Mayor Della Sala opened the floor for public comment. Tom Rowley, Fisherman's Flats resident and realtor, said that he spent many hours working on the affordable housing issue. He said that the proposed County General Plan Housing Overlay Zone designates the wrong area for this use. He supported Council the staff recommendation, saying that it shows Monterey's leadership in the affordable housing matter. Having no further requests to speak, Mayor Della Sala closed public comment on the item.

On question Principal Planner Cole and Deputy City Manager Reichmuth reviewed the City's affordable housing plans as they relate to the proposed discussions with the County. Mayor Della Sala reiterated that affordable housing needs to be located where services are readily available.

On a motion by Councilmember Downey, seconded by Mayor Della Sala, and carried by the following vote, the City Council approved the staff recommendation to initiate discussions with Monterey County:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Haferman, Seifridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

C7. Approval of Letter from the City Expressing Opposition to AB 2712 Which Would Create Redundant Sardine, Anchovy and Squid Fishing Regulations (Public Facilities 701-01)
Action: Approved

C8. Recommendation for Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission (Council Subcommittee 701-06)
Action: Appointed Todd Porteous

***End of Consent Agenda***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Della Sala opened the floor for Public Comments on items not on the agenda. Tom Rowley said that he has been involved in many traffic issues through the years, and he believes that North Fremont Street is not suitable for extensive mixed-use development or as a walking destination. He asked that idea be deleted from the City’s General Plan. Bob Oliver said that he believes that Councilmember Haferman’s ticket is still an outstanding issue, and he has spent over 200 hours reviewing the records. He asked Council to assist him in getting additional records and to do a study on the stop sign. On question, Deputy City Manager Reichmuth clarified that it is a CalTrans intersection and Mr. Oliver has been referred to that agency previously. Having no further requests to speak, Mayor Della Sala closed Public Comments.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

1. Authorizing Staff Preparation of an Ordinance Requiring the Use of Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging (Plans and Public Works 802-07)
Action: Authorized staff to prepare an ordinance

Solid Waste Program Manager Brantley introduced Recycling Coordinator Milton, and they jointly presented the staff report. Councilmember Downey noted that the Waste Management Board is working hard to get cities to adopt this type of ordinance. She outlined the opportunities presented by granting the authority to draft this ordinance.

Mayor Della Sala opened public comment. Bruce Orenstein, Hyatt Regency Monterey, spoke in support. Amalia Chamorro, Director of Local Government Affairs for the California Restaurant
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Association, said they look forward to working with the City staff on this issue. Joy Colangelo said that she is thankful to work on this task force and she supported the ordinance. Hemanna Wisebooth, Surfrider Foundation, spoke in support of the proposed action. Jeff Lindenthal, Public Education and Recycling Manager of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, said that he would be pleased to see less plastic going into the landfill, and he supported development of an ordinance. Seeing no further requests to speak Mayor Della Sala closed public comment.

Councilmember Selfridge said she appreciates the slogan, "Don't pass it up, pick it up." She noted that she has seen Mr. Rowley do that on a number of occasions. Councilmember Downey said that this type of waste is deadly to fish and she supports the staff recommendation. Mayor Della Sala said this is a great step forward.

On a motion by Councilmember Downey, seconded by Councilmember Sollecito, and carried by the following vote, the City Council approved the staff recommendation, authorizing staff to prepare an ordinance:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Mayor Della Sala adjourned the meeting to a closed session at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION


Action: Received and discussed report

Mayor Della Sala called a recess at 5:35 p.m. and then reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:00 p.m., where all Councilmembers were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Information Resources Director/City Clerk Gawf made the announcements as noted above.

CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Della Sala opened the floor for Public Comments on items not on the agenda. Lorna Moffett asked to be placed on the agenda for ten minutes to do an update on the City’s herbicide spraying program and voiced concerns regarding signage and noticing for the program. Ralph Widmar, Monterey citizen, voiced concerns about a violation of the Brown Act by Councilmembers Haferman and Selfridge regarding disclosure of closed session discussions, and urged the Councilmembers to resign. Elsa Dooling, Carmel resident, said that it is difficult to get work done while being caught up in drama. She that what Councilmembers do affects the residents and employees in Monterey, and she is concerned that things are not going to get done while the drama continues. She said that she knows who Jeff Haferman is because she has worked with him, and he has leadership abilities, as do the other Councilmembers.

Mary Ann Finocchi, Monterey resident, said that Mayor Della Sala’s remarks made at the last meeting were an attempt to clear the air on the McMahon matter. Nelson Vega, property owner in Monterey, agreed with Mr. Widmar's comments, noting that the voters would have their say in November and Councilmembers have a responsibility to do no harm. He spoke in support of...