

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Versaw 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 A moment of silence was held and dedicated to the Sister City of Narvacan in the Philippines, and the Filipino people who were struggling with a recent natural disaster in their country.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Cassandra Hurley, an 11-year-old sixth grade student at Grover Heights Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, Administrative Services Director Chapman, and Community Development Director Hansen were also present.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION MATTERS

1. Declaration of Election Results.

Mayor Versaw read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, City Clerk McMahon gave an overview of the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election results, stating that the official results indicated that Bill Nicolls had been elected to a four-year term of office on the City Council and Council Member Shoals had been re-elected to serve a second four-year term. Further, a majority of the voters had approved the following local measures: Measure U-06 to directly elect a Council Member to the position of Mayor, Measure V-06 to provide for a two-year mayoral term, and Measure X-06 to increase the local sales tax by one-half percent. Measure W-06 for a four year mayoral term was rejected by the voters.

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

Action: It was m/s by Mayor Pro Tem Lieberman/Council Member Ashton to adopt Resolution No. 06-95 reciting the facts and declaring the results of the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 06-95: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on November 7, 2006, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

Ordinance No. 06-12: An Ordinance of the City of Grover Beach Adding Chapter 15 to Article X of the Grover Beach Municipal Code Establishing a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the State Board of Equalization. *(Note: Ordinance No. 06-12 was approved by a majority of the people of the City of Grover Beach voting at the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election.)*

2. Presentation to Former Council Member Ekbom and Comments.

Mayor Versaw presented outgoing Council Member Ekbom with an engraved desk clock in appreciation of his service to the community as a Council Member. Outgoing Council Member Ekbom thanked the other members of the City Council, offered a few words of advice to Council Member-Elect Nicolls, and acknowledged family members and friends

who were seated in the audience for their support, specifically his sister Nan Fowler, niece Kristi Turner and her husband Jeff, and Charlie Anderson.

Outgoing Council Member Ekbohm observed that part of the fun of the job was doing something for the community, and being part of the team that made those decisions. He stated that he was very pleased with the election results, congratulated the Council for making good decisions regarding the ballot measures, and predicted that the one-half percent sales tax measure would be of major benefit to Grover Beach. He pointed out that City staff and the citizens were also part of the team, and that the City had very loyal employees. He commended the City Council for its choice of Bob Perrault for the position of City Manager, and stated that it had been an honor to work with his fellow Council Members.

Mayor Versaw invited comments from those in the audience who wished to speak. The following individuals commended and praised outgoing Council Member Ekbohm for his service to the City:

- Dee Santos, former Mayor of Grover Beach and current School Board Member for the Lucia Mar Unified School District;
- Sue Hartman, Grover Beach, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner; and
- Arlene Versaw, Grover Beach, Planning Commissioner.

Each Council Member and Mayor Versaw then expressed words of appreciation.

3. Presentation of Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office.

City Clerk McMahon administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected City Council Member Nicolls and re-elected City Council Member Shoals, and presented each of them with Certificates of Election. Council Member Nicolls then assumed a seat at the dais.

4. Comments by Newly Elected and Re-elected Council Members - Incoming Council Member Nicolls and Re-elected Council Member Shoals.

Council Member Shoals thanked the community for its support in re-electing him to another four-year term, and thanked his family and friends for their support as well, specifically acknowledging his wife Staci, daughter Amber, and the parents of Council Member Lieberman, who were seated in the audience. He enumerated goals the City Council would be working on, commended City staff for professional excellence, and assured the citizens that he would continue to do the City's business in a fair and professional manner.

Council Member Nicolls thanked the voters of Grover Beach, praised outgoing Council Member Ekbohm for his service, praised the Council's achievements over the previous four years, commended City staff, and stated he looked forward to representing the citizens of Grover Beach.

5. Rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Versaw read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Attorney Koczanowicz stated that in accordance with Resolution No. 05-31, for the one-year period of December 4, 2006 - December 3, 2007, the rotation would be as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Lieberman would assume the seat of Mayor and Council Member Shoals would become Mayor Pro Tem. He then asked for confirmation from both Council Members that they were willing to accept those positions; both responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Versaw relinquished his seat as Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Lieberman was then seated as Mayor, and Council Member Shoals was seated as Mayor Pro Tem.

6. Presentation to Former Mayor Versaw and Comments.

Mayor Lieberman commended Council Member Versaw for his service as Mayor, praised his efforts towards improving the City's infrastructure over the past year, and presented him with a gavel plaque.

Outgoing Mayor Versaw received the gavel plaque, thanked the Council for their assistance, and stated it had been an honor for him to serve as Mayor for the City of Grover Beach. He thanked the staff and citizens for their support and gave a brief overview of accomplishments during the past year.

Mayor Lieberman thanked his wife, Nancy, his son and daughter Evan and Casey, and his parents, who were all present in the audience, for their support over the past six years during his tenure on the City Council. He praised City staff and recent City achievements, and stated his goal in the upcoming year was to restore civility to City Council meetings.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, at 7:10 p.m., the meeting recessed for a brief reception in the Council Chambers.

Reconvene: At 7:23 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all Council Members present.

ROLL CALL

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None at this time.

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. No one responded and the Mayor closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was m/s by Council Members Ashton/Versaw to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 7 and 8 as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

7. Treasurer's Report for the Period November 15 - November 29, 2006.

Action: Approved as submitted.

8. Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the State Board of Equalization.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 06-96 authorizing the City to enter into Agreements with the State Board of Equalization for preparation to administer and operate a local one-half percent transactions and use tax, which was approved by a majority of voters at the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election.

Resolution No. 06-96: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreements with the State Board of Equalization for Implementation of a Local Transactions and Use Tax.

REGULAR BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Ashton reported on the successful Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade events. Mayor Lieberman stated that he had nothing to report. Mayor Pro Tem Shoals stated that he had nothing to report. Council Member Versaw stated that he had nothing to report.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Perrault stated that the regularly scheduled City Council meetings in January 2007 would both fall on legal holidays, January 1 and 15 (New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, respectively). He stated that staff recommended changing the dates for meetings held in January 2007 to the second and fourth Mondays, January 8 and 22, 2007.

Action: It was m/s by Council Members Ashton/Versaw to reschedule the Council meetings, for January only, to the second and fourth Mondays, January 8 and 22, 2007. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lieberman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

/s/ STEPHEN C. LIEBERMAN, MAYOR

Attest: /s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

(Approved at CC Mtg 1/08/07)