

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals 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 Gerardo Leon, an 11-year-old, sixth grade student from Fairgrove Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Ashton, Bright, Lieberman, Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls, and Mayor Shoals were present.

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, Administrative Services Director Chapman, Community Development Director Hansen, Police Chief Copsey, Planning Manager Gould-Wells, and Battalion Chief Heath were also present.

Also present was City Engineer Garing.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None at this time.

AGENDA REVIEW

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Proclamation Declaring February 2008 as Grand Jury Awareness Month.

Mayor Shoals read and presented the Proclamation to former Grand Jury member and Grover Beach resident Sue Hartman.

2. Proclamation of Appreciation to Former Planning Commissioner Karen Luce.

Mayor Shoals read and presented the Proclamation to former Commissioner Luce.

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. Liz Doukas, Grover Beach, objected to the Council limiting the amount of time allowed for individuals to speak during the public comment period at the previous meeting.
- B. Marsha Bolyanatz, Grover Beach, expressed concerns regarding her personal safety, which stemmed from incidents involving clientele served by the People's Kitchen program near her home.
- C. Anita Shower, Grover Beach, announced that members of the former Traffic and Noise Group (TANG) would begin holding meetings at a local restaurant.
- D. Joseph Holmes, Grover Beach, objected to the People's Kitchen program being operated at the current church facility location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon unanimous consensus of the City Council, Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4 were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report for the Period January 2 - 16, 2008.**
Action: Approved as submitted.
4. **Minutes of the Following City Council Meetings:**
- **Special City Council Meeting of Wednesday, October 10, 2007;** and
- **Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, October 15, 2007.**
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. **Award of Contract for the Design of the South County Transit Hub and 10th Street Parking Improvements Project.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item, and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault stated that six proposals were received for the design of the South County Transit Hub and 10th Street Parking Improvement Project. After review by a City evaluation team, Cannon Associates was recommended as the most responsive to the request and best qualified to perform the work.

City Manager Perrault reviewed the scope of work as follows: construction of an on-street bus transit facility capable of accommodating four to five buses; street improvements to be completed along a two-block area on Ramona Avenue between North 8th Street and North 10th Street; and parking improvements along the west side of North 10th Street between Ramona Avenue and Brighton Avenue, and along Brighton Avenue adjacent to Ramona Garden Park. The project would also include designing a storm drain lateral along North 9th Street between West Grand Avenue and Ramona Avenue. He stated that the project would be constructed in two phases, with construction scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. He then introduced Pat Riddel of Cannon Associates. City Manager Perrault and Mr. Riddel then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding total project cost estimates, cost estimates that would be incurred by the Exploration Station, and parking. Additional discussion was held regarding bus services, with clarification provided that there were two separate bus services operating within San Luis Obispo County - the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) with a transfer station located at the Pismo Beach Prime Outlets shopping center on Five Cities Drive, and the South County Area Transit (SCAT) with a transfer station at the Ramona Garden Park site.

Action: It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls/Council Member Lieberman to adopt Resolution No. 08-08 authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Cannon Associates. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Ashton, Bright, Lieberman, Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls, and Mayor Shoals.
NOES: Council Members - None.
ABSENT: Council Members - None.
ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

Resolution No. 08-08: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Cannon Associates for Design of the South County Transit Hub and 10th Street Parking Improvement Project.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bright stated that she had nothing to report.

Council Member Ashton reported on the meeting of the Integrated Waste Management Authority. He then distributed information regarding recycling program guidelines for fluorescent lights and batteries.

Council Member Lieberman stated that he had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls stated that he had nothing to report.

