

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

In compliance with the State and County Shelter at Home Orders, and as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, City Council meetings will be held by teleconference only until further notice.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lee called the meeting to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., with all Council Members teleconferencing.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Bobby Shah.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Karen Bright, Anna Miller, Robert Robert, Mayor Pro Tem Mariam Shah, and Mayor Jeff Lee were present via video conference.

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, City Clerk Wendi Sims, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker, Recreation Coordinator Madison Ochotorena, Police Chief John Peters, Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Administrative Analyst Lynn Pearson, IT Specialist Jon Groden and Deputy City Clerk Nicole Retana were also present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

AGENDA REVIEW

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **2020 City Employees of the Year** Public Works Administrative Analyst (Confidential) Lynn Pearson and IT Specialist Jon Groden were presented by City Manager Bronson.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest Winners** were presented by Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Petker and Recreation Coordinator Madison Ochotorena.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public calling into the meeting on the teleconference line (805) 321-6639, for comment on items of interest which were within the jurisdiction of the City Council, but were not listed on the agenda.

- William Ray

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Lee invited public comment on the items under the Consent Agenda. At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments there was no one so Mayor Lee closed public comment.

It was motioned by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Bright to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4 as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Council Members – Bright, Miller, Robert, Mayor Pro Tem Shah and Mayor Lee
NOES:	Council Members – None
ABSENT:	Council Members – None
ABSTAIN:	Council Members – None

3. Minutes of the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 7 and Special Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

4. New Transactions and Use Tax Agreement with California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Action: Approved the Agreement and Resolution No 21-01 authorizing the examination of transaction (sales) and Use Tax Records and Resolution No. 21-02 authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) for implementation of a local transactions and use tax.

Resolution No. 21-01: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California authorizing the examination of transactions (sales) and use tax records.

Resolution No. 21-02: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for implementation of a local transactions and use tax.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Covid-19 Response Update and Continued Local Business Assistance

Mayor Lee read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report.

City Manager Bronson presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Covid-19 and discussed another round of Business Microgrants and a “Buy Local Program”.

Fire Chief Liberman presented updated information regarding Covid-19.

Jocelyn Brennan discussed in further detail the 4th round of Business Microgrants and the “Buy Local Program”.

Discussion with Council regarding how to inform the local businesses of our 4th Microgrant opportunity, how the gift card program will work and offering relief grants to the local non-profits.

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

Council concurred to move forward with the proposed two programs and consider the non-profit grants at a future meeting.

Action: Received an update on the countywide and City response to the Covid-19 pandemic and approve continued local business assistance given economic impacts from related closures and restrictions.

6. City Council Assignments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mayor Lee read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report.

City Manager Bronson presented a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the annual assignments.

Discussion ensued with Council regarding selection of assignments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter. There were no comments and the Mayor closed public comments.

Action: It was motioned by Pro Tem Mayor Shah and seconded by Council Member Bright to adopt the Resolution No. 21-03 confirmed certain Council appointments and authorized the City Clerk to update FPPC Form 806 for posting on the City website. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members – Bright, Miller, Robert, Mayor Pro Tem Shah and Mayor Lee
NOES: Council Members – None
ABSENT: Council Members – None
ABSTAIN: Council Members – None

Resolution No. 21-03: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, revising City Council Committee assignments for Calendar Year 2021.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Shah commented on the Homeless Services Oversight Council meeting (HSOC).

Council Member Bright spoke on her meeting with SLO Council of Governments / SLO Regional Transit Authority (SLOCOG/SLORTA).

Mayor Lee reported on South SLO Sanitation District (SSLOCSO) and the Five Cities Fire Authority meetings.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES – POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER LEAGUE MATTERS

Mayor Pro Tem Shah commented that everyone should watch for an email invite to the next League division meeting in late January.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Bright stated her communications were COVID related and all questions were answered.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah commented on what occurred at the Capitol last Wednesday.

Council Member Robert stated his communications were also COVID/Senior Vaccination related and were answered.

Mayor Lee addressed the occurrence at the Capitol and discussed the Utility Box Art located on Grand/16th Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson commented on what occurred at the Capitol. He also discussed the two Public Works Street projects that are underway and the restriping on Grand Ave/The Pike.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

/S/
JEFF LEE, MAYOR

Attest:

/S/
WENDI SIMS, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 1/25/2021)