

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Bright, Molnar, Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Nicolls, and Mayor Shoals were present.

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, Administrative Secretary Toles, Administrative Services Director Chapman, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items described in this agenda. No public comments were received at this time.

BUSINESS

1. West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project: Funding Status Report and Approval of Design Scope.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray provided an overview of projects completed to date to enhance the West Grand Avenue corridor. He then outlined the opportunity to use additional state funding to expand the project scope between the beach and 11th Street for enhanced features, such as landscaped medians, street furniture, and decorative sidewalks. However, use of these funds required additional processing and state agency review that might delay construction until the summer of 2012. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray also outlined further design options. Staff then responded to questions from the Council regarding estimated project costs and proposed street tree species.

Mayor Shoals invited public comments on this matter. There was no response received and he closed the public comment period for this item.

Further Council discussion was held regarding whether to include bulbouts in the design concepts when no funding source had yet been identified for construction of storm drain improvements, consulting firms already familiar with the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project, and the potential for additional project funding through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council:

- 1) authorized staff to enter into a contract with Rick Engineering to prepare designs for the West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project for:
 - (a) the downtown core between 8th and 11th Streets (Phase II), and
 - (b) between the beach and 5th Street (Phase III);
- 2) authorized staff to contact Caltrans and Union Pacific to begin discussions regarding requirements to construct improvements (for Phase III) similar to those between 2nd and 4th Streets; and
- 3) authorized staff to contract with Rick Engineering for design concepts of crosswalks and intersection pavement treatments, and provided the following comments for the preparation of the design concepts:
 - (a) include bulbouts in the preliminary design concepts only,
 - (b) outline decorative paving options for entire intersections that complement existing crosswalk pavers, and
 - (c) designate Washingtonian Palms to be planted in center medians and provide further information regarding New Zealand Christmas Trees, as well as alternative street tree species.

2. Capital Improvement Program Update.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. City Manager Perrault noted the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was being presented to solicit Council comments regarding projects and programs in the CIP for budget planning purposes, and that a future meeting would be held to discuss City Council goals and objectives. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray then provided an overview of the draft CIP, funding sources for capital improvements, and major project categories. He also described in further detail several major capital improvement projects. Staff then responded to questions from the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding prioritizing CIP projects, budget projections for transportation funds, future program funding that was yet to be completed by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments that would amend the CIP document, and whether to transfer funds from the Ramona Specific Plan Project, Phase III (CIP 332) to the Transit Station Expansion Project (CIP 312).

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

Anita Shower, Grover Beach, requested further information regarding the Transit Station Expansion Project. It was noted that a concept plan for that project was available in the Community Development Department during regular business hours.

There were no further public comments received and the Mayor closed the public comment period for this item.

Further discussion was held regarding grant fund opportunities for capital projects. City Manager Perrault described previous unsuccessful efforts to secure grants for the Cleaver Park project. Additional discussion was held regarding Cuesta College representatives interested in locating a South County campus on South 13th Street, as well as various capital improvement projects associated with supporting development of the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Project.

Action: Upon unanimous consensus, the Council received the draft FY 2012 to FY 2016 Capital Improvement Program document and provided the following comments:

- all projects associated with supporting development of the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center Project to be moved from FY 14 to FY 13; and
- not to transfer funds to the Transit Station Expansion Project (CIP 312).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 01/03/2012)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ LORRIE TOLES, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY