

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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 Lilliah Fredlund, 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 Planner II Janet Reese were also present.

Also present were Paul Ashby from the Adams Ashby Group, and Ron De Carli, Stephanie Hicks, and Kendall Flint from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Koczanowicz read the following announcements:

On Monday, April 4, 2016 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

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

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

On Friday, April 8, 2016 and Saturday, April 9, 2016 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

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

the City Council reconvened into open session, and announced at both meetings that there were no reportable actions taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2016 as “Arbor Day”.**

Mayor Shoals read and presented the proclamation to Parks & Recreation Program Director Petker, who described Arbor Day activities to be held at Fairgrove Elementary School.

2. **Recognition of Debbie Johnston for Service on the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission.**

Mayor Shoals read and presented the certificate of appreciation to Debbie Johnston for her service on the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission.

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. No public comments were received at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Reallocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item, declared the Public Hearing open, and deferred to staff for a report. Planner II Reese provided an overview of the staff report regarding recommendations for reallocating \$186,047 in program funds from Housing Acquisition to an eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activity. She described options for reallocating the funds, noted funds must be expended by September 30, 2016 unless an extension was granted by the State, and reviewed the proposals received from organizations offering to provide public service programs. She then introduced Paul Ashby of the consulting firm Adams Ashby Group. Mr. Ashby and staff responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion was held regarding the public service program proposals, and the requirement that funding assistance benefit only low- or moderate-income qualified residents who were either already residents of Grover Beach or would be relocating to a residence in Grover Beach, as well as reporting requirements to the City by the service providers that received the grant funds. Additionally, for the Eviction Prevention Program, it would not be a CDBG-eligible activity to provide services to those already homeless or not already residing in a housing unit in Grover Beach. Further, for the Rapid Rehousing Program, individuals or households interested in renting a housing unit in Grover Beach would be required to demonstrate the ability to pay monthly rent and only needed financial assistance towards the down payment/security deposit necessary to secure the housing unit.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee announced that he was on the Board of Directors for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition.

Council Member Shah announced that she was on the Board of Directors for the South County Family Education & Cultural Center, also known as "The Exploration Station".

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

The following representatives spoke in support of their respective grant applications and responded to questions regarding the proposed public service programs:

- Janna Nichols, Executive Director, 5Cities Homeless Coalition;
- Dee Torres, SLO Housing Connection; and
- Deb Geaslen, General Office Manager, South County Family Education & Cultural Center, also known as "The Exploration Station".

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns whether SLO Housing Connection could ensure delivery of services without paid staff to oversee the proposed services.

There were no further public comments received and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Further Council discussion ensued regarding the public service programs; the Council's option to revise the amounts being recommended to each service provider and program; and the estimated time frame for organizations to be reimbursed for the services rendered.

Mr. Ashby responded to questions from the Council and briefly described the grant application process. He also noted that the State would be reviewing the public service programs, and that the subrecipient agreements with the City would outline the specific amount of grant funds allocated to each of the organizations/service providers.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lee and seconded by Mayor Shoals to:

- 1) receive the report;
- 2) amend the allocation for Public Services as follows:
 - \$6,047 for Child Services (Exploration Station),
 - \$120,000 for Eviction Prevention (\$80,000 to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition and \$40,000 to SLO Housing Connection), and
 - \$60,000 for Rapid Re-Housing (SLO Housing Connection); and

3) adopt Resolution No. 16-29, as amended, reallocating the \$186,047 from the Housing Acquisition to the Public Services activities as described above. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 16-29: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach Approving an Amendment to the 2013 Allocation of the State CDBG Program.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Reconvene: At 7:48 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Lee commented on Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 8, and 9.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience interested in speaking on any items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, praised Council and staff on the Goals and Work Program for FY 17 (Agenda Item No. 10). She then requested and received information regarding the Council's recent declaration of a shelter emergency.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Upon unanimous consensus, the City Council approved Consent Agenda Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, as recommended.

4. Treasurer's Report for the Period March 29, 2016 - April 11, 2016.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

5. Treasurer's Report for the 2015 Streets Bond Account - \$5,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period March 29, 2016 - April 11, 2016.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

6. Treasurer's Report for the 2016 Streets Bond Account - \$8,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period March 29, 2016 - April 11, 2016.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

7. Minutes of the Following Meetings:

- Special City Council Meeting on March 7, 2016;
- Regular City Council Meeting on March 7, 2016; and
- Regular City Council Meeting on March 21, 2016.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

8. Report from the Street Bonds Citizen Oversight Committee - Report from the citizen committee appointed to annually review all expenditures from bond proceeds as a result of the passage of Measure K-14, which authorized the City to sell up to \$48 million in bonds for the purpose of street rehabilitation.

Action: Received and filed the report.

9. Report from the Sales Tax Citizen Oversight Committee - Report from the citizen committee appointed to review an annual report regarding expenditures of revenues generated as a result of the passage of Measure X-06, which authorized a local one-half percent sales tax.

