

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lee called the meeting to order on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:01 p.m., with all Council Members teleconferencing.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Fire Chief Steve Lieberman.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Desi Lance, Mariam Shah, Mayor Pro Tem Bright, and Mayor Jeff Lee were present via video conference. Council Member Barbara Nicolls joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:30 p.m.

City Staff: City Manager Matthew Bronson, City Attorney David Hale, City Clerk Wendi Sims, Police Chief John Peters, Administrative Services Director Deanne Purcell, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham,, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker, Associate Planner Janet Reese and Deputy City Clerk Nicole Retana were also present.

Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority was also in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **Proclamation National Foster Care Month** was read by Council Member Lance.
2. **Proclamation National Police Week** was presented by Mayor Lee and presented to Police Chief Peters.

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.

- Donna Hare-Price

RECESS: At 6:19 p.m. the meeting recessed due to technical difficulties.

RECONVENE: At 6:30 p.m. the meeting resumed with all Council Members present on the video conference, with Council Member Nicolls joining the meeting via teleconference.

RECESS: At 6:33 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Bright asked for another recess due to technical difficulties

RECONVENE: At 6:38 p.m. the meeting resumed with all Council Members present on the video conference and Council Member Nicolls joining the meeting via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter. At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments.

City Clerk Sims read an email comment on item 4 from Jim Joffe.

It was moved by Mayor Lee and seconded by Council Member Nicolls to approve the Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3, 4, and 5 as recommended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

3. Minutes of the City Council Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

4. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article III, Chapter 12, Section 3996 of the Grover Beach Municipal Code relating to Fireworks Discharge Period

Action: Introduced and conducted first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 20-04 regarding Fireworks Public Discharge Period, and schedule a second reading, public testimony and adoption for the next regularly scheduled meeting.)

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending Article III, Chapter 12, Section 3996 of the Grover Beach Municipal Code Pertaining to Fireworks Public Discharge Period

5. Administrative Services Department Reorganization –

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 20-12 to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan to Add the Accounting Technician I/II/III Classification and Finance Manager Classification and Remove Revenue Technician, Assistant Administrative Services Director and Accountant Classifications and Convert Temporary Administrative Assistant Position to Permanent Position.)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, Amending the Classification and Compensation Plan to Add the Accounting Technician I/II/III Classification and Finance Manager Classification, Convert

Administrative Assistant I – Temporary to Administrative Assistant – I Permanent and Remove Revenue Technician, Assistant Administrative Services Director and Accountant Classification

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Housing Update and Policy Direction

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

Community Development Director Buckingham gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on several housing issues such as the Housing Element update, preliminary Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) assessment and various grant funding.

Staff then responded to questions from Council on the PLHA grant timing, funds, and rezoning.

At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments. Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter

- **Morgan Benevedo**
- **John Fowler**
- **Krista Jeffries**

There being no further public comments received, the Mayor closed public comment.

Staff responded to comments made during public comment. Discussion was had by Council regarding comments and ask additional questions from staff who provided answers.

City Manager Bronson gave a brief synopsis of how the Cleaver property came to be considered for the proposed project.

Action: Council received the update on housing policy issues and upon consensus the Council provided direction to staff on PLHA funding, potential activities to facilitate housing production.

7. COVID-19 Financial Projections and FY 2020-21 Budget Update

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

City Manager Bronson gave a brief overview and then Administrative Services Director Purcell gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on updates of the City's Financial Projections and Response due to COVID-19 as well as an update on the FY 2020-21 Budget Update.

At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments. Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter. No comments were received at this time and the Mayor closed public comment.

Staff responded to questions from Council on continuing the project on North Oak Park, not charging late fees for utility payments and Transient Occupancy Tax, clarification on AB 147, and the interfund loan.

Action: Council received information on the City's financial projections and responses to COVID-19 impacts along with FY 2020-21 budget development process and provide input and direction to staff including agendaizing future discussion regarding a sales tax measure.

8. Update on City's COVID-19 Response –

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

City Manager Bronson gave an update on the County and City response on COVID-19 pandemic. The County's phased plan to reopen, known as the START Guide – Steps To Adapt and Reopen Together is based around 3 different phases of reopening with each phase having a 30-day time period. First phase allows retail establishments and restaurants to open with physical distance requirements, sanitation, hygiene in place also gatherings of no more than 10 individuals at one time. Phase 2 will add additional facilities to operate and gatherings with up to 50 individuals, and Phase 3 will allow gatherings of an undetermined number to take place and most businesses to operate with this new confine. It is important to note that all phases have some prerequisites we will all need to abide to. Grover Beach is also one of the 2 regional testing facilities in the County which opened today.

There was a brief discussion regarding Face Covering Ordinances. City Manager Bronson then asked the Council to approve the extension of our local emergency declaration to continue this for an additional sixty (60) days to allow the City to continue to seek reimbursement for COVID related costs.

At 8:36 pm, Council Member Nicolls stated she would be departing from the meeting and left the teleconference.

At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments. Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter:

- Paden McMiff
- Emma Coleman
- Linda McClure
- Tom Rehder
- Laurie Rolls
- Krista Jeffries

City Clerk Sims read into the record emails received from Arthron Anabella

There being no further public comments received, the Mayor closed public comment.

City Clerk Sims also read a phone message from Catherine Riser.

There was a brief discussion among Council and Staff responding to questions and concerns from public comment. Council also discussed the letter to Governor Newsom regarding rent/mortgage relief, extending the emergency declaration and future discussion on a mask ordinance.

Action: Council received the update on the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provided direction to staff to agendize a discussion on a mask ordinance and approved the extension of the City's local emergency declaration.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

At this time Mayor Lee asked if there was anyone on the teleconference line that wanted to make any public comments. Mayor Lee invited public comment on this matter

No public comments were received at this time and the Mayor closed public comment.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Lance commented on her meeting for Visit SLO CAL about their strategic plan.

Council Member Shah made comment on the League of Cities- Channel Counties Division and the Homeless Services Overnight Council (HSOC). She stated she also sat in on a Grant Committee Hearing regarding applying for the Federal COC Grant.

Mayor Lee stated he did not have any formal meetings but mentioned receiving public communication to the Monterey Bay Community Power Policy Board regarding the Board's action to accept power allocation credits from the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Member Shah commented Happy Teacher Appreciation Week "virtually Hug your Teacher's".

- B. Mayor Lee informed the Council of his communications with the City Manager and South County Chambers of Commerce regarding the Saturday Small Business Shout-out that was done with Nan's Bookstore, Ron's Nursery and Station Grill. Hoping to continue that this next Saturday with different Grover Beach Business owners.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager Bronson thanked the Council for bearing with the technical issues and we will continue to refine things as we go along in this virtual environment and looks forward to the day when we will be together in one place, in a safe physical proximity.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Attorney Hale states he has no comment.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

JEFF LEE, MAYOR

Attest:

WENDI SIMS, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg _____)