

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals 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

FLAG SALUTE The salute to the flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Shah.

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, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray were also present.

Also present were Dave Mullinax, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities, and Matt Kowta, Principal, BAE Urban Economics.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

AGENDA REVIEW Mayor Shoals requested the Council consider Regular Business Agenda Item No. 8 prior to Agenda Item No. 7.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council adopted the agenda as amended.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation Designating April 2017 as “Month of the Child” and “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and April 8, 2017 as “Day of the Child”.**

Mayor Shoals read and presented the proclamation to Kayla Benado, representative from Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO). Ms. Benado was accompanied by a young child who assisted her in distributing informational and promotional materials regarding Month of the Child to each Council Member.

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.

- A. John Wysong, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns regarding water rates and impacts on his landscaping from drought conditions, and urged the City to pursue alternative methods to ensure an adequate municipal water supply.

Upon request, staff briefly described water conservation measures currently in effect and noted that the Council in the coming months was scheduled to review the City’s Urban Water Management Plan and the fines or penalties assessed for non-compliance at various water shortage stages.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee, Nicolls, Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Shah, and Mayor Shoals.
NOES: Council Members - None.
ABSENT: Council Members - None.
ABSTAIN: Council Members - None.

2. Treasurer's Report for the Period February 24, 2017 – March 10, 2017.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report for the 2015 Streets Bond Account - \$5,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period February 24, 2017 – March 10, 2017.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report for the 2016 Streets Bond Account - \$8,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period February 24, 2017 – March 10, 2017.

Action: Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

5. Acquisition of Five New Public Works Maintenance Vehicles – Request to purchase new service trucks for the Public Works Department.

Action: Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Downtown Ford of Sacramento and Ford Municipal Finance to lease five (5) new Public Works maintenance vehicles.

6. Authorization to Amend the Classification and Compensation Plan for Employees Represented by the Grover Beach Police Management and Confidential Employee Group - Amending the Classification and Compensation Plan to address anti-compaction issues as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the City Council in August 2015.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 17-18.

Resolution No. 17-18: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending Resolution No. 02-73 Amending the Salary Ranges for the Police Commander Job Classification.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY: Upon unanimous consensus under Agenda Review, the Order of the Day was amended to consider Agenda Item No. 8 prior to Agenda Item No. 7.

8. Street Project Update.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray provided an overview of residential street repair projects completed to date funded with Measure K-14 bonds. He presented information on the next set of residential street projects currently in design, reviewed the construction schedule, and described plans to solicit further community input on improvements for Newport Avenue.

He also described major roadway improvements utilizing other funding sources completed on Oak Park Boulevard, as well as planned improvements to a section of South 4th Street. Additionally, he noted efforts underway at the State level in conjunction with efforts by the League of California Cities to secure transportation funding specifically for major roadway rehabilitation projects.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray then described pothole patching and street repairs being completed citywide by City maintenance crews as well as the contracted services of two separate paving companies. He also reviewed communication efforts to inform the public of completed street rehabilitation projects and street projects underway, and noted

other options if the Council chose to increase the level of public communication. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding street rehabilitation projects, the preliminary steps required to be completed prior to the commencement of street construction work, and whether there were opportunities to expedite that process. Additional discussion was held on separate approaches being taken to address improvements for Long Branch Avenue and Newport Avenue, street construction costs, and the additional costs incurred to upgrade sewer and water lines and relocate utility lines. Additionally, discussion was also on supplemental materials distributed to the Council earlier in the evening regarding AB 496, a transportation funding bill co-authored by Assembly Member Cunningham, as well as information received from the League of California Cities regarding other legislative transportation funding proposals.

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

Dave Mullinax, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities, briefly described the transportation funding proposals being considered by the State Legislature and responded to questions from the Council.

Sharon Corcoran, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns whether there would be sufficient funds for streets designated for completion with 2017 bond funds. She also objected to utilizing monies designated for street rehabilitation and repair projects to hire additional personnel to conduct public outreach or expand public communication efforts.

John Wysong, Grover Beach resident, objected to the streets selected for rehabilitation and requested additional traffic and pedestrian improvements on Oak Park Boulevard.

There were no further public comments received at this time.

