

**MINUTES
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor/Chair Shoals called the meeting to order at 10:47 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency: Council/Board Members Ashton, Ekbohm, Lieberman, and Mayor/Chair Shoals. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Versaw was absent.

City/Agency Staff: City Manager/Executive Director Anderson, City Attorney/General Counsel Koczanowicz, City Clerk/Agency Secretary McMahon, Administrative Services Director/Finance Officer Chapman, Community Development Director/Deputy Director Raper, Police Chief Copsey, and Recreation Manager Petker were also present.

Also present was Economic/Organizational Development Consultant Bragdon.

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.

CITY COUNCIL/IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT

None at this time.

City Council 11:00 p.m. Rule: At 10:48 p.m., it was m/s by Council Members Lieberman/Ekbohm to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS

CC/IA-1. Proposed Lease Agreement Between the City of Grover Beach and the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce to Support Locating the Chamber Office at the Train Station Office.

Referencing photographs of current office space used by the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce at 177 South 8th Street and available commercial office space adjacent to the Train Station located at West Grand Avenue and Highway One, Recreation Manager Petker and Economic/Organizational Development Consultant Bragdon gave an overview of the proposal for the Chamber of Commerce to use City-owned property at the Train Station in exchange for the City's use of existing Chamber office space located across the street from City Hall. They both then responded to questions from the Council/Board.

Brief discussion was held regarding the Chamber's hours of operation, its focus on promoting local businesses rather than tourism and visitor promotion efforts, and potential economic benefits to local businesses if the Chamber of Commerce was relocated near a multi-modal transportation facility.

Mayor/Chair Shoals invited public comment on this matter.

Terry Merlo, President, Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber did not have sufficient funding to have paid staff work weekend hours, but it would be interested in having volunteers staff the office during those times. She then described the critical issues of the proposed agreement from the Chamber's perspective, which focused on: 1) completion of bathroom remodeling for use by Chamber personnel; 2) having crew members from the City's Public Works Division assist with moving heavy furniture and equipment for at least four hours; and 3) completing the move by either May 12 or delaying it until September, after the busy

summer tourist season and conclusion of several Chamber-sponsored special events. She also confirmed the Chamber wanted to reserve its option to return to the original 177 South 8th Street location if the office space next to the Train Station did not meet expectations.

Council/Agency discussion was held with staff regarding current City records storage facilities, an upcoming consultant study regarding accessibility, and how that study would also determine more effective/efficient use of City offices.

Deborah Love, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce, confirmed that the City and Chamber of Commerce had developed a more positive relationship and shared a common interest in promoting the City. She also confirmed weekend hours of operation would require volunteer staffing. Executive Director Love then stated Chamber resources were stretched too thin to continue supporting activities such as the Dune Run Run and the Holiday Parade, and were better focused on promoting local businesses and special events such as the Stone Soup Music Faire and Sandfest.

There were no further public comments received.

Further Council/Agency discussion was held regarding use of the Chamber's office space at this time for storage of City records, but not for office space for City/Agency personnel, and allowing the Chamber to return to its original location if the office space next to the Train Station did not meet the Chamber's expectations.

Actions:

Council: It was m/s by Council Members Ekbom/Ashton to: 1) approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Grover Beach and Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce in order to provide a convenient resource for local visitors, and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on the City's behalf. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Agency: It was m/s by Board Members Ekbom/Ashton to adopt Resolution No. IA-05-06 amending the Annual Appropriation Resolution to provide funding to complete the interior restroom door improvements at the Train Station office. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Ashton, Ekbom, Lieberman, and Chair Shoals.
NOES: Board Members - None.
ABSENT: Board Members - Vice Chair Versaw.
ABSTAIN: Board Members - None.

Resolution No. IA-05-06: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Grover Beach Improvement Agency Adopting the 9th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. IA-04-08 by Appropriating \$5,000 to Complete Interior Door Improvements at the Train Station Office.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the City Council/Improvement Agency, Mayor/Chair Shoals adjourned the meeting at 11:38 p.m.

City Council: /s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR
Attest: /s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg August 15, 2005)

Improvement Agency: /s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIR
Attest: /s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at IA Mtg August 15, 2005)