

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018**

**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 Chloe Forrester, 8 year-old 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, Grover Heights Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

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

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, City Clerk Donna McMahon, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker, and Police Commander Simm Miller were also present.

Also present was Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Hale read the following announcement: On Monday, October 1, 2018 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Based on existing facts and circumstances there is significant exposure to litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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

**AGENDA REVIEW**

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

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

1. **Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 23-31, 2018 as, “Red Ribbon Week”.**

Council Member Nicolls read the proclamation and together with the City Council presented it to Police Commander Miller.

2. **Proclamation Declaring November 2018 as, “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month”.**

Council Member Shah read the proclamation and together with the City Council presented it to representatives from Hospice San Luis Obispo - Care Management Assistant Paola Reyes and Outreach/Public Relations Coordinator Jessie Wathen.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** At this time, Mayor Shoals announced there was an additional ceremonial item that was not included on the posted agenda. He then deferred to City Manager Bronson.

City Manager Bronson noted the meeting marked a certain milestone as it was the final City Council meeting that City Clerk McMahon would be attending as she would be retiring on November 13, after nearly 20 years with the City of Grover Beach. Members of the City Council and the community presented gifts of appreciation and expressed gratitude for her professionalism, care, and many years of service to the City and community as a whole during her tenure.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** The Order of the Day resumed to the agenda as posted.

## **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 and the Mayor closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon unanimous consensus of the City Council, Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 were approved as recommended.

### **3. Treasurer's Report for the Period September 21, 2018 – October 5, 2018.**

**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.)

### **4. 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 September 21, 2018 – October 5, 2018.**

**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

### **5. Treasurer's Report for the 2017 Streets Bond Account - \$15,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period September 21, 2018 – October 5, 2018.**

**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

### **6. Minutes of the Following City Council Meetings:**

- Regular Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.;
- Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.;
- Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.;
- Special Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.;
- Special Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; and
- Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**Action:** Approved the minutes as submitted.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None at this time.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **7. Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson presented the staff report regarding the Home Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and the requirement to formally declare a shelter crisis in order to be eligible to receive state grant funds specifically designated to provide assistance to local governments for activities or programs that provide emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness. He then outlined the time frame for submitting applications and the anticipated date for when grant awards would be announced. He then responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this item.

The following individuals spoke in support of declaring a homeless shelter crisis:

- Mike Byrd, Board President, 5Cities Homeless Coalition; and
- Janna Nichols, Executive Director, 5Cities Homeless Coalition.

Robert Patterson, who did not provide his city of residence, requested and received clarification on the staff presentation regarding the total amount of anticipated funding.

No further public comments were provided.

Brief Council discussion was held regarding other organizations anticipated to participate in the application process.

**Action:** Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lee, seconded by Council Member Peterson, the Council adopted Resolution No. 18-93 declaring a homeless shelter crisis in Grover Beach pursuant to the Homeless Emergency Aid Program under SB 850. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**Resolution No. 18-93: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2).**

## 8. Traffic Safety Improvements.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray presented the staff report regarding two specific locations of concern raised by the Council and residents regarding traffic safety at the intersections of West Grand Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Farroll Road. He then outlined options to enhance safety for vehicles and pedestrians. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion was held regarding the traffic safety options presented, and whether to conduct a more focused traffic study before a determination could be made on the placement of additional stop signs.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this item.

Anita Shower, Grover Beach resident, commented on the staff presentation, noting a vehicle/pedestrian incident resulted in a fatality at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and West Grand Avenue.

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of installing traffic safety improvements at the intersection of West Grand Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to accommodate those pedestrians using walkers.

No further public comments were received at this time.

Further Council discussion was held regarding preferred options for installing traffic safety improvements.

**Action:** Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lee, seconded by Council Member Peterson, the following direction was provided regarding traffic safety improvements:

At West Grand Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street:

- Proceed with installation of enhanced pedestrian safety improvements for Option 3: "Yield to Pedestrian markings and signage located at crosswalk" and Option 4: "Rectangular rapid flashing beacons activated by pedestrian push buttons" with an anticipated cost of approximately \$50,000 and the exact locations to be determined.

At South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Farroll Road:

- Proceed with the appropriate traffic study to determine applicability of installing stop signs at the intersection of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Farroll Road for consideration by the City Council, along with Option 1: "Enhanced crosswalk striping" and Option 4: "Yield to Pedestrian markings and signage" at the crosswalk with an anticipated budget of \$20,000.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**9. Street Rehabilitation Update and Policy Direction on Major City Street Improvements.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray presented the staff report regarding completed street rehabilitation projects, current projects underway, and projects in the design phase with construction scheduled in the second half of the fiscal year. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this item.

Sioux Strebin, Grover Beach resident, requested and received information regarding streets being repaired through Measure K-14 bond funds.

No further public comments were received.

Discussion ensued regarding estimated costs for a full depth rehabilitation of major street segments versus a grind and overlay repair, and funding sources for work on major streets and roads.

Council Member Peterson spoke in support of placing a higher priority on rehabilitating West Grand Avenue before rehabilitating South Oak Park Boulevard or North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Action:** Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lee, seconded by Mayor Shoals, the following direction was provided:

Proceed with a grind and overlay of the following major street segments in the following prioritized order:

- 1) South Oak Park Boulevard (West Grand Avenue to Mentone Avenue); and
- 2) North 4<sup>th</sup> Street (West Grand Avenue to Ocean View Avenue).

Pursue full depth rehabilitation of the following major street segment:

West Grand Avenue (Oak Park Boulevard to 11<sup>th</sup> Street) and to pursue possible funding through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**Recess:** Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.  
**Reconvene:** At 8:35 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all members of the City Council present.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Nicolls had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Shah had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Peterson had no committee reports at this time.

Mayor Shoals had no committee reports at this time.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Council Member Shah described the success of the “Donuts with Dudes” event held at Grover Beach Elementary School and thanked all those who volunteered and participated in support of the event.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Lee requested and received an update from staff regarding discussions scheduled to be held by the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission regarding proposed improvements for Mentone Basin Park and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park.
- C. Council Member Nicolls announced details for the next luncheon meeting of the South County Chambers of Commerce.
- D. Mayor Shoals commented, in reference to the earlier discussion regarding pedestrian/traffic safety improvements, suggested the Council consider scheduling a future discussion on removing non-functioning traffic arms along North 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Park View and Saratoga Avenue as a means to reduce visual blight.

Mayor Shoals then requested the City Manger to provide an update on the following items:

- a technology ribbon cutting event with Digital West;
- a new holiday event with local businesses during the month of December; and
- planned parking lot repairs at the Post Office and Community Center on Trouville Avenue.

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

City Manager Matthew Bronson provided verbal updates on the following items:

- *Broadband Fiber Network* - a celebration event in coordination with Digital West is in the planning stages and will be scheduled once the fiber for the broadband network is “lit”;
- *Holiday Event* - staff is working in coordination with the South County Chambers of Commerce for a new holiday event to be held on West Grand;
- *Parking Lot Repairs* - the award of bid is anticipated to occur by the end of the calendar year, with work scheduled to begin in 2019;
- *Train Station Expansion Project* - progress continues on this project;
- *Oak Park Boulevard Medians* - landscape improvements have begun;
- *West Grand Avenue Lighting* - rope lights are being installed in street trees and on street light poles in time for the holidays;
- *Grover Beach Elementary School Incident* - commended police and fire personnel for their quick response to an incident at the elementary school; and
- *Parks & Recreation community events* - commended Parks and Recreation staff for organizing or working with community groups to ensure the success of community events, such as the Clean-up Day, Oktoberfest, Cal Poly Basketball and Tennis Clinics, and the Movie in the Park. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped to make these events possible. He then announced details for the upcoming Trunk or Treat night and Carved Pumpkin Contest.

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

None at this time.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

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DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 11/19/18)