MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2017

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:08 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council was called to order by Mayor Flynn in the Council Chambers. 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.

Staff members present were Greg Nyhoff, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Ruth Osuna, Assistant City Manager; Arturo Casillas, Housing Director; Ingrid Hardy, Cultural and Community Services Director; Kymberly Horner, Economic Development Director; Steve Janice, Human Resources Director; Phillip Molina, City Treasurer; Daniel Rydberg, Public Works Director; Jim Throop, Chief Financial Officer; Sandra Burkhart, Special Districts Administrator; George Iafrete, Computer Network Engineer III; Kathleen Mallory, Planning Division Manager; Michael More, Financial Services Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Assistant City Attorney; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chief of Police; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of a young father and son who recently perished in a residential fire.

C. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of February 2017 as "Healthy Heart Month."

Mayor Flynn presented the proclamation to Dr. Lisa Knapp, President of the Soroptomists International - Camino Real Region, who made some remarks.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation by California Department of Parks and Recreation Deputy Director of External Affairs Sedrick Mitchell, for Oxnard's Meet Up Clean Up Program.

The Cultural and Community Services Director introduced Mr. Mitchell, who made some remarks and presented a video on the Outdoor Youth Leadership program.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Tom Cady (wastewater rates), Mike Kommel (off-leash dogs), Jesse Calvillo (welcoming immigrants), Alex Reyes (library policies), Alise Echele (safe city resolution), Josephine Soliz (safe city), Nancy Pedersen (traffic on Date Street, safe city), Jackie Tedeschi (praise for St. John's hospital and Glenwood), Deborah Baber (immigration enforcement), Armando Vasquez (community arts), Celeste Gamino (safe city), Carmen Obeso (safe city), Israel Vasquez (safe city), Robert Franks (wastewater rates), Shannon Lopez (safe city), Jorge Toledano (safe city), Litzy Hernandez (safe city), Maricela Morales (safe city), Woodrow Thomas Sr. (public safety), Marisa Martinez (section eight, safe city), Daniel Chavez Jr. (reduced public comment time), George Miller (against sanctuary city), Sante Alvarez (safe city), and Pat Brown (Seventh Street repairs).

E. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager presented a video and a report on the impacts of the recent severe rainstorms. He announced the availability of the 2016 Year in Review annual report. He announced that the next meeting on March 7, 2017 will include the mid-year budget report and wastewater rates. Discussion ensued among Council and the City Manager.

F. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Madrigal offered condolences for the family of the father and son that died in a recent fire, commended staff on their hard work during the recent storms, reported on visiting local schools and Neighborhood Council meetings, and announced the upcoming Dr. Seuss reading event.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez spoke on the recent rain events and City employees who worked in those conditions, and commented on safe cities.

Councilman MacDonald reported on participating in Read Across America, announced upcoming transportation meetings, and thanked the employees that worked in the rain. He congratulated Commander Andrew Salinas who will be new Chief of Police at the City of Port Hueneme. He also commented on the recent Kiwanis event honoring Oxnard Police Officers.

Councilmember Perello congratulated Haas Automotive, whose house car recently won the Daytona 500. He announced recent and upcoming Neighborhood Council meetings, and upcoming Planning Commission and INCO meetings. He commented on agriculture and safe cities, and low water levels in local lakes and aquifers.

Mayor Flynn commented on the challenges of the previous year but highlighted several of the successes that were achieved in the city.

1. SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to Serve on City of Oxnard Citizen Advisory Groups ("CAGs")
   RECOMMENDATION: 1. That the City Council ratify the Mayor's appointments of:
   a. Two (2) members to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners,
   b. Five (5) members to the Downtown Design Review Committee (DDRC),
   c. Seven (7) members to the Commission on Homelessness,
   d. Nine (9) members to the Cultural Arts Commission,
   e. Five (5) members to the Library Board,
   f. Seven (7) members to the Parks and Recreation and Community Services Commission,
   g. Four (4) members to the Planning Commission,
   h. Nine (9) members to the Senior Services Commission,
   i. One (1) adult member to the Youth Commission; and

   2. That the City Council appoint seven (7) members to the Community Relations Commission.

Mayor Flynn gave a report, stated that Recommendation (i) regarding the Youth Commission appointment, will be put on hold, as the commission is under review. He also stated that he has an alternate appointee for the Senior Services Commission, as one proposed appointee recently passed away. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

Council requested to receive all of the CAG applications for the commissions in Recommendations (a-h) and that the appointments be postponed until a special meeting to be held March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Public comments were received from Al Velasquez, Daniel Chavez Jr., Aaron Starr, Woodrow Thomas Sr., and George Miller.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve the Mayor's recommended appointments to the Community Relations Commission (Recommendation 2). VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

2. SUBJECT: Appointment of Councilmembers to Serve on Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
   RECOMMENDATION: 1. That the City Council ratify the Mayor's appointments of:
   a. Councilmember Perello to the Utilities Task Force,
   b. Mayor Flynn to the Fiscal Policy Task Force,
   c. Councilmember Madrigal to assume former Councilmember Padilla's committee assignments,
   d. Re-appoint all other current Councilmember committee assignments; and

   2. That the City Council discuss the number and scope of the City's committees.

Mayor Flynn gave a report. Discussion ensued among Council and staff. The appointment to the Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau was changed from Councilmember Madrigal to Councilman MacDonald.

