

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

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 Hazel Jean Perrault, mother of City Manager Robert Perrault.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Alexandra "Alex" Russell, a 10-year-old, 5th grade student at Grover Beach Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, Assistant City Attorney Donaldson, City Clerk McMahon, Administrative Services Director Chapman, Community Development Director Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray, Police Chief Copsey, and Parks and Recreation Director Petker were also present.

Also present were Fire Chief Aranaz and Battalion Chief Heath of the Five Cities Fire Authority, and Police Chief Annibali of the City of Arroyo Grande.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Attorney Donaldson read the following announcement:

On Monday, February 6, 2011 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1): Threatened CEQA action against IWMA and its members.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

At this time, Assistant City Attorney Donaldson requested that the City, as the Successor Agency to the Grover Beach Improvement Agency, authorize adding an urgency item to the posted agenda regarding adoption of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule. He stated that, subsequent to posting the agenda, staff became aware that action on this matter was required no later than March 1, 2012, which was prior to the next scheduled City Council meeting.

Action: It was m/s by Council Members Bright/Peterson to amend the posted agenda by adding the following as an urgency item: "Agenda Item No. 11 - Adoption of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule". The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation Designating Tuesday, February 28, 2012 as "Spay Day USA".**

Council Member Peterson read and presented the proclamation to Grover Beach business owner Mary Buehnerkemper, representing the Feline Care Network.

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.

- A. Brad Snook, Chair, Surfrider Foundation, expressed concerns regarding operations and management of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Capital Improvement Project #312 – Train Station Expansion Project.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item, declared the Public Hearing open, and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Community Development Director Buckingham provided an overview of the proposed expansion project at the Grover Beach Train Station to improve efficiency and convenience for passengers transferring between Amtrak busses and the train. He noted the project was a joint effort between the City, San Luis Obispo County, and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments. In addition, staff worked with Caltrans to address issues regarding access to the site and with County Parks staff regarding future access to the Coastal Dunes Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park, which was operated by the County. He then described proposed improvements to be constructed in two phases, outlined anticipated benefits from a multi-modal transit center, listed the additional steps required prior to the commencement of construction, and responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding aspects of the project's environmental review, the time frame for additional studies to be completed, design concepts for a roundabout and entryways, estimated project costs, and the potential for additional transportation funding through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Curtis Black, Deputy Director, San Luis Obispo County Parks Department, spoke in support of the proposed project, but noted that it might be some time before County funds would be available to construct improvements for Phase II of the project. He then distributed copies of the latest County Parks newsletter.

Josephine Malone, Grover Beach, requested that proposed improvements include services to accommodate passengers arriving after dusk, such as access to restroom facilities, taxi services, and staffing at the train station.

There were no further public comments received and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Further Council discussion ensued regarding the train station facility, improving services for the public, and fiscal constraints from limited City resources.

Action: It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls/Council Member Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 12-11. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 12-11: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Capital Improvement Project #312 - Train Station Expansion Project.

Action: It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls/Council Member Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 12-12. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 12-12: A Resolution of City Council of the City of Grover Beach Approving a Coastal Development Permit for Capital Improvement Project #312 - Train Station Expansion Project.

Action: Upon consensus, the Council authorized staff to investigate whether the following might be available to improve services at the Grover Beach Train Station: 1) extending hours for public restroom access to accommodate passengers arriving during the evening hours; 2) expanding the availability of Amtrak services; 3) including options for retail, office, and/or additional transportation services in the next phase of site improvements; 4) improving the availability of taxicab services; and 5) staffing options to enhance public safety, such as increased patrol by police volunteers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Item No. 5 was pulled pursuant to the request of Council Member Molnar. Council Member Bright requested and received an explanation regarding a check warrant listed in Item No. 3, but that item was not pulled from the Consent Agenda. Upon unanimous consensus, the Council approved Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4, as recommended.

3. Treasurer's Report for the Period February 1 - February 15, 2012.

Action: Approved as submitted.

4. Minutes: Special Joint City Council/Improvement Agency Meeting January 23, 2012.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Formation of a Fire Protection District and Adoption of a Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment by the Five Cities Fire Authority. (Continued from the City Council meeting of February 6, 2012.)

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Fire Chief Aranaz provided an overview of recent discussions held regarding the potential formation of a fire protection district or a benefit assessment, and described concerns expressed by the Oceano Community Services District Board of Directors and the Arroyo Grande City Council. Fire Chief Aranaz and City Manager Perrault then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the two options, reducing the City's General Fund contribution, funding for paramedic services, the majority of positive responses received from a recent public opinion survey, and existing costs for fire services.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received.

Further Council discussion was held regarding securing a more stable funding source for fire services, other priorities currently being considered by the City of Arroyo Grande, whether to proceed with a recommendation to the Fire Authority regarding a benefit assessment, and opportunities for the other agencies to reconsider the options.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the City Council recommended that the Five Cities Fire Authority proceed with a fire suppression benefit assessment.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 8:01 p.m.

Reconvene: At 8:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

7. Report Regarding the Consolidation of Dispatch Services and Consolidation of Law Enforcement.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Police Chief Copsey outlined the options for providing consolidated fire and police dispatch services for the Cities of Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande, and the Oceano Community Services District. He described the potential benefits with each option, but noted that all of the alternatives were determined to have negative impacts on the City's General Fund. It was therefore recommended that the City continue with existing dispatch service operations.

Police Chief Copsey then outlined estimated costs and potential benefits if the police departments for Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande were consolidated. He also described existing staff vacancies in both law enforcement agencies and outlined the fiscal assumptions and expectations that were included in the cost estimates. Further, if the Council chose to pursue consolidation of law enforcement services, it was recommended that dispatch services be included. He then noted that, pending a determination regarding whether to pursue consolidation, staff had delayed purchasing equipment that had already been approved by the Council. He then responded to questions from the City Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding staffing, service levels, and logistical concerns, as well as potential consequences from delaying Council-approved purchases for equipment and software system upgrades. Additional discussion was held regarding the proposal received from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement dispatch services only.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Police Chief Annibali, City of Arroyo Grande, spoke in support of consolidating law enforcement services, stating that the City of Arroyo Grande was interested in discussing the matter in further detail. He also responded to questions from the City Council.

Juan Leon, President, Grover Beach Police Officers' Association, spoke in support of consolidating dispatch and law enforcement services.

There were no further public comments received and the Mayor closed the public comment period regarding this item.

Discussion ensued regarding whether "contracting for services" with Arroyo Grande would achieve the Grover Beach City Council's intended objectives for consolidating law enforcement services; evaluating the issues further once a formal and detailed proposal was received from the City of Arroyo Grande; and whether to further research dispatch service options through the Sheriff's Office.

Fire Chief Aranaz and Police Chief Copsey responded to Council questions regarding emergency dispatch services. Police Chief Copsey expressed concerns regarding impacts to service levels and public safety if the Council chose to pursue the consolidation of law enforcement services with the City of Arroyo Grande in conjunction with contracting for dispatch services with the Sheriff's Office.

Action: Upon consensus, the City Council: 1) supported the concept that full consolidation of law enforcement services could improve services in a cost-effective manner; and 2) supported the development of a law enforcement agency capable of providing services to a common jurisdiction.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 9:20 p.m.
Reconvene: At 9:23 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

8. Status Report Regarding Goals and Work Program for FY 11 - FY 12.

Action: Upon consensus, staff was requested to reschedule this item to a future meeting.

Mayor Shoals announced that the following agenda item was being withdrawn and the Council Committee appointments would remain unchanged.

9. Reconsideration of Appointments to the Integrated Waste Management Authority and the Zone 3 Advisory Committee.

Action: None. (Item withdrawn from the agenda.)

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5. Grant Participation Request for Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plans.

Upon question, Community Development Director Buckingham noted that the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) would provide a menu of policies for agencies to consider and modify, as appropriate, in order to comply with state law and the City's General Plan Land Use policy regarding greenhouse gas reduction efforts.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this matter. There was no response received.

Action: It was m/s by Council Members Peterson/Bright to adopt Resolution No. 12-13 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Participation Agreement on behalf of the City. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 12-13: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach Confirming Participation in a Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan Grant Program.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bright stated that she would defer her reports to the next meeting.

Council Member Molnar stated that she had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls stated that he had nothing to report.

Mayor Shoals stated that he had nothing to report.

Council Member Peterson reported on meetings of the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce and the San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau (VCB), noting that Chamber members had attended a recent grand opening celebration for a new business and that planning was underway to bring an Iron Man competition to the County. She also reported on an event hosted by the San Luis Obispo County Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC) for members to meet a State Senate candidate.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mayor Shoals stated that he had been contacted by the Healthy Eating and Living Communities organization and would bring the information to a future Council meeting.
- B. Council Member Peterson distributed copies of a publication from the San Luis Obispo County Visitors & Conference Bureau (VCB) and an article published in the *Pacific Business Times* regarding the proposed Grover Beach Municipal Network. (Note: This comment was made near the end of the meeting.)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10. Request to Schedule a Special Meeting for Presentation of the Mid-year Budget Report.

City Manager Perrault requested that the Council consider scheduling a special meeting to receive a presentation regarding the mid-year budget.

Brief Council discussion was held regarding potential meeting dates.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council requested that staff schedule: 1) the status report regarding Council goals on Monday, March 5, 2012; and 2) the mid-year budget presentation and recommendations regarding goals for the next budget cycle on Monday, March 19, 2012.

The following was added to the posted agenda as an urgency item during the Council's "Agenda Review":

11. Initial Draft of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Administrative Services Director Chapman stated that timelines were established by the Supreme Court regarding various deadlines imposed by AB X1 26, state legislation that dissolved redevelopment agencies. One of the deadlines required adoption of a draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) by March 1, 2012. She noted that the draft schedule was subject to certification by an independent auditor and later approval by the Oversight Board and would replace the interim Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule approved by the City Council in January 2012. Additionally, the County Auditor Controller was scheduled to allocate property tax increment to successor agencies to pay debt listed on the ROPS by May 15, 2012. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Action: It was m/s by Council Members Bright/Molnar to: 1) adopt Resolution No. SA-12-01 approving the draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule; and 2) authorize the City Manager to take all follow-up steps necessary to ensure adoption and approval of the "Approved ROPS". The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. SA-12-01: A Resolution of the City of Grover Beach Acting as the Successor Agency to the Grover Beach Improvement Agency Approving and Adopting an Initial Draft of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l).

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 9:45 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 03/19/2012)