

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Ramona Garden Park Center, 993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Jeff Lee, Barbara Nicolls, Debbie Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Mariam Shah, 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 were Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority; Bill Statler, former Finance Director for the City of San Luis Obispo; Ken Hampian, former City Manager for the City of San Luis Obispo; and Aleah Bergam, Grover Beach resident and volunteer intern.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Mayor Shoals.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor 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.

BUSINESS

1. Mid-Year Financial Report and Five Year Fiscal Forecast.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson provided an overview of the City's financial status as of the close of the previous fiscal year and through the first half of the current fiscal year. He also presented recommended mid-year budget adjustments. Staff then responded to questions from the Council regarding capital improvement projects and the replacement of vehicles and equipment.

City Manager Bronson then introduced Bill Statler, whose services were authorized by the City Council for the development of a five-year financial forecast. Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Statler outlined the purpose of the financial forecast, presented a summary of his findings, outlined economic trends and impacts from the State budget, described significant operating cost drivers, and noted fiscal impacts from new developments and capital improvement projects. He concluded his presentation with the recommendation that the Council use favorable financial results for one-time purposes, minimize operating program expansions, fund capital improvement projects, and address unfunded liabilities. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Statler and staff responded to questions from the Council.

Action: The City Council received the Mid-Year Financial Report and Five-Year Fiscal Forecast. It was noted that recommended mid-year budget amendments would be scheduled for Council consideration at the City Council meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017.

2. Implementation Status of Current Council Goals and Recommended Approach for 2017-18 Council Goal-Setting Process.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson briefly described the City's past practice in developing a list of Council Goals and Work Programs. In order to tighten the City's focus on achieving the highest priority items given limited resources, the City retained the services of a consultant to assist with the upcoming goal-setting process. He then introduced former San Luis Obispo City Manager Ken Hampian.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Hampian outlined a goal-setting process to align the City's highest priorities with its available budget and resources. Mr. Hampian also introduced Aleah Bergam, stating that she would be assisting with the proposed goal-setting process. Mr. Hampian and staff then responded to questions from the Council.

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

Sharon Brown, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns with the limited time frame for receiving public input. She also spoke in support of allocating unanticipated revenues for one-time expenditures rather than operating costs.

Wayne Montgomery, Grover Beach resident, spoke in support of improving City streets and expanding public safety services. He then requested and received information on the level of City staff participation and interactive involvement with regards to the budget process.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

It was noted that members of public could submit comments directly to the City Council if they weren't available to attend a budget workshop or City Council meeting.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council, the report was received and staff was authorized to proceed with the recommended approach for the development of Council goals for the next fiscal year 2017-18 and prepare for a City Council goal-setting workshop on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 06/05/2017)