

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Mayor Shoals.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff: City Manager Perrault, City Attorney Koczanowicz, City Clerk McMahon, Administrative Services Director Chapman, Police Chief Copsey, and Parks & Recreation Director Petker were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items described in this agenda.

- A. Deborah Love, Executive Director, Grover Beach Exploration Station, stated that she had participated in the City booth at the recent Train Day event held at Union Station in Los Angeles. She praised the event as a good marketing opportunity to promote the Grover Beach Train Station and Grover Beach as a tourist destination. She then spoke in support of the Exploration Station partnering with the City to co-sponsor future activities and events, and announced an upcoming exhibit at the Exploration Station.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed City Charter.

Mayor Shoals read the title to the foregoing item, declared the Public Hearing open, and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, City Manager Perrault provided an overview regarding the concepts of converting the City from a general law to a charter city. He described the advantages and disadvantages with becoming a charter city, reviewed key sections in the proposed draft Charter, and pointed out that copies of staff recommended alternative language regarding "Section 301 - Public Works Contracts" had been distributed just prior to the meeting. He then outlined the next steps in the process if the Council chose to continue consideration of placing the matter on the November 2012 ballot. City Manager Perrault and City Attorney Koczanowicz then responded to questions from the Council regarding various elements of the proposed Charter.

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

The following persons spoke in *opposition* to becoming a charter city and/or in *support* of a prevailing wage requirement for locally-funded projects:

- Steven Weiner, Tri-Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, who submitted materials regarding the issue of prevailing wage;
- Tom Gutierrez, International Association of Asbestos Workers;
- Michael Seaman, Nipomo resident, Operating Engineers Union;
- Walt French, Grover Beach resident, Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union;
- Walt Mankins, Arroyo Grande resident, Operating Engineers Union and the Building Trades Council;
- Anita Shower, Grover Beach resident;
- Daniel Baldwin, Los Osos resident, Cement Masons, Local Union 600; and
- Alex Lantsberg, Smart Cities Prevail organization, who submitted materials regarding prevailing wage.

There were no further public comments received and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the experience of other cities current charters or considering changing to a charter city form of government, municipal activities that would remain governed by State law, laws that could be included in a charter for stronger local control,

and the process for receiving public input prior to placing a proposed charter on the ballot. Additional discussion was held regarding current term limits for elected officials, as well as various sections in the proposed Charter.

Action: Upon consensus of the City Council:

Regarding term limits:

- 1) Requested that staff provide: (a) brief historical information regarding the establishment of term limits, and (b) optional language to consider for inclusion in the proposed Charter regarding term limits and terms of office.

Regarding the proposed Charter:

- 2) Section 301. Public Works Contracts - change this section to the staff recommended alternative language;
- 3) Section 302. Prevailing Wage: keep this language as presented, but subject to change pending a Supreme Court decision regarding the City of Vista;
- 4) Section 400. Reductions Prohibited - keep this language as presented;
- 5) Section 501. General Plan and Zoning Consistency - keep this language as presented, but subject to change as consideration of the proposed Charter continues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 06/04/2012)