Action: Received and filed the report.

10. **Consideration of Adopting the Goals and Work Program for FY 17** - Revised draft of the Goals and Work Program for development of the budget for the next fiscal year.

Action: Adopted the Goals and Work Program for FY 17.

REGULAR BUSINESS

11. **San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Self-Help Transportation Funding Initiative.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Interim City Manager Copsey provided an overview of the report regarding the draft Transportation Investment Plan and Self-Help measure for a half-cent regional sales tax to fund transportation projects and related enhancements for San Luis Obispo County that was being considered by the SLOCOG Board of Directors. He then introduced Ron De Carli, Executive Director for SLOCOG.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. De Carli described the decreasing funds for transportation projects from state and federal sources. He then outlined the proposal for San Luis Obispo County to generate funds through a half-cent sales tax to be used specifically on local transportation projects.

Kendall Flint, SLOCOG consultant, presented the Conceptual Investment Plan for transportation projects funded over the course of the proposed 9-year sales tax, outlined safeguards for management and oversight of the funds, noted anticipated revenue amounts for Grover Beach, and described the plan for presenting the Self-help Transportation Initiative to member agencies for placement of the measure on the November 2016 ballot. She also announced the website address for further information at www.SelfHelpSLO.com.

Discussion ensued, with SLOCOG representatives and City staff responding to questions from the Council, regarding education outreach and public engagement efforts being conducted by SLOCOG.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Dan Rivoire, San Luis Obispo resident and Executive Director, Bike SLO County, spoke in support of the Self-help Transportation Funding Initiative.

Andrea Seastrand, Grover Beach resident and former Assembly Member, spoke in opposition to the Self-help Transportation Funding Initiative and distributed a letter from the Central Coast Taxpayers Association that also expressed opposition to the sales tax proposal.

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, requested and received additional clarification regarding the proposed measure.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Further discussion was held, with SLOCOG representatives responding to questions from the Council regarding polling results that supported placing the measure on the ballot in 2016, providing the opportunity for voters to decide whether to approve the measure by placing it on the ballot, identifying high priority transportation projects and community transportation enhancements specifically for Grover Beach. It was noted that a final list of Key Projects would be determined in June 2016.

Action: Upon consensus of the Council, the following were identified as proposed Key Projects in Grover Beach for:

Local Funding Allocation:

- Repair and Maintenance of Local Streets with a focus on Arterials and Collectors
- Oak Park Boulevard / West Grand Avenue Intersection Improvements
- West Grand Avenue Maintenance and Improvements: Implement the Master Plan
- Sidewalk Infill and Accessibility (ADA) Transitions
- Street Signage and Wayfinding Signs

- Grover Beach Bike Paths consistent with the Bike Master Plan

Regional Project Funding Requests:

- A Coastal Pathway along Highway 1 from Pismo Beach to Oceano; and
- Extending the Boardwalk to Oceano.

Additionally, direction was provided for staff to work with SLOCOG representatives in developing a Final Transportation Investment Plan, Ordinance, and Safeguards for City and County evaluation for placement on the November 2016 ballot for voter consideration.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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 reported on the meeting with representatives of the Arroyo Grande & Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Shoals announced that the newly appointed General Manager for the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District was scheduled to begin employment with the District later that same week. He also commented that he would be participating in a strategic planning session for the Five Cities Fire Authority.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Member Shah stated that she and Mayor Shoals had met with Monica Grant, Chief Executive Officer for the San Luis Obispo County YMCA, and that the YMCA would be conducting a survey regarding community interest in developing off-site recreation facilities in both north and south San Luis Obispo County. Additionally, the YMCA was requesting a financial contribution to fund the survey.

Action: Upon consensus of the Council, staff was authorized to schedule the YMCA's funding request for Council consideration on May 2, 2016.

- B. Council Member Bright reminded residents that "Spring Clean Up Week" was scheduled to commence the following morning, April 19, 2016.

- C. Mayor Pro Tem Lee announced that he and Mayor Shoals would be participating in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event in San Luis Obispo on April 30, 2016. He then announced details of the monthly pancake breakfasts held at the Grover Grange on South 13th Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

12. Elected Officials Work Hours Timekeeping.

Interim City Manager Copey briefly described the process being implemented for members of the City Council to submit a time sheet regarding their respective work hours as elected officials. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Action: The information was received and filed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:13 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiators**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Agency Negotiator(s): Interim City Manager James Copsey, Special Counsel Che Johnson, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Assistant Administrative Services Director Eve Byrd, and Human Resources Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk Channelle Hubbard (May include all or some of the above)
Unrepresented Employee Groups: Executive Management, Grover Beach Police Management and Confidential Employees Association (GBPM&CEA), and Management & Confidential Employees.

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:39 p.m., Mayor Shoals reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present, and announced 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 9:40 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 05/16/2016)