



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

5:00 P.M. Closed Session

6:30 P.M. Open Session

REGULAR MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION,
MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

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Marina, California

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Medina Dirksen, David Burnett, Lisa Berkley, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Kathy Biala, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado
3. CLOSED SESSION: *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency) may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the City's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*

- a. Property Negotiations
 - i. Property: The Dunes on Monterey Bay, Opportunity Phase 1A Hotel Site
Negotiating Party: Marina Community Partners, LLC
Property Negotiator: City Manager
Terms: Price and Terms
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of CA Govt. Code sec. 54956.9 – one potential case
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel, four case of existing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of CA Govt. Code Section 54956.9: (1) Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 by California American Water Company, et. al., to the California Coastal Commission over Denial by the City of Marina for a Coastal Development Permit for Construction of Slant Intake Wells for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project; (2) City of Marina and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency v. County of Monterey; Monterey County Board of Supervisors; County of Monterey Groundwater Sustainability Agency; California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and Director Karla Nemeth in her official capacity, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 19CV005270; (3) City of Marina v. RMC Lonestar, RMC Pacific Materials LLC, California-American Water Company, Marina Coast Water District, and Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV001387; and (4) California-American Water Company v. All Persons Interested in the Validity of the City of Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s Sustainability Plan for the Marina GSA Area of the 180-/400-foot Aquifer Subbasin; City of Marina; City of Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency and does 1-50.

6:30 PM - RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Robert Rathie, Assistant City Attorney reported out Closed Session. Council met at 5:00pm with the items listed on the agenda. It regards to all the items listed, information was received, direction was given, and no reportable action was taken.

4. **MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Please stand)
5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a Food Distribution Proclamation
 - b Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Proclamation
 - c United Way of Monterey County, 211 Presentation
 - d Recreation Announcements
6. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** *Any member of the Public or the City Council may make an announcement of special events or meetings of interest as information to Council and Public. Any member of the public may comment on any matter within the City Council’s jurisdiction which is not on the agenda. Please state your name for the record. Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on a future agenda. City Council members or City staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit comments to a maximum of four (4) minutes. Any member of the public may comment on any matter listed on this agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the City Council.*

- Mike Owen – Commented on the hazardous conditions of the 31 Cypress Knolls housing units along Rendova and the Monterey Cypress Trees being as a natural canopy habit for the all the birds out there and there would be no water allocation needed for these trees. Save the trees.
- George Powell – Supports the Racism Proclamation because there is definitely hate crimes going on.

City Council with full consensus rearranged the Other Action agenda item 11d to now be 11a.

7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: *Background information has been provided to the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency on all matters listed under the Consent Agenda, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Agenda are normally approved by one motion. Prior to such a motion being made, any member of the public or the City Council may ask a question or make a comment about an agenda item and staff will provide a response. If discussion or a lengthy explanation is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for Successor Agency to the former Marina Redevelopment Agency and placed at the end of Other Action Items Successor Agency to the former Marina Redevelopment Agency.*
8. CONSENT AGENDA: *Background information has been provided to the City Council, Airport Commission, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, and Redevelopment Agency on all matters listed under the Consent Agenda, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Agenda are normally approved by one motion. Prior to such a motion being made, any member of the public or the City Council may ask a question or make a comment about an agenda item and staff will provide a response. If discussion or a lengthy explanation is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of Other Action Items.*
 - a. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
 - (1) Accounts Payable Check Numbers 97121-97240, totaling \$644,387.65
Wire transfers from Checking and Payroll for January 2021 totaling \$643,578.19
 - b. MINUTES:
 - (1) February 17, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting
 - c. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: None
 - d. AWARD OF BID: None
 - e. CALL FOR BIDS: None
 - f. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS: None
 - g. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS
 - (1) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-18**, approving a Public Improvement Agreement for Sea Haven Phase 3B between the City of Marina and the Contracting Parties of 104 Investments, LLC, Locans Investments, LLC, Wathen Castanos Peterson Homes, Inc., Wathen Castanos Peterson Coastal, LP, and Marina Developers, Inc., and; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Public Improvement Agreement on behalf of the City subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney.
 - h. ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: None
 - i. MAPS:

