



## ACTION MINUTES

# CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION

**Saturday, November 7, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

**Pacific Grove Community Center**

**515 Junipero Avenue--Pacific Grove, CA**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vince Tuminello asked the Council to manage the budget in the manner of a successful business.

John Fischer warned of the structural budget problem to face us in two years and asked the Council to define where the City wants to go, how to get there, and how to pay for it.

Sue Renz indicated that better communication is needed with the public on day-to-day matters the City is addressing. What is the status of the Bath House? Our sewer lines?

Bob Pacelli said that our contract with Monterey for Fire Department services is one-sided and asked that we talk to CalFire.

Anthony Pearsall requested the Council to consider re-establishing a Chautauqua.

Frances Grate asked the Council to beware of special interests.

Jean Lilly said that the tree ordinance is too rigid, by requiring 2 for 1 replacement and in making it difficult to get a permit to remove a moribund tree.

Ida Barber indicated that bigger is not necessarily better; the Holman Building proposal is out of scale with our community.

Maureen Mason asked the Council to take advantage of our coastline to attract tourists in a non-invasive way.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their comments and attendance and turned the meeting over to the facilitator, Bob Sadler.

### 3. SESSION PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES REVIEW

Bob indicated that the purpose of the day was to refine the existing vision for the future, develop a roadmap of how to get there, and agree on a package of norms, guidelines, and processes by which the Council will operate collaboratively and effectively.

**4. COUNCIL NORMS AND VALUES**

Bob led the Council through an exercise to identify their common values.

**5. CURRENT CITY DEMOGRAPHICS AND DIRECTION**

The Council discussed current characteristics of the community and trends.

**6. DEVELOPMENT OF REVISED DIRECTION**

The Council developed preliminary three- and five-year goals, based on its vision. The Council also developed some operating agreements to guide their future interaction and help manage the agendas at Council meetings.

**7. CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

The three- and five-year goals are to be fleshed out by staff and brought back to a subsequent Council meeting for adoption.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ann O'Rourke*

Ann O'Rourke, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST BY CITY CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_