

**TOWN OF MORAGA  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**May 22, 2024  
MINUTES**

**6:30 p.m.**

**The following are minutes of the actions taken by the Town of Moraga Town Council.  
A full video recording of the meeting is available on the Town's website at:  
<https://livestream.com/moraga>**

Council Chambers  
335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, California 94556

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Teresa Onoda.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Mayor Teresa Onoda, Vice Mayor Steve Woehleke and  
Councilmembers Kerry Hillis, David Shapiro and Renata Sos

Councilmembers absent: None

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Special Announcements.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Presentation by Antoinette St. John from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office (District 16)

Due to a scheduling conflict, Antoinette St. John was unable to attend on behalf of Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office (District 16) and will reschedule to a future date.

- B.** Moraga-Orinda Fire Department

Due to a delay in Fire Chief, Dave Winnacker's schedule, this presentation was postponed to immediately follow **Item 8-A**, Councilmember and Town Manager announcements.

Fire Chief, Dave Winnacker presented on the topic of wildfire data and mitigation techniques.

- C.** Introduction of Sr. Engineers, Deirdre Castillo and Nate Levine

Sr. Engineers, Nate Levine and Deidre Castillo gave remarks.

There were no comments from the public.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Public comment provided by Chris Palomo.

## 6. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

### ACTION:

Motion: **Sos** / Second: **Woehleke**

Approve modification to the meeting agenda with **Item 10-A**, Discussion Items – Art in Public Spaces Interview, to be considered prior to **Item 7**, Consent Calendar; to move **Item 10-B**, Revised Town Council Meeting Start Time to June 26, 2024; and to move **Item 15**, Special Meeting - Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session to a date to be determined.

**Vote: (5-0)**

There were no comments from the public.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 **Approval of Minutes** for the May 08, 2024 Regular meeting of the Moraga Town Council.

7.2 **Review and Accept** the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee's Independent Report to the Town Council regarding the sources and uses of the Measure K Transactions and Use Tax for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

Consent Items 7.2 was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Sos.

### ACTION:

Motion: **Woehleke** / Second: **Hillis**

Approve Item 7.1 as shown

**Vote: (5-0)**

Council discussion followed on Item 7.2.

There were no comments from the public.

### ACTION:

Motion: **Sos** / Second: **Woehleke**

Approve Item 7.2 as shown

**Vote: (5-0)**

## 8. REPORTS

### A. Mayor and Councilmembers

The Mayor and Councilmembers provided updates on meetings they had attended along with events and activities in Moraga.

Councilmember Sos congratulated SMC Women's Softball Team who made it to the NCAA tournament by winning the Westcoast Conference Tournament. Councilmember Sos also announced Lourd's Ice Cream in the Moraga Shopping Center will be celebrating it's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 2, 2024 from 12pm – 1pm.

Councilmember Hillis announced it was City Infrastructure Week and welcomed the two new Sr. Engineers to the Town's Public Works team.

Councilmember Shapiro had no reports this evening.

Vice Mayor Woehleke reported out on the topics covered at the recent MOFD meeting. The Vice Mayor also attended the Planning Commission meeting and reported citizen concerns regarding fire risk pertaining to new development. Vice Mayor Woehleke announced that Bocce Ball sign-ups continue to be open for the June 27, 2024 tournament. And lastly, Vice Mayor Woehleke volunteered to help out Mayor Onoda with events when needed.

Mayor Onoda attended the "welcome" of the cows at Painted Rock and reported about the cows and their journey. The Mayor announced details regarding the upcoming Fire Safety meeting on May 30, 2024 at JM Intermediate School. Lastly, Mayor Onoda thanked Public Works for their efforts in trimming weeds in support of fire safety.

## **B. Town Manager**

Town Manager, Mitnick requested the public visit the Town's website to review the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and provide comments. The Town Manager announced the Fire Safety Meeting would occur on May 30, 2024 at JM Intermediate School at 6:30pm. He also announced the next Closed Session meeting would occur on May 29, 2024 and the topic would be the Town Manager's annual review and the next Regular meeting of the Town Council would occur on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Lastly, Town Manager, Mitnick offered a pear tart that was provided by the Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Woehleke and Mayor Onoda asked clarifying questions pertaining to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Public Works Director, Shawn Knapp thanked Council for their recognition regarding Public Works week and requested a proclamation recognizing Larry Rosenberg for his service in support of the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee for the Town of Moraga.

## **9. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **10. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR ACTION**

### **A. Art in Public Spaces Candidate Interview**

Interview and consider applicant, Darlene Bennett for appointment to an open seat replacing one voting Community member on the Art in Public Spaces Committee for a three-year term of office.

The Town Council conducted an interview with applicant Darlene Bennett for an open seat on the Art in Public Spaces Committee.

Council discussion followed.

There were no comments from the public.

**ACTION:**

Motion: **Sos / Second: Woehleke**

Council appointed Darlene Bennett to fill an open seat on the Art in Public Spaces Committee for a three-year term of office.

**Vote: (5-0)**

**B. Revised Town Council Meeting Start Time**

Waive the first reading and introduce, by title only, an Ordinance amending Section 2.04.010 – “Time of Regular Meetings” of Title 2 “Administration and Personnel” of the Moraga Municipal Code to:

1. Change the start time of Regular Town Council meetings from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM; and
2. Find Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5).

Town Council voted to move this item to the Regular Town Council meeting on June 26, 2024.

**11. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items.

**12. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**14. TOWN MANGER FOLLOW-UP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**


Town Manager, Mitnick gave an overview of the upcoming Fire Safety Community Meeting on May 30, 2024 at 6:30pm at the library at JM Intermediate School.

**15. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING – JOINT TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION**

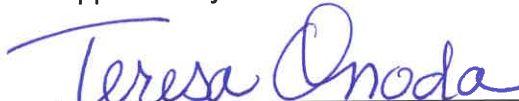
The Special Meeting – Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session was moved to a date to be determined.

Mayor Onoda adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Amy Heavener, CMC  
Town Clerk

Approved by the Town Council:

  
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Teresa Onoda,  
Mayor