

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor/Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 9:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency: Council/Board Members Bright, Mires, Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Nicolls, and Mayor/Chair Shoals were present.

City/Agency Staff: City Manager/Executive Director Perrault, City Attorney/General Counsel Koczanowicz, City Clerk/Agency Secretary McMahon, Administrative Services Director/Finance Officer Chapman, Interim Community Development Director/Deputy Director Beck, Police Chief Copsey, and Economic Development Specialist Buckingham were also present.

Also present was City Engineer Garing.

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 one responded and the Mayor/Chair closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT AGENDA

CC/IA-1. Minutes of the Following Meetings:

**Joint City Council/Improvement Agency Meeting of June 23, 2008; and
Joint City Council/Improvement Agency Meeting of July 7, 2008.**

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the minutes were approved as submitted.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / IMPROVEMENT AGENCY – BUSINESS

CC/IA-2. Report and Recommendations Regarding Adjustments to the FY 09 Budget.

Mayor/Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager/Executive Director Perrault briefly reviewed the information presented at the Council/Agency meeting on December 15, 2008, regarding projected decreases of approximately \$200,000 in General Fund Revenues. He then reviewed the revised list of proposed budget adjustments as a result of Council/Agency direction from that meeting.

Brief discussion was held regarding:

- the City's commitments for the use of sales tax proceeds;
- anticipating that the City will exceed the targeted funding level for local street rehabilitation projects by the end of the current fiscal year;
- costs for the City to assist with community-wide special events;
- completion of the Land Use Element Update, either by in-house staff or with the assistance of consultant services; and
- the potential for further negative fiscal impacts from the State budget.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council/Agency: 1) endorsed the budget adjustments as recommended, and 2) directed staff to return with the necessary Resolutions to implement the budget adjustments.

CC/IA-3. Review of Schematic Streetscape Plans for West Grand Avenue.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Economic Development Specialist Buckingham reviewed schematic streetscape plans and estimated costs for the following project areas:

- 1) West Grand Avenue, referred to as the "Capps Grant Project" and located between Highway 1 and 4th Street, that would include street tree plantings and irrigation, decorative tree grates, street lights, benches, and trash receptacles;
- 2) West Grand Avenue, between Highway 1 and 4th Street, for future development of center medians, bulb outs, and colored asphalt crosswalks; and
- 3) West Grand Avenue, referred to as the "Downtown Project" and located between

8th and 9th Streets and 10th and 11th Streets, that would be designed consistent with the existing block located between 9th and 10th Streets.

Brief discussion was held regarding the following:

- *Proposed Landscaping* - selecting palm tree species and varieties for a strong visual statement on the City's main corridor, spacing requirements for tree plantings and whether privately-owned street trees should be included in determining street tree density, maintenance, selecting drought-tolerant landscaping and irrigation systems to reclaim water runoff, and enhancing the landscaping located on West Grand Avenue near the Train Station.
- *Street Lights* - whether additional lights were necessary or for aesthetic purposes only, installation costs, identifying specific locations in order to reduce light pollution and visual clutter, and using energy efficient lights.
- *Medians* - widening the proposed medians for a uniform design, and amending the NEPA and CEQA documents to include medians near the Train Station.
- *Project Funding* - completing the "Capps Grant Project" by the end of the federal fiscal year of September 2009, additional funding that might be available through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, and potential funding available through the federal stimulus package.
- *Traffic Lanes/Direction of Travel* - having staff submit a request to Caltrans requesting that the westbound right-turn only lane, located at the intersection of Highway 1 and West Grand Avenue, be revised to re-designate that lane as a combination for through traffic as well as right turns.
- *Bulb Outs* - delay installation of bulb outs and crosswalks at 4th Street and West Grand Avenue until completion of the West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project.

Action: Upon consensus of the Council/Agency, staff was directed to:

- 1) incorporate the Council/Agency comments in preparing the necessary construction drawings for the following street segments on West Grand Avenue:
 - between Highway 1 to 3rd Street (Schematic Drawing Sheet No. 3),
 - between 3rd and 4th Streets (Schematic Drawing Sheet No. 4),
 - between 8th and 9th Streets (Schematic Drawing Sheet No. 5), and
 - between 10th and 11th Streets (Schematic Drawing Sheet No. 6); and
- 2) authorized to seek bids for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council / Improvement Agency, Mayor/Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

City Council:

/s/JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at Special CC Mtg. 06/08/09)

Improvement Agency:

/s/JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at Special CC/IA Mtg 06/22/09)