

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Emery Cannon, a 7 year old second grader at Fairgrove Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council: Council Members Barbara Nicolls, Debbie Peterson, 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, Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Battalion Chief Riki Heath, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham, and Management Analyst-Human Resources Karla Mattocks were also present.

Also present were financial consultant Bill Statler and special legal counsel Che Johnson, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**Action:** Upon consensus, the Council adopted the agenda as published.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

**1. Proclamation Honoring Grover Beach Citizen of the Year - Betsy Ehrler.**

Mayor Shoals read the proclamation and, together with members of the City Council, presented it to Ms. Ehrler in recognition of her 26 years of demonstrated commitment and dedication to helping the homeless and food challenged in South San Luis Obispo County through the People's Kitchen Program.

**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. Rachel Shoemaker, Grover Beach resident, expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and West Grand Avenue, commented on recently observing a child almost being hit by a vehicle while crossing the street, and requested the City install flashing lights in crosswalks located on West Grand Avenue from South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the beach.
- B. Chris Deile, representing the homeless community, spoke in opposition to a requirement that homeless individuals attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in order to receive shelter services. He then distributed a document further explaining his concerns.
- C. The following individuals expressed concerns regarding a proposed Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and requested the Council consider adopting a resolution formally opposing the program:
  - Brad Snook, Surfrider Foundation representative, and submitted a sample resolution of opposition;
  - Cynthia Replogle, Surfrider Foundation representative; and
  - Charles Varney, Surfrider Foundation representative, submitted a sample resolution of opposition and noted the deadline for submitting resolutions to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.
- D. Patricia Price, Arroyo Grande resident, requested the Council reconsider its recent Council Committee appointment of Council Member Barbara Nicolls to the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and to instead appoint Council Member Debbie Peterson to represent the City.

There were no further public comments received at this time. Mayor Shoals inquired whether there was any interest in scheduling Council consideration of a resolution opposing the proposed Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

**Action:** Upon unanimous consensus of the Council, direction was provided to schedule Council consideration of adopting a resolution opposing the Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

It was also noted that the topic of Traffic Safety Improvements was scheduled for discussion at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on February 20, 2018.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

At this time, staff responded to Council questions on Consent Agenda Item No. 6 regarding Police Department records that were maintained digitally, and on Consent Agenda Item No. 7 noting the City had previously utilized the services of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for labor negotiations and that costs for upcoming labor negotiations were estimated. It was moved by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Shah to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

2. **Treasurer's Report for the Period January 18, 2018 through January 26, 2018.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
3. **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 January 18, 2018 through January 26, 2018.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
4. **Treasurer's Report for the 2017 Streets Bond Account - \$15,000,000 (Measure K-14: Grover Beach Street Rehabilitation; Safety Improvement Bond Measure) for the Period January 18, 2018 through January 26, 2018.**  
**Action:** Approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
5. **Minutes of the City Council Meeting on October 16, 2017.**  
**Action:** Approved the minutes as submitted.
6. **Records Destruction Authorization** - Authorizing the destruction of certain Police Department records.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 18-11.  
  
**Resolution No. 18-11: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, Accepting the Staff Report and Recommendations for City-Wide Records Destruction.**
7. **Designating Liebert Cassidy Whitmore as the City's Chief Labor Negotiator** - Continuing the agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to conduct labor negotiations with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620 and Grover Beach Police Officer's Association (GBPOA) labor groups in anticipation of the contracts expiring on or before June 30, 2018.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 18-12.  
  
**Resolution No. 18-12: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Authorizing Liebert Cassidy Whitmore as the City's Chief Labor Negotiator.**
8. **Consideration of a Resolution Amending the City's Labor Negotiating Team** - Updating the composition of the City's labor negotiating team.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 18-13.

**Resolution No. 18-13: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending the City's Negotiating Team for Negotiations with Represented Employee Groups.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None at this time.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**9. 2017-18 Mid-Year Financial Report and 10-Year Financial Forecast.**

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson provided introductory comments. He then introduced Administrative Services Director Chapman and financial consultant Bill Statler. Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Administrative Services Director Chapman provided an overview of General Fund revenues, expenditures by department, and described unanticipated expenditures incurred to meet key service needs. She then described financial challenges in the Water Enterprise Fund, as well as revenues, expenditures, and expenses for the Wastewater Enterprise Fund. In conclusion, she outlined the upcoming budget process.

