

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014**

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Carlos Palazuelos, a 12-year-old, 6th grade student at Grover Beach Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Also present were Public Works Supervisor John Barclay; Interim Fire Chief Riki Heath, Five Cities Fire Authority; Jessica Berry, Transportation Planner, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; Bill Statler, Municipal Finance Consulting, and Tom Martin, South County Sanitary Service.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS City Attorney Koczanowicz read the following announcement:

On Monday, May 5, 2014 after meeting in Closed Session regarding:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Agency Negotiator: City Manager Robert Perrault, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager James Copsey, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Assistant Administrative Services Director Eve Byrd, and Human Resources Coordinator Channelle Hubbard (may include some or all of the above)
Represented Employee Group: General Employees - (SEIU) Service Employees International Union, Local 620
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Various Cell Tower Sites Owned by the City
Agency negotiator: City Manager Robert Perrault & City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz
Negotiating party: Unison
Under negotiation: Potential acquisition; terms and conditions
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Vernon v. City of Grover Beach, SLO County Superior Court Case # 14CV0040

the City Council reconvened into open session, and announced there were no reportable actions taken.

AGENDA REVIEW

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council adopted the agenda as presented.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation Declaring May 18-24, 2014 as “National Public Works Week”.**

Mayor Peterson read and presented the proclamation to Public Works Supervisor John Barclay.

PRESENTATIONS

2. US 101 Corridor Mobility Master Plan.

Jessica Berry, Transportation Planner, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), referenced a PowerPoint presentation as she provided an update regarding the US 101 Study preliminary results, described previous public outreach efforts, announced details regarding a final public workshop, and outlined final steps for incorporating the information into SLOCOG's 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. She then responded to questions from the Council.

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.

- A. Melissa Peters, San Luis Obispo County Tobacco Control Program, announced the results of the latest under-age tobacco sting operation at local businesses. She described programs for retailers found not in compliance with local regulations, noted the penalties for store clerks and store owners, and responded to questions from the Council.
- B. Brenda Auer, Grover Beach resident, objected to turf lawn areas at City parks continuing to be irrigated during the current drought. She also encouraged local businesses to prepare for the anticipated increase in tourist traffic during the Huckfest event scheduled to be held later in the year.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Proposed Solid Waste Rate Adjustment Request from South County Sanitary Service.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item, declared the Public Hearing open, and deferred to staff for report. City Manager Perrault described the request from South County Sanitary Service for proposed interim year rate adjustments that amounted to an increase of approximately 2.05% for all service categories. He then introduced Bill Statler, whose services were retained by the Cities of Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, and the Oceano Community Services District to conduct an independent review of the application.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Statler outlined the purpose of the rate review, described the process conducted for reviewing the application, and outlined rate reviews conducted over the past 10 years. He also described the methodology for calculating the maximum allowable rate increase, and noted that South County Sanitary Service had requested a lower rate increase. Mr. Statler, Tom Martin of South County Sanitary Service, and staff then responded to questions from the Council. Upon request, Mr. Martin confirmed that he would provide the City with a copy of the rate setting manual.

Council discussion ensued regarding the proposed rate adjustment, various details regarding South County Sanitary Service operations, and options available to address a business owner's concerns regarding an additional fee for locked trash enclosures.

Mayor Peterson invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing. At this time Mayor Peterson provided Mr. Martin with correspondence she had received regarding individuals illegally accessing commercial dumpsters.

Action: It was m/s by Council Member Nicolls/Mayor Pro Tem Lee to: 1) approve the request for interim year rate adjustments amounting to an increase of approximately 2.05% for each category of service for solid waste removal, transportation, and disposal services, effective June 1, 2014, and 2) adopt Resolution No. 14-28 authorizing South County Sanitary Service to institute the rate increase. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 14-28: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach Authorizing South County Sanitary Services to Adjust Rates for Collection of Trash and Recycling Services.

CONSENT AGENDA

After receiving clarification from Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Copsey regarding other items discussed by the Traffic Committee (Agenda Item No. 6), it was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Lee/Council Member Marshall to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

4. Treasurer's Report for the Period April 29, 2014 - May 13, 2014.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

5. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of March 17, 2014 and April 7, 2014.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

6. Consideration of Traffic Committee's Report Recommending a 15-foot Red Zone Along the North Curb of Ritchie Road South from the Crosswalk that Leads to Grover Heights Elementary School - Recommendation from the Traffic Committee to red curb a portion of the north curb on Ritchie Road to increase visibility and sight distance for pedestrian and school traffic near Grover Heights Elementary School.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 14-29.

