

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Ashton, Ekbohm, Lieberman, Mayor Pro Tem Versaw, and Mayor Shoals were present.

City Staff: City Manager Anderson, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, Community Development Director Raper, and Public Works Superintendent Ford were also present.

Also present were City Engineer Garing and James Worthley from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items of interest listed on this agenda.

- A. Les Henderson, Grover Beach, expressed concerns regarding the unsightly appearance of garage sale signs posted within City limits, and suggested prohibiting such signs and establishing a fine for violators.

BUSINESS

1. Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Public Utilities Infrastructure Projects. *(Continued from the City Council meeting of 5/02/05.)*

Upon consensus of the City Council, no further discussion was held on either the Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Fund 05 or the Water Enterprise Fund - Fund 06, which had been presented and discussed at the May 2, 2005 City Council meeting. City Engineer Garing continued his May 2nd presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Storm Water Enterprise Fund - Fund 07

It was noted that computer software formatting errors when printing the draft document had mistakenly deleted portions of text from project descriptions.

Brief discussion was held regarding storm drainage construction material, projects being budgeted for completion based upon availability of funding, and that the West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project (Project 398) should receive higher funding priority to strengthen economic development.

Water Conservation Fund - Fund 09

Council Member Ekbohm agreed that drainage problems needed to be resolved along Mentone Avenue, but he: 1) objected to expending funds for the Mentone Storm Drain Project (Project 351) along Trouville Avenue prior to first having storm drainage improved along South 13th Street, 2) objected to the use of Community Development Block Grant funds on the Mentone Storm Drain Project until alternative drainage routes had been further analyzed, and 3) objected to accepting the draft Plan as presented, stating cost estimates were misleading.

Brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of a statewide special election being held in November 2005 that could modify legislation previously approved under Proposition 218, the possibility of a local sales tax increase being placed on the same November 2005 ballot to be used towards regional transportation improvements, and whether to bring a local measure before Grover Beach voters to approve a special tax for storm drainage and local street improvements.

Regarding the Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Fund 05 that was previously discussed on May 2, 2005, staff responded to further questions regarding the necessity to slip line portions of the sewer trunk main prior to the South San Luis Obispo Sanitation District taking over its maintenance. It was noted that the Sanitation District would be discussing this issue at the District's next meeting in June.

Action: Upon consensus, the Council: 1) confirmed the draft Plan as being a necessary component towards completion of the Utility Rate Study being prepared by Tuckfield and Associates, 2) acknowledged that total project costs and funding still needed to be clarified at a later date, and 3) recommended no changes at this time to this section of the Plan, other than clerical corrections.

Water Conservation Program - Fund 09

Additional Council discussion was held regarding various methods of educating to increase public awareness regarding water conservation methods.

Council Member Ekbom raised a question about the proposal presented years ago by consultant Bob Mack to construct a sewer system in the southern industrial area of the City. City Engineer Garing confirmed that, although initial investigation into funding sources had been completed, no design work had been done on that project.

Action: Upon consensus, no changes were recommended for this section of the Plan.

Prior to discussion of Agenda Item No. 2, Council Member Ekbom declared a conflict of interest due to property ownership within 500 feet of the project. He then stepped down from the dais and left the room.

2. Status Report on Oak Park Boulevard Improvements *(Continued from City Council meetings of 1/3/05 and 2/7/05).*

City Engineer Garing gave an overview of results from the March 2005 Traffic Warrant Study previously authorized by the City Council that determined installation was not warranted at this time for either a traffic signal or stop signs at the intersection of Oak Park Boulevard and Brighton Avenue. He then gave an overview of options to utilize residual Oak Park Project funding towards other street improvements.

In response to the suggestion of removing the palm trees at Oak Park Boulevard and West Grand Avenue, City Engineer Garing responded that an in-depth report had been provided to Council approximately eight months earlier describing the significant amount of funding required to relocate traffic signals, remove palm trees, and reconfigure turning radiuses at that intersection. He then provided cost estimates for completion of sidewalk improvements. Community Development Director Raper confirmed that PG&E was scheduled to begin undergrounding utility lines towards the end of 2005. City Engineer Garing then confirmed that, in accordance with previous Council direction, red curbing along certain sections of North Oak Park Boulevard would be completed prior to the installation of additional traffic delineators.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

An unidentified man, Grover Beach, spoke in support of additional crosswalks; and John A. Wysong, Grover Beach, objected to the results of the Traffic Warrant Study.

Further Council discussion was held. Mayor Pro Tem Versaw displayed photos of curb "pop outs" or "bulb outs" in the City of Arroyo Grande and suggested installing similar sidewalk features with landscaping and benches to save existing trees along the North Oak Park Street Widening Project.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council (Council Member Ekbom absent, due to a conflict of interest), staff was directed to utilize the balance of Oak Park Project funding towards improvements in the following order:

- completing pedestrian improvements along North Oak Park Boulevard from West Grand Avenue to the northern City limits, with installation of ADA-compliant ramps as necessary;
- provide design consideration for installation of "bulb outs" to save two existing oak trees near the intersection of North Oak Park Boulevard and Saratoga Avenue;
- install radar signs for speed awareness in both directions along North Oak Park Boulevard in the vicinity of Brighton Avenue; and
- reconstruct the intersection of Oak Park Boulevard and Grand Avenue by grinding and overlaying.

At this time, Council Member Ekbohm returned to the dais.

CLOSED SESSION At 7:49 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session to consider the following item:

- 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Employee: City Manager

Closed Session Announcements: At 10:11 p.m., Mayor Shoals convened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present, and announced there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest: /s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg: August 1, 2005)