

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 Mayor Peterson.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council: Council Members Karen Bright, Glenn Marshall, Bill Nicolls, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor Debbie Peterson were present.

City Staff: City Manager Robert Perrault, City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Donna McMahan, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager James Copsey, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Gregory Ray, and Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker were also present.

Also present was Interim Fire Chief Riki Heath, Five Cities Fire Authority.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon unanimous consensus, the Council approved Consent Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2 as recommended.

1. **Treasurer's Report for the Period November 12, 2014 - November 25, 2014.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
2. **Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on September 15, 2014; and the Regular City Council Meetings on September 15, 2014; October 6, 2014; and October 20, 2014.**  
**Action:** Approved the minutes as submitted.

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION MATTERS**

3. **Resolution Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.**

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Clerk McMahan provided an overview regarding the November 4, 2014 General Municipal Election. For the office of Mayor, John Shoals was elected to serve the two-year term of office. For the office of Council Member, Barbara Nicolls and Mariam Shah were each elected to serve four-year terms of office. Further, results of the ballot measure regarding the General Obligation Bond, Measure K-14, which required a two-thirds (66.7%) majority to pass, passed by 68.02%: 2,337 votes were in *support* and 1,099 votes were *against* the measure.

There was no Council discussion and no public comments were received at this time.

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and seconded by Council Member Nicolls to adopt Resolution No. 14-84 reciting the facts and declaring the results of the November 4, 2014 General Municipal Election. 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. 14-84: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 4, 2014, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.**

**4. City Presentations to Council Member Bill Nicolls, Council Member Glenn Marshall, and Mayor Debbie Peterson and Opportunity for Comments.**

City Manager Perrault, with the assistance of Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Copsey, presented Council Member Nicolls and Council Member Marshall with individually engraved clocks from the City in appreciation for their dedicated service to the community. Council Member Nicolls was recognized for serving two consecutive four-year terms of office from December 2006 through December 2014, and Council Member Marshall was recognized for serving close to two years in office from the date of his appointment to the City Council in February 2013 through December 2014. Additionally, two of the floral arrangements at the dais were gifts of appreciation to the Council Members' spouses - Mrs. Barbara Nicolls and Mrs. Jennifer Marshall.

City Manager Perrault, with the assistance of Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Copsey, presented former Mayor Peterson with a gavel plaque from the City in appreciation for her dedicated service to the community as Council Member from December 2008 through December 2012 and then directly-elected Mayor from December 2012 through December 2014. City Manager Perrault stated that the third floral arrangement at the dais was an additional gift from the City to Mayor Peterson.

Mayor Peterson invited public comments at this time.

The following persons thanked and praised the outgoing Mayor and Council Members for their public service:

- Peter Keith, former Mayor, also presented an engraved plaque to Mayor Peterson;
- Sharon Biddle, Grover Beach resident; and
- Mary Ellen Maldonado, Grover Beach resident.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Council Member Marshall thanked his colleagues on the City Council and expressed his appreciation to staff and the citizens of the community particularly for the passage of Measure K-14, as well as local efforts to conserve water during recent drought conditions. He then thanked his wife, Jennifer, for her support during his term on the City Council.

Former Council Member Nicolls thanked staff for their dedication to the community, praised the accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation Department, and described parks projects currently underway. He also expressed his appreciation to the other members of the City Council regarding the number of accomplishments the Council had achieved while working cooperatively together during his tenure, and thanked the residents for passage of Measure K-14. He then thanked his wife, Barbara, for her support and assistance, noting that she was coming into her first term of office as a well-prepared and knowledgeable elected official.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee and Council Member Bright expressed their appreciation to the outgoing elected officials for their service to the community.

Mayor Peterson described the accomplishments achieved during her tenure on the Council to improve the local economy and the City's infrastructure, increase water conservation efforts in response to drought conditions, and improve transparency in government. She thanked staff, the citizens, and local business owners for working together to make the community a better place, and encouraged residents to continue shopping local.

**5. Swearing-in Ceremony and Seating of Directly-elected Mayor and New Council Members.**

City Clerk McMahon administered the Oaths of Office and presented Certificates of Election to Council Member Barbara Nicolls, Council Member Mariam Shah, and Mayor John Shoals. The newly elected officials were then seated at the dais.

## **ROLL CALL**

City Council: Council Members Karen Bright, Jeff Lee, Barbara Nicolls, Mariam Shah, and Mayor John Shoals were present.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** Mayor Shoals 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. Adam Hill, District 3, San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisor, presented each of the newly elected officials with certificates of congratulations.
- B. Sharon Brown, Grover Beach, presented cards of congratulations to the newly elected officials.
- C. Dave Ekbohm, former Mayor, congratulated the newly elected officials. He then stated that City Manager Perrault had accepted a proposal from the Five Cities Men's Club to fund the cost for lighting at the Mentone Sports Courts Complex during the month of December.
- D. Dr. David Bronstein, Grover Beach business owner, congratulated the newly elected officials. He then expressed concerns regarding vagrancy issues in the downtown area.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

## **6. Comments from Newly Elected Officials.**

Council Member Shah noted that she had moved to the Central Coast seven years earlier, after having left a busy career as a lawyer, to raise their family, and was pleased for this opportunity to serve the community.

Council Member Nicolls thanked the residents for voting and stated that she looked forward to listening to citizen concerns with an open mind and assisting with the City's progress.

Mayor Shoals thanked the former elected officials for their service; thanked residents for the honor and privilege of being elected to office; and thanked his campaign volunteers and his family for their support. He then outlined major issues to be addressed by the Council in the coming months, and committed to conducting the City's business in an open and professional manner. He also urged residents and local businesses to continue being engaged in local government.

## **7. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Attorney Koczanowicz reviewed the City's regulations regarding the process for the incoming directly-elected Mayor to select a Mayor Pro Tem for the one-year period of December 2014 through December 2015, in accordance with Resolution No. 08-18.

**Action:** Mayor Shoals appointed Jeff Lee as Mayor Pro Tem for the one-year period of December 2014 through December 2015.

**Recess:** Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed for a brief reception in the Council Chambers at 7:31 p.m.

**Reconvene:** At 7:55 p.m., the Council reconvened with all Council Members present.

## **CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

None at this time.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None at this time.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **8. Appointment of Temporary Representatives to Attend Certain Board Meetings.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault briefly described the circumstances requiring the appointment of temporary Council representatives for the purpose of attending the next scheduled meetings of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District. He noted that the City Council was scheduled to consider all Council Committee assignments at its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2014; however, both of the referenced board meetings were scheduled to occur before that date.

Brief Council discussion was held regarding the temporary assignments.

**Action:** Upon unanimous consensus, the Council: 1) appointed Mayor Shoals as the Council's temporary representative to attend the SLOCOG meeting on December 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.; and 2) appointed Mayor Shoals as the Council's temporary representative to attend the Sanitation District meeting on December 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

## **PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Lee announced the details for an upcoming dinner event at Fin's Restaurant to raise funds for the Five Cities Homeless Coalition.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

City Manager Perrault reminded the Council that parade participants for the City's Annual Holiday Parade were requested to arrive on Saturday, December 6, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

City Attorney Koczanowicz welcomed the newly elected officials and stated that he looked forward to working with each of them.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

None at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 02/02/2015)