell**

- Attended the Community Action Partnership Board of Directors Meeting
- Attended the Mid-Higuera Bypass Wrap Party
- Attended the Righetti park groundbreaking
- Attended the SLO Climate Coalition Strategic Planning Retreat
- Attended the April 1st WRAC meeting for Council Member Marx

**Council Member Marx - absent**

**Council Member Shoresman**

- Attended the Righetti Park Groundbreaking
- Attended the Mid-Higuera Bypass Wrap Party
- Attended the Community Academy Public Safety night
- Attended the La Loma Adobe open house
- Spoke to students at Cuesta on the Citywide Single Vote

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 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