- (1) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-19**, approving the Phase 3B Final Map for Sea Haven Development Project Subdivision; and consider authorizing the City Clerk to certify the Final Map on behalf of the City subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney.
- j. REPORTS: (RECEIVE AND FILE): None
- k. FUNDING & BUDGET MATTERS: None
- l. APPROVE ORDINANCES (WAIVE SECOND READING): None
- m. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS: None

BURNETT/DELGADO: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
10. OTHER ACTIONS ITEMS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: *Action listed for each Agenda item is that which is requested by staff. The Successor Agency may, at its discretion, take action on any items. The public is invited to approach the podium to provide up to four (4) minutes of public comment.*
11. OTHER ACTION ITEMS: *Action listed for each Agenda item is that which is requested by staff. The City Council may, at its discretion, take action on any items. The public is invited to approach the podium to provide up to four (4) minutes of public comment.*

Note: No additional major projects or programs should be undertaken without review of the impacts on existing priorities (Resolution No. 2006-79 – April 4, 2006).

- a. City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-20**, receiving an update on the City of Marina Small Business and Residential COVID-19 Loan Programs and providing direction regarding changes to the programs; vesting discretion in the City Manager, Accounting Services Manager, and City Attorney to make required changes to the program guidelines necessary to implement and administer the program; and continuing the authority of the City Manager to execute any agreements and promissory notes necessary to implement the program.

Council Questions: Will there be application deadline date or is it until the money runs out? Will the interested rates be the same? Are talking grants versus loans? Is turning loans into grant equitable for those who have applied for loans? Is it legal to convert the loan to a grant? Are we talking about using the money from the federal government or is there something that shifted in the law in the use of our funds? Are we still talking about Covid related impacts only? Could somebody apply for a grant to pay off their loan? How do we handle businesses or residents who have already started paying back on their loans?

Delgado/Biala:

1. **That all rounds will equal round 4 in their terms as far as payback deadlines, as far as number of years they have to pay it back; and**
2. **That we keep this going to June first to reassess it in a couple of months; and**
3. **That we ask staff to come back with an innovated (legal, feasible) way where we can open up some grants instead of just loans since we have remaining balance**

Suggested Amendments

Mayor Pro-Tem Biala - #1 Change the extension date from June 1st to August 31st

Council Member Burnett – #2 Extend the time when staff has to come back

Mayor Delgado – I'll amend the motion on #2 and have staff come back with a brief summary of where they're at in that regard by as close to June 1st

Amended Motion

DELGADO/BIALA:

1. **THAT ALL ROUNDS WILL EQUAL ROUND 4 IN THEIR TERMS AS FAR AS PAYBACK DEADLINES, AS FAR AS NUMBER OF YEARS THEY HAVE TO PAY IT BACK; AND**
2. **THAT WE KEEP THIS GOING TO AUGUST 31ST TO REASSESS IT IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS; AND**
3. **TO HAVE STAFF COME BACK AS CLOSE TO JUNE 1ST TO GIVE US JUST A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF HOW IT'S GOING FINDING A WAY, IF ITS EASIER OR PROVING DIFFICULT AND AT THAT POINT COUNCIL CAN DROP IT OR CONTINUE IT.**

5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Public Comments: None received.

- b. City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-21**, receiving a presentation, providing comments, and approving the preliminary concept plans for the Bicycle Pump Track at Glorya Jean-Tate Park.

Council Questions: Responsibility of the City, what is our insurance like and what are our liabilities? Will the pump track be closed off at night? Will there be lighting along the track? How many can be on the course at once? Are we optimizing this space as best we can? Is this regulation size? Is this competition size? Will there be a track manager or park supervisor? Jogging parameter fencing/barrier, what will that look like? What kind of bike can be used on this track and can disabled people use this track? What are soft costs? What is included in the overall costs? Can we explore TAMC funding for pedestrian improvements to the surrounding corridor streets? Are there any elevations on the jog track? Why is the track adjacent to the neighborhood as opposed to being on the other side close to Reservation? Is this a competitive sport? How long do riders usually stay on the tracks? Long-term maintenance plan and costs? Is this something that would increase the workload or responsibilities of the police? Will helmet be required by all riders? Should we expect more people coming to the pump track from outside the city versus city residents? Cost estimate of lights? Open space to the west? Annual maintenance? Parking, is there enough in that area? Pedestrian safety crossings and sidewalks at Cardoza and Reservation?