Resolution No. 14-29: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Adopting the Recommendation of the Traffic Committee for a Fifteen (15) Foot Red Zone Along the North Curb of Ritchie Road South From the Existing Crosswalk.

7. Proposed Agreement Between the City of Grover Beach and the Five Cities Fire Authority for the Sharing of Facilities and Equipment - Entering into an agreement authorizing the Five Cities Fire Authority to house portions of its information technology system at the Police Department for mobile data computers and at the City's off-site radio room for the Authority's radio repeater. The Fire Authority, as part of the agreement, will provide a charging unit for an emergency battery back-up system for both the City's and the Authority's equipment.

Action: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 14-30 authorizing the agreement with the Five Cities Fire Authority for the sharing of facilities and equipment, and 2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 14-30: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Five Cities Fire Authority for the Sharing of Facilities and Equipment on Behalf of the City.

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. Preliminary Presentation of the Proposed FY 15 Budget.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault referenced a PowerPoint presentation as he provided an overview of the proposed budget. He described major areas of significant work effort for the coming year focusing on two major hotel projects, the long-term rehabilitation of City streets, infrastructure upgrades, restoring staffing levels where possible, and installation of the broadband system. He then updated the Council regarding the City's fiscal status, outlined funding requests received from outside agencies, and briefly discussed each major City fund.

Administrative Services Director Chapman described plans for a proposed upgrade to the City's financial system.

City Manager Perrault suggested the Council submit questions and comments regarding the proposed budget, stating responses would be included in the staff report scheduled for Council consideration on June 2, 2014. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding providing the Council with the following information at the meeting on June 2, 2014: 1) cost estimates for individual software modules and upgrading the financial system in phases; 2) cost savings achieved as a result of the consolidation of fire services; and 3) the City's fuel and utility costs.

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

Jerry Rioux, Executive Director, San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund, thanked the Council and the City for continuing to support the Housing Trust Fund's efforts to provide affordable housing in the community.

There were no further public comments received.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the FY 15 Budget was received and the formal budget hearing was set for Monday, June 2, 2014.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bright stated that she had no committee reports at this time. Upon request, Public Work Director/City Engineer Ray reported on the meeting of the Zone Three Advisory Committee, which was attended by Council Member Nicolls as the City's alternate representative on behalf of Council Member Bright.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee reported on the meeting of the Integrated Waste Management Authority.

Council Member Marshall reported on the meeting of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

Council Member Nicolls reported on the meeting of the Five Cities Fire Joint Powers Authority.

Mayor Peterson reported on the meeting of the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Member Nicolls commented regarding the success of a recent dinner held at Fin's Restaurant to raise funds for the Five Cities Homeless Coalition.

- B. Council Member Bright stated that she had received an inquiry from a Grover Beach resident regarding minor maintenance work needed on the Beach Boardwalk.

City Manager Perrault responded that he had also received the same information and would be in contact with State Parks.

- C. Mayor Pro Tem Lee congratulated staff for efforts that resulted in the City again receiving a "Tree City USA" designation, described an upcoming Memorial Day ceremony to be held in Arroyo Grande, and noted the Chamber of Commerce was hosting a Mayor's Breakfast to be held at the Ramona Garden Center on Friday, May 30th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Upon request, City Manager Perrault noted items tentatively scheduled for Council consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2014. He then provided updates regarding the following items:

- *Park Maintenance* - The City was partnering with Achievement House to schedule a five-member work crew, along with two supervisors, to perform grounds keeping and general landscape maintenance at City parks. He noted the work would be performed over the next six months by a work crew from Achievement House for approximately 25 hours per week, five days per week, at no cost to the City.
- *Potential General Obligation Bond Issue* - City staff recently met with polling consultants and pavement management consultants regarding the potential general obligation bond issue for the rehabilitation of City streets. It was anticipated that telephone polling of Grover Beach residents would begin in late May.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:57 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following items:

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiators**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Agency Negotiator: City Manager Robert Perrault, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager James Copsey, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Assistant Administrative Services Director Eve Byrd, and Human Resources Coordinator Channelle Hubbard (may include some or all of the above)
Represented Employee Groups: 1) General Employees - Service Employees International Union, Local 620 (SEIU); and 2) Grover Beach Police Officers' Association (GBPOA)
2. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Various City Public Rights of Way and underground conduit (ROW)
Agency negotiator: City Manager Robert Perrault & Assistant City Attorney David Hale
Negotiating party: Digital West Networks, Inc.
Under negotiation: Potential price and terms of payment related to lease of City conduit and ROW.
3. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Employee: City Manager

Closed Session Announcements: At 10:08 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 10:09 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 06/16/2014)