MINUTES
IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 9:17 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL
Agency: Board Members Bright, Molnar, Peterson, Vice Chair Nicolls, and Chair Shoals were present.

Staff: Executive Director Perrault, General Counsel Koczanowicz, Agency Secretary McMahon, Deputy Director Buckingham, and Police Chief Copsey were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
The Chair opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items of interest which were within the jurisdiction of the Improvement Agency, but were not listed on the agenda. No one responded and the Chair closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT AGENDA
IA-1. Minutes of the Joint City Council / Improvement Agency Meeting of January 3, 2011.
Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Agency approved the minutes as submitted.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS
IA-2. Update Regarding the Governor’s Budget Proposal to Eliminate Redevelopment Agencies.

Chair Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Executive Director Perrault stated that if redevelopment agencies were eliminated, the local impact for Grover Beach would be: 1) the reallocation of approximately $800,000 to $1.1 million in local property taxes, and 2) the end of local economic development efforts. He described recent actions by a State Budget Conference Committee regarding the elimination of redevelopment agencies that was scheduled for a floor vote before the full Assembly and Senate within the next week. If approved, any new contractual obligations from that date forward would be prohibited. He noted that such action would likely be challenged by the League of California Cities, but it was unclear to what degree a legal challenge would provide protection for redevelopment agencies. He and General Counsel Koczanowicz then responded to questions from the Board.

Brief discussion was held regarding the establishment of a successor agency if redevelopment agencies were eliminated, and impacts to set-aside funds for developing affordable housing projects. Additional discussion was held regarding local efforts and activities to raise public awareness regarding protecting redevelopment agencies and urging residents and business owners to contact their local legislators. It was also noted that the elimination of redevelopment agencies would fall far short of resolving the State’s budget deficit.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Improvement Agency, Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR
Attest:
/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at IA Mtg 05/02/2011)