BERKLEY/DELGADO: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21, RECEIVING THIS PRESENTATION, PROVIDING COMMENTS, AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLANS FOR THE BICYCLE PUMP TRACK AT GLORYA JEAN-TATE PARK; WITH THE COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC BE INCORPORATED INTO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE INTO THE NEXT PLANS PRESENTED. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Mayor Pro-Tem Biala asked for a friendly amendment that we approve the preliminary concept plans for the pump track with the comments of the council and public be incorporated into the extent feasible into the next plans presented.

Public Comments:

- Elizabeth Billingsley – Excited about this project. Asked Council where the rest of the money will come from for this project? My calculations say we're about \$75,000 short. I really like the design, it's beautiful. Thank you
- Dessy Junsay Murphy – Also excited about this project. Recently ridden the Ramsey Pump Track, it is a paved pump track so keep that in mind. The group running that is keeping it well maintained. Mountain bikers of Santa Cruz are renovating and maintaining several other pump tracks in that area, paved and unpaved both, they did a remarkable amount of maintenance to deal with the dirt versions, with the Ramsey Park being a paved version and not only is less maintenance on-going for them but it is also far more accessible to other types of recreation. There were kids and adults of all stripes walking it, skateboarding it, skating it and all kinds of bicyclists so keep that in mind in final designing the elements. I do like the design that there is a significant basketball court in the center and there was mention of lighting and events to expand opportunities for the city so that oval should be as large as possible to accommodate things like that beyond just single full court basketball game. Large flat smooth surfaces are a rarity in town, and they can be used for a whole host of uses. The mention of TAMC being involved to increase safety and access for traffic makes a difference with the proper striping. Very excited about this opportunity and people of all stripes will drive a tremendous distance if they can. We go 2-hours in any direction to find a skate park or pump track for our fun and we spend lots of money because we're there for many hours. Look forward to following any more development.
- Glen Woodson – The average person burns about 2 burgers per trip to the park and in Europe they've done a study that shows about 1.6 hours is spent at a pump track per user with 69-days of usage per user typically. So, it's significant for people who use a pump track overall. The thing I would like to ask, and request is that there's a cost benefit analysis that compares the dirt to asphalt pavement. That even in the short-term pavement is more expensive the long-term maintenance costs can become pretty significant over time and I would like to be able to see that. I know that that was probably thought about in the front-end design initiation of this but being able to show the transparency would be nice to see. That goes to the issue of what's going on in the region, overall in this local area even though dirt pump tracks which was described earlier up on Route 1 were originally built and a lot of the local facilities are starting to move towards asphalt for that maintenance reason. Ramsey Park was suggested and again one of the benefits of an asphalt track is that not only is the long-term maintenance much shorter or much lower but you actually open it up to in-line skates, to wheelchairs to walking to other types wheeled vehicles that really could open it up to the local community overall. The wheelchairs is a really big benefit because again, it's getting somebody to do something different than just wheeling around on a street and a lot of our streets don't have sidewalks for wheelchairs to stay so it gives them activity. From a recommendation perspective is when you look at the design the design is looking to be built by a competent professional construction company, however integrating it in a partnership whether it's combined with Morca; and is a great organization that does a lot of great trail maintenance but it's mainly dirt maintenance, they don't have a professional staff unlike the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz County that are currently operating a number of parks including Ramsey and some of the other pump tracks creating a long-term maintenance and facility contract-vendor relationship similar to what we're thinking about continuing at the Marina Sports Center and other facilities in the city could be very beneficial cost benefit wise to the city from a long-term development. When

you look at the overall formal construction and maintenance, again I would like to see where that local partnership can be integrated. One of my real concerns when I look at the cost of this is that we look at the Ramsey Park and some of the other pump tracks in the area the cost of building the park construction wise is half the cost. The other half of the cost a lot of times is coming out to be the vegetation and public surrounding areas. So, being able to look at having low maintenance is not just about having the track but it's also about having the rest of the facility that's going to have to be maintained, thank you.

- Nick Kite – Personally like the design, the layout and the features that are presented here. My main thing would be the questions regarding the surface actual of the pump track itself. I know the MacGregor Pump Track in Capitola is a dirt track and the Ramsey is an asphalt. I do agree and I think the asphalt would be a better choice just because it does open up the pump track to other people other than just the bikers, like you said the roller skates, scooters, and wheelchair and such. I know it might be a little bit expensive up front, but I also think the maintenance costs would be less over time. I want to know the difference of why we chose not to use asphalt in this design.
- Grace Silva-Santella – The Mayor mentioned evening lighting and I think we really need to be concerned about adding that into this project. First I would imagine the residential neighborhood across that's just high above I'm not sure they're going to be thrilled about having some tall outdoor sports related lighting. Also, I believe we're starting to incorporate language into our Downtown Plan, hopefully into our General Plan about dark sky compliance lighting and I think we should be concerned about lighting for evening sports events that close to a coastal zone environment. I walk this area often with my husband and there's not really good pedestrian and bike access to this park, not real good direct stretches to get there. You go to go Abdy, you go Reservation Road, or you go Beach Road. That's certainly no reason to develop this but one of those three accesses, each road has a substantial stretch of it with no safe developed sidewalk or bike trail: and that's the stretch that's parallel with the vernal pond. So, I hope you council will talk about how if you're going to intensify the use at this location, especially a use that is inclined to bring young children and teenagers without adult supervision that you also budget in the improvements to that stretch of Beach Road parallel with the vernal pond. Thank you.
- Karen Andersen – Thank you for the comments ahead of me I really appreciate all of them and I wanted to ask a question which was based on what I could see in the agenda packet but I think it is answered with the improved graphic tonight and this is just that the dog park should include a large dog fenced area separate from a small dog fenced area. Thank you.
- Cat Blair – Curious about the wall mural that's there right now and hoped that could stay during the redesign. I was excited about the walking loop and hopes that it's wide enough for strollers to pass each other and was wondering if maybe there could be little workout stations. In planning for future maintenance and if funding gets tight and we do the partial hard soil and if we weren't able to maintain it for a year how fast does it deteriorate? Was leaning more towards the asphalt but doesn't know too much about it.
- Darius Rike – Proposed the pump track about 6-years ago and excited to see it get started. I'm the trail work coordinator for the Monterey Off Road Cycling Association and if it continues to be a dirt pump track and there needs to be volunteer maintenance days we are certainly interested in participating in that and helping however we can with this. I was thinking how does this serve all of Marina today and I jumped on my bike to see how long it takes to get there after work and I live east of California Avenue and it took about 17 minutes. Yeah, there's definitely some missing sidewalks and tight spots along the road but I didn't find it too terrifying to interact with the traffic but there definitely could be some improvements there. Then I thought, how long would it take me to get from that park to the Dunes Development? so I rode out to the rec. trail up to the State Park,

across 8th Street bridge by the VA building over to 2nd Avenue and it took me about 20 minutes to get there. I would venture that this pump track is going to be accessible by bike to all of Marina within a 30-minute bike ride. If you jump in your car with your small children, it's going to be maybe a 5-10-minute drive over to this pump track. Thinks it's going to be a really great asset for the whole community and the region. There are no other pump tracks in the surrounding area. Excited to see it going forward and appreciate everyone taking the time to put this together. Thank you

