

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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 Council Member Marshall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, Assistant City Attorney Hale, City Clerk McMahon, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Copsey, and Community Development Director Buckingham were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items described in this agenda. No public comments were received at this time.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion Regarding Communication Received from the Friends of Oceano Dunes.**

Mayor Peterson briefly described recent communication received from the organization Friends of Oceano Dunes and that she had called the Special City Council meeting to discuss that communication. City Manager Perrault briefly outlined the concerns raised by Friends of Oceano Dunes. He also noted that supplemental information had been distributed to the City Council regarding previous correspondence received from the same organization, as well as the response included in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project.

Mayor Peterson invited public comments on this matter.

Jim Suty, President, Friends of Oceano Dunes, introduced other Board Members who were seated in the audience and, referencing a PowerPoint presentation, outlined the organization's concerns regarding the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project, as well as concerns regarding Mayor Peterson's removal as the Council's primary representative to the Air Pollution Control District. (Note: Mr. Suty spoke twice during the public comment period and responded to questions from the Council regarding the organization's concerns.)

The following persons spoke either in support of off-highway vehicle activities and/or in support of Mayor Peterson being re-appointed as the Council's primary representative to the Air Pollution Control District:

- Linda McClure, Grover Beach business owner and resident (spoke twice during the public comment period);
- Tom Rehder, Grover Beach business owner;
- Mark Veiga, Oceano resident;
- Andrea Seastrand, Grover Beach resident and former state legislator;
- Jeannette Watson, Arroyo Grande resident;
- Jake Suty, San Jose resident;
- Bill Knopf, Los Banos resident;
- Rob Hunter, Clovis resident;
- Peter Keith, former Grover Beach Mayor (spoke twice during the public comment period);
- Karen Suty, San Jose resident;
- Laura Mordaunt, San Luis Obispo County resident;
- Kelly Sutherland, Arroyo Grande resident;
- Mike Brown, Government Affairs Director, COLAB, San Luis Obispo;
- Kevin P. Rice, San Luis Obispo resident;
- Ed Waage, Pismo Beach City Council Member;
- Ted Gilbert, Parkfield resident;
- Craig Angello, Oceano resident;
- Sue Schimandle, Arroyo Grande resident;
- Missy Harris, Grover Beach resident; and
- Bob Cordona, Santa Maria resident.

The following persons spoke in support of the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project and the Council's recent appointments to the Air Pollution Control District:

- Stephen C. Lieberman, former Grover Beach Mayor, who suggested the Council send a letter to Friends of Oceano Dunes reaffirming the City's support of off-highway vehicle activity;
- John P. Shoals, former Grover Beach Mayor;
- Arlene Versaw, former Grover Beach Planning Commissioner, Nipomo Mesa resident; and
- Larry Versaw, former Grover Beach Mayor, Nipomo Mesa resident.

There were no further public comments received.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for appeals to the California Coastal Commission; the City's public review process regarding the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project; the proposed relocation of the recreational vehicle dump station; conditions of project approval regarding construction; traffic impacts; conceptual traffic design elements identified in the West Grand Avenue Master Plan; staging areas for recreational vehicles entering or exiting the off-highway recreational vehicle area; previous actions by the Air Pollution Control District; the Council's support of off-highway recreational vehicle activities; and efforts by the Joint Authority to address concerns regarding the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project. Additional discussion was held regarding sending a letter to Friends of Oceano Dunes re-affirming the Council's support of off-highway recreational vehicle activities.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Bright was absent from this meeting due to illness.

**Action:** Upon consensus, the Council authorized sending a letter signed by each member of the City Council to Friends of Oceano Dunes recognizing the contributions from off-highway vehicle activity and Friends of Oceano Dunes towards the local economy and reaffirming the Council's support of off-highway recreational vehicle recreational activities.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:07 p.m., Assistant City Attorney Hale announced that a Closed Session would be held to discuss a letter from attorney Tom Roth threatening litigation. The City Council then met in Closed Session concerning the following item:

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the Local Agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4): one potential case

Closed Session announcements: At 9:28 p.m., Mayor Peterson reconvened the meeting to open session with all Council Members present. Assistant City Attorney Hale announced the following reportable action: the City Council authorized scheduling another Public Hearing to consider approval of the Coastal Development Permit for the Grover Beach Lodge & Conference Center Project on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 02/18/2014)