

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016**

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Parker Sandman, a 10-year-old, 5th grade student at Grover Heights Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: Interim City Manager James Copsey, City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Donna McMahon, Police Chief John Peters, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker, and Commander Tim Miller were also present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Koczanowicz read the following announcement:

On Monday, March 21, 2016 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Public Employment
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, etc., et al,
and Related Cross-Actions: Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. CV 770214

the City Council reconvened into open session and announced there were no reportable actions taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council adopted the agenda as presented.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation Designating April 2016 as “Month of the Child” and “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and April 9, 2016 as “Day of the Child”.**

Council Member Shah read the proclamation and was joined by the other members of the City Council in presenting it to Olivia Fernandez and April Artiaga of the San Luis Obispo County YMCA, along with three YMCA afterschool program participants.

2. **Proclamation Designating April 2016 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”.**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee read and presented the proclamation to Megan Rivoire, RISE Outreach Coordinator, and Jeri Siegel, RISE Board Member.

3. **Proclamation Declaring the Week of April 11 - April 15, 2016 as “National Public Safety Telecommunications Week”.**

Mayor Shoals read the proclamation and was joined by the other members of the City Council in presenting it to Police Chief Peters and Commander Miller.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Participation in the California Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program.

Dustin Reilich, Senior Director of Municipal Development, Renovate America's HERO Program, described the program to make energy efficient and water efficient upgrades more affordable for homeowners through Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. He then responded to questions from the Council.

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. Greg Alex, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns regarding his residential water utility bill over the course of several billing cycles. He also objected to the penalties for failing to meet the City's mandatory reduction in water consumption.

Upon request from the Council, Interim City Manager Copsey described the process for water utility customers to appeal a fine for non-compliance, but noted that he was unaware of the specific circumstances regarding Mr. Alex's water utility bill. Additionally, he confirmed that staff could provide the Council with an update regarding the City's Water Conservation Program and review the overall process for addressing non-compliant accounts.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, staff briefly responded to questions from the Council regarding Consent Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 8. Upon unanimous consensus, the City Council approved Consent Agenda Item Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, as recommended.

5. Treasurer's Report for the Period March 15, 2016 - March 29, 2016.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

6. Treasurer's Report for the Streets Bond Account (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period March 15, 2016 - March 29, 2016.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

7. Minutes of the City Council Meetings of February 1, 2016 and February 16, 2016.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

8. Consideration of a Letter of Opposition to Senator Roth for Senate Bill 897 - Workers Compensation - Sending a letter opposing Senate Bill 897 - Workers Compensation, due to the direct fiscal impacts an increase in workers' compensation costs would have on providing municipal services to residents, as well as the unprecedented and unpredictable costs to public agencies.

Action: Authorized sending a letter signed by the Mayor to the Honorable Richard Roth in opposition to SB 897.

REGULAR BUSINESS

9. Discussion Regarding City Goals and Work Program for FY 17.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Interim City Manager Copsey provided an overview of the draft Work Program for the next fiscal year.

Discussion ensued regarding revisions to the draft Work Program, with staff responding to questions from the Council.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received at this time.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council, further direction was provided to staff regarding amendments to the draft Work Program for FY 17.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bright reported on the meeting of the Air Pollution Control District.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated that he had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Nicolls stated that she had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Shah stated that she had no committee reports at this time.

Mayor Shoals stated that he had no committee reports at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Member Shah extended wishes for a happy birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Lee.
- B. Council Member Bright encouraged residents to participate in the upcoming Spring Clean-up Week, sponsored by South County Sanitary Service.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Lee announced the following:
 - *Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission* - A Notice of Vacancies was issued regarding two vacancies on the Commission, and he encouraged interested residents to submit an application to the City Clerk's Office;
 - *Fireworks Stand Permits* - The application period would soon begin for qualified non-profit groups interested in obtaining a permit to sell "Safe and Sane Fireworks" for the July 4th Independence Day Celebration; and
 - *5Cities Homeless Coalition* - Tickets were now available to attend a Cinco de Mayo benefit fund raiser dinner for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- A. In follow-up to the presentation earlier in the meeting regarding the HERO Program, Interim City Manager Copsey inquired whether the Council was interested in having staff schedule Council consideration of a resolution authorizing participation in the program.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council, direction was provided for staff to determine the potential impacts on staff and City resources from the City's participation in the program, and to schedule the matter for Council consideration on May 2, 2016.

- B. Interim City Manager Copsey briefly described preliminary plans to replace the presentation system in the Council Chambers, which he noted also served as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Cost estimates were also being prepared to upgrade the audio and recording systems in the Council Chambers/EOC, as well as the playback system to broadcast City Council meetings and bulletin board information on Government Cable Access Channel 20.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

In follow-up to the Council's recent adoption of Ordinance No. 16-02 regarding special events and outdoor assemblies, City Attorney Koczanowicz reported on his review of a letter submitted at the

City Council meeting on February 16, 2016 by the ACLU that expressed concerns regarding the proposed Ordinance. The City Attorney stated that the letter did not raise issues that would require an amendment to the Ordinance. For the sake of clarity, the next amendment of the City's Master Fee Schedule would include the option for organizers to request a waiver of the fee for submitting a special event/outdoor assembly application for those activities related to the exercise of a first amendment right to free speech.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

1. **Public Employment**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:07 p.m., Mayor Shoals reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present. It was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 05/02/2016)