

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012**

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Council Member Peterson.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Also present were Fire Chief Aranaz and Battalion Chief Heath of the Five Cities Fire Authority.

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.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the logo selected to represent the recently merged Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande Chambers of Commerce, and requested signatures petitioning the Chamber to redesign the logo:

- Linda McClure, Grover Beach resident and Grover Beach business owner, and
- Edie Hatton, Grover Beach resident and former Grover Beach business owner.

The following persons extended congratulations to newly-elected City officials and expressed appreciation to Mayor Shoals for his service to the community, as well as his professionalism and leadership on various regional boards:

- Tony Ferrara, Mayor, City of Arroyo Grande;
- Peter Keith, Grover Beach resident and former Grover Beach Mayor;
- Adam Hill, Third District Supervisor, County of San Luis Obispo;
- Ed Waage, Council Member, City of Pismo Beach; and
- Tom Rehder, Grover Beach business owner, who also offered to host a fundraiser for the Grover Beach family members who were the victims of a recent domestic violence incident.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION MATTERS

1. Resolution Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, City Clerk McMahon provided an overview of the November 6, 2012 General Municipal Election, stating that official results for elected officials resulted in Debbie Peterson being elected to serve a two-year term for the office of directly-elected Mayor, and Karen Bright and Jeff Lee each being elected to serve four-year terms for the office of Council Member. Further, results of the ballot measure regarding a proposed City Charter, Measure I-12, which required a simple majority to pass, failed by a difference of only four votes: 2,237 votes were cast in *support* and 2,241 votes were cast *against* the measure.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls announced that the committee in support of the measure had filed a request for a recount with the County Clerk Recorder's Office.

There was no further Council discussion held and no public comments received at this time.

At this time, Mayor Shoals suggested changing the order of items on the agenda to recess the meeting immediately after Agenda Item No. 5, and then reconvene the meeting to discuss the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem (Agenda Item No. 6) and Council committee assignments (Agenda Item No. 7).

Action: Upon consensus, the Order of the Day was amended as requested.

It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls/Council Member Molnar to adopt Resolution No. 12-78 reciting the facts and declaring the results of the November 6, 2012 General Municipal Election. 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. 12-78: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on November 6, 2012, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

- 2. Swearing-in Ceremony and Seating of Directly-elected Mayor and New Council Members** - City Clerk McMahon administered the Oaths of Office to re-elected Council Member Karen Bright, newly-elected Council Member Jeff Lee, and directly-elected Mayor Debbie Peterson.

ORDER OF THE DAY: At this time, comments were received from former Mayor Shoals (Agenda Item No. 3), followed by presentations to former Mayor Shoals (Agenda Item No. 4).

- 4. Comments from Former Mayor Shoals** - Former Mayor Shoals thanked the citizens of Grover Beach, stating that it was an honor and privilege to serve the community, as well as a positive, life-changing experience. He specifically thanked City Manager Perrault and City Clerk McMahon, as well as City staff, his Council colleagues both past and present, elected colleagues in the surrounding communities, and Planning Commission Chair Laferriere. He then described significant infrastructure improvement projects and programs completed during his ten-year tenure on the Council, announced that construction of downtown improvements along West Grand Avenue would be underway in the coming months, and praised the vision and groundwork completed by former Council Members and specifically former Mayor Peter Keith that was anticipated to culminate in the start of construction for the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center project in approximately two years. Former Mayor Shoals then thanked his wife, Staci, daughters Ashley and Amber, his parents, and siblings for their support.
- 3. Presentation to Former Mayor Shoals** - Mayor Peterson and City Manager Perrault presented former Mayor Shoals with an engraved desk clock and jacket embroidered with the City logo as tokens of the City's appreciation for his leadership and dedicated service to the community. A holiday flower arrangement and vase were then presented to Mrs. Shoals as a token of the City's appreciation.

Mayor Peterson thanked former Mayor Shoals for his professionalism, leadership, and dedication to the community, noting his pro-bono planning assistance prior to being elected to the City Council with developing the Ramona Specific Plan. She also acknowledged his vision and planning expertise in initiating the groundwork for the Grover Beach Municipal Network (broadband) / Virtual Port, and his active persistence in seeking grant fund opportunities for the City.

Mayor Peterson invited comments from the public at this time.

The following persons thanked and praised former Mayor Shoals for his public service:

- Linda McClure, Grover Beach business owner and resident;
- Peter Keith, former Mayor;
- Riki Heath, Battalion Chief, Five Cities Fire Authority; and
- Edie Hatton, Grover Beach resident.

ORDER OF THE DAY: At this time, the Order of the Day resumed to the agenda as amended earlier in the meeting.

5. Comments from Newly-Elected and Re-elected Officials.

Council Member Bright expressed her appreciation to former Mayor Shoals. She then acknowledged and thanked her campaign committee members, volunteers, and supporters for all their hard work. She also congratulated Mayor Peterson on her successful election to the office of Mayor and expressed confidence that Mayor Peterson would continue the forward momentum on the many City projects yet to be completed.

Council Member Lee thanked the voters of Grover Beach for the opportunity to serve as an elected official, expressed his appreciation to former Mayor Shoals, acknowledged the support of his wife, Mary, and his parents who were watching the meeting over the Internet via Skype, and stated that he looked forward to serving the community as a member of the City Council.

Council Member Molnar congratulated the newly-elected officials.

Council Member Nicolls expressed his appreciation to former Mayor Shoals for the many City accomplishments during his tenure, praised his leadership on regional boards and commissions, and thanked him specifically for his efforts regarding the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project.

Mayor Peterson thanked Council Member Nicolls for his service as Mayor Pro Tem, thanked all those in attendance for coming to the meeting, commented on the value of community engagement in local government, and thanked her son, Jonnie, for his support. Mayor Peterson then outlined various programs and subjects that she intended to address during her tenure, working together with her Council colleagues and with input from members of the public regarding street repairs; becoming a charter city; the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center project; the Virtual Port (broadband) project; citizen advisory groups; updating signage and parking regulations, as well as the economic development strategy; collaborating with neighboring agencies to maximize marketing and tourism resources; and improving communication among members of the City Council, as well as constituents, regarding activities of regional boards and commissions and access to publicly available documents and information.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed for a brief reception in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvene: At 7:50 p.m., the City Council reconvened to the Special City Council Meeting with all Council Members present.

6. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for the Upcoming Year.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Attorney Koczanowicz reviewed regulations pursuant to Resolution No. 08-18 regarding the process for the incoming directly-elected Mayor to select a mayor pro tem for the one-year period of December 2012 - December 2013.

Mayor Peterson selected Council Member Karen Bright to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Member Bright accepted the appointment.

Action: Mayor Peterson designated Council Member Bright to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

None at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. Appointment of Council Members to Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault briefly described the Council's annual practice for determining Council committee assignments and noted amended regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) now allowed Council Members to participate in a decision appointing him or herself to a compensated position.

City Manager Perrault also noted that the City's designated representative to the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District was the Mayor or Mayor's designee; that the Mayor also served as the Successor Agency's representative to the Oversight Board of the Dissolved Grover Beach Improvement Agency; and that the Council had deferred taking action on designating a Council Member to attend the National Fire Academy's Emergency Management Institute disaster preparedness training session until this evening's meeting. He then briefly reviewed staff's recommendation to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee for matters related to the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project.

Members of the Council thanked former Mayor Shoals for his offer to continue participating in discussions regarding the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project, acknowledging the value of his continued input in the coming months as the project was scheduled for consideration by the Coastal Commission.

Council discussion ensued regarding the dates and meeting times of various boards and commissions held throughout the County, the importance of bringing thorough reports back to the Council regarding the activities and issues discussed, and to limit the use of acronyms in the information being provided.

Actions: Upon m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Bright/Council Member Molnar, the Council:

- 1) Adopted Resolution No. 12-79 confirming certain Council appointments;
- 2) Adopted Resolution No. 12-80 re-establishing an Ad Hoc Committee for the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project, and made the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee: Mayor Peterson as the City's representative, Council Member Nicolls as the alternate representative, and John Shoals as the citizen representative;
- 3) Authorized the City Clerk to update FPPC Form 806 for posting on the City website; and
- 4) Designated Council Member Nicolls to attend the National Fire Academy's Emergency Management Institute disaster preparedness training.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 12-79: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Confirming City Council Committee Assignments for Calendar Year 2013.

Resolution No. 12-80: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Re-establishing the Ad Hoc Committee for the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center and Appointing Its Members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Perrault reminded the City Council of the upcoming annual holiday and employee recognition dinner to be held at Ramona Garden Park Center on Friday, December 14, 2013. Upon question, he stated that volunteers could arrive beginning at 12 Noon to assist with the preparations.

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 Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 02/04/2013)