

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lee 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 Tomio Butler-Kawamura, a 7 year-old who is in First Grade at Grover Heights Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Desi Lance, Barbara Nicolls, Debbie Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Mariam Shah, and Mayor Jeff Lee were present.

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

AGENDA REVIEW

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

PRESENTATIONS

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.

- A. Tim Mahoney, Southern California Gas Co. – Commented regarding its solvency. He expressed that the utility is doing well and introducing renewable natural gas.
- B. Bob Kerwin, SLO County SCORE – The organization has created a booklet that will help businesses retain and attract customers.
- C. Andrew Christy, Sierra Club (SLO Chapter) – Made comment against the New Plains All American Pipeline.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Nicolls and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

1. **Minutes of the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.**

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

2. **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amending the Grover Beach Municipal Code Regarding Tobacco Regulation** – The City Council considered amending the Grover Beach Municipal Code Article III, Chapter 2.21 - Regulation of the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products, to update Section 3221.1 – Self-Service Sales of Tobacco to add the word “Paraphernalia” and also Article X, Chapter 4.20 – Licensing of Tobacco Retailers, to add the definition of “tobacco paraphernalia” to Section 10421 and to the “tobacco retailer” definition covered under the same section.
Action: Conducted second reading, by title only and adopted Ordinance No. 19-01 regarding Tobacco Regulations to add the word “paraphernalia”.

Ordinance No. 19-01: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California. Amending Section 3221.1 of Article III, Chapter 2.21, and Sections 10420 and 10421 of Article X, Chapter 4.20, of the Grover Beach Municipal Code Amending Regulations Incorporating Definitions of Tobacco Paraphernalia.

3. **Authorization to Amend the Position Authorization Resolution No. 18-61 to Add the Classification of Assistant Engineer and Affirm the Salary Range** – The City Council considered establishing the new job classification and salary range for Assistant Engineer.
Action: Amend the Classification and Compensation Plan to authorize an Assistant Engineer job classification and amend the number of job classifications authorized.
4. **Reallocation of the Job Classification of Accounting Specialist from the Service Employees International Union Bargaining Group to Management and Confidential Employee Group.** The City Council considered approving reallocation of the job classification of Accounting Specialist from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Bargaining Group to Management and Confidential Employee Group.
Action: Approved reallocation of the job classification of Accounting Specialist from the represented Service Employees International Union Bargaining Group to non-represented Management and Confidential Employee Group.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. **2018-19 Mid-Year Financial Report**

Mayor Lee read the title to the foregoing item, and deferred to City Manager Bronson for the staff report. City Manager Bronson provided a brief summary before turning the meeting over to Administrative Services Director, Deanne Purcell, who provided a PowerPoint presentation. She made comment that revenue is currently higher than projected and expenses are on track to-date for the 2018-19 FY. She reviewed the top revenue items which are; property taxes, sales, cannabis taxes, franchise fees and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). She then responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter. No public comments were received at this time and the mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Action: Received the 2018-19 Mid-Year Financial Report.

6. **Updated 10-Year General Fund Financial Forecast**

Mayor Lee read the title to the foregoing item, and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager introduced Bill Statler who prepared a report for the city.

Mr. Statler provided a presentation based on the city’s priorities and affordability based on assumptions. He then responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter.

- A. Anthony Embry, resident, commented on PG&E's recent bankruptcy filing and closure of Diablo Canyon.

No further public comments were received at this time.

Action: Received the 10-Year General Fund Financial Forecast to inform the development of the 2019-20 budget.

Recess: Upon consensus of the City Council, the meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

Reconvene: At 7:39 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all members of the City Council present.

7. 2019-20 Council Goal-Setting Process Overview –

Mayor Lee read the title to the foregoing item, and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Bronson introduced Ken Hampian who presented the format for this fiscal year's Goal Setting.

Mr. Hampian provided a presentation describing the process of goal setting. He then answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter. No public comments were received at this time and the mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Action: Received information on the current status of implementing the 2018-19 Council Goals along with the proposed approach for developing updated Council Goals for the next 2-3 years and provide direction to staff to implement this approach as part of the 2019-20 budget process.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Peterson reported on the Economic Vitality Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah reported on the Air Pollution Control District.

Council Member Nicolls reported on the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) meeting, as well as the South County Transit Meeting.

Mayor Lee reported on the Integrated Waste Management Authority.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Shah requested more information on the pipeline issue be obtained and discussed in more detail. The Council upon unanimous consensus agreed to have the item placed on a future agenda.

Mayor Lee suggested having representatives from both sides at the discussion.

- B. Council Member Peterson mentioned that citizens who pay for water usage online have complained of late fees although bills are paid on time and issues accessing the website.

City Manager Bronson responded that implementation of the new utility billing system has caused some processing issues. It is being reviewed for modification to the system.

- C. Mayor Lee inquired about impacts from recent rains. City Manager Bronson responded that the main impact was a Eucalyptus tree falling at the corner of Ocean View and Front Street which caused damage to a vehicle. Still ascertaining ownership of the tree. There were no other significant impacts and he mentioned that Mentone basin is full.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson reported that Public Works has been working on several improvement projects; the installation of Farroll Rd. and 16th Street all-way-stop, signage and crosswalks being completed, Oak Park landscape medians is nearly complete and they are working on pedestrian warning lights on West Grand and 3rd street which should be installed by the end March.

City Manager Bronson also made comment of a new restaurant in the community - DarWish Cuisine restaurant located at 11th and Grand Avenue. He noted that this is the only Persian restaurant between San Jose and Los Angeles.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:29 p.m., the Council met in Closed Session regarding the following item(s):

1. Property Negotiations at APN# 060-206-027

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Agency Negotiator: City Manager Matthew Bronson and City Attorney, David Hale

Negotiating Parties: Eric Hargrave and Vilo Terra Services, Inc.

Regarding a lease payment and terms of payment conditions pertaining to the lease of a cell tower.

Closed Session Announcements: At 9:12 p.m., Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting in open session with all Council Members present, and announced there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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JEFF LEE, MAYOR

Attest:

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WENDI SIMS, ACTING CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg. 02/19/19)