

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2018

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:36 p.m., Mayor Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council (concurrently with the Oxnard Housing Authority) 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, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez, and Mayor Tim Flynn were present. Housing Commissioners Jose Andrade (arrived at 6:00 p.m.) and Francisco Vega (arrived at 6:25 p.m.) were present for open session.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Ashley Golden, Interim Assistant City Manager; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public comments were received from Alicia Percell and Edward Castillo.

C. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Flynn read the following closed session statement:

“The City Council will recess to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its attorneys. The titles of the litigation being discussed are City of Oxnard; et al. v. Aaron Starr; Aaron Starr and Nancy Pedersen v. City of Oxnard; Aaron Starr v. City of Oxnard; and Moving Oxnard Forward v. Jim Throop; et al.

At 4:43 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 6:07 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there were no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

Additional staff members present at this time were Arturo Casillas, Housing Director; Rosemarie Gaglione, Public Works Director; Suzanne Bellah, Cultural Arts Supervisor; Mark Alvarado, Homelessness Coordinator; Karl Lawson, Housing Compliance Services Manager; Erik Garwick, Parks Manager; and Karen Moore, Assistant City Clerk.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Commendation to the El Rio Fastpitch 8U Gold Allstar Team for Winning the California State Games Junior Olympic Tournament.

Mayor Flynn named the team's accomplishments throughout the season and team manager Carlo Godoy made remarks. The Councilmembers presented the players and coaches with certificates.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Week of September 17-23, 2018 as "Constitution Week."

Mayor Flynn read the proclamation and presented it to Jackie Gardena, Dean and Professor of Law at the Ventura College of Law. Public comments were received from Lance Ralston, Michael Hernandez, George Miller, and Edward Castillo.

3. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of September 15 through October 15, 2018 as "Hispanic Heritage Month."

Mayor Flynn read the proclamation and presented it to the Cultural Arts Supervisor, who made some remarks, and Carnegie Art Museum board member Cesar Perez.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Flynn announced that item H-1 has been pulled from the agenda.

Public comments were received from Woodrow Thomas Sr. (status of his claim against the city), Calvin Matsui (supporting candidate Lance Ralston), Miguel Espinosa (constitutional rights for Latino citizens), Leo Martinez (supporting candidate Lance Ralston), Bonnie Carter (on behalf of Alexis Browning: condition of Meridian Avenue greenbelt), Harold Ceja (parking issues in his neighborhood), George Miller (in support of Proposition 6), Edward Castillo (landscape maintenance districts), Angela Whitecomb (Parks and Recreation Commission recent activities), Pat Brown (city budget limitations), Gary Blum (annual Oxnard Historic Homes tour), and Martin Jones (the city's credit rating).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The Interim Assistant City Manager reported that due to partnership with the school districts, funding for youth sports has been reinstated to pre-budget cut levels. The Assistant City Manager reported on the passage of SB862 which granted \$9.5 million for emergency repairs at the wastewater treatment plant.

H. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard City Council Position on November 2018 Ballot Initiatives.

(This item was removed from the agenda.)

Councilmember Madrigal commented on the recent passing of Dr. Tom McCambridge, upcoming Downtown Improvement Task Force and Carnegie Board meetings, the Boys & Girls Club celebration, El Grito/Fiestas Patrias celebration and parade, and a recent Future Leaders of America meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez commented on youth sports, Fiestas Patrias parade, requested a study session on vaping stores, upcoming disaster preparedness fair, and the Global Action Climate Summit's recent recognition of the City's efforts to restore its coastline.

Councilman MacDonald commended public safety for its response to a recent structure fire, commented on upcoming Fiscal Policy Task Force and Downtown Improvement Task Force meetings, and the recent League of California Cities annual conference in Long Beach.

Councilmember Perello commented on a recent Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting, water conditions in the Channel Islands Harbor, parking at Villa Victoria, El Grito celebration, discussion of placing a project labor agreement on the ballot on an upcoming Council agenda, recent Kennedy dinner, and Jack Villa's appointment to the Ventura County Grand Jury.

Mayor Flynn commented on security at Sycamore Senior Apartments, El Grito/Fiestas Patrias celebration and parade, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting, and upcoming Channel Islands Harbor Task Force meeting.

- I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None.)
- J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None)
- K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

- 1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented.

Development Services Department

- 2. SUBJECT: Notice of Pending Approval – Parcel Map No. 17-300-01.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file only.

Housing Department

- 3. SUBJECT: General Depository Agreement.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a general depository agreement (form HUD-51999) with Bank of America.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Andrade, Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Ramirez, and Vega voted in favor, the motion carried 7-0 on item K-3 (Housing Authority item), and 5-0 on the remaining items (City Council items).

L. PUBLIC HEARINGSHousing Department

1. SUBJECT: The City of Oxnard's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2017-18.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council accept the City of Oxnard's CAPER for FY2017-2018.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications had been received. The Housing Director gave a report.

Mayor Flynn opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. No public comments were received. Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

M. REPORTSHousing Department

1. SUBJECT: Homeless Five-Year Plan.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:
 1. Receive a presentation outlining the Oxnard Homeless Five-Year Plan and Strategy, and
 2. Approve the Oxnard Homeless Five-Year Plan and Strategy for implementation.

The Homelessness Coordinator gave a report. Public comments were received from Rosalinda Torres, Yukio Okano, Lucy Cartagena, Peggy Rivera, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Francine Castanon, Abel Magana, Woodrow Thomas Sr., Gabriela Basua, Steve Nash, and Darlene Miller. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

2. SUBJECT: Declaration of Shelter Crisis; MOUs for Foul Weather Shelter and Countywide Homelessness.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:
 1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Ventura and the City of Ventura for the Governance and Oversight of the Foul Weather Shelter System;
 2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding on "Ventura Countywide Homelessness" with the County of Ventura, the City of Camarillo, the City of Fillmore, the City of Moorpark, the City of Port Hueneme, the City of Santa Paula, the City of Simi Valley, the City of Thousand Oaks, and the City of Ventura; and
 3. Adopt a Declaration of a Shelter Crisis **Resolution No. 15,167.**

Public comments were received from Yukio Okano and Abel Magana.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Department

3. SUBJECT: Report on Street Tree Trimming Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receive a report on the status of street tree trimming services; and
2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 from the Measure O Special Sales Tax Fund Balance to augment contractual Citywide Tree Trimming Services Program (MO5710).

The Parks Manager gave a report. Public comments were received from Jackie Tedeschi, Gabriel Teran, Pat Brown, and Steve Nash. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.



MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk



TIM FLYNN
Mayor