

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 5, 2016

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:03 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. Mayor Flynn presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Scott Whitney, Assistant City Manager; Tobin Cosio, Human Resources Director and Jefferson Billingsley, Deputy City Attorney.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, to review the status of labor negotiations and to review its available funds and funding priorities for the sole purpose of providing instructions to the City's negotiator, Tobin Cosio, Director of Human Resources, regarding: Employee organizations: International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local No. 1684; Oxnard Peace Officers' Association (OPOA); Service Employees International Union CTW, CLC, Local 721 (SEIU Local 721); International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO, Local No. 501 (IUOE Local 501); Oxnard Public Safety Management Employees' Association (Police Unit); Oxnard Public Safety Management Employees' Association (Fire Unit); and Oxnard Mid-Managers' Association (OMMA); **Unrepresented employees:** Assistant City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Deputy City Manager, Development Services Director, Fire Chief, Housing Director, Human Resources Director, Economic Development Director, I.T. Director, Library Director, Police Chief, Utilities Director (**Department Directors**); Assistant City Attorney, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Community Relations and Public Affairs Manager, Deputy City Attorney, Law Office Manager, Human Resources Manager, Workers' Compensation Manager, Management Analyst III (C) (**Confidential Mid-Managers**); Accountant II (C80), Accounting Technician (C67), Administrative Assistant (C70), Administrative Legal Assistant (C70), Administrative Legal Secretary I (C25), Administrative Legal Secretary II (C35), Administrative Legal Secretary III (C50), Administrative Secretary I (C15), Administrative Secretary II (C30), Administrative Secretary III (C40), Administrative Services Assistant (C70), Administrative Technician (C60), Employee Relations Coordinator (C67), Executive Assistant I (C80), Executive Assistant II (C85), Human Resources Technician (C70), Office Assistant I (C10), Office Assistant II (C20), Paralegal (C75), Safety Specialist (C72), Senior Administrative Legal Secretary (C65), Senior Administrative Secretary (C55), Senior Benefits Coordinator (C75), Senior Human Resources Coordinator (C75), Workers' Compensation Specialist (C69) (**Confidential Employees**); unrepresented Limited Benefit Employees.

At 6:05 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:09 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council reconvened in the Council Chambers. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence. Mayor Flynn presided. Additional staff members present were: Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Police Chief; Jason Benites, Assistant Police Chief; Ashley Golden, Development Services Director; Kymberly Horner, Economic Development Director; Daniel Rydberg, Utilities Director; Pete Martinez, Wastewater Collect Supervisor and Eric Humel, City Corps Coordinator.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. **SUBJECT:** Presentation of a Commendation to Oxnard College Men's Soccer for Winning the CCCAA State Championship.
DISCUSSION: Mayor Flynn on behalf of the City of Oxnard presented a commendation to the Oxnard College Men's Soccer team.
2. **SUBJECT:** Recognition of Coach Greaney for Receiving National Coach of the Year Award
DISCUSSION: Mayor Flynn on behalf of the City of Oxnard recognized Coach Greaney for being selected as National Coach of the Year.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Mayor Flynn requested Appointment of Citizen Advisory Groups (N-1) be removed from agenda.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from: Ventura Fernandez; Al Velasquez (proposed utility rate increase, NRC power plant negotiations, Channel Islands Harbor agreement); Ed Ellis (Ormond Beach); Susan Neilsen (Heritage Square cook book); Julia Chambers (Children's Museum); Aaron Starr ("utility protest" post card); George Miller (rebuilding costs of waste plant); Lucero Risas (apartment parking); Gary Jarrison (Utility bill); Celeste Gamino (Southwind Community Park lights); and Pat Brown (proposed utility rates).

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Comments was received from: Assistant Police Chief (Sonstegard) (I-2(a)) and Assistant Police Chief (Benites) (I-2(b)).

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA**I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA****City Clerk Department**

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Oxnard City Council for November 10 and 17, 2015; and Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oxnard City Council for November 23, 2015. (001)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

City Manager Department2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review. (017)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the City Manager, to execute the attached 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.

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

J. PUBLIC HEARINGSK. APPOINTMENT ITEMSL. REPORTSCity Attorney Department1. SUBJECT: Ordinance Imposing Smoking Regulations in Recreational Areas. (021)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of an ordinance enacting smoking regulations for recreational areas in the City.

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Attorney reviewed the proposed ordinance including public outreach, second hand smoke and public/private property restrictions.

Public comments received from: Kaz Iwanmoto, Primo Castro and Gabriel Teran.