Council discussion was held, with staff responding to questions regarding fire service equipment costs, increased legal services costs, anticipated revenues from commercial cannabis, and further discussions to be held with the Council regarding resources needed to address new commercial cannabis activities. Additional discussion was held on infrastructure projects, the Water Enterprise Fund, employee pension costs, and additional costs for fire services through the Five Cities Fire Authority.

At this time, City Manager Bronson introduced Bill Statler. Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Statler provided a comprehensive overview of the City's 10-Year General Fund Financial Forecast. He described a short-term financial gap if the Council did not implement corrective measures, but noted that the long-term trend was positive, given projected levels of cannabis tax revenue and hotel developments. He also cautioned the Council regarding the affect on City finances without cannabis revenues, from increased employee pension costs, potential delays in hotel developments, and the reasonable likelihood of some level of downturn in the economy. In conclusion, he recommended the City consider using favorable financial results for one-time purposes rather than on-going operating costs. Mr. Statler and staff responded to questions from the Council throughout the presentation.

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.

Discussion ensued regarding costs for fire services, public safety, maintaining focus on budget priorities, and revenue generation opportunities as indicated by the recent community survey to potentially increase the City's Transient Occupancy Tax rate and the Business Tax Certificate program. It was noted that there would be further meetings scheduled to discuss the budget with opportunities for the public to provide input.

**Action:** Council received the report and thanked Mr. Statler for his thorough presentation.

**Recess:** Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 8:21 p.m.

**Reconvene:** At 8:31 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee reported on the meeting of the Economic Vitality Corporation.

Council Member Nicolls reported on the annual dinner meeting of the Arroyo Grande & Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Shah reported on meetings of the Homeless Services Oversight Council, Zone Three Advisory Committee, and the Air Pollution Control District. She also announced the next quarterly meeting of the Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities would be held in Paso Robles.

Mayor Shoals stated that he had no committee reports at this time.

Council Member Peterson stated that she had no committee reports at this time.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Mayor Shoals, in response to a citizen comment received earlier in the meeting regarding the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, requested Council Member Nicolls, as the Council's appointed representative to the Sanitation District, to request that a representative from the Sanitation District work with the City Manager on scheduling an update to the Council regarding current issues facing the District. Council Member Nicolls confirmed that she would forward that request to the District.
- B. Council Member Peterson, in response to a recent citizen contact regarding a tsunami warning for the West Coast, inquired about the process for notifying Council Members of an impending natural disaster. Mayor Shoals requested that staff schedule a presentation regarding the City's disaster response procedures.

Council Member Peterson inquired about the status of a recent code compliance issue involving chickens in a residential area. City Manager Bronson confirmed staff was addressing the issue and would provide an update to the Council.

She then commented on a presentation at a recent League of California Cities Policy Committee meeting regarding sexual harassment and inquired about the City's policy on sexual harassment prevention. Brief discussion was held on training requirements for local officials.

- C. Council Member Nicolls announced that South County Transit would be hosting an event to celebrate and honor their bus drivers for successfully achieving a safe driving milestone.
- D. Council Member Shah, in response to a recent citizen contact requesting recognition of a Grover Beach resident, inquired whether there was any interest in having the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission provide input on developing a program that commemorated Grover Beach residents.

**Action:** Upon consensus of the Council, direction was provided for the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission to provide input on the development of a City donation policy.

Council Member Shah announced that entry to the South County Skate Park was free on Thursday afternoons. She also commented on hearing positive comments from third graders from Grover Heights Elementary School on their recent field trip to City Hall.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None at this time.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None at this time.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:08 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item:

#### **1. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency Negotiator(s): City Manager Matthew Bronson, Special Counsel Che Johnson, Administrative Services Director Gayla Chapman, Assistant Administrative Services Director Eve Byrd, and Management Analyst-Human Resources Karla Mattocks (May include all or some of the above)

Employee Group(s): All employee groups

(Represented: General Employees - (SEIU) Service Employees International Union, Local 620, Grover Beach Police Officers' Association (GBPOA); and Unrepresented: Executive Management, Grover Beach Police Management and

Confidential Employees Association (GBPM&CEA), Management & Confidential Employees, and Part-time Employees)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK  
(Approved at CC Mtg 4/16/2018)