



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, February 18, 2026

5:15 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Regular Session

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

SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING

A special meeting of the City Council was called at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a closed session.

SPECIAL MEETING

5:15 p.m. Closed Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 5:15 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

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Rossi declared the posting of the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Larkin announced the closed session items.

Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)

City of Morgan Hill v. Garcia, 6th District Court of Appeal, Case No. H052498

Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957)

Title: City Attorney

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

Public comment opened at 5:16 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:16 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

SILENT INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

YAC Presentation - Developmental Asset #8: Youth as Resources

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Martinez Beltran shared that on February 5 she partnered with Nueva Esperanza to host an employer training on immigration rights and responsibilities and participated in a webinar led by California Attorney General Rob Bonta. She attended the February 11 Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board and the groundbreaking for the new Children's Advocacy Center at the DePaul Center, which will provide critical services locally for vulnerable South County children and families. She shared that on February 21 she will be assisting with the First Responder and Senior Appreciation Pancake Breakfast at the Morgan Hill Grange from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Turner shared updates highlighting the launch of the "My Love Letter to Morgan Hill" campaign as part of the City's 120th Anniversary celebration, encouraging residents to participate through creative submissions. She also announced the upcoming Elevate Morgan Hill community conversation on housing and jobs scheduled

for February 28. Additionally, she reported on the groundbreaking of The Magnolias affordable housing development, which will provide 66 units serving agricultural workers, veterans, and individuals in need of rapid rehousing. Lastly, she noted that the City is currently recruiting applicants for openings on the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Larkin shared that the Council met in closed session earlier in the evening on two items and there was no reportable action.

OTHER REPORTS

Mayor Turner shared that the City recently completed planting 25 trees along the Upper Little West Llagas Creek Trail. He noted it was a great community event, with Council Members Vega and Martinez Beltran participating, and expressed appreciation to everyone who came out to help. He also reported on the Mobility Partnership meeting, where he raised concerns with Caltrans regarding potholes and roadway conditions at the southbound Tennant Avenue and Dunne Avenue off-ramps and the northbound Tennant Avenue on-ramp. He reported that he will continue to advocate for needed repairs at those locations.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment opened at 6:16 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Adopting the agenda as posted.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Iwanaga
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

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 the consent calendar items 2, 3, and 7.

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

2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF THE DONATE LIFE FLAG**

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution authorizing the display of the Donate Life Flag annually during the month of April.

3. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2374, NEW SERIES, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL REPEALING 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, adopt Ordinance No. 2374, New Series, and declare that said title, which appears on the agenda, shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

7. **RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT ON 2025 CITY ENGINEER ACCEPTANCES OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED BY PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Recommendation:

Accept and file Annual Report on 2025 City Engineer acceptances of public improvements completed by private development projects.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DICUSSION

1. **ACCEPT MORGAN HILL MAGICAL BRIDGE SHADE STRUCTURE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$362,726**

Recommendation:

1. Accept as complete the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Shade Structure

- 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.

Public Services Director Ghione provided a report.

Public comment opened at 6:19 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended actions.

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

4. **APPROVE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KB HOME SOUTH BAY INC. FOR OUT-OF-TRACT, NON-FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG MISSION VIEW DRIVE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CROSSWINDS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Recommendation:

1. Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with KB Home South Bay Inc. for out-of-tract, non-frontage improvements associated with the Crosswinds Residential Development Project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Reimbursement Agreement.

Public Services Director Ghione provided a report.

Public comment opened at 6:24 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended actions.

RESULT:	Passed
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MOVER:	Council Member Martinez Beltran
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

5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER CONSOLE FURNITURE FROM THE RUSS BASSETT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,538

Recommendation:

1. Approve the purchase of Emergency Communications Center Console Furniture from the Russ Bassett Corporation in the amount of \$104,538; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreement and any related documents necessary to implement the project.

Police Support Services Manager Tada provided a report.

Public comment opened at 6:26 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended actions.

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

6. APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2026 CITY COUNCIL AND FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2026 GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approve the January 28, 2026 City Council and February 6 & 7, 2026 Goal Setting Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Public comment opened at 6:32 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Council Member Martinez Beltran
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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. **ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING COMMENCEMENT OF 2026 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

Recommendation:

1. Open/Close public hearing; and
2. Adopt resolution authorizing Santa Clara County to commence weed abatement activities.

Public Services Director Ghione provided a presentation and report.

The public hearing opened at 6:37 p.m. With no requests to speak, the public hearing closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended actions.

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

The meeting recessed at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Recommendation:

Approve Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

Public Services Director Ghione provided a report.

Public comment opened at 7:12 p.m.

Brian Sullivan was called to speak.

With no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

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

10. APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAY AREA SPORTS FUNDING LLC FOR POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR AN INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY AT THE BUTTERFIELD PARK SITE

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to pursue a lease/partnership agreement with Bay Area Sports Funding LLC for development of an indoor multi-use sports facility on a portion of the Butterfield Park site.

Public Service Director Ghione provided a presentation and report.

Public comment opened at 7:34 p.m.

Doug Muirhead was called to speak.

With no further requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action, including a three-month update.

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

11. PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON PROPOSED FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEM TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF INDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX

Recommendation:

Determine if the majority of the City Council wants the following item agendized at a future meeting for discussion:

Strategic exploration of an indoor sports and recreation complex.

City Manager Turner and Mayor Turner provided the report.

Public comment opened at 7:52 p.m. With no requests to speak, public comment closed.

MOTION:

Approving the recommended action.

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

FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Martinez Beltran requested an evaluation of whether and how traffic and circulation considerations associated with the City's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan could be incorporated into the City's objective development standards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
Vicky Rossi, Deputy City Clerk