

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, City Clerk Donna McMahan, 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 Peter Williamson, Employer Outreach Coordinator, Rideshare; Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District; and Paul Ashby of the Adams Ashby Group.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Hale read the following announcement - On Monday, April 3, 2017 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Lopez v. City of Grover Beach, et al CV 120210
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 that there were no reportable actions taken.

**AGENDA REVIEW** Council Members Lee and Peterson requested that the Order of the Day be amended to consider Regular Business Item No. 8 prior to Public Hearing Item No. 7.

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

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

1. **Proclamation Declaring April 28, 2017 as National “Arbor Day”.**

Mayor Shoals read and presented the proclamation to Parks & Recreation Program Director Petker, who described Arbor Day activities scheduled to be held at Grover Heights Park.

**PRESENTATIONS**

2. **Presentation from SLOCOG / RIDESHARE Regarding Bike Month, May 2017.**

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Peter Williamson, Employer Outreach Coordinator, Rideshare, described events scheduled throughout the month of May to celebrate Bike Month, Bike to School Day, and Bike to Work Day.

3. **Presentation by the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and Request for Letter of Support for the Redundancy Project.**

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, provided an overview of capital projects recently

completed or scheduled to commence in the coming year, outlined initiatives taken to improve management and plant operations and increase public outreach efforts, and described actions taken pursuant to a settlement agreement as a result of a 2010 spill at the plant. Additionally, he described efforts to construct and operate a redundant secondary treatment process at the plant, as well as partner with other South County agencies on the development of a Regional Groundwater Sustainability Project. Mr. Hubner then responded to questions from the Council.

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

Julie Tacker, Los Osos resident, requested the Council delay taking action on sending a letter on the Redundancy Project until the release of a Coastal Commission staff report regarding the project.

Terri Klier, Oceano resident, suggested revising the organizational structure of the District's Board of Directors from three members to a five-member board.

Dr. Ron Arnoldsen, Grover Beach resident and former Mayor, expressed concerns regarding management of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

No further public comments were received at this time.

Brief Council discussion was held regarding sending a draft letter in support of the Redundancy Project.

**Action:** With the correction of minor typographical errors, it was moved by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Nicolls to authorize the Mayor to execute a revised letter of support for the Redundancy Project on behalf of the City. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**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. Julie Tacker, Los Osos resident, expressed concerns regarding management of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and distributed copies of an opinion article on the matter that she had submitted to an online media organization.
- B. Patricia Price, Arroyo Grande resident, encouraged residents to attend meetings of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

No further public comments were received at this time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Council Member Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shah, Consent Agenda Item Nos. 4, 5 and 6 were approved as recommended. Without comment, Council Member Peterson voted against the recommended action regarding Consent Agenda Item No. 6 only. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Council Members Lee, Nicolls, Peterson (*except* for Consent Agenda Item No 6 only), Mayor Pro Tem Shah, and Mayor Shoals.  
NOES: Council Member Peterson (regarding Consent Agenda Item No 6 *only*).  
ABSENT: Council Members - None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

4. **Treasurer's Report for the Period March 24, 2017 - April 7, 2017.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
5. **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 24, 2017 - April 7, 2017.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
6. **Acceptance of the Final Economic Development Strategy** – Receive an updated final draft of the Economic Development Strategy that incorporates additional action items as requested by the Council.  
**Action:** Accepted the Final Economic Development Strategy Update and Background Report.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Upon consensus of the City Council earlier in the evening, the Order of the Day was amended to consider Regular Business Item No. 8 at this time.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **8. David Fear Memorial Bench and Sign.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson briefly described the request from the 5 Cities Men's Club to place a memorial bench on City-owned property located at the end of Nacimiento Avenue and near the Meadow Creek Open Space area.

At this time Mayor Shoals acknowledged all those in the audience who were wearing t-shirts with a photo of Mr. David Fear. He then invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

The following persons spoke in support of the memorial bench project, and confirmed that the 5 Cities Men's Club would construct the project and that the neighbors on Nacimiento Avenue would subsequently take over responsibility and maintenance of the bench:

- Diana Smaw, relative of David Fear;
- Terry Fear, widow of David Fear;
- Steve Fear, relative of David Fear;
- Dave Ekbohm, Grover Beach resident, former Mayor, and member of the 5 Cities Men's Club; and
- Dr. Ron Arnoldsen, Grover Beach resident, former Mayor, and member of the 5 Cities Men's Club.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

The Council affirmed their support of the proposed memorial bench project, acknowledged the heroic actions of Mr. Fear, and thanked all those who attended the meeting to demonstrate their support of the project.

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Shoals and seconded by Council Member Lee to: 1) approve the installation of a bench and sign on public property in memory of David Fear by the 5 Cities Men's Club; and 2) authorize staff to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the 5 Cities Men's Club. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**Recess:** Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 7:07 p.m.  
**Reconvene:** At 7:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** At this time, the Order of the Day resumed to the agenda as posted.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **7. Potential Programs for Inclusion in the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application.**

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 potential CDBG programs for staff to prepare an application in response to the release of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG funds.

Staff and consultant Paul Ashby of the Adams Ashby Group responded to questions from the Council regarding filing deadlines, activities that would be eligible for funding, and potential grant award amounts.

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

Bobbie Boyer, Family Care Network, described the organization's services and their managed facilities located countywide. She then outlined plans for a transitional housing project in a recently purchased multi-unit complex on Long Branch Avenue to serve homeless families and/or homeless youth.

Janna Nichols, 5Cities Homeless Coalition, spoke in support of the Family Care Network's transitional housing project. She also described ongoing efforts by the 5Cities Homeless Coalition to find a location to operate a warming center / emergency shelter in the South County area.

Dee Torres, SLO Housing Connection, described the services provided with the City's previous CDBG grant award that assisted low-income families to retain their housing and assisted homeless individuals to secure housing.

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

Further Council discussion was held regarding potential projects, eligible uses of the grant funds, criteria reviewed in determining grant awards, and whether to participate in the CDBG "entitlement" program or "non-entitlement" program.

**Action:** Upon consensus of the City Council, direction was provided to:

- 1) Continue participating in the "non-entitlement" program; and
- 2) Obtain better cost estimates and pursue funding for the following projects / activities:
  - *Public Improvements:* water line improvements;
  - *Public Service:* subsistence payments (eviction prevention), security deposits (rapid rehousing), and, if eligible, a warming shelter; and
  - *Housing:* Rehabilitation of a multi-family development.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Note: Agenda Item No. 8 was considered earlier in the meeting.

### **9. Funding Requests from Nonprofit Organizations.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. As part of the 2017-18 budget development process, City Manager Bronson reviewed funding requests received from nonprofit service groups that had previously received or were currently receiving funding from the City.

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

The following persons spoke in support of their respective agency's funding requests:

- Joel Diringer, SLO Noor Foundation;
- Anne Wyatt, HomeShare SLO;

- Janna Nichols, 5Cities Homeless Coalition;
- Mike Manchak, Economic Vitality Corporation; and
- Bob Kerwin, SLO Chapter of SCORE.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Brief discussion was held on whether to establish a more formal process to assist the Council with making determinations on future funding requests from non-profit organizations, such as establishing specific categories to complement the Council's adopted goals/priorities, guidelines for applicants, criteria for determining community benefit, and/or pre-determining a maximum dollar limit. Discussion was also held on the notification process to non-profit organizations and the funding requests received for funding in the next fiscal year.

**Action:** Upon consensus of the City Council, direction was provided to staff as follows:

- 1) Schedule a future discussion on development of a process to assist with determining funding requests from non-profit organizations, such as establishing:
  - a maximum overall funding limit, with individual limits for each category such as social service groups, economic development groups, etc.
  - a methodology for allocating the funds;
  - a requirement for applicants to demonstrate the proposed service would benefit Grover Beach residents by providing measurable data, statistics, etc.
  - a schedule for receiving funding requests and coordinated with the preliminary budget process; and
  - a policy that would allow the Council some flexibility in considering funding requests at other times during the fiscal year, such as for an emergency situation, if other funding sources come available, or the funding request would meet a Council-approved goal.
- 2) With final funding amounts to be approved during the budget hearing process in June, include allocations in the draft FY 2017-18 budget as follows:
  - General Fund allocation total of \$20,000 to:
    - \$10,000 for Economic Vitality Corporation,
    - \$ 7,500 for Chamber of Commerce in addition to \$2,500 of in-kind support,
    - \$ 2,500 for SCORE, and
    - \$ 5,000 for SLO NOOR Foundation.
  - Successor Agency Housing funds allocation total of \$15,000:
    - \$ 5,000 for HomeShare SLO,
    - \$ 5,000 for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition, and
    - \$ 5,000 for the Housing Trust Fund membership.

## 10. Draft Work Programs for Major City Goals.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson provided an overview of proposed work programs for each of the Major City Goals the Council had identified at an earlier workshop in order to define and scope the adopted goal, allocate the appropriate resources, and measure the progress achieved. He noted final approval of the work programs would occur with budget adoption in June. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding tasks included in the proposed work programs, costs, and terminology.

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:** The Council received the information on draft work programs to implement Major City Goals identified by the City Council for 2017-18 and, upon consensus, provided input for staff to finalize the work programs and incorporate the work programs into the 2017-18 proposed budget.

### **PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Shah reported on the meeting of the Homeless Services Oversight Council.

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

Council Member Lee stated that he had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Peterson reported on the meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee.

Mayor Shoals reported on the meeting of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Council Member Peterson described training workshops developed by the San Luis Obispo County chapter of the League of Women Voters to promote civil discourse in support of local government. She then provided handout materials that were distributed by the League of Women Voters at a meeting of the Air Pollution Control District.

B. Council Member Lee announced that the 5Cities Homeless Coalition was in immediate need of a new location for their administrative offices, and then provided details for the RISE Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fund raising event to be held in Arroyo Grande.

Mayor Shoals noted that he would also be participating in a RISE Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in San Luis Obispo.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Shah commented on a letter received from a constituent regarding dogs off-leash at Costa Bella Park located near Farroll Road and Oak Park Boulevard. She then and commented on dogs off-leash incidents at other local parks as well. She suggested the City consider reminding the public regarding regulations to maintain dogs on leashes.

Brief discussion was held regarding existing signage and previous discussions held regarding uses at Costa Bella Park.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

City Manager Bronson provided an update on the 2016 Street Rehabilitation and Repair Project, noted the project was scheduled to be awarded in May 2017, and described increased public communication and outreach efforts for capital improvement projects. He also noted pothole repair work being conducted citywide, as well as landscape maintenance work being conducted in City medians.

Upon question, staff confirmed that landscape maintenance work included the basin on the south side of Farroll Road between South 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Rose Court.

Additionally, City Manager Bronson noted the recent passage of SB 1 which will result in additional Gas Tax funds for street repairs.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

City Attorney Hale commented on his observations of public communications during meetings of the City Council. He noted that the Council had the option whether to accept public communications on subjects that were not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Grover Beach City Council.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 08/07/2017)