

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 8, 2011

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 7:24 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Irene G. Pinkard, Bryan A. MacDonald, Timothy B. Flynn and Carmen Ramirez were present. Mayor Holden was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday in the Library and City Clerk's Office. Mayor Pro Tem Pinkard presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Edmund Sotelo, City Manager; Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager; Alan Holmberg, City Attorney; Curtis P. Cannon, Community Development Director; Jeri Williams, Police Chief; William "Bill" Wilkins, Housing Director; Matthew Winegar, Development Services Director; Michelle Tellez, Human Resources Director; James Cameron, Chief Financial Officer; Grace Magistrale Hoffman, Deputy City Manager; Michael Henderson, General Services Manager; Robert Cox, Police Commander; Sue Martin, Planning and Environmental Services Manager; Steven Newman, Plan Check Engineer; Lou Balderrama, City Engineer; and Mike Matlock, Gang Reduction Coordinator.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution to Dale Dean for Over Eight Years of Service as a Planning Commissioner.
ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 13,953 (Pinkard/MacDonald) unanimously.
2. SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution to Dr. Sonny Okada for over Eight Years of Service as a Planning Commissioner.
ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 13,954 (Pinkard/MacDonald) unanimously.
3. SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution to Deirdre Frank for over Five Years of Service as a Planning Commissioner.
ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 13,955 (MacDonald/Pinkard) unanimously.
4. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating March 6-12, 2011 "Women in Construction Week."
DISCUSSION: Susan Howland, Brandy Sanchez, Doreen Green from National Women in Construction Ventura-Oxnard Chapter 139.
5. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating March 8, 2011 as "Women's Day."
DISCUSSION: Beatriz Garcia, CAUSE, recognized several women's organizations.

6. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating March 10, 2011 "Go Red for Women Day."

DISCUSSION: Nancy Frawley, American Heart Association, commented on the need for women to be aware of heart symptoms.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Larry Stein (committee reports); Rod Cobos (pipe fitters union); Greg Runyon (women month); Martin Jones (bid process); Bert Perello (budget); and Pat Brown (tourism, redevelopment projects).

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

The Council concurred to removed Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Report (Q-1) from the agenda. The Gang Reduction Coordinator reviewed distribution of funds (I-2). The City Engineer comment on the difficulty of coordinating municipal and private construction (I-3).

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the City Council for February 1 and February 8, 2011. (001)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

City Manager

2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review. (009)

RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to Ordinance 2835, approve and authorize the City Manager, to execute the attached agreements/contracts and change orders/amendments in amounts more than \$25,000 but less than \$250,000.

Public Works Department

3. SUBJECT: Approval of Award of Contract for PW10-14 Bartolo Square South Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvement Project Phase II. (011)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract to Toro Enterprises Inc. (A-7393) in the amount of \$2,478,801 for the Bartolo Square South Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvement Project Phase II (Bartolo Square South Neighborhood Project) Specification No. PW10-14 for pavement resurfacing, sidewalk, curb and gutter repair, replacing street name signs, and water main replacement in the Bartolo Square South Neighborhood bounded eastward to J Street, westward to Ventura Road, northward to Hemlock Street, and southward to Channel Islands Boulevard; and 2) Approve a Special Budget Appropriation of \$900,000 from the Water Operating Fund to the Bartolo Square South Neighborhood Project for water main replacement.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved as recommended. (Ramirez/Pinkard) Ayes: MacDonald, Flynn, Ramirez, and Pinkard. Absent: Holden.

J. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMSK. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGSL. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Pinkard opened the public hearing. The City Clerk reported on publication and that there were no written communications received.

Development Services Department

1. SUBJECT: Planning & Zoning Permit No. 10-630-02 (Specific Plan Amendment to RiverPark Specific Plan; Regulations Related to Freeway Oriented Signs), Filed by RiverPark Collection, LLC. (037)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of an ordinance amending Section 5.9.3.3 of the RiverPark Specific Plan to allow three freeway-oriented monument signs up to a maximum height of 20 feet tall, and to allow subsequent consideration of a special use permit to allow changeable electronic display panels on a 60-foot high freeway pylon sign, situated on the southern edge of The Collection shopping center, on the north side of the 101 Freeway, between North Oxnard Boulevard and RiverPark Boulevard.

DISCUSSION: The Development Services Director outlined the proposed amendment to RiverPark signage along the 101 Freeway. Andres Friedman, Shea Properties applicant, and Alberta Davidson, digital sign consultant, reviewed the request to place signage using new technology.

The City Council discussed: the City's image; traffic distractions; need for community outreach and signage along freeways in the County.

The following individuals provided comments: Larry Stein, Chuck Bauman, Allen Dirrim, William Terry, Pat Brown, Bert Perello, Jim Gilmar, Eileen Tracy, Martin Jones, Dennis Ralph.

ACTION: The City Council removed this item from the agenda at the applicant's request.

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

1. SUBJECT: Update on Wagon Wheel/Oxnard Village Property Condition Issues.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a verbal report on property conditions at Wagon Wheel/Oxnard Village and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION: The Community Development Director, Code Compliance Manager, Plan Check Engineer, Fire Chief, and Police Commander reported on past and current issues of the Wagon Wheel area.

Rene Hactcher, manager of the site, commented on efforts to secure the site and efforts of working with City staff.

The following individuals provided comments: Bart M. Borden; Maren Semler; Frank Nilsen; Pat Brown; and Bert Perello.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

N. CITY COUNCIL/BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS1. SUBJECT: Safe Housing Issues.

RECOMMENDATION: Review elements of the City of Ventura Safe Housing Collaborative Final Report dated February 6, 2011 and discuss possible applicability of similar concepts in Oxnard.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Flynn requested the creation of a committee for safe housing elements issues with community involvement.

The City Council commented on possible assignment to a current advisory committee. The City Attorney stated staff would need to investigate the by-laws of current advisory committees.

ACTION: Provided comments to staff.

O. REPORTSP. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTSQ. APPOINTMENT ITEMSCity Managers Department1. SUBJECT: Presentation of the Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Report.

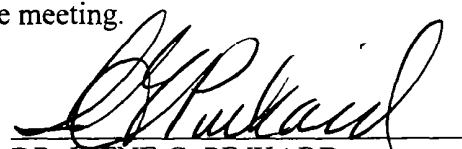
RECOMMENDATION: Consider a verbal Annual Report from the Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ACTION: Concurred to continue to future date.

R. STUDY SESSIONS. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSIONT. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


DR. IRENE G. PINKARD
Mayor Pro Tem