

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 18, 2016

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:02 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Tim Flynn, Carmen Ramirez, Bryan A. MacDonald, Dorina Padilla and Bert Perello were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday at the Oxnard City Hall and the Library. Mayor Flynn presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Greg Nyhoff, City Manager; Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager and Stephen Fischer, City Attorney.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public comment received from: Steve Nash.

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with its attorneys. The title and case number of the litigation being discussed is City of Oxnard v. Dale Belcher, et al., Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 56-2014-00450216-CU-CO-VTA

At 6:01 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:01 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council reconvened in the Council Chambers, concurrently with the Community Development Commission Successor Agency. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence for Tony Grey and Bret Robles. Mayor Flynn presided. Additional staff members present were: Daniel Rydberg, Public Works Director; James Throop, Interim Chief Financial Officer; Kymberly Horner, Economic Development Director; Arturo Castillo, Housing Director; Ingrid Hardy, Cultural and Community Services Director; Ashley Golden, Development Services Director and Todd Moody, Special Counsel.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of the Helen Putnam Award to the Oxnard City Council by Dave Mullinax with the League of California Cities.

DISCUSSION: David Mullinax commented on the recognition of League of California Cities for the activities of City Corps. The City Council recognized the City Corps organization and Efren Gorre. The Public Works Director commented on the work of the City Corps organization.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation by Award Winning Producer/Director Lorenzo DiStefano of His Documentary "Hearing is Believing" Honoring Oxnard Resident, Rachel Flowers.
DISCUSSION: Recognized Rachel Flowers who was portrayed in a documentary.
3. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Certificate of Commendation to the Oxnard Stars and Plyometric Fusion Team.
DISCUSSION: Recognized the Oxnard Stars and Plyometric Fusion Team which consisted of several youth competing in track events

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments received from: Daniel Chavez (Council candidate); Peter De Domenico (City Clerk candidate, records system); Edward Castillo (Police incident); Phillip Molina (City Treasurer candidate); Bob Nast (California for Response Oil and Gas); Jackie Tedeschi (Parks and Recreation Department); Woodrow Thomas (past claims against City); Al Jones (City Treasurer candidate); Gary Blum (Steampunk Festival); Aaron Starr (supported Measure M); Martin Jones (past Measure on ballot); Al Velasquez (amount of time to speak, supported on Measure M); Pat Brown (election process & obligations of elected officials); Steve Nash (open-space initiatives) and Alicia Percell (limited "use" of public funds regarding elections)

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager discussed: "Great Shake-Out" activities; special meeting report of audit status including Union Bank, State Controller Office report and bond information. The City Attorney commented on "public use" of funds regarding elections.

H. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Council commented on special meeting to discuss bond letter (regarding "bond" commitments), downtown management meetings, Steampunk Festival, PAC activities, last day to register to vote is Oct. 24 for Nov. 8 election, North Fremont Neighborhood and the hope that the new 2017 Council would be examining budget early next year.

Public comment received from Al Velasquez (balance budget, use of Measure O funds)

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

K. INFORMATION CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: City Council Minutes of October 4, 2016.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve City Council Minutes of October 4, 2016.

City Manager Department

2. **SUBJECT:** Agreements for City Council Review.

RECOMMENDATION: 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) Sam Hill & Sons, Inc. repair cogenerator #3 engine at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (\$29,230); B) Sam Hill & Sons, Inc. replacement of a 500-foot section of sewer pipe in the alley near First Street and Magnolia Avenue (\$74,706); and C) Granite Construction for additional removal and replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter for Sierra Linda Resurfacing Project (\$41,337).

Fire Department

3. **SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Survivability Training as a Subrecipient to the Ventura County Fire Protection District in the Amount of \$49,920

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Resolution No. 14,966** authorizing: 1) The City Manager or designee to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters grant designation from Ventura County Fire Protection District (VCFPD) to the City of Oxnard Fire Department in the amount of \$49,920; 2) The Chief Financial Officer or designee to recognize the \$44,928 from FEMA Grant Fund and 10% match of \$4,992 from Fire General Fund Operating Budget, to submit financial reports and grant claims, and perform all other required financial actions; and 3) The Fire Chief or designee to submit non-financial reports.

Public Works Department

4. **SUBJECT:** Caltrans Master Agreement and Future Supplemental Agreements

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve Master Agreement Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 00494S for State-Aid Projects and authorize the Mayor to execute this Master Agreement (Agreement No. A-7932); and 2) Adopt **Resolution No. 14,967** authorizing the Mayor or his or her designee to execute all future project- or grant-specific supplemental agreements and related documents that fall under this Master Agreement.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved as recommended. (MacDonald/Padilla) Ayes: Ramirez, MacDonald, Padilla, Perello and Flynn

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

M. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

N. REPORTS

Economic Development Department

1. **SUBJECT:** Downtown Vision Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the: City Council accept the Downtown Vision Plan and direct staff to prepare and return with an Implementation Plan; and Community Development Commission Successor Agency accept the Downtown Vision Plan and direct staff to prepare and return with an Implementation Plan.

DISCUSSION: The City Manager commented on: possible development of downtown Oxnard compared to other communities; working on an "implementation" plan; public outreach: use of public arts; development of a Downtown Vision plan including "mixed-use" development and having a "private/public" business plan.

The Economic Development Director outlined the gathering information, community input regarding a "downtown vision" and possible "downtown" regulations updated.

The Public Works Director outlined possible development including traffic changes including bicycle paths and being "pedestrian" friendly.

David Sargent, Congress with New Urbanism, discussed: "downtown" development; reconfigure areas around Plaza Park; having live/work structures; infill development; providing downtown services and structures.

The Cultural and Community Services Director commented how "arts" can impact the downtown atmosphere, arts having an impact on the community including engaging the community.

The Development Services Director discussed parking strategies including in-lieu fees, sharing parking space (business/residential), parking meters, encourage "other transportation" options and possible future parking structure.

The Housing Director briefly discussed homeless issues, goals to reduce "homelessness in the community" and development of "long-term" services.

Public comments received from: Orlando Dozier; Gary Blum; Aurelio Ocampo; Pat Brown; Louise Carrisle; Steve Nash; George Sorkin; Roger Poirier; Daniel Chavez; George Miller; Jackie Tedeschi; Abel Magana; Alex Rivera; Al Velasquez; Vincent Bezares and Aaron Starr.

The City Council discussed: working with business community, development of downtown policies, examining downtown "traffic" flow, downtown zoning requirements, past "downtown" plans, housing issues/policies, homelessness issues and staffing needs.

ACTION: Moved to accept report and directions to staff (MacDonald/Ramirez) Ayes: MacDonald, Padilla, Perello, Flynn and Ramirez.

At 10:08 p.m. the City Council concurred to continue past 10:00 p.m. to hear item N-2.

2. SUBJECT: Successor Agency Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Verbal Report on Successor Agency Updates and Accomplishments and provide Comment to Staff; and That Community Development Commission Successor Agency Receive Verbal Report on Successor Agency Updates and Accomplishments and provide Comment to Staff.

DISCUSSION: The Economic Development Director reviewed the plan to dissolve former Redevelopment properties, the need to have a "development" plan, process to transfer properties, settlement agreement with La Dolce Vita, submitting of ROPS, RiverPark amendment, disposition of properties and "long-range" plans.

Public comments received from: Amanda Fegan (Naval Base Ventura County) and George Miller.

The Special Counsel reviewed the settlement agreement with La Dolce Vita.

The City Council discussed: the progress to "sell" properties including disposition of Heritage Square properties and attorney fees.

ACTION: The City Council provided comments and directions to staff.

Public Works Department

3. SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project Update.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal update on the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements project and provide feedback to staff.

ACTION: The City Council concurred to continue to future date.

O. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

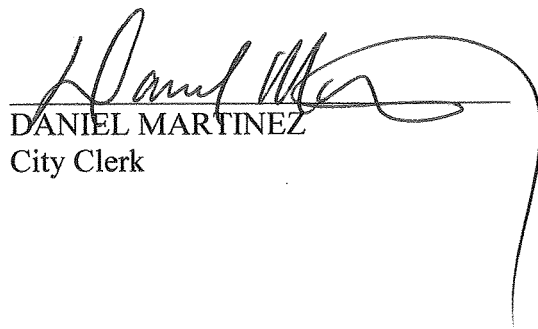
Q. STUDY SESSION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUCCESSOR AGENCY

At 10:51 p.m. the joint meeting with the Commission Development Commission Successor Agency concluded.

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:51 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.



DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk



TIM FLYNN
Mayor