

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Mayor Peterson.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, City Clerk McMahon, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray, Community Development Director Buckingham, and Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Copsey were also present.

Also present were City Engineer (Sewer/Water) Jim Garing; State Parks District Superintendent for the Oceano Dunes District Brent Marshall; State Parks Senior Environmental Scientist Ronnie Glick; and Central Coast Salmon Enhancement representative Stephanie Wald.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor briefly described the workshop format for receiving public comments and noted that public comments would also be accepted during the workshop. She then opened the floor to any member of the public for comments. No public comments were received at this time.

WORKSHOP

1. Water Resources.

Mayor Peterson provided opening remarks regarding the workshop topic and introduced City Manager Perrault, who provided a brief overview regarding the scheduled presentations from City Engineer Garing for an historical perspective regarding water resources, representatives from State Parks for a natural resource perspective, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray regarding the management of water resources and options for a sustainable water resource.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, City Engineer (Sewer/Water) Garing provided an historical perspective regarding water resources in Grover Beach. He outlined actions taken to manage water resources beginning with the formation of a local water district in the 1950s, a subsequent agreement with the County for entitlement of water from Lopez Lake, and various factors that resulted in the City's participation in the Lopez Water Project. He also described the City's process for removing nitrates from groundwater. He continued his presentation by describing the "Gentleman's Agreement" established in the early 1980s that provided for the safe yield of the Tri-Cities Mesa Groundwater Basin among jurisdictions in the South County; the conversion of irrigated agricultural land to urban uses in the early 1990s that resulted in additional water use credits, and litigation filed in the late 1990s by a number of property owners in the Santa Maria Valley area that in 2001 resulted in changes to the original "Gentleman's Agreement". He also described the stipulation regarding annual reporting and groundwater monitoring in 2005, and the revised methodology for calculating the conversion of agricultural irrigated uses to urban uses.

At this time Mayor Peterson acknowledged a number of representatives who were seated in the audience from the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach, the Oceano Community Services District, and State Parks.

City Engineer Garing then responded to questions from the Council.

Public comments were received from:

- Ed Waage, Council Member, City of Pismo Beach;
- Mary Lucey, Board Member, Oceano Community Services District;
- Andrea Seastrand, Grover Beach resident and former Assembly Member; and
- Eric Eldridge, Associate Engineer, City of Pismo Beach.

Brent Marshall, State Parks District Superintendent, briefly described the work of State Parks as a natural resource agency. He then introduced State Parks Senior Environmental Scientist Ronnie Glick and Stephanie Wald of Central Coast Salmon Enhancement. Referencing a PowerPoint presentation and aerial photographs, Mr. Glick described the process for natural and urban water cycles and provided an overview regarding water resources and how those resources impacted a community. Ms. Wald described efforts to improve, protect, and raise awareness regarding local watersheds. Mr. Glick, Ms. Wald, and City staff responded to questions from the Council.

Public comments were received from:

- Andrea Seastrand, Grover Beach resident and former Assembly Member; and
- Eric Eldridge, Associate Engineer, City of Pismo Beach.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray provided an overview regarding the management of water resources by the City. He described current and projected future water demands and noted that the two supply sources for City water were Lopez Lake and groundwater. He provided additional information regarding estimated projections for water supply and demand, and described potential options for ensuring a sustainable water resource, noting that water conservation remained the most cost-effective and feasible option. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Public comments were received from:

- Robert Mires, former Grover Beach Council Member;
- Jim Guthrie, Council Member, City of Arroyo Grande;
- Andrea Seastrand, Grover Beach resident and former Assembly Member; and
- Eric Eldridge, Associate Engineer, City of Pismo Beach.

The Council thanked all those who were in attendance at the workshop, thanked members of the public and representatives from neighboring jurisdictions for participating in the workshop discussion, and specifically thanked City Engineer (Water/Sewer) Garing, State Parks representatives, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Garing for the informative presentations.

Action: The information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 12/02/2013)