

MINUTES
JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Mayor/Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency: Council/Board Members Bright, Mires, Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls, and Mayor/Chair Shoals were present.

City/Agency Staff: City Manager/Executive Director Perrault, City Attorney/General Counsel Koczanowicz, Administrative Secretary Toles, Administrative Services Director/Finance Officer Chapman, Community Development Director/Deputy Director Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray, Police Chief Copsey, Fire Chief Hubert, Parks and Recreation Director Petker, and Public Works Superintendent Ford were also present.

Also present was City Engineer (Sewer/Water) Garing.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor/Chair opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items of interest which were within the jurisdiction of the City Council / Improvement Agency, but were not listed on the agenda. No one responded and the Mayor/Chair closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS

CC/IA-1. Status Report on West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project.

Mayor/Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, City Manager/Executive Director Perrault provided an overview of the \$1.5 million in improvements to be constructed on West Grand Avenue from the railroad right-of-way to 4th Street through a combination of federal funds and local Redevelopment Agency dollars. He then reviewed the proposed construction schedule once the contract had been awarded in December 2009, and noted that construction had subsequently been delayed due to periods of heavy rainfall in January/February 2010. Construction was fully initiated by March 15, 2010 and staff met with the contractor, Souza Construction, and Project Engineer, Todd Engineering, to discuss an expedited schedule, emphasized the City's preference that all work be completed before the summer months, and reiterated the need to provide access to businesses during the construction.

He then reviewed approved change orders to replace the previously selected broad leaf tree on both sides of the street with a hybrid Washingtonian Palm to create more of a "visual statement" and welcoming sense of place at this prominent gateway to the City. Staff had also investigated the possibility of installing pedestrian-activated lighted crosswalks at the intersections of 2nd Street and 3rd Street, but had determined to wait until the project had progressed further, as these improvements were not time sensitive and could be added later, if funds were available. Staff then responded to questions from the Council/Agency.

Action: The information was received and filed.

CC/IA-2. Award of Contract for the West Grand Avenue Master Plan.

Mayor/Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Community Development Director/Deputy Director Buckingham reviewed the goal in the adopted Economic Development Strategy of preparing Master Plans for the Visitor Serving area and the downtown on West Grand Avenue. He then outlined the primary goals for the West Grand Avenue Master Plan.

In December 2009, the Council/Board authorized staff to solicit bids to prepare the West Grand Avenue Master Plan. The City received five proposals and selected three firms to be interviewed. Community Development Director/Deputy Director Buckingham stated that, although all three firms were highly qualified, the interview committee recommended that a team of consultants led by Lisa Wise Consulting be selected to

prepare the Master Plan. In addition to Ms. Wise, who would manage the team, oversee the public participation component, and prepare the Master Plan, the team would consist of the urban design firm of Opticos Design, Omni-Means to provide the analysis for public streetscape improvements, and SWCA to prepare the environmental determination.

Mayor/Chair Shoals invited public comments on this matter. There was no response and he closed the public comment period for this item.

Brief discussion was held regarding the consulting team being made aware of the Ramona Specific Plan and the work being completed by Garing Taylor and Associates regarding street design concepts between West Grand Avenue and the Ramona Garden Park area.

Action:

City Council: No formal action was required by the City Council at this time.

Agency: It was m/s by Board Members Peterson/Bright to adopt Resolution No. IA-10-05 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc., for professional services to prepare the West Grand Avenue Master Plan. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Board Members Bright, Mires, Peterson, Vice Chair Nicolls, and Chair Shoals.
NOES:	Board Members - None.
ABSENT:	Board Members - None.
ABSTAIN:	Board Members - None.

Resolution No. IA-10-05: A Resolution of the Improvement Agency of the City of Grover Beach Authorizing the Agency to Enter Into an Agreement with Lisa Wise Consulting to Prepare the West Grand Avenue Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council / Improvement Agency, Mayor/Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

City Council:

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 10/04/2010)

Improvement Agency:

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at IA Mtg 10/18/2010)

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ LORRIE TOLES, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY