

**AGENDA  
GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**Notice of Meeting Cancellation**

**Notice is Hereby Given that the  
Regular City Council Meeting of  
June 15, 2020  
has been cancelled.**

**Notice is Further Given that a  
Special City Council Meeting has been  
scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020.**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to this regularly scheduled meeting date.

Posted:

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Wendi B. Sims, City Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

c: Mayor and Council Members,  
Commissions and Committees  
City Manager and City Attorney  
Department Directors  
Media: *The New Times*  
Post City Hall



## **CITY OF GROVER BEACH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT AND DECORUM AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

*(Pursuant to Resolution No. 07-44, adopted 04-16-07, revised 02-18-2020)*

The City Council and staff welcomes and encourages civic participation and debate on issues. The Council values the public's opinion and in every Council meeting invite and encourages the public to address the Council on any matter of interest. The Council adopted these policies and procedures for appropriate conduct and decorum at Council meetings and establish guidance for public participation during Council meetings. These policies will foster and provide greater clarity to preserve the intent of open government and maintain a positive environment for public input and City Council decision-making.

### **1.0 DECORUM AND ORDER – IN GENERAL**

- 1.1 The presiding officer is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum at all times.
- 1.2 The presiding officer shall determine all points of order subject to the right of any Council member to appeal to the City Council by majority vote. If any appeal is taken, the question shall be "Shall the decision of the presiding officer be sustained" in which event a majority vote of the Council shall govern and conclusively determine such question of order.
- 1.3 All Council members, staff members and members of the public should speak respectfully and avoid the use of profanity, vulgarity and slanderous comments. Recognizing that the First Amendment precludes the City Council from prohibiting speakers from speaking based upon the content of their speech, the presiding officer shall use their best efforts, short of enforcement action, to remind and encourage all participating in the meeting to keep their speech respectful towards others and within bounds appropriate for children and persons of sensitivity toward course language as a courtesy to others present or otherwise viewing Council meetings.

### **2.0 DECORUM AND ORDER – COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 2.1 Manner of Speaking.  
Any Council member desiring to speak shall first address the presiding officer. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, the Council member shall speak only to the question under debate.

#### 2.1(a) Questioning Staff.

A Council member desiring to question the staff should address his question to the City Manager, or, in appropriate cases, the City Clerk or City Attorney, who shall be entitled either to answer the inquiry or to designate some staff member for that purpose. Such a designation may be made at the time of any staff presentation or on the agenda listing for the item.

#### 2.1(b) Interruptions.

Once recognized, a Council member shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the presiding officer; unless a point of order is raised by another Council member, or unless the speaker chooses to yield to questions from another Council member.

### **3.0 DECORUM AND ORDER – STAFF**

- 3.1 City Manager Responsibilities  
The City Manager is responsible for ensuring that members of the administrative staff observe the rules of decorum and order set forth in this Policy.
- 3.2 Addressing the City Council  
Any administrative staff member desiring to address the City Council or members of the public shall first be recognized by the presiding officer. All remarks shall be addressed to the presiding officer and not to any individual Council Member or member of the public. Administrative staff members shall accord the utmost courtesy to the City Council, other administrative staff members and the public.

### **4.0 DECORUM AND ORDER – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- 4.1 Addressing the City Council  
Any member of the public desiring to address the City Council or members of the public shall first be recognized by the presiding officer at the appropriate place on the agenda. All remarks shall be addressed to the presiding officer and not to any individual Council Member, City Manager, City Attorney or member of the administrative staff or member of the public.

- 4.2 Time Limitation for Addressing the City Council  
Public comment when addressing the City Council shall be generally limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Depending on the extent of the agenda and the number of persons desiring to speak on an issue, the presiding officer may, at the beginning of the hearing, set a different time limit for each speaker. Any person may speak for a longer period of time upon approval from the presiding officer, when deemed necessary, for instance when a person is speaking on behalf of a group or has a graphic or slide presentation requiring more time.
- 4.3 Failure to Yield, Disruptions  
Any person who refuses to relinquish the floor after their allotted time or while attending the City Council meeting engages in conduct or speech which disrupts the business of the meeting shall be brought to order and/or removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer. Disruptive remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, clapping, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted by the presiding officer who may direct the sergeant-at-arms to remove such offenders from the room.
- 4.4 Prosecution  
Aggravated cases shall be prosecuted on appropriate complaint signed by the presiding officer.

## **5.0 ENFORCEMENT OF DECORUM**

- 5.1 The Chief of Police or his designee shall be the ex-officio sergeant-at-arms of the City Council. The sergeant-at-arms shall carry out all legal and valid orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum in the Council Chamber. Upon instructions from the presiding officer, it shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to remove any disorderly person from the Council Chambers or place the disorderly person under arrest or both.
- 5.2 As set forth in Government Code Section 54957.9, in the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible or impedes the ability of the Council to hold the meeting, and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the presiding officer may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Duly accredited representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this Section. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the City Council from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.