

Summary of public comments for City Council Regular Meeting on May 19, 2020:

Name	Subject	Comment Summary or full comment if brief
Sari Canales Monrovia Chamber of Commerce	Public Input (items not on the agenda)	Looking forward to businesses slowly opening again – current chamber hours are by appointment only: Monday and Wednesday 12-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm. New weekly segment launching – Mental Health Awareness will showcase local services and resources. For info on upcoming meetings and events call (626) 358-1159 or visit their website at Monroviacc.com
Jon Molle	Public Input (items not on the agenda)	Suggesting a change to the Municipal Code to allow for backyard beekeeping with certain restrictions to encourage a more bee-friendly natural habitat within the city’s wild spaces. Additional background and sample resolution provided in full attachments.

Comments submitted by deadline of 6 p.m. today were forwarded to the Council by the City Clerk and posted to the website. Comments submitted after 6 p.m. will be forwarded to the City Council and posted after the meeting. Copies may also be obtained by sending a request by email to cityclerk@ci.monrovia.ca.us or calling (626) 932-5599.

From: [Sari Canales](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: chamber report for city council meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:05:41 PM

Good afternoon,

The chamber is looking forward to businesses slowly opening up again. The new chamber office hours are open by appointment only Monday, Wednesday from 12n-4p and Friday 9-1p.

The chamber is introducing a weekly segment: Next week feature is Mental Health Awareness. It will showcase local services and resources for example Healing Connections and the Un-Silent Campaign.

The May Board meeting is scheduled May 27th at 12n via zoom.

June events and meetings are scheduled to be offered virtually.

Tuesday, June 2 Networking Breakfast

Monday, June 8 Ambassador Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th Government Affairs Meeting

BASH- Happy Hour

Thursday, June 11 Young Professional Meeting

Wednesday, June 17 Lunch Mob- Take Out

Wednesday, June 24 Board meeting

Stay Strong Monrovia

From: jmolle@protonmail.ch
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public comment on non-agenda issue for 2020-05-19 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:04:12 PM
Attachments: [Bee City USA RESOLUTION 11-18.docx](#)

Hello Monrovia City Council,

I read your public comment instructions for this meeting. If this is the wrong place to bring this up, I apologize in advance for my misunderstanding.

My name is Jon Molle. I moved into Monrovia fairly recently. I am here to suggest a change in the Municipal Code to allow backyard beekeeping with certain restrictions and, potentially, encourage a more bee-friendly natural habitat within the city's wild spaces.

As a reference, this is the current rule:

§ 6.28.070 KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/monrovia/latest/monrovia_ca/0-0-0-30974

Recognizing their importance as pollinators, most large cities in the US (including [Los Angeles in 2015](#)) allow some forms of backyard beekeeping. There are several nonprofits with available templates for this. As an example, my friend recently worked with an advocacy group [Bee City USA](#) to make their town more bee-friendly. I have attached their template as an example, but as they only told me about this today when I mentioned writing this comment I am not specifically advocating their approach. Los Angeles, for example, worked with [HoneyLove](#).

I don't expect anything immediately, but I urge you to consider amending these rules.

Best,
Jon Molle

Sent from [ProtonMail](#), encrypted email based in Switzerland.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
A RESOLUTION of The City of Seaside City Council
Designating the City of Seaside as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate.

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;
- Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;
- Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seaside should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community because:

- The City of Seaside does not and will not use pesticides in our parks and open spaces, which reduces the harmful impact of these products on native and domestic bees. ((*please expand or edit this to better represent all the places we do not use pesticides))
- The City of Seaside made recent updates to city codes which are beneficial to bee husbandry, following unanimous support by the city council. These code changes represent a progressive update that are among the most supportive of other bee friendly cities.
- Seaside city limits encompass ((x square miles)) which is ((%)) of our total area as wild spaces with native plants, in addition to ((x square miles)) of agricultural land in close proximity to the city. This allows for bee foraging and native bee habitat, and supports the ongoing relationship between domestic bees and our food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them City of Seaside chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The City of Seaside's Community Development Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The Associate Planner of Community Development is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.
3. Facilitation of the City of Seaside's BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Environmental Committee.
4. The Environmental Committee is authorized to and shall:
 - a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase the City of Seaside's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City of Seaside's website which includes, at minimum:
 - a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website;
 - contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee;
 - reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and
 - your recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
 - c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
 - Identify and inventory Seaside real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 - Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
 - d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
 - e. **Policy:** Establish, through the City of Seaside a policy in the General Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation.
 - f. **Plan Review:** Review the General Plan and other relevant documents to: consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
 - g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the City of Seaside's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the City of Seaside's population.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seaside, California, this ____ day of _____, 20__.