The City Council discussed: possible smoking restrictions; need for clarification of private property and public property restrictions; community outreach & input and enforcement.

ACTION: Moved to have proposed ordinance returned to Parks & Recreation to strengthen the proposed Ordinance (Flynn/Ramirez) unanimously.

City Manager Department2. SUBJECT: Organization Assessment: Status Update on the Implementation Action Plan's for the 128 Recommendations. (027)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a status update on the Organizational Assessment's Implementation Action Plans (IAP's) that prioritizes the 128 recommendations adopted by Council on July 21, 2015.

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Manager (Hurtado) commented on process of items including the development of the 457b retirement plan, reclassification of Human Resources position, development of Internal Audit Program and development of 4 year IT Master Plan

The Human Resources Director reviewed the creation of "Position Control System" who would review personnel recruitment information including job description (announcing schedule of interview & testing) and update of recruitment flyers.

Public comment received from: Steve Nash.

The City Council discussed the work of staff including efforts to update the application program and financial data update.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

Development Services Department

3. SUBJECT: City of Oxnard Development Update. (105)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on development in the City of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION: The Development Services Director reviewed planning services; in-lieu fees, development impact fees and development project list which included residential, commercial and industrial project.

The Economic Development Director commented on contacting "Trader Joes" store regarding a location in Oxnard.

At 9:24 p.m., Mayor Flynn left the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez presided. At 9:26 p.m. Mayor Flynn returned the meeting and presided.

Public comments received from: Pat Brown and Steve Nash.

The City Council discussed: in-lieu housing fees (affordable housing); development impact fees; proposed third Esplanade Tower restrictions; industrial property uses; location of Oxnard Airport; greenbelt agreements and impact of "short-term" rental of houses.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

Public Works Department

4. SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Workforce Development and Job Training Grant. (107)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$200,000 in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funds, to be used for the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Program.

DISCUSSION: The Utilities Director and City Corps Coordinator outlined the request for the grant for City Corps service to provide training and certification programs.

The City Council discussed the use of grant funding to train City individuals.

ACTION: Approved as recommended, **Resolution No. 14,885**. (Ramirez/Perello) Ayes: MacDonald, Padilla, Perello, Flynn and Ramirez.

5. SUBJECT: Verbal Report on the Upcoming El Niño Winter Storm Season. (133)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal report on the upcoming El Niño Winter Storm Season and the steps being taken to mitigate the effects for residences and businesses of the City.

DISCUSSION: The Utilities Director and Wastewater Collect Supervisor reviewed the forecasted El Nino season with February being the wettest month with maintenance of storm drains, catch basin, flooding problem areas (Mandalay Beach Road, Wagon Wheel) and pilot pump program at Mandalay Beach Road.

Public comment received from: Walter Hagedohn.

The City Council discussed the Mandalay Beach Road pilot program.

ACTION: The City Council received report and provided comments to staff.

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

1. SUBJECT: Receive Verbal Report on Oxnard Community Development Commission Successor Agency and Update Status of Redevelopment Activities in the City of Oxnard.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and consider report.

DISCUSSION: The Economic Development Director commented on the transfer of parking lots, Visitor Center and Heritage Hall to the City. She also commented on the long-range plan of former redevelopment properties for sale and future downtown development planning.

Public comments received from: Greg Kenny; Steve Nash and Abel Magana.

The City Council/Successor Agency discussed possible grouping of properties for development of downtown, public information outreach, City's rights and State reliquidation requirements.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUCCESSOR AGENCY

At 10:58 p.m. the joint meeting with the Commission Development Commission Successor Agency concluded.

N. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizen Advisory Groups. (135)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with approval of the City Council, 1) appoint: a) One member to the Cultural Arts Commission; b) One member to the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission and c) Two members to the Senior Services Commission; and, 2) That the City Council appoint: One member to the Community Relations Commission.
ACTION: Continue to future date

The City Council discussed: Gold Transit moving to North Oxnard site (MacDonald); Utility rate information being presented to the public (Flynn/Ramirez/Perello); support of Winter Warming Shelter (Ramirez) and short-term "residential" issues (Perello).

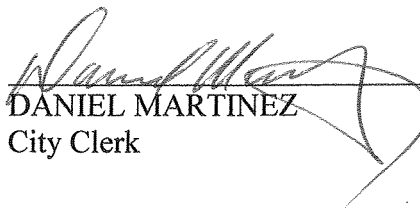
O. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

Q. STUDY SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:07 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.



DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk



TIM FLYNN
Mayor



CARMEN RAMIREZ
Mayor Pro Tem