



City Council

Meeting Minutes

Mark Turner - Mayor
Yvonne Martínez Beltrán - Mayor Pro Tem
Soraida Iwanaga - Council Member
Marilyn Librers - Council Member
Miriam Vega - Council Member

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 6:00 PM

Council Chamber Building
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Deputy City Clerk Kim Mancera called the roll.

PRESENT	Mark Turner, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Soraida Iwanaga, Marilyn Librers, Miriam Vega
ABSENT	None

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Kim Mancera declared the posting of the agenda.

SILENT INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month
Donate Life Month
Earth Day

Parkinson's Awareness Month
Women's History Month

PRESENTATIONS

YAC Presentation
VTA Presentation

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Iwanaga attended her first South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) meeting, the Joint Water Resource Committee and Valley Water meeting, a presentation on the health status of Morgan Hill, and a virtual Cal Cities session on cybersecurity. She plans to tour several Valley Water facilities and, in a few weeks, travel by train to the Cal Cities City Leaders Summit in Sacramento.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Christina Turner provided the following updates:

Update on LAFCO meeting on the South County Fire District.

The City submitted the 2024 Housing and General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) to the State by the April 1st deadline, detailing its progress in implementing its Housing Element and meeting its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The City's RHNA allocation through 2031 is 1,037 units; out of this amount, the City has met the RHNA requirements for 815 units to date, leaving 324 units left to meet the City's RHNA requirements. Due to the City's progress in meeting RHNA requirements, Morgan Hill is not currently subject to SB 423/SB35 (Streamlined Ministerial Approval Process for multifamily housing developments) through 2027.

Registration is now open for the Morgan Hill Police Youth Academy in partnership with our Explorer Post 811. This week-long summer program, June 10-13, provides an opportunity for local teens to explore the various roles and responsibilities of law enforcement career options and acquire a deeper understanding of community engagement and policing. This experience creates a positive environment for teens to engage in social, educational, and physical activities while promoting teamwork and an opportunity to build relationships with their peers. Our Youth Academy is open to teens between 14 and 18 who reside in or attend school in the 95037 zip code. For any questions or additional information, please visit the City's website.

Our Council Chamber A/V equipment replacement and upgrade project will begin in a couple of weeks and be completed in May. As a reminder, the improvements include an assistive listening system, new projectors, screens at the dais for improved visibility, and higher-quality video output.

The next Coffee with the Mayor event will be on Saturday, April 26th, at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber.

Check out the Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Summer Camp offerings. This Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Railroad Park in Downtown, Recreation will host a Summer Camp Expo where parents and youth can learn about our fun and unique summer recreation offerings.

The City of Morgan Hill Ethics Poster will be available for the City Council to sign tonight at the Council meeting. We update the poster annually and have all employees read and acknowledge it by signing the surrounding matting.

She introduced and recognized our newly hired, promoted, and retired teammates.
New Hire, Promoted, and Retired Employee Recognitions

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OTHER REPORTS

Council Member Vega mentioned that she attended her first Valley Water meeting. She is looking forward to a tour of their water facilities. She also participated in the 10k Wildflower run.

Council Member Librers mentioned she attended her first South County Youth Task Force meeting. She serves on the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Boards. This year she was nominated as Chair of the Governing Board. She attended a luncheon for Women of the Year, her first training about Cal Train, a policy committee meeting regarding transportation, and the Wildflower run, where she handed out the medals to the participants. She expressed the need for more trains, expanding the freeway, or more VTA service in South County.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran announced that Senator Dave Cortese awarded her Woman of the Year. She thanked the community, her colleagues, City staff, and her family for all their support. She attended the Latinas Contra Cancer. She celebrated with the Silicon Valley Islamic Center for their annual celebration of Ramadan. She attended an anti-hate press conference. She attended the Wildflower run. She attended the Assembly Member Pellerin's Women of the Year luncheon.

Mayor Turner shared that he has been working with Valley Water on fire protection and water resources. He attended the LAFCO meeting today. He discussed the LAFCO Board vote of 6-1 to dissolve the South Santa Clara County Fire District. Central Fire will now take over this district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment opened at 7:10 p.m. The following people were called to speak:

Kathy Chavez Napoli

Ben Palm

Azeez Baameur

Rev. Mary Blessing

Samantha Smith

Joyce Maskell

Deborah Africa

There being no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

Public Comment Supplements

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Adopting the agenda as posted.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	Council Member Librers
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. Pursuant to City Council Policies and Procedures (CP 97-01), any member of the Council or public may request to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar for comment and action.

MOTION:

Approving consent calendar items 1, 3 through 5, 8, 9, and 11.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Librers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega

NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

1. ACCEPT COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION (CLEF) DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,364

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a donation from the Community Law Enforcement Foundation (CLEF) in the amount of \$38,364 for the purchases of new Police K9 - "Marco Polo" and new expenses related to K9 equipment and training; 60 trauma medical kits; and Police Department challenge coins.

3. APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH MAZE & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

Recommendation:

1. Approve a three-year consultant agreement with Maze & Associates for professional auditing services for the not to exceed amount of \$136,078; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the agreement.

4. APPROVE COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA FOR REPAVING OF EAST MAIN AVENUE FOR \$341,495

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer a cost sharing agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the repaving of East Main Avenue from Condit Road to approximately 830 feet from Elm Road.

5. APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approve minutes.

8. APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PETERSON POWER SYSTEMS, INC. FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to increase the not to exceed amount of the generator maintenance agreement with Peterson Power Systems by \$157,473. This increase will bring the not to exceed amount to \$452,668.

9. PAVEMENT CONDITION UPDATE AND PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PLANNING UPDATE

Recommendation:
Receive update.

11. RECEIVE MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE AND FEBRUARY 2025 FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORTS

Recommendation:
Receive and file reports.

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MADRONE CHANNEL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$472,324

Recommendation:

1. Accept as complete the Madrone Channel Trail Improvements Phase II Project;
2. Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Notice of Completion; and
3. Direct the City Clerk to file said Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office.

City Manager Christina Turner provided the report.

Public comment opened at 7:42 p.m.
Doug Muirhead was called to speak.
There being no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended actions.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	Council Member Vega
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. **AUTHORIZE WRITE-OFF OF CERTAIN UNCOLLECTIBLE RECEIVABLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S WRITE-OFF POLICY**

Recommendation:

Authorize write-off of certain uncollectible receivables in the amount of \$55,925 in accordance with the City's write-off policy.

Finance Director Dat Nguyen provided the report.

Public comment opened at 7:54 p.m. There being no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Librers
SECONDER:	Council Member Iwanaga
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

7. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT (WIFIA) LOAN WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SEWER TRUNK LINE**

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to submit the application and address other matters related to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to finance the construction of a new sewer trunk line.

Finance Director Dat Nguyen provided the report.

Public comment opened at 7:57 p.m. There being no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

RESULT:	Passed
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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	Council Member Vega
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

10. RATIFY CITY POSITION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

Recommendation:

Ratify the City's position supporting pending legislation, Senate Bill 456 (Ashby) Community Beautification Act.

City Manager Christina Turner provided the report.

Public comment opened at 8:06 p.m. There being no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	Council Member Librers
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

The meeting recessed at 8:06 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADOPT RESOLUTION FURTHER REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO A DIVERSE, SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AND PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS RESIDENTS

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution further reaffirming the City's commitment to a diverse, supportive, inclusive community and protecting its residents' constitutional rights.

City Attorney Donald Larkin provided the report.

Public comment opened at 8:35 p.m. The following people were called to speak:

Kathy Chavez Napoli

Azeez Baameur

Sarah Miller

Phil Lockwood

Noshaba

Deborah Africa

Sally Casas

Sean Allen (zoom)

Marby Lee (zoom)

There being no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Adopting a 3rd version of the resolution that was handed out to Council during the meeting.

RESULT:	Failed for lack of a second
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	None
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Adopting the resolution in attachment 1 of the staff report.

RESULT:	Failed for lack of a second.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Beltran
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	None
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

MOTION:

Adopting the resolution in attachment 2 of the staff report.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Iwanaga
SECONDER:	Council Member Librers
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Librers, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Martinez Beltran
ABSENT:	None

FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Kim Mancera, Deputy City Clerk