

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

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

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: Acting City Manager/Police Chief Copsey, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, and Administrative Services Director Chapman were also present.

Also present were Fire Chief Aranaz, Five Cities Fire Authority, and Senior Consultant Adina Light, NBS.

URGENCY ITEM At this time, City Attorney Koczanowicz requested the City Council consider adding an urgency item to the agenda regarding "Adoption of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for June 2013 to December 2013 (ROPS 13-14 A)". He stated that, subsequent to the posting of the agenda, staff was made aware of certain filing requirements and penalties if the schedule was not adopted and submitted to the Department of Finance by March 1, 2013.

Action: Upon m/s by Council Members Lee/Nicolls, the Council authorized adding "Item No. 3: Adoption of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for June 2013 to December 2013 (ROPS 13-14 A)" as an urgency item and adopted the agenda as amended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

At this time Mayor Peterson recognized former Mayor Steve Lieberman, who was seated in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items listed on the agenda. No public comments were received.

BUSINESS

1. Consideration of the Five Cities Fire Authority Special Financing District Feasibility Study by NBS.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Fire Chief Aranaz outlined the long-term funding needs for the Five Cities Fire Authority in order to meet national guidelines for initial response to a structure fire, comply with federal safety requirements, establish an apparatus and equipment replacement program, enhance dispatch capabilities, and fund a dedicated fire prevention program. Chief Aranaz then described potential funding options identified in the feasibility study that was prepared by the consulting firm NBS. He then introduced Senior Consultant Adina Light.

Ms. Light provided an overview of the funding options and outlined a comparison of fire service costs with neighboring jurisdictions. Chief Aranaz and Ms. Light then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding the differences between the specific funding options, whether to include a sunset clause or maximum cap for the assessment, underfunded budget needs for the Fire Authority, and the time frames and estimated costs for conducting a special election.

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

Ron Arnoldsen, former Mayor, requested and received information regarding the proposed assessment for commercial properties.

The following persons spoke in support of establishing a Special Financing District:

- Mark Searby, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4403, and member of the Five Cities Fire Authority;
- Robert Robert, Grover Beach resident;
- Steve Lieberman, former Mayor; and
- Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident.

Further Council discussion was held regarding fire services provided by neighboring jurisdictions and the call volume for each member agency.

Action: Upon consensus, the Council provided the following comments to the Council's Five Cities Fire Authority representative: The Council preferred the funding option of establishing a parcel tax with a maximum cap for the assessment that was tied to the Consumer Price Index, and that the assessment not include a sunset clause.

2. Candidate Interviews and Potential Appointment of New Council Member to Fill Existing Vacancy.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Attorney Koczanowicz stated that, in the interest of conducting a fair interview, all candidates were requested but not required to leave the Council Chambers and wait in the adjoining Conference Room until called upon to be interviewed. Once interviewed, the candidate could remain in the Council Chambers to hear the remaining candidate interviews and the Council's deliberations.

Acting City Manager/Police Chief Copsey provided a brief overview of the staff report. He stated that thirteen letters of interest were received by the close of business on February 19, 2013. However, since that date, three applicants had withdrawn from the process - Jack Kean, Christopher Long, and Robert Mires.

Mayor Peterson stated the order of the interviews would be determined by random drawing and Administrative Services Director Chapman would assist with bringing each of the applicants into the Council Chambers from the adjoining Conference Room. At this time, the ten remaining applicants left the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Bright and Council Member Lee alternated in drawing the names of applicants to be interviewed.

The Council conducted interviews of the 10 candidates in the following order:

Mariam Shah, Glenn Marshall, Evan Larson, Anita Shower, Debra Colbert, Kevin Woolley, Riley Royce Smith, Gary Clatterbuck, Greg Alex, and Dr. Ron Arnoldsen.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Mayor Peterson invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received.

The Council thanked all candidates for their interest in serving on the City Council. Discussion was held narrowing the number of candidates to the top three choices - Greg Alex, Glenn Marshall, and Mariam Shah. Further discussion was held regarding the level of qualifications of the final three candidates. All three final candidates responded to additional questions from the Council.

Action: It was m/s by Council Members Nicolls/Lee to appoint Glenn Marshall to fill the vacancy on the Grover Beach City Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

At this time, City Clerk McMahon administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council Member Marshall. Council Member Marshall was then seated at the dais.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m.
Reconvene: At 9:16 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

ROLL CALL

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

THE CITY COUNCIL SITTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED GROVER BEACH IMPROVEMENT AGENCY.

3. Adoption of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for June to December 2013 (ROPS 13-14 A). (Note: This item was added to the posted agenda as an Urgency Item.)

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Administrative Services Director Chapman briefly described the requirements for the Successor Agency to review and approve a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) to submit to the Oversight Board. Once approved by the Oversight Board, the schedule would be sent to the State. She then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding penalties for not submitting the schedule by the deadline of March 1st, the pending determination from the Department of Finance from the last Meet and Confer meeting regarding several disputed financial obligations, and further explanations regarding formatting changes to the schedule and specific expenditures.

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

Action: It was m/s by Council Member Nicolls/Mayor Pro Tem Bright to: 1) adopt Resolution No. SA-13-01 approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS); and 2) authorize the City Manager to present the ROPS to the Oversight Board for its consideration and approval. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee, Marshall, Nicolls, Mayor Pro Tem Bright, and Mayor Peterson.

NOES: Council Members - None.

ABSENT: Council Members - None.

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

Resolution No. SA-13-01: A Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Dissolved 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(I).

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:29 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

- 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Employee: City Manager

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:37 p.m., Mayor Peterson reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present, and announced there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 04/01/2013)