

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor/Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency: Council/Board Members Bright, Mires, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls, and Mayor/Chair Shoals were present. Council/Board Member Peterson 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, Lieutenant Peters, Fire Chief Hubert, Battalion Chief Heath, and Economic Development Specialist Buckingham 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 at this time.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT AGENDA

IA-1. Minutes of the Following Meetings:

- Joint City Council/Improvement Agency Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2009;
- Joint City Council/Improvement Agency Meeting of Monday, January 26, 2009.

Action: Upon consensus (Board Member Peterson absent), the minutes were approved as submitted.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS

CC/IA-1. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement for Preliminary Engineering and Site Planning for the Train Station Expansion Project.

Mayor/Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Economic Development Specialist Buckingham reviewed the functional weaknesses of the existing train station layout, the study conducted in 2004 by Wilbur Smith Associates which presented several strategies to address these issues, and the strategy selected by the Council/Agency in May 2008 to expand the train station site to the south in order to consolidate bus loading/unloading on the same side of the railroad tracks.

Economic Development Specialist Buckingham reviewed the Request for Proposal process that was conducted, the recommendation to retain the firm of Rick Engineering, and the proposed scope of work and fixed fee amount. He stated the goal was to approve a project that would be eligible for the next funding allocation of Proposition 1B transit funds, which were expected towards the end of the year. He also stated that the City had contracted with the firm of Althouse and Meade to conduct a wetland delineation and field surveys, since a majority of the expansion site was considered a wetland. He then responded to questions regarding project funding, development of a site plan, and the environmental review process.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. There was no response and he closed the public comment period for this item.

Actions:

Council: It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls/Council Member Bright to adopt Resolution No. 09-39 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Rick Engineering for design services associated with the Train Station Expansion Project. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 09-39: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Rick Engineering for Design Services for the Train Station Expansion Project.

Agency: It was m/s by Vice Chair Nicolls/Board Member Bright to adopt Resolution No. IA-09-13 authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement with Rick Engineering for design services associated with the Train Station Expansion Project. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Bright, Mires, Vice Chair Nicolls, and Chair Shoals.
NOES: Board Members - None.
ABSENT: Board Member Peterson.
ABSTAIN: Board Members - None.

Resolution No. IA-09-13: A Resolution of the Improvement Agency of the City of Grover Beach Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Rick Engineering for Design Services for the Train Station Expansion Project.

Prior to discussion of Item No. CC/IA-2, Mayor/Chair Shoals declared a conflict of interest, stating that his employer had submitted a bid on the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project. He therefore stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls presided over the meeting at this time.

CC/IA-2. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement for Engineering Services for the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Economic Development Specialist Buckingham provided an overview of the approved conceptual design for landscape medians and pedestrian bulb outs on West Grand Avenue between Highway 1 and 4th Street to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and proposed street enhancements on West Grand Avenue to be funded with federal transportation funds (Capps grant) and local matching funds. As a result of federal funding for both projects, the two were being combined into the "West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project" and would be bid and constructed as one project. He pointed out that the project had been amended to eliminate enlarging the existing landscape medians located between Highway 1 and 2nd Street because the time required for Caltrans and the Union Pacific Railroad to review construction plans for that area would have exceeded the required September 30th deadline for a federally-funded project.

He then reviewed the Request for Proposal process that was conducted, the recommendation to retain the firm of Rick Engineering, the proposed scope of work, and fixed fee amount. He and City Manager/Executive Director Perrault then responded to questions from the Council/Agency.

Brief discussion was held regarding delays experienced during construction of the Meadow Creek Bridge and West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project that had involved Caltrans and Union Pacific Railroad. It was noted that the street segment of West Grand Avenue between Highway 1 and 2nd Street would be listed in the Capital Improvement Plan to be improved in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. There was no response and he closed the public comment period for this item.

Action

Council: None required.

Agency: It was m/s by Board Members Mires/Bright to adopt Resolution No. IA-09-14 amending the Annual Appropriation Resolution, and adopt Resolution No. IA-09-15 to authorize the Agency to enter into an agreement with Rick Engineering for engineering services associated with the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Bright, Mires, and Vice Chair Nicolls.

NOES: Board Members - None.

ABSENT: Board Member Peterson.

ABSTAIN: Board Members - None.

RECUSED: Chair Shoals (due to a conflict of interest).

Resolution No. IA-09-14: A Resolution of the Grover Beach Improvement Agency, Adopting the 5th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 08-06 by Providing Funding for Engineering for the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project and Authorize Retention of Rick Engineering.

Resolution No. IA-09-15: A Resolution of the Improvement Agency of the City of Grover Beach Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Rick Engineering for Engineering Services for the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project.

At this time, Mayor/Chair Shoals returned to the dais.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council / Improvement Agency, Mayor/Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

City Council:

/s/JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

(Approved at CC Mtg 11/02/09)

Improvement Agency

/s/JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY

(Approved at IA Mtg 11/02/09)