- Brian McCarthy – I support the recommended resolution and the project. I supported the pervious concept plans throughout the years, and I hope to disseminate that recent survey as widely as I could. Wanted to thank Darius and others that spoke to kind of planting the seed so many years ago and making it more of a reality for our community. But what I don't support is the tremendous cost increase without a robust discussion as to how we got into this situation. To remind you during initial public comments in 2019 it was requested future for park were a bike pump track, dog park, playground with picnic areas, restrooms and a loop trail and what I'm hearing tonight is the pump track but nothing else in the perpetuity as there's no funding for other elements set aside at this time. So, that's not my recollection of previous discussions on the improvements and I think that they should occur hand in hand and oh, by the way building out other elements concurrently not only do you get construction upon user scale but also those other elements help each other. For example, a playground with parents might help to overlook the pump track riders requiring less oversight from police. So, I'm really disappointed to see this new phase approach not because I don't support the pump track but because we need to buildout more elements really at once in my opinion. I want to thank Kathy Biala for mentioning long-term maintenance and you've heard a lot of public comments and concerns over this, what disappoints me is that this will likely pass tonight without requiring a long-term maintenance plan. I encourage the city to look at as an example the Locke Paddon Park Masterplan Maintenance Specs which even though the City doesn't follow at least it's a start and it's something that documented and folks can refer to in terms of what long-term maintenance items might exist. I suggest tonight that any council member that it's not too late to add an amendment that requires staff come back with at least a draft long-term maintenance items before the next meeting. I don't believe you should have to as a council member be asking for this. I think that it should be a hard requirement for any park concept. There are things like the split-rail fence, the turf maintenance, the bathrooms, all things that might require long-term maintenance; and we know transients are using a majority of our parks and restrooms closed there's a lot of nasty affects as a result of that and that requires maintenance, right? The City Manager mentioned the oversight of staff for this park and I'm just worried that funding allocations haven't been set aside for that and maybe our staff is underworked and they just have the time to go to all the extra parks and we don't need to set aside extra funding for that but I don't imagine that's the case. Just consider the huge scope of all the parks we have and the tremendous maintenance that will be involved for years to come and the lack of a long-term maintenance plan for most of these parks. Reminded council that we're making these decisions without a finance manager tonight and hope the city is aggressively pursuing that. we know Lauren Lai just left Monterey and that creates this huge competitive market where it's going to tough for us to hire finance manager alongside Monterey, but I hope we're looking at that. Good luck tonight and thanks for considering this idea.
- Greg Simmons – I like the concept of cyclists. I think it will be fun. I'm not quite a senior and I'm hoping there will be provision for the "not quite seniors" and seniors to compete with all the urchins that will come and have fun at this park. As a mountain bike cyclist I would say that dirt is more fund than asphalt so I would just keep in mind that there's a way to maybe maintain a dirt track that probably more fun for people who design pump tracks may know better that I do about that. One provision may be to include partially paved and partial dirt. Last time I checked asphalt

requires a lot of maintenance as well so perhaps it all costs out in the end. I'm concerned about the comment about possible lighting at night. I think we have a real problem with light pollution in Marina and I think it's something we really need to think hard about, if we what to add more light to our environment. I also appreciate the comments about walking and cycling to there and that's a business intersection just past the park and drivers going onto Highway One aren't necessarily looking for pedestrians or people riding their bikes, so it's something we really need to consider. I agree with several other comments about making sure we consider long-term costs and maintenance. I have heard very little about this, my own fault for missing some council meetings except early on there was a proposal to do it at Locke Paddon and I think this is a much better location for this park, thank you.

- c. City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-22**, approving a Public Participation Plan for the development of a Resource Management Plan for former Fort Ord HMP compliance.

9:57 p.m.

DELGADO/BURNETT: TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM AND ALLOW TIME FOR FIGURING OUT HOW TO FINISH THE AGENDA. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Council questions: Data Collection from April-June 2021 and we're coming up to flowering season but we're not there yet, so are we going to take advantage of this growing season to be able to wrap this up this year with this year's data or not? How do we do our due diligence on these plant species on the developable parcels that we're considering with the various projects? Are you looking for public participation strictly on the resource management plan and the other Incidental Take Permit as a separate process with separate public participation? Is the essential work you're doing for us accessible to us such as the contact lists for public outreach?

BIALA/DELGADO: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22, APPROVING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FORMER FORT ORD HMP COMPLIANCE. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Public Comments:

- Grace Silva-Santella – I agree with the Mayor. I served 10-years on the Planning Commission, Bruce and I met each other in that process. I was the Chair of our General Plan update and I can tell you this is going to be a really difficult one to get residents interested in; and if you can achieve that Mayor Pro-Tem boy hats off to you. In my opinion if there was ever a time as important as what you're talking about right now to get the Tree Committee backup and meeting with each other this in my opinion is a committee that should be met with and be part of the process of reaching out to the public; and also, should be first in line before going to the planning commission. You've got some individuals on that tree committee; one is a good friend of mine Greg Simmons who has some excellent botanical background professionally. You've got Mike Owen who has been committed to this town for years. This is that time that that committee needs to be back up and working again and I think that they are a critical component to getting the public interested and involved, thank you.
- Brian McCarthy – As someone who attended FORA HMP public Meetings I concur this is complexed and has ramifications not easily understood. Make no mistake this plan will have significant effects on land-use and development in particular in the HMP areas. I don't expect that you will but I'd ask the council to reject this resolution until which time the Tree Committee can be

reinstated or the city code is changed rescinding the Tree Committee. We have an obligation to have a fully functioning Tree Committee and I'm hearing a lot of interest in the community to possibly serve on and or participate with the Tree Committee. The Mayor mentioned the trouble with getting people involved and yet as a city we sent a message that participation in the Tree Committee is not welcomed. You're set to approve a resolution to ask for public participation to night and yet the City Manager appears to be saying public participation in accordance with Governor Newsome's executive order is not appropriate given Covid-19. Criticism of the body is not comfortable but kind of a necessary part of political participation and tonight I want to say I respect our City Manager and everyone on this panel and I hope you consider my comments as well intentioned but I believe the effects of disbanding the Tree Committee to be disingenuous and I'm disappointed with the City's use of Covid-19 as a palatable excuse to hinder participation. Therefore, I will note appeared underway before Covid-19 did. I say as a city let's be honest and transparent and if the Tree Committee no longer fills its intended purpose or there's problems with it let's address that, let's change any codes that need to be changed. Again, I'm asking you to reject this resolution until the Tree Committee and be reinstated, thank you.

- Mike Owen – Listened to Erin's presentation and was very impressed. It seemed rational and well organized and extremely professional, but I didn't know what she was talking about until at the very end there were questions from the Mayor and Council and it came up about endangered species, protected species etc.. So, before that when she was talking about resource management, I was thinking trees were a resource. Are there reasons what trees aren't going to be part of the management program? I guess when you go out to the public maybe start really basic before you get into the presentation like Erin did, thank you.
- Greg Simmons – I think the concept of Habitat Management Plan and picking up from what was going on with FORA is a good idea, it's appropriate. There are so many issues in everyone's lives that I'm sure mat be difficult to get people's attention but making the connection to a livable environment, livable for humans and our natural environment go together I think there's a connection there that can be made. I would emphasize that we could link it to a livable city and recreation and protecting those areas. I think that will go along ways towards selling the concept of getting support and input. It's part of the think concept of it. I'm not sure what the connection is with the tree Committee but I think it would be nice to get the Tree Committee moving again and being involved with all the different groups we have in the city that are stakeholders or have input, thank you.
- Karen Andersen – If any group could have been meeting for the past year remotely and or out in the field it would have been the Tree Committee, so I'm really sad about that. Citizens for Sustainable Marina has been really active out of doors and hope you will consider us as a stakeholder because we are a bunch of environmentalists too. Thank you

DELGADO/MEDINA DIRKSEN: TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 6:00PM TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING TWO ACTION ITEMS. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote.

- ~~d. City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 2021 , receiving a report defining personnel needs for internal staffing, consulting and support staff and estimates for funding the Cypress Knolls project.~~
- ~~e. Continue the discussion regarding the Strategic Plan and Work Plan Priority List and provide direction to city staff in preparation for the Budget Retreat in April.~~

12. **COUNCIL & STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- ~~a. Monterey County Mayor's Association [Mayor Bruce Delgado]~~
- ~~b. Council and staff opportunity to ask a question for clarification or make a brief report on his or her own activities as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2.~~

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor