

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

**FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Mayor Shoals.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council: Council Member Mariam Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor John Shoals were present. Council Members Karen Bright and Barbara Nicolls were absent.

City Staff: City Manager Robert Perrault, City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, Human Resources Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk Channelle Hubbard, Police Chief John Peters, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Gregory Ray were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items of interest which were within the jurisdiction of the City Council, but were not listed on the agenda.

- A. Brad Snook, Surf Rider Foundation, spoke in support of "ocean friendly gardens" and suggested scheduling a Council presentation on the topic. He also spoke in support of establishing a local ban on polystyrene.
- B. Ken Lehman, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns regarding water use by visitors to the Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground and dump station.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lee and seconded by Council Member Shah to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 1 as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Mayor Shoals.  
NOES: Council Members - None.  
ABSENT: Council Members Bright and Nicolls.  
ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

- 1. **Approval of Final Tract Map, Tract 3038, Phase 2** - Request to file a final map on the second phase of a 48-lot subdivision of single family homes. The second phase to consist of 29 lots, including 3 units designated for low-income housing. Applicant: Green Park Homes, LLC.  
**Action**: Adopted Resolution No. 15-23.

**Resolution No. 15-23: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Approving the Final Map of Tract 3038, Phase 2, Rejecting All Offers of Dedication Identified on the Map Without Prejudice and Accepting \$97,687.50 in Securities from the Developer to Guarantee Completion of All Public Improvements Identified on the Approved Plans and Setting of Property Corner Survey Monuments.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- 2. **Status Report - Water Sources and Conservation Efforts.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault provided introductory remarks and outlined the information to be presented. He then introduced Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray provided an overview regarding water consumption levels, principal sources for the City's water supply, effects of the drought on the water supply, and he presented current trends that could potentially lead to a severe water shortage condition. He then reviewed mandatory water conservation measures and water use prohibitions implemented upon the Council's declaration of a Stage 3 Water Shortage Condition and outlined the process for notifying customers for non-compliance. Since program implementation, he noted that only a small

percentage of water customers have received penalties. Strong participation in City-sponsored incentive programs combined with a majority of water customers complying with the mandatory conservation measures have resulted in achieving citywide reductions in water consumption. However, challenges have arisen with determining compliance for some businesses and apartment buildings. Therefore several alternatives to assist customers with achieving compliance were presented. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief Council discussion was held regarding the City's contractual water supply allocations, water consumption levels, public education and outreach efforts, the baseline established for purposes of penalty evaluation, potential options for additional water supply, and potential measures for the City to further conserve water.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this matter.

Ken Lehman, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns regarding unregulated access to City water (presenting a photograph of hydrant use at a construction site), and concerns regarding water conservation (presenting photographs of signs with messages regarding water conservation at the Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground and dump station).

Brad Snook, Surf Rider Foundation, objected to desalinization as an alternative water source, spoke in support of conservation methods to re-use water, and commended the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District for studying water reclamation.

Doug Morro, Grover Beach resident, described his family's efforts to conserve water. He suggested the City implement an alternative method to calculate baseline water use over the span of several months rather than a two-month billing cycle to avert penalizing customers who normally complied with the mandatory water use reductions for occasional situations with high water use, such as holidays or when hosting out-of-town guests.

John Wysong, Grover Beach Resident, presented a letter with suggestions to further conserve water, which the City Manager read into the record.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Upon request from the Council, City Manager Perrault described efforts implemented by State Parks to conserve water at the golf course, public restrooms, and dump station. Public Works Director/City Engineer described water conservation requirements for new developments.

Further Council discussion was held regarding potential options for amending the penalty phase of the Water Conservation Program, such as:

- Providing a mandatory and expanded water conservation training program for residents or businesses requesting waivers;
- Establishing a modified baseline water use for apartment buildings and businesses;
- Reviewing the courtesy notices and procedures and providing recommendations for amendments;
- Modifying the baseline to an expanded period over the course of several months rather than just a two-month billing cycle;
- For those businesses or apartment buildings that demonstrate a good faith and continuing effort to conserve water, removing the mandatory conservation requirement for businesses or apartment buildings that submit a water conservation plan detailing implementation of water conserving devices and practices to the maximum extent practicable; and/or
- Changing the penalty to an administrative citation that increases from a set amount for the first violation up to a maximum limit.

The Council praised the water conservation efforts by residents and businesses, as well as the strong participation levels in the City-sponsored water conservation incentive programs. Additional discussion was held regarding expanding the incentive program to include installation of gray water systems, offering waivers for seniors, and scheduling another Council discussion at the end of the summer to review the status of the City's water supply and updated results of water conservation efforts.

**Action:** Upon consensus, the Council received and filed the status report, and received and filed the Northern Cities Management Area (NCMA) 2014 Annual Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ CHANNELLE HUBBARD,  
HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR/  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 07/06/2015)