

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** A moment of silence was held in memory of former Mayors and Council Members, City staff, and business and community leaders who had contributed to the community's success over the past 50 years.

**FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Boy Scout Isaiah Noriega, a six-year-old, first-grade student and the son of Grover Beach employee Yesenia Villareal, Accounting Specialist.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council: Council Members Bright, Mires, Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls, and Mayor Shoals were present.

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, Administrative Services Director Chapman, Police Chief Copsey, Fire Chief Hubert, Parks and Recreation Director Petker, Economic Development Specialist Buckingham, Public Works Superintendent Ford, and Accounting Specialist Villareal were also present.

Also present was City Engineer Garing.

**AGENDA REVIEW** Mayor Shoals requested that the Council consider changing the order of the agenda so that Agenda Item No. 7 was considered immediately after Agenda Item No. 2.

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

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

**1. Special Drawing in Honor of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Local Economic Stimulus Program Shop Local, Shop Loyal Campaign - "Shop & Dine Grover Beach".**

Administrative Services Director Chapman provided an overview of the program, announced that to date there were 71 participating businesses, and invited other local businesses to join the program. She explained that the special drawing held this evening would be for five \$100 gift certificate winners. Each Council Member drew a card from among those that had been submitted since the beginning of the program, but had not yet been drawn. The names of the following Shop & Dine Grover Beach winners were announced: Chuck Ashton, Richard Peterson (two separate cards were drawn with the same name), Lyne Hamel, and Roger Schandel.

**2. Announcements - 2009 City of Grover Beach Employees of the Year.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to City Manager Perrault. City Manager Perrault described the program that recognized City employees for providing dedicated service to the City and excellent customer service to the community and fellow employees. He introduced or announced the names of the following employees who had been recently recognized as 2009 Employees of the Year:

- Parks and Recreation Department - Jean Storton, Recreation Specialist;
- Public Works Division - Homero Flores, Jr., Maintenance Worker II, who was unable to attend the meeting;
- Police Department - Sybyl Hollis, Records/Property Technician; and
- Fire Department - Bart Pearson, Fire Captain.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Pursuant to Council consensus during review of the agenda, Agenda Item No. 7 was considered next.

**7. Proclamation Posthumously Honoring Mr. Thomas Edison Stone.**

Mayor Shoals read and presented the proclamation to Mrs. Jessie Stone, the widow of Thomas Edison Stone, posthumously honoring Mr. Stone, former proprietor of A-1 Sewing and Vacuum, as the first African-American business owner in the City. Mayor Shoals then recognized the following members of the Stone family who were seated in the audience: Tommi Stone, Malcom Stone, Curt and Debra Brown, Anthony and Linda Lynch, Janice Stone and John Rose, and Felma Hurdle.

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

**3. Reading of the Certificate of Incorporation from the California Secretary of State.**

Mayor Shoals read the certificate of the City's incorporation, dated December 21, 1959.

**4. Recognition and Acknowledgment of Former City Council Members, Commissioners, and Staff.**

At this time Mayor Shoals requested that all those present who had previously served as Mayors, Council Members, appointed Commissioners, and City staff to please stand and be recognized. The following individuals seated in the Council Chambers stood and their presence was acknowledged (Note: The overflow of people in attendance extended into the hallway and therefore might not all be listed below):

*For the period 1959 - 1969:*

Clifford Clark (City Attorney and City Clerk), Lowell Forister (Council Member and Volunteer Firefighter), and Helen Barnes Summerfield (Deputy City Clerk).

*For the period 1970 - 1979:*

Jack Kean (Mayor and Council Member), Helen Barnes Summerfield (Mayor and Council Member), John A. Wysong (Recreation Commissioner), Arnie Dowdy (City Administrator), Tom Sullivan (Community Development Director), Jim Garing (City Engineer), John Keisler (Recreation Director), and Carol Hatley (Clerk-Cashier).

*For the period 1980 - 1989:*

Jack Kean (Mayor and Council Member), Dave Ekbom (Mayor and Council Member), Derril Pilkington (Planning Commissioner and Volunteer Firefighter), Arnie Dowdy (City Administrator), Tom Sullivan (Community Development Director), Jim Garing (City Engineer), Dennis Anderson (Division Fire Chief), and Mike Alamo (Parks and Recreation Director).

*For the period 1990 - 1999:*

Peter Keith (Mayor and Council Member), Dee Santos (Mayor and Council Member), Dave Ekbom (Mayor and Council Member), Gene Gates (Mayor and Council Member), Richard Roberts (Planning Commissioner), Marsha Bolyanatz, (Grover Beautiful Committee Member), Tom Sullivan (Community Development Director), Jim Garing (City Engineer), Mike Alamo (Parks and Recreation Director), Kelly Wetmore (Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk).

*For the period 2000 - 2009:*

Dave Ekbom (Mayor and Council Member), Dee Santos (Mayor and Council Member), Peter Keith (Council Member and Planning Commissioner), Stephen Lieberman (Mayor and Council Member), Michael Leon (Planning Commissioner), Sue Hartman (Parks and Recreation Commissioner), Jim Garing (City Engineer), and Doug Hamp (Interim Fire Chief).

Mayor Shoals announced that a photo album of previous Mayors and Council Members was on display at the table near the entrance to the Council Chambers.

**5. Presentations from Other Agencies in Honor of the City's Anniversary.**

The following persons read and presented proclamations or plaques to the City of Grover Beach:

- Tony Ferrara, Mayor, City of Arroyo Grande;
- Adam Hill, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor - District 3, and Grover Beach resident;
- Hans Poschman, representing the offices of both Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee, 33<sup>rd</sup> District; and Senator Abel Maldonado, 15<sup>th</sup> District;
- Dan Gilmore, General Manager, Los Osos Community Services District; and
- Shelley Higginbotham, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Pismo Beach, who also presented each Council Member with a small gift from the Pismo Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau.

#### **6. Multi-media Historical Presentation.**

Mayor Shoals stated the City had prepared a visual presentation detailing the City's history and highlighting individuals and families who had contributed to the community's progress and development. He also described the following significant City projects that had been constructed over the past 50-year period: the Ramona Garden Park and Center, Trouville Community Center, Mentone Drainage Basin, and the Amtrak Train Station. He then introduced former City Administrator and current Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commissioner Arnold "Arnie" Dowdy.

Mr. Dowdy narrated a PowerPoint presentation of the City's history, describing how Dwight William ("D.W.") Grover and his associate, George Gates, purchased property in 1887 on what was planned to be the "Town of Grover and Huntington Beach". John F. Beckett purchased 1,200 acres of the town and renamed it "Beckett Park" and "Beckett Place". In the 1930s, Horace "Pappy" Bagwell purchased the property. Mr. Bagwell and his partner, Harry Culver, founded the Grover City Development Company and continued to subdivide the town of Grover City.

Mr. Dowdy's narration was augmented with video clip interviews of the following individuals:

- Clifford Clark, the first Acting City Clerk, who described his trip to Sacramento to officially file incorporation papers with the State Board of Equalization, and who later served as the City Attorney;
- Helen Barnes (Summerfield), former Mayor;
- Gene and Gracia Bello, former owners of Grover City Pharmacy, 901 W. Grand Avenue;
- Steven Cool, former City Attorney;
- Judge Barry Hammer, former City Attorney;
- Jim Garing, current City Engineer;
- Cynthia Glenn, business owner of Mr. Glenn's, 551 W. Grand Avenue;
- Theola Lynn, widow of former Council Member Woody Lynn;
- Mike Miner, owner of Miner's Hardware, 1056 W. Grand Avenue; and
- Dee Santos, former Mayor and owner of Salon Dee, 122 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **8. Moments of Reflection on the City's First 50 Years of Incorporation.**

Mayor Shoals described current City projects that would have a significant impact on future development in the City, including update of the Land Use Element, street and pedestrian improvements on W. Grand Avenue, installing storm drains on W. Grand Avenue, and transportation and pedestrian improvements at Ramona Garden Park. He stated development of the Train Station had been a major achievement towards economic development and the City was pursuing opportunities to improve and expand that facility. Other projects being pursued were the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference facility, a broadband initiative and municipal service network, consolidating the delivery of fire services, joint dispatch, and developing bicycle and walking trails. Mayor Shoals thanked City staff and City Manager Perrault for the extra efforts that went into preparing for the City's anniversary celebration and for this evening's presentations. He then invited comments from the audience.

The following persons spoke of events, fond memories, and expressed warm sentiments regarding living, working, and/or raising families in Grover Beach, formerly known as "Grover City":

- Gene Gates, former Council Member and current Police Department citizen volunteer, who also invited all interested residents to volunteer on the Citizens Assistance Team;
- Richard Roberts, former Planning Commissioner, who donated a ball cap to the City as a memento of a previous celebration for the Grover City Centennial (1887-1987), he also read and submitted a copy of a statement prepared by himself, Tom Sullivan, and Peter Keith regarding events that transpired in 1992 when changing the name of the City to "Grover Beach" was initially proposed;
- Dave Ekbom, former Mayor;
- Dee Santos, former Mayor;
- Gage Matthew, resident;
- Clifford Clark, former City Attorney and former City Clerk;
- Edie Hatton, resident;
- Peter Keith, former Mayor;
- Janice Stone, resident;
- Tom Sullivan, former Community Development Director;
- Felma Hurdle, resident;
- Helen Barnes Summerfield, the City's first female Mayor;
- Mike Leon, former Planning Commissioner, who described high school student activism that resulted in local cities honoring a resident who had been a prisoner of war;
- Marsha Bolyanatz, former Grover Beautiful Committee Member;
- Ellie Ross, Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commissioner;
- Randy Fiser, resident, whose father previously served on a City Commission;
- Cindy Fiser Barcelona, resident;
- Matthew Simons, resident;
- Stephen Lieberman, former Mayor;
- Sue Hartman, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner;
- Arnold Dowdy, former City Administrator and current Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commissioner;
- Lynn Pearson, Administrative Secretary, Fire Department, who had assisted with the event planning for the anniversary celebration, invited residents to continue submitting historical photos and stories to the City to be compiled for further historical reference;
- Carol Hatley, daughter-in-law of the City's first building inspector, and sister of P.O.W. Sgt. John Winningham, who had been honored by the City many years earlier;
- Anita Shower; resident;
- Lloyd Qualls, former member of the Grover City Volunteer Fire Department and husband of former Council Member Juanita Qualls;
- Betty Lynn, daughter of former Council Member Woody Lynn; and
- John A. Wyson, resident and former Recreation Commissioner.

No further public comments were received and the Council thanked all those who had attended the City's incorporation celebration and had shared heart-warming, as well as humorous, memories of the City that, combined together, built the strong sense of community enjoyed today.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor stated that, since so many public comments had already been received regarding the City's history, no further public comments would be taken at this time. He then invited all those present to remain in the Council Chambers to enjoy the light refreshments prepared for a brief reception scheduled to begin immediately after the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

/s/JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 06/07/2010)