

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Pro Tem Lee and Mayor John Shoals were present.
Council Member Barbara Nicolls arrived at 5:08 p.m.
Council Members Debbie Peterson and Mariam Shah were absent.

Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission: Commissioners Jerry Pastor, Vice Chair Cynthia Price, and Chair Walt French were present. Commissioners Chris Long and Paul Press were absent.

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, Interim Deputy City Clerk Wendi Sims, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, and Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items listed on the agenda.

No one responded and the Mayor closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting

WORKSHOP

Mayor Shoals called upon City Manager Bronson to give a brief overview of the workshop.

City Manager Bronson welcomed the Commissioners and noted the topics that were to be discussed, the Commissions roles and responsibilities, the Brown Act, and mutual items of interest between the Council and Commission.

Mayor Shoals also welcomed the Commissioners and proceeded to provide an overview on the roles and responsibilities of the Commission and the resources available for them to utilize.

City Attorney Hale reviewed the Brown Act and answered questions from the Commissioners on how to handle situations in public and on social media.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, referencing a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the following Capital Improvement Projects and the status of each: 16th Street Park Rehabilitation, Mentone Basin Park Improvements, Ramona Garden Park Center Improvements, Ramona Garden Park Playground (2019-20 Project), and the Community Center Parking Lot Rehabilitation.

Discussion was held regarding plans for the playground equipment and water feature at Ramona Garden Park, the necessity for a street tree reference guide, and development of a policy for public art regarding types and location, as well as policies regarding gateway signs to become uniformed and aesthetically pleasing and regarding public safety at all the park locations.

Mayor Shoals described the City Council's Major City Goals and Work Program, the process that transpired in the development of those goals, and further articulated the roles and responsibilities between the Council, the Commission, and staff. He also encouraged the Commission to utilize staff as well as the Council as a resource.

In conclusion, members of the Council expressed their support of a successful and vibrant Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission to assist in the delivery of parks and recreation services, as well as City-sponsored special events and beautification efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

/s/

JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/

WENDI SIMS, INTERIM DEPUTY CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 10/15/2018)