

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTEREY
WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
STEINBECK FORUM, MONTEREY CONFERENCE CENTER
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Della Sala called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Council Members

Present: Councilmembers Downey, Selfridge, Sollecito, Mayor Della Sala

Absent: Haferman

City Staff:

Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Information Resources Director/City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Police Lieutenant, Communications and Outreach Manager

WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Della Sala gave a brief welcome statement.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Light Brown Apple Moth Presentation by State Representatives (City Manager Series)

A. Facilitator's Welcome and Explanation of Meeting Format

Facilitator Candace Ingram welcomed attendees and invited them to sign in. She introduced participants, elected officials and representatives and outlined a format for the meeting.

B. Introduction of Public Officials

Ms. Ingram introduced CDFA Secretary A.G. Kawamura.

C. Secretary's Message

CDFA Secretary A.G. Kawamura explained the Department of Agriculture's mission.

D. Presentations

Ms. Ingram introduced CDFA Director of Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services John Connell. He presented slides highlighting facts about the Light Brown Apple Moth and the current eradication effort.

Ms. Ingram introduced Dr. Michael O'Malley, medical toxicologist, UC Davis. He addressed concerns that had been raised regarding any potential health issues.

There was a recess from 7:28 p.m. until 7:40 p.m.

E. Responses to Written Questions

Ms. Ingram facilitated while the presenters answered written questions submitted by the audience.

F. Public Comments Regarding the Presentation

Ms. Ingram invited members of the public to comment on the presentation.

The following people spoke: LeVonne Stone; Dan Cort, Mayor of Pacific Grove; Dan Presser; Yolanda Grimble; Craig Barnes; Phyllis Hilton; Barbara Bass Evans, Monterey resident; Denise Mello, Pacific Grove resident; David Dilworth, Helping Our Peninsula's Environment; Reverend Gervis Griffin; Steve Shimek, Executive Director of the Otter Project; Rina Tringali; Cristi Balestrieri, Monterey resident; Bridget Hoover, Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary; Dennis O'Brien; Melissa Hilton, paralegal; Kim Mitchell; Vienna Merritt Moore, Interim Chair of Fort Ord Community Advisory Group; Hebard Olsen, retired science teacher; Christine Bettencourt; May Smith, volunteer for the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Committee; Sharon Christensen; Iris Peppard, area resident; Mike Houston, Seaside resident; Gina Renee, host of Health Talk radio program; Anita Bettencourt; Karen Stafford; Bob Evans, New Monterey resident; Sandra Collingwood; Carol Hatton; Sylvia Walter-Corals; John Manassero; Richard Bailey; Elsa Dooling, Carmel resident; Nelson Bonner, Hartnell teacher; Gail Robbins; Todd Crawford; Michael Romano; Maya Freedman; Azalyne Skye; Bill Frisch, Marina resident; Carol Castinsy, Pacific Grove resident; Jeff Rosenvale; Ellen Pendleton; Joyce Haferman; Natasha Zelig; and Tony Keppelman.

Councilmember Selfridge left the meeting at 9:40 during the public comment period, and a quorum of three Councilmembers remained.

G. Closing Comments

Mr. Connell expressed his appreciation for the comments, saying that they would be taken into consideration. Dr. O'Malley recommended that people talk to the National Poison Center for reassurance. Secretary Kawamura noted that this is what the democratic process is all about and acknowledged the speakers' comments.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE PRESENTATION

Councilmembers Downey and Sollecito and Mayor Della Sala returned to the dais. Mayor Della Sala noted the lateness of the hour and suggested continuing the discussion tomorrow afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:17 p.m., It was moved by Councilmember Sollecito, and seconded by Councilmember Downey to adjourn the meeting to 3:00 p.m. on August 30, 2007 in the Monterey City Council Chamber. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	3	COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	2	COUNCILMEMBERS: Haferman, Selfridge

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Bonnie Gawf
Information Resources Director/City Clerk

Chuck Della Sala
Mayor