Public comments were received from Abel Magana, Dan Pinedo, Al Velasquez, Jackie Tedeschi, Daniel Chavez Jr., Steve Nash, and Aaron Starr.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, seconded by Councilman MacDonald, to approve the recommendation as amended. The vote for each of the recommendations was as follows:
Recommendation (a): Flynn, MacDonald, Perello and Ramirez voted in favor (Madrigal voted against); the motion carried 4-1.
Recommendation (b): Flynn, MacDonald, and Ramirez voted in favor (Madrigal and Perello voted against); the motion carried 3-2.
Recommendations (c) and (d): Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

3. SUBJECT: Internal Audit Process.
   RECOMMENDATION: That City Council provide direction to staff regarding the interview format and process for selecting the City's first Internal Auditor.

Assistant City Manager Nava gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council.

Public comments were received from Al Velasquez and Pat Brown.

The Council provided direction to the City Manager to conduct the interviews in closed session (Flynn, MacDonald, and Ramirez opted for closed session; Madrigal and Perello voted for open session). Further discussion ensued among Council and staff.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items I-2(a), I-2(b) and 1-3 were pulled for discussion.

Regarding I-2(a): Councilmember Perello inquired about the account balance following the recommended expenditure (the Development Services Director responded).

Regarding I-2(b): Councilmember Perello and Fire Chief Base discussed the use of Fire vehicles.

Regarding I-3: Councilmember Perello inquired if the salary range in the staff report included benefits (the City Manager and Assistant City Managers responded).

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None)

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes: December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of December 20, 2016.

City Manager Department

2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, pursuant to Ordinance 2835, and Resolution No. 13,932, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements/contracts and change orders/amendments in amounts more than $25,000 but no more than $250,000, which are described on the attached list:
A) Michael Baker International, Inc. {6639-14-DS} to perform services related to the Housing Element ($28,215).
B) Downtown Ford Sales for the purchase of a Ford Expedition for the Fire Department ($51,003).
C) Crafco, Inc. for the purchase of asphalt cold patch material for pothole repairs ($50,000).

3. SUBJECT: Approval of Resolutions Authorizing Full-Time Equivalent Positions and Approving Salary Schedule.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council: 1,) Adopt a resolution amending Resolution No. 14,949 authorizing full-time equivalent positions and setting the authorized full-time equivalent positions to include the Downtown Revitalization Manager; 2.) Adopt a resolution repealing Resolution No. 14,950 and approving changes to Section XII of the Personnel Rules and Regulations setting the classification and salary schedule for the

Downtown Revitalization Manager; and 3.) Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of $41,000 from Downtown Improvement Fund 481 for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Development Services Department

4. SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2017-18.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the Development Services Director to submit a claim to Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD) for $787,892, which included $520,258 of new revenues and reprogram funding of $267,634 available from completed capital projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF – Fund 213).

Police Department

5. SUBJECT: Federal and State Asset Forfeiture Funds.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve a special budget appropriation in the amount of $312,929 for the use of Federal ($282,929) and State ($30,000) asset forfeiture funds allocated to the City of Oxnard Police Department. The funds will be used for training and equipment purchases not normally associated with general fund expenditures.

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

J. REPORTS

Housing Department

1. SUBJECT: Emergency Winter Warming Shelter Funding.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive a staff report on status of current 2016-17 Winter Warming Shelter administration, finance and operations; That the City Council consider and approve a re-allocation of $15,000 from Housing Department salary savings to the Winter Warming Shelter to allow for continued operations, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute necessary agreements for this purpose.

The Housing Director gave a report. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Steve Nash. A letter from Phillip Molina was submitted for the record.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald to approve staff's recommendation as presented. (The motion was not seconded.)

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to amend the motion to include direction to staff to contact the Northern California legislator who is seeking support to remove the mortgage deduction for owners of second/vacation homes, in order to be able to provide revenue for homeless services (as cited in a December 2016 Los Angeles Times article).

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez also requested that staff report back to the Council on the actions other cities are taking to address homelessness.

VOTE: Flynn, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor of amending the motion, MacDonald voted against; the motion carried 4-1.

VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor of the amended motion; the motion carried 5-0.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS (None)

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from Al Velasquez (warrant payment listing), Aaron Starr (wastewater rates), and Alicia Percell (wastewater rates). Further discussion ensued among the Council.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Michelle Ascencion

MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk

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Mayor