

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Shoals called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Ramona Garden Park Center, 993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach, California.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Mayor Shoals.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Barbara Nicolls, Mariam Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor John Shoals were present. Council Member Karen Bright was absent.

City Staff: City Manager Robert Perrault, City Clerk Donna McMahon, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor briefly described the meeting format and noted that opportunities for public comments would be made available throughout the workshop. He then opened the floor to any member of the public for comments.

- A. Ron Arnoldsen, Grover Beach resident and former Mayor, expressed concerns regarding current drought conditions and suggested the City pursue alternative water resource methods.
- B. Doug Shallenberg and Sue Shallenberger, Grover Beach residents, stated they owned several properties in Grover Beach and spoke in support of a street repair program that addressed the “worst streets” first. They also expressed concerns with escalating construction costs if street repairs were further delayed.

No further public comments were received at this time.

WORKSHOP TOPIC

1. Discussion Regarding Implementation of the Measure K-14 Street Repair and Rehabilitation Program.

Mayor Shoals provided opening remarks regarding the workshop topic and introduced City Manager Perrault, who described the process for rating and selling municipal bonds, and the purpose of this second public workshop to solicit input from residents and stakeholders to assist the City Council and staff with prioritizing the selection of streets scheduled for repair. City Manager Perrault also noted that a community survey was available online from the City website and customer service counter at City Hall through the month of February. He also outlined the proposed timeline for implementing the Street Repair and Rehabilitation Program and then introduced Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray.

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray presented an overview regarding the issuance of Measure K-14 bond funds and the street repair program. He noted that repairs for major thoroughfares, such as West Grand Avenue, Oak Park Boulevard, 4th Street, and Farroll Road, would be repaired utilizing other funding sources. He outlined the criteria that would assist in prioritizing the selection of streets for repair and rehabilitation, and described the “blended approach” for identifying high priority streets and fully deteriorated streets for maintenance or rehabilitation. This “blended approach” would be combined with the street selection criteria and community priorities to ultimately guide the street selection process. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray then presented information regarding the option of accelerating the bond issuance schedule in order to complete a higher number of street repairs earlier in the program. It was also noted that utilizing a “blended approach” would be more cost-effective over the long-term.

Public comments were received from the following residents or community stakeholders:

- Brenda Auer;
- Doug Shallenberg;
- Sue Shallenberg;

- Ron Arnoldsen;
- John Wysong;
- Adam Hill, District 3, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor;
- Clint Weirick; and
- several members of the public who did not identify themselves by name.

Discussion ensued with members of the Council and staff responding to questions and comments from the audience regarding the street selection criteria, construction methods to be applied for specific street conditions, how revenue from the sales tax measure approved in 2006 was utilized for street repairs, impacts to the program due to the economic downturn, providing the community with periodic updates concerning the status of the street repair program, formation of a Citizen Oversight Committee that would annually review all bond proceed expenditures and provide a report to the City Council regarding its findings as to those expenditures, and the anticipated stimulus to the local economy upon completion of the two proposed hotel projects and the municipal broadband project. Additional discussion was held regarding the bond sale process and the three-year interval to complete the improvements financed with each bond release, as well as evaluating the City's first bond issuance in relation to limited staff resources and the availability of contractors and construction materials in order to determine the viability of an accelerated bond issuance schedule. Members in the audience expressed appreciation for the City's public outreach efforts that focused on street improvements.

The Council thanked all those in attendance for participating in the workshop, encouraged continued public engagement concerning this matter, and thanked staff for their assistance in the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Shoals adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

/s/ JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 04/06/2015)