



City Council

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Closed Session 5:00 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

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

SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING

A special meeting of the City Council was called at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a closed session.

SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Deputy City Clerk Rossi called the roll.

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

Council Member Librers arrived at 5:05 p.m.

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Rossi declared the posting of the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Larkin announced the closed session item.

Public Employment Appointment (§ 54957)

Title: City Attorney

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

Public comment opened at 5:03 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

SILENT INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

YAC Presentation - Developmental Asset #14: Adult Role Model: Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior

RECOGNITIONS

Former Mayor Beth Wyman

El Toro Tours

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Libbers reported on recent committee and outreach activities. She attended a Santa Clara County Recycle and Waste Reduction Commission meeting, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Governing and Implementation Board Meeting, spoke at a Chamber of Commerce mixer in Morgan Hill, and attended the Cal Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy and a Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento. She reported that policy discussions focused on priorities related to families, childcare and education, parks and recreation, prevention efforts addressing drugs and gangs, and homelessness, and noted that this work aligned with her service

on the Santa Clara County Youth Task Force.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Turner shared updates on recent community activities, City initiatives, and upcoming events. On January 17, Morgan Hill Bible Church volunteers completed a community service day at Community Park by spreading mulch, collecting litter, and painting trash cans. She expressed appreciation for their partnership and volunteer efforts. She shared that the City Council Annual Goal Setting Workshop is scheduled for February 6 and 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber and the Mayor's State of the City Address is planned for March 11 at the Granada Theatre. Updates were also provided on the City's 120th Anniversary activities, including the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission's review of logo design contest submissions, with the winning design to be announced in a forthcoming press release, Foodie Week participation by more than 15 businesses concluding on January 31 with over 15,000 social media views, and the announcement of the "My Love Letter to Morgan Hill" campaign running February 1 through February 28 to encourage resident participation.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Larkin shared that the Council met in closed session earlier in the evening on one item for City Attorney recruitment and there was no reportable action.

OTHER REPORTS

Council Member Vega expressed appreciation for her students who attended the meeting. She shared that she attended her first meeting of the Habitat Agency, on which she serves with Mayor Pro Tem Librers, and attended the Cal Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento.

Council Member Martinez Beltran shared that she attended a Silicon Valley Clean Energy meeting and a countywide immigration workshop. She also attended the Cal Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento with colleagues, where discussions focused on funding for affordable housing, land use flexibility, and incentives to support economic development. In addition, she reported attending the swearing-in of the new County Assessor on January 26 and a Rock the Mock event at Central High School.

Council Member Iwanaga shared that she was preparing to resume meetings with various policy groups in the coming weeks and reported her attendance at the Cal Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento. She reported that, with a year of service completed, the discussions were more meaningful and allowed for stronger connections with representatives from other cities on shared issues. She noted a particular focus on public transportation, including rail service, and her intent to continue working collaboratively to support commuters.

Mayor Turner shared that he attended the Cal Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy in Sacramento. He announced a community tree planting project scheduled for Saturday morning along the West Little Llagas Creek Trail between Watsonville

Road and Middle Road, noting that he had been working on the project for nearly two years. He expressed his appreciation to Public Services Director Chris Ghione, the Rotary Club, John Varela of Valley Water, and Mayor Bozzo of Gilroy.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment opened at 6:23 p.m. The following people were called to speak:

Krista Rupp

Roger Knopf

Tere Johnson

With no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Adopting the agenda with the following correction.

City Clerk Bigelow provided a title correction to Consent Item No.1, which should read as follows:

Acceptance of Planning Commissioner resignation, reappointment of two Commissioners on the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission (LCAC), two Commissioners on the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), appointing one PRC Commissioner to the LCAC, and recruitment to fill vacancies on Planning and PRC Commissions.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Librers
SECONDER:	Council Member Iwanaga
AYES:	Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Librers, Council Member Iwanaga, Council Member Martinez Beltran, Council Member Vega
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	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 1-7.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Vega

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

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION, REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO COMMISSIONERS ON THE LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION (LCAC), TWO COMMISSIONERS ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PRC), APPOINTING AN LCAC COMMISSIONER TO THE PRC, AND RECRUITMENT TO FILL VACANCIES ON TWO COMMISSIONS**

Recommendation:

1. Accept Planning Commissioner Wayne Tanda's resignation;
2. Reappointment of Commissioners Patrice Lyn and Cindy Blanton to the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission with terms ending April 1, 2030;
3. Reappointment of Commissioners Craig van Keulen and Harpreet Vittal to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms ending April 1, 2030;
4. Appointment of LCAC Commissioner Julie Lucido to the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission with a term ending April 1, 2030; and
5. Direct staff to continue recruitment efforts to fill the one vacancy on the Planning Commission and the two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION ADDING SECTION 20516 COST SHARE TO THE MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES RESOLUTION NO. 25-039**

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution adding Section 20516 Cost Share to the Management, Professional, and Confidential Employees Resolution No. 25-039.

3. **APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2025, DECEMBER 17, 2025, AND JANUARY 16, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation:

Approve the December 15, 2025, December 17, 2025, and January 16, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.

4. **APPROVE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT FOR WALNUT GROVE ESTATES – TRACT NO. 10422 LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WALNUT GROVE DRIVE AND DIANA AVENUE INTERSECTION (APN: 726-07-090 - 726-07-098)**

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Amended and Restated Subdivision Improvements Agreement for Walnut Grove Estates – Tract No. 10422;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Subdivision Improvements Agreement with Morgan Hill Mansions LLC (Subdivider); and
3. Authorize the recordation of the Amended and Restated Subdivision Improvements Agreement.

5. **APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MJR ELECTRIC, INC. TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$160,000 FOR A TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT OF \$260,000 FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS AT CITY FACILITIES**

Recommendation:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Maintenance Service Agreement with MJR Electric, Inc. for \$160,000 for a total agreement amount of \$260,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the First Amendment to the Maintenance Service Agreement with MJR Electric, Inc.

6. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WITH SAVANT SOLUTIONS**

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for computer equipment with Savant Solutions with an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

7. **AWARD CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER POOL REPLASTERING PROJECT**

Recommendation:

1. Award contract to Earl Adams Tile-Coping & Plastering, Inc., dba Adams Pool Solutions in the amount of \$112,976 and authorize the expenditure of up to 20% contingency funds not to exceed \$22,595; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer that certain construction contract with Earl Adams Tile-Coping & Plastering, Inc., dba Adams Pool Solutions.

8. **Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957)**

Title: (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

1. Each action begins with a verb (Adopt, Approve, Direct, Accept, etc)
2. Only ONE action per number
3. Number each action ONLY when more than ONE action is recommended

OTHER BUSINESS

9. ACCEPT MORGAN HILL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (MHPBID) OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT (DBA DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT)

Recommendation:

Accept and file the Downtown Morgan Hill Improvement District Annual Report.

Economic Development Director Mahood provided a presentation and report.

Public comment opened at 6:57 p.m.

John McKay was called to speak.

With no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

Report accepted.

The meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

10. REPEAL CHAPTER 15.63 (PROHIBITION OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW BUILDINGS) OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE MORGAN HILL MUNICIPAL CODE

Recommendation:

Waive the reading and introduce an Ordinance repealing Chapter 15.63 of the Morgan Hill Municipal Code regarding the prohibition of natural gas infrastructure in new buildings.

Public Services Director Ghione provided a presentation and report.

Public comment opened at 7:11 p.m. The following people were called to speak:

Rocke Garcia

Margaret McCann

Ron Kirkish

Matt Lundy (Zoom)

With no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Waiving the first and second reading of the ordinance.

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

MOTION:

Introducing the ordinance.

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

FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Turner requested a discussion on the potential development of an indoor sports and recreation complex.

Mayor Turner requested a discussion on developing a specific definition for blight - property, maintenance and standards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting in honor of Former Mayor Beth Wyman at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Vicky Rossi, Deputy City Clerk