

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 flag salute was led by Alexia Harris, a 10-year-old, 5th grade student at Fairgrove Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Peter Williamson, Employer Outreach Coordinator, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

AGENDA REVIEW

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Swearing-in Ceremony and Introduction of New Police Department Employees.

Police Chief Peters introduced Police Officer Jim Lim and Communications/Records Technician Courtney Anderson to the City Council and members of the audience. He then administered Oaths of Allegiance to Police Officer Lim and Communications/Records Technician Anderson. Chief Peters pinned the badge on Officer Lim, and Ms. Anderson was joined in the badge pinning ceremony by members of her immediate and extended family.

2. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award Recipient - Grover Beach Police Officer Felix Ramirez.

Police Chief Peters presented Police Officer Felix Ramirez with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Pledge to Make a Smart Commute Choice During Rideshare Week, October 2-6, 2017.

Peter Williamson, Employer Outreach Coordinator, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, presented information on programs and events scheduled throughout the County to raise awareness on commute choices that save money, improve health, and reduce impacts on the environment.

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. Geoff Straw, Executive Director, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, described a proposed fare increase for the public transit system and announced details of upcoming meetings when the public would have opportunities to comment on the proposed increase.

- B. Aaron Vukasovich, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of locating commercial medical cannabis dispensaries in industrial areas of the city and in support of increasing the number of dispensaries allowed to operate. He also praised the success of the recent Grover Beach Clean-up Day event.
- C. Eamon Lacy, San Luis Obispo County resident, described his position in the commercial medical cannabis firm Trident Management Solutions.
- D. Todd Mitchell, Grover Beach resident, praised the recent Grover Beach Clean-up Day event. He then spoke in support of his firm's application, Trident Management Solutions, to operate a commercial cannabis dispensary in the city.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Council Member Lee requested and received additional information regarding Consent Agenda Item No. 6. It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shah and seconded by Council Member Nicolls to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 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.

- 4. **Treasurer's Report for the Period August 30, 2017 through September 6, 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 August 30, 2017 through September 6.**
Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
- 6. **Contract Amendment – Engineering Project Management (CIP 2295 and CIP 2283) –** Consideration of amending the contract for consulting project management services related to Measure K-14 bond-funded street rehabilitation and repair projects.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 17-42 amending the Contract for Engineering Project Management Services related to CIP 2295: Street Rehabilitation and Repair Program and CIP 2283: Major Street Maintenance Program, and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract amendment on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 17-42: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending the Contract for Project Management Services Related to the Street Rehabilitation and Repair Program, CIP 2295 and the Major Street Maintenance Program, CIP 2283.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 7. **Grover Beach Declaration of Human Rights.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the forgoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson provided an overview of the request for Council to adopt a Declaration of Human Rights to affirm faith in fundamental human rights as a community.

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

Mike Wilson, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of the proposed declaration.

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of the proposed declaration, but expressed concerns regarding how it would be implemented or enforced.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Staff noted that the declaration was a general policy statement of the City Council. The Council would have flexibility in determining its response to violations.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Nicolls and seconded by Council Member Lee to adopt Resolution No. 17-43 to establish a "Grover Beach Declaration of Human Rights". 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.

Resolution No. 17-43: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Stating Their Declaration of Human Rights.

The Council thanked Mr. Wilson for proposing the declaration of human rights in response to incidents of social unrest being reported across the country. Each member of the Council, with the exception of Council Member Peterson who was absent from this meeting, read aloud a portion of the declaration.

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 provided an overview of previous Council discussions regarding compensation and technology needs for members of the City Council. Additionally, he presented comparison information for elected officials in cities within San Luis Obispo County and noted the estimated fiscal impacts if similar compensation and technology equipment were provided to Grover Beach officials. 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.

Todd Mitchell, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of increasing Council compensation and providing technology equipment to elected officials.

Paulette Messenheimer, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of increasing Council compensation and providing technology equipment to elected officials.

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, requested further details on the extent of insurance coverage being proposed for elected officials and the associated costs.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Brief discussion was held on the cost sharing arrangement for medical coverage between the City and all employee labor groups, estimated costs, circumstances that allowed an individual to decline coverage, and the benefit of medical insurance coverage potentially being an incentive to individuals considering running for elective office. Discussion was also held on technology needs that would assist the Council in performing their duties.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council (Council Member Peterson absent), direction was provided for staff to prepare an Ordinance to amend Council compensation, proceed with purchasing tablet devices for members of the City Council, and include for consideration in the next budget cycle - insurance benefits for elected officials at the same benefit level as executive members of the City's management team.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Lee reported on the meeting of the Integrated Waste Management Authority.

Council Member Nicolls stated that she had no committee reports at this time, but acknowledged and thanked the Arroyo Grande & Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce for organizing the recent Grover Beach Clean-up Day event.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah provided updates on plans for the next Mobile Assistance and Services Addressing Homelessness (MASH) event and for a Warming Shelter to be operated during the upcoming winter months. She also announced that a special meeting was scheduled for later in the week for the Air Pollution Control District.

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

Council Member Peterson was absent from this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mayor Shoals thanked all those who organized and participated in the recent Grover Beach Clean-up Day event and commented on the event's success.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Shah announced that she had been appointed President of the Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities and briefly described plans for Division meetings in 2018.
- C. Council Member Lee described the recent Empty Bowls event that raised funds to benefit the 5Cities Homeless Coalition. He then announced details of a separate benefit event for the Arroyo Grande High School Theatre Program.
- D. Mayor Shoals expressed concerns regarding the notification process to property owners relative to the Street Rehabilitation Program and private improvements that encroached into the public right-of-way.

City Manager Bronson responded that the Council was scheduled to receive an update on the Street Rehabilitation Program in early October and that there would be an opportunity to discuss improvements to the City's notification process and outreach efforts regarding pending street work.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson noted that printed copies of the adopted 2017-18 Budget document had been distributed to the Council earlier that evening. He then described the success of the recent Grover Beach Clean-up Day event that culminated with a free lunch for all participants at the Ramona Garden Park Community Center. He thanked Police Chief Peters, the Police Department, Parks and Recreation Program Director Petker, and Public Works staff for their work on the event. Additionally, he described the recent tree installation at Ramona Garden Park and announced details of the upcoming Broadband Network Celebration event scheduled to be held at City Hall with representatives from Digital West, the County of San Luis Obispo, and the City.

Mayor Shoals again thanked the Chamber of Commerce for initiating the Grover Beach Clean-up Day event and described a similar event held annually in the city of Salinas.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah requested and received confirmation that a Special City Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017.

Mayor Shoals then requested and received Council consensus for staff to schedule a future discussion and update on the City's overhead to underground utilities conversion program.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

At this time, Mayor Shoals announced that in response to a request from Council Member Lee to comment on the Diablo Canyon Joint Proposal to retire the power plant, he would be recusing himself from the meeting due to his employment with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). Further, at the conclusion of those remarks and any subsequent Council comments on this same matter, he would return to participate in the remaining item on the agenda regarding a Closed Session item. He then stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chamber.

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Shah presided over the meeting.

Council Member Lee described local hearings with an Administrative Law Judge from the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the closure of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. He noted misinformation given at one of the sessions from a member of the public regarding the City's interests relative to the agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo and the coalition of cities, and that he subsequently spoke at the hearing to clarify and reiterate the City's position.

Brief discussion was held regarding whether to send a letter to the Public Utilities Commission on this matter, but was subsequently deemed unnecessary.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Shoals returned to the meeting. The Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

- 1. LICENSE/PERMIT DETERMINATION**
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.7
Applicants: Seven (7) Applicants

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:19 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 9:20 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 12/04/2017)