

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by former Grover Beach City Manager Robert Perrault.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, 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, and Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker were also present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Hale read the following announcement:

On Monday, August 7, 2017, after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One (1) potential code enforcement case
2. 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

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Action: Upon consensus (Council Member Peterson absent), the Council adopted the agenda as presented.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None at this time.

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. Robert Perrault, Grover Beach resident and former Grover Beach City Manager, commented on recent media reports regarding the City's Street Rehabilitation and Repair Program. He noted the steps being taken to rebuild the streets and expressed hope for more balanced news reporting regarding street repairs.
- B. Jack Hardy, Grover Beach resident, described water usage at his home, expressed concerns regarding his water utility bill, and objected to the penalty imposed on his account and the process for appealing penalties.

It was noted that the City Council would be re-examining the penalty structure associated with mandatory reductions in water usage.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Nicolls and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

1. **Treasurer's Report for the Period August 1, 2017 – August 14, 2017.**
Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
2. **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 August 1, 2017 – August 14, 2017.**
Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
3. **Minutes of the City Council Meetings on May 1, 2017 and May 15, 2017.**
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.
4. **Approve Parcel Map G15-0082 and Accept the Offers of Dedication** – Accepting offers of dedication for a 4-ft. easement on South 12th Street to provide for an accessible pedestrian walkway, a 6-ft. public utility easement on South 12th Street and Nice Avenue to provide for utility installations, and relinquishment of access to Nice Avenue for a two-unit Planned Unit Development located at the southeast corner of South 12th Street and Nice Avenue.
Action: Approved Parcel Map G15-0082 located at 12th Street and Nice Avenue, accepted the offers of dedication for a public utility easement, pedestrian access easement, and relinquishment of ingress and egress, and authorized the City Clerk to endorse the Council's approval on the face of the map.
5. **Amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan to Add Management Analyst-HR and Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Specialist Classifications and Salary Ranges** – Reclassifying the positions of Human Resources Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk and Administrative Specialist (Confidential).
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 17-40 adding salary ranges for the job classifications of Management Analyst-Human Resources and Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Specialist (Confidential).

Resolution No. 17-40: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending Resolution No. 02-73 Adding the Salary Range for the Job Classes of Management Analyst-HR and Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Specialist.
6. **Beachfront Public Improvements: Design Contract Amendment** – Amending the design contract with Garing Taylor & Associates related to the preparation of plans, specifications, and cost estimates for public improvements in the beachfront area, including the Grover Beach Lodge project.
Action: Approved a contract amendment for design of public improvements located within the City's jurisdiction at Pismo State Beach and authorized the Mayor to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. **Off-leash Dog Regulations.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Parks & Recreation Program Director Petker reviewed the regulations prohibiting dogs off-leash at City parks and the proposal received from a citizen requesting the Council consider allowing dogs off-leash at certain times. She then reviewed steps taken, pursuant to Council

direction earlier in the year, to raise public awareness of the City's existing regulations through local media and social media platforms. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding park facilities, park maintenance, staff resources, and maintenance needs that may be required if dogs were allowed to be off-leash.

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

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, objected to allowing dogs off-leash in open areas of the parks.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Further Council discussion was held regarding existing regulations, impacts to other park users when dogs were off-leash, whether to consider an off-leash pilot program for limited periods at specific parks, and whether to refer the matter to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission for input and recommendations to the City Council.

Action: Upon consensus of the Council (Council Member Peterson absent), the information was received and direction was provided for staff to maintain the City's existing leash laws and take appropriate enforcement action, as needed.

8. Council Compensation Review and Direction.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson presented an overview of Council compensation at \$300 per month that was set in 1986. Additionally, he presented information that compared compensation levels, medical benefits, and technology equipment provided to elected officials by other cities within San Luis Obispo County. Staff then responded 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.

Brief discussion was held regarding technology needs for members of the City Council, estimated costs for medical benefits, providing additional compensation for the office of directly-elected Mayor, and amending the level of Council compensation to be comparable with the City of Atascadero. It was noted that increasing Council compensation and providing medical benefits might be an incentive to encourage individuals to consider running for elective office.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council (Council Member Peterson absent), direction was provided for staff to:

- 1) prepare an ordinance for Council consideration amending the level of compensation for the office of Council Member to \$600 per month and the level of compensation for the office of directly-elected Mayor to \$750 per month;
- 2) provide further information on the estimated fiscal impacts of providing medical benefits for members of the City Council, including coverage for dental, vision, and life; and whether an individual could receive cash in-lieu if the benefit was waived; and
- 3) provide further information on technology device options for the City Council prior to purchasing the equipment.

Recess: Upon consensus of the Council (Council Member Peterson absent), the meeting recessed at 7:09 p.m.

Reconvene: At 7:16 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present, except for Council Member Peterson who was absent from this meeting.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Nicolls reported on meetings of the Arroyo Grande & Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce and Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO).

Mayor Pro Tem Shah reported on the success of the Mobile Assistance Serving Homeless (MASH) event that was held at the South County Regional Center.

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

Council Member Peterson was absent from this meeting.

Mayor Shoals provided an update on the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and the recent District meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Member Lee announced details of the Empty Bowls event to raise funds to benefit the 5Cities Homeless Coalition.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Shah announced details of the Stone Soup Music Festival & Street Faire and the Dune Run Run event. She then thanked the Police Department for the patrol units she observed at the local elementary schools and nearby crosswalks now that school was back in session.
- C. Mayor Shoals noted the dates for the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference and the corresponding Channel Counties Division meeting. He then announced that the California Public Utilities Commission would be conducting a local one-day hearing during that same time period regarding the PG&E proposal to close the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

He then described a family commitment that he would need to attend in the Los Angeles area on the afternoon of Monday, September 5, which was the same day the Council was scheduled to consider pre-applications for cannabis dispensaries. He requested the Council consider either scheduling the meeting to begin later that same evening or schedule a special meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Brief discussion was held on alternate times or dates for a special City Council meeting.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council (Council Member Peterson absent), the Council authorized cancelling the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and scheduling a special meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Mayor Shoals then requested Council consensus to consider the request received at an earlier City Council meeting during the Public Comment period from Grover Beach resident Mike Wilson for the Council to adopt a Grover Beach declaration of human rights.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council, direction was provided for staff to schedule Council consideration of adopting a Grover Beach declaration of human rights.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson provided verbal progress reports on the following projects: Street Rehabilitation and Repair Program, Train Station Expansion Project, Broadband Project with a scheduled groundbreaking celebration to be held in September, and the Golden West Park Improvements Project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:36 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following items:

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN 060-381-010, 011
Agency negotiator: City Manager and City Attorney
Negotiating party: Pacifica Companies
Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of potential lease
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Employee: City Manager

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:03 p.m., Mayor Shoals reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present, except for Council Member Peterson who was absent from this meeting. 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 9:04 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 11/20/2017)