Further Council discussion was held on the time frame to complete a street rehabilitation project, the voter-approved process to incrementally issue up to \$48 million in bond funds to repair residential streets, the anticipated time frame to design and construct the next set of streets, and the anticipated reduction in future street maintenance costs once pavement conditions citywide were improved.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council, the following direction was provided:

CIP 2295-4:

- Proceed with putting this street improvement project out to bid as a single project, but exclude the street segments of Long Branch Avenue and Newport Avenue;
- Pursue alternative methods to prioritize and expedite the design phase for street segments located west of 4th Street;

Long Branch Avenue:

- Proceed with completing the design phase for this street segment, put it out to bid as a separate stand alone project and, if possible, consider establishing a construction schedule to reduce impacts to activities conducted at the nearby elementary school;

Preliminary 2017 Bond Project:

- Return to Council to consider prioritizing the next set of street improvements and to seek Council guidance regarding the next bond issuance;

Communication Strategy:

- Explore relatively low cost contract service options, instead of hiring additional staff, to enhance public communication efforts on the status of Measure K-14 street rehabilitation work and upcoming street projects;

Major Roadways:

- Return to Council with an update on the status of pothole repairs and minor street repairs to determine whether there were available funds to reallocate towards major roadway repairs, such as sections of West Grand Avenue or 4th Street; and

Transportation Funding Proposal (AB1 /SB1):

- Authorize staff to draft a letter in support of AB 1 (Frazier) and SB 1 (Beall) for the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 8:01 p.m.

Reconvene: At 8:11 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

7. Draft Economic Development Strategy.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Community Development Director Buckingham introduced Matt Kowta, Principal, BAE Urban Economics. Mr. Kowta provided an overview of the Draft Economic Development Strategy and described the background analysis conducted of existing conditions. He also reviewed the results from stakeholder interviews and a survey of local businesses. Mr. Kowta and staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the data collected and the consultant's findings, other economic development-related issues that warranted further study, the potential receipt of settlement funds from the closure of Diablo Canyon Power Plan to address economic impacts, improving wayfinding signage along the Highway 101 corridor, and potentially developing a document for marketing purposes targeted to specific business sectors or industries.

Mayor Shoals invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received at this time.

Further discussion was held on retaining the services of a graphic designer to assist in developing an economic development companion document for marketing purposes, aligning the Council's goals with the Economic Development Strategy, developments located in strategic areas serving as catalyst projects for further economic growth, business retention needs, and potential impacts to businesses located in the industrial area once permits were issued for commercial cannabis uses.

Action: Upon consensus of the Council, direction was provided to:

- 1) Incorporate the following action items into the draft Economic Development Strategy:
 - conduct periodic business retention outreach efforts to key businesses;
 - leverage the City's investment in infrastructure improvements to attract additional development to the undeveloped property located on El Camino Real;
 - retain the services of a graphic designer to develop marketing materials; and
 - enhance the City's identity along the Highway 101 corridor; and
- 2) Prepare the final version of the Economic Development Strategy for formal adoption by the City Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY: At this time, the Order of the Day resumed to the agenda as posted.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Lee reported on the meeting of the Zone Three Advisory Committee.

Council Member Nicolls reported on the meeting of the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County.

Council Member Peterson stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah reported on the meeting of the Homeless Services Oversight Council and described topics scheduled for discussion at the meeting of Homeless Services Coordinating Council.

Mayor Shoals reported on the meeting of the Five Cities Fire Authority and noted that he would be inviting the Fire Chief to provide the Council with a presentation on the Five Cities Fire Authority's Strategic Plan. He also noted that he would be inviting the District Manager of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District to provide the Council with an update on capital improvement projects at the district.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Shah announced details of the upcoming Grover Heights Elementary School Talent Show to be held at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts. She then stated that she was scheduled to be interviewed later in the week on the Charter cable television's *Local Edition* program.
- B. Council Member Lee announced that the 5Cities Homeless Coalition was seeking an alternate site for their office facilities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson commented on the following items:

Goals and Work Program - The Council recently held discussions to identify key goals for the coming fiscal year. On April 17, 2017, staff will be seeking Council direction on the proposed work programs associated with achieving those goals.

Funding Requests from Non-profit Groups - Correspondence had been received from non-profit organizations requesting funding in the new fiscal year. Upon consensus, Council authorized scheduling in either late April or early May consideration of funding requests from non-profit organizations that previously received funds from the City.

Grover Beach Lodge Project - The work effort was underway on the conference center design, public improvements, and financing. He also noted an upcoming meeting of the Joint Authority and the developer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:48 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN 060-206-029
Agency negotiator: City Manager Bronson
Negotiating party: Union Pacific Railroad
Under negotiation: Price and Terms and Conditions of Payment
re: Lease or Acquisition

Closed Session Announcements: At 10:27 p.m., Mayor Shoals reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present. It was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:
/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 07/17/2017)