

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE City Manager Bronson led all those present in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Karen Bright, Barbara Nicolls, Mariam Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor John Shoals were present.

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, City Clerk Donna McMahon, Police Chief John Peters, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, and Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker were also present.

Also present was Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION MATTERS

1. Certification of the Results for the General Municipal Election Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Clerk McMahon provided an overview of the November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election. For the office of Mayor, John Shoals received the highest number of votes to serve the two-year term of office. For the office of Council Member, Jeff Lee and Debbie Peterson received the highest number of votes to serve four-year terms of office. For the ballot measure to establish a commercial cannabis tax on medical marijuana businesses that may establish in Grover Beach, Measure L-16, which required a simple majority vote to pass (50%+1), the measure passed by 70.59%. 3,824 votes were cast in *support* of the ballot measure and 1,593 votes were cast *against* the measure. City Clerk McMahon noted that the Ordinance to enact the commercial cannabis tax would be scheduled for Council consideration in early 2017.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lee and seconded by Council Member Bright to adopt Resolution No. 16-80 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2016. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Bright, Nicolls, Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Mayor Shoals.

NOES: Council Members - None.

ABSENT: Council Members - None.

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

Resolution No. 16-80: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 8, 2016, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

2. City Presentation to Council Member Karen Bright and Opportunity for Comments.

City Manager Bronson began the presentations to Council Member Bright by expressing the City's appreciation for her nine years of dedicated service on the City Council. He noted that she began her tenure on the Council when the economy was heading into a significant downturn and the City organization experienced many challenging reductions. Since then, key milestones and progress had been achieved on a number of the City Council's high priority items, particularly the passage of the bond measure for street rehabilitation and repairs, Measure K-14, which led to a number of infrastructure improvements over the past two years. On a personal note, he thanked Council Member Bright for her guidance, wisdom, and insights on community issues.

Mayor Shoals thanked Council Member Bright for the genuine care and concern that she consistently demonstrated for the community, and her ethical leadership, professionalism, and dedicated public service to the City of Grover Beach and its citizens.

Council Member Shah thanked Council Member Bright for her guidance and mentoring, particularly during Council Member Shah's first year as an elected official. On behalf of the City, she presented Council Member Bright with a floral arrangement.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee thanked Council Member Bright for her support and guidance, citing her assistance during his initial campaign for elective office. On behalf of the City, he presented Council Member Bright with an engraved clock.

Council Member Nicolls thanked Council Member Bright for her friendship and support, noting Council Member Bright's guidance and assistance years earlier during her husband Bill Nicolls' campaign for elective office. On behalf of the City, she presented Council Member Bright with a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Council Member Bright thanked the community for the opportunity to serve as a member of the City Council. She thanked her Council colleagues, City staff, both past and present, and the City's first responders for their hard work and dedication. She also expressed her appreciation for the thoughtful, courteous, and respectful manner in which the Council's deliberations had been conducted during her tenure.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments at this time.

The following individuals thanked and praised outgoing Council Member Bright for her public service:

- Adam Hill, Supervisor, District 3, San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors; and
- Ed Waage, Mayor, City of Pismo Beach.

There were no further public comments received at this time, and Council Member Bright stepped down from the dais and was seated in the audience.

3. Swearing-in Ceremony and Seating of Directly-elected Mayor and New Council Members.

City Clerk McMahon administered the Oaths of Office and presented Certificates of Election to Council Member Jeff Lee, Council Member Debbie Peterson, and Mayor John Shoals. The newly elected officials were then seated at the dais.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Jeff Lee, Barbara Nicolls, Debbie Peterson, Mariam Shah, and Mayor John Shoals were present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS Mayor Shoals opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items listed on the agenda. No public comments were received at this time.

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4. Comments from Newly Elected Officials.

Council Member Peterson thanked the community for participating in the election process, commented on the positive things happening in the City, and praised the hard work and dedication of City staff.

Council Member Lee thanked the community for the opportunity to serve; thanked his wife, Mary, for her support; and praised Mayor Shoals for his leadership on the City Council. Council Member Lee stated that he looked forward to continuing to serve on the Council.

Mayor Shoals thanked the community for their support; thanked his wife, Staci, for her support, encouragement and family sacrifices; and thanked his sister, Brenda, for her steadfast and loving guidance during his formative youth. He then outlined the Council's

high priority issues and his commitment to continue serving the community in a fair, professional, and respectful manner.

5. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Attorney Hale reviewed the City's regulations regarding the process for the incoming directly-elected Mayor to select a Mayor Pro Tem for the one-year period of December 2016 through December 2017, in accordance with Resolution No. 08-18.

Mayor Shoals thanked Council Member Lee for his friendship and praised his dedicated service as Mayor Pro Tem. He noted that a couple of Council Members had expressed an interest in serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Upon question, Council Member Shah responded affirmatively to serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the coming year.

Action: Mayor Shoals appointed Mariam Shah as Mayor Pro Tem for the one-year period of December 2016 through December 2017, effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and invited all those present to join the City Council and staff for a brief reception in the City Hall Council Chambers.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

(Approved at CC Mtg 01/23/2017)