Mayor Shoals gave a brief overview of items to be discussed at the next San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) meeting on February 6, 2007.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. In response to comments made during the public comment period earlier in the meeting by Liz Doukas, Council Member Lieberman confirmed that he welcomed opportunities for open dialogue, constructive criticism, and respectful disagreement. He stated, however, that he objected to Ms. Doukas writing a letter of complaint to his wife's employer and the State licensing board when his wife sent a written response refuting a letter Ms. Doukas had submitted, and which was subsequently published, in the editorial section of a local newspaper.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

6. Discussion Regarding Goals and Policies and Transition to a Two-Year Budget.

City Manager Perrault gave a brief overview of the budget process, which included development of defined goals and a prioritized work program. He outlined a proposed schedule for workshops and public hearings to increase participation in the process with the Planning Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission, management staff, and members of the public. He suggested using the Council's existing list of approved goals and work program as a base from which to modify or amend, as needed.

City Manager Perrault then reviewed potential advantages to transitioning from a one-year budget to a two-year budget format in order to encourage long-range planning. He observed that a two-year budget would also be compatible with the multi-year format of the City's Capital Improvement Plan and most of the City's negotiated agreements with employee groups.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council approved the proposed schedule for development of goals and a work program for a two-year budget cycle as presented.

7. Verbal Update on the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project.

City Manager Perrault gave a brief update on the extensive process to review and verify references on the proposal received from Pacifica Company, based in San Diego, for development of the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project. Upon question, he estimated that the proposal would be scheduled for Council consideration in either late February or March.

- 7A. Land Use Element Update** - City Manager Perrault announced that the consulting firm of Design Community and Environment (DC&E) would be conducting a kick-off meeting to update the City's Land Use Element within the next two weeks.

7B. People's Kitchen Program - City Manager Perrault announced that he had extended the deadline for the program to cease operations at its current non-conforming facility from January 11, 2008 to January 31, 2008. He stated that he had been informed by a People's Kitchen representative that the organization was in discussions with the County to temporarily relocate operations from the church facility to a county-owned building at the corner of South 16th Street and Longbranch Avenue. He stated that the temporary location would be for a three-month period, with potential extensions on a month-to-month basis, as the County had plans and a construction program for the interim site that was already scheduled to start in July 2008.

Brief discussion was held regarding potential negative impacts to the residential neighborhood surrounding the proposed temporary location, and the need to find a suitable site for the program's permanent location.

Upon question, City Manager Perrault confirmed that the South County regional meeting to discuss a long-term solution to address homelessness and people in transition was scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008. He also confirmed that if the People's Kitchen program continued to operate beyond the January 31st deadline, the next step would be initiation of code enforcement for non-compliance and the administrative citation process of the property owner.

Mayor Shoals invited public comment on this matter.

Marsha Bolyanatz, Grover Beach, requested that the City contact the local media to correct misinformation regarding the extended deadline for operation of the People's Kitchen program.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

8. An Update to the City Council Regarding Legislative Actions Which Come Into Effect in 2008.

City Attorney Koczanowicz reported on the following legislative changes:

- SB 343, amending Government Code Section 54957.5 of the Ralph M. Brown Act, effective July 1, 2008, requiring that written materials provided to a majority of the legislative body regarding an open session item after the agenda packet has been distributed must be made available for public inspection at a public office or location chosen by the entity, concurrently with distribution of the writings to the legislative body. Also, the meeting agenda must identify the address of the site where such writings are available for public inspection.
- AB 1678, amending Government Code Section 1092, extending the statute of limitation for commencement of an action challenging a contract made in violation of this provision from one year to four years. Existing law provides that members of a governing body may not enter into any contract in their official capacity which may benefit them financially.
- SB 624 providing greater opportunity for local agencies to enforce violations regarding the illegal sale of tobacco to minors. City Attorney Koczanowicz stated that enforcement actions against this type of illegal activity were already being conducted on a local level in Grover Beach.
- AB 220 enacting the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act to prescribe various rights to firefighters employed by a public agency.

City Attorney Koczanowicz also stated that the Santa Barbara Metro Transit District had increased the size of its board from five to seven members, by including additional members from Carpinteria and Goleta.

Action: The information was received and filed.

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 4/21/08)