

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Mayor/Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

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

City/Agency Staff: City Manager/Executive Director Perrault, City Attorney/General Counsel Koczanowicz, City Clerk/Agency Secretary McMahon, Administrative Services Director/Finance Officer Chapman, Community Development Director/Deputy Director Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray, and Police Chief Copsey were also present.

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 public comments were received and the Mayor/Chair closed this portion of the public comment period.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT AGENDA

Upon consensus (Council/Board Member Mires absent), the City Council / Improvement Agency approved Consent Agenda Item No. CC/IA-1 as recommended.

CC/IA-1. Minutes of the Joint City Council / Improvement Agency Meetings of: Monday, February 1, 2010; Tuesday, February 16, 2010; and Monday, March 1, 2010.
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS

CC/IA-2. West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project: Consideration of an Alternate Palm Tree Species.

Mayor/Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray provided an overview of the Mayor's request to consider replacing the nine recently planted Hybrid Fan Palm trees located in the center medians of West Grand Avenue between Highway 1 and 4th Street with Canary Island Palms, a larger species of palm tree. He noted the Hybrid Fan Palm trees were the same as those now planted along the sidewalks on West Grand Avenue.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray displayed renderings of the medians planted with different palm tree species, reviewed cost estimates to replace the trees, and noted that the Date Palm tree was a similar, but less expensive, alternate palm tree species. He stated that, if the Hybrid Fan Palm trees were removed, they could be transplanted temporarily to 16th Street Park and later potentially used for a future phase of the West Grand Avenue Project. He then responded to questions from the Council/Agency Board.

Discussion was held regarding the appearance and height of each palm tree species; concerns expressed earlier in the project by area businesses regarding views to business signs being blocked by tree foliage that resulted in replacing the originally proposed Brisbane Box street trees along the sidewalks with Hybrid Fan Palms; potential funding sources and estimated time frames for further construction if the palm trees were replaced; and minimizing any further construction-related disruptions to local businesses. Further discussion was held regarding the additional costs that would be incurred from removing the Hybrid Fan Palm trees to plant them at a temporary site, rather than a permanent location, and changing the medians to accommodate a different palm tree species; and whether it was economically prudent to incur the expense at this time.

Action: Upon consensus (Council/Board Member Mires absent), the Council/Agency Board requested that staff return with a design plan for the next segment of the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project from 4th Street to 9th Street and provide funding options for the Council/Agency's consideration regarding whether to remove the center median palm trees between Highway 1 and 4th Street and replant them in the next segment of the West Grand Avenue Project or a different project.

It was noted that staff would review funding alternatives for design of the next segment of the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project.

CC/IA-3. Request from the Central Coast Railroad Festival for Sponsorship.

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 request for the City to be a sponsor of this year's Central Coast Railroad Festival in the amount of \$1,000.

Brief Council/Agency discussion was held regarding providing the City/Agency with more advance notice so that media efforts and activities could be coordinated to specifically promote the Grover Beach Train Station and surrounding businesses.

Action: Upon consensus (Council/Board Member Mires absent), the Council/Agency Board approved sponsoring this year's Central Coast Railroad Festival to be held on October 7-11, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000. The Council/Agency Board also requested that event coordinators provide the City with more advance notice of sponsorship requests in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council / Improvement Agency, Mayor/Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

City Council:

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 01/18/2011)

Improvement Agency:

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at IA Mtg 02/07/2011)