

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
July 24, 2018

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:01 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez called to order the special meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Bryan A. MacDonald, Oscar Madrigal, Bert Perello, and Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez were present (Mayor Tim Flynn was absent).

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Assistant City Attorney; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None received.)

C. CLOSED SESSION

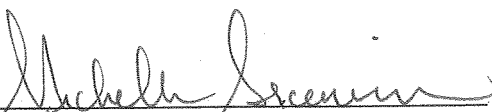
Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez read the following closed session statement:

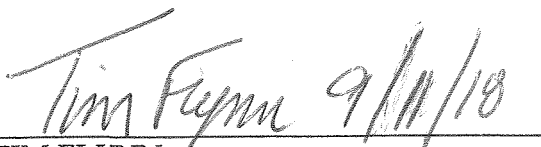
“In accordance with Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), a point has been reached where, in the opinion of City Council on the advice of its Assistant City Attorney, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the City and all the other entities claiming groundwater rights in the Oxnard sub-basin. Due to the current drought and lack of surface water, the agricultural community is especially vulnerable to restrictions in groundwater pumping. As the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency considers a proposal to restrict such pumping, and as the GMA has stated publicly that it wants to put a groundwater sustainability plan in place by this fall, some members of the agricultural community may file suit to adjudicate the basin, which would bring the City into litigation. Such suit has already been filed on March 27, 2018, against the GMA regarding the Las Posas Valley groundwater basin, which is a neighboring basin that is separate from, but hydrologically connected to, the Oxnard sub-basin, which is the City’s basin.”

At 4:04 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 4:32 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The Assistant City Attorney announced that there were no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor