

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
January 29, 2018

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Flynn called to order the special meeting of the Oxnard City Council 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 Oscar Madrigal, Bert Perello, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez, and Mayor Tim Flynn were present; Councilman Bryan A. MacDonald was absent.

Staff members present were Scott Whitney, Interim City Manager/Police Chief; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Ashley Golden, Interim Assistant City Manager; Karen Moore, Assistant City Clerk; Kenneth Rozell, Assistant City Attorney; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Attorney Department

1. SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Draft Maps for Possible City Council Districts.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Hold the fourth public hearing to review the districting process for City Council elections and receive public input regarding the draft district maps; and
2. Provide direction to staff regarding the specific number of Council districts (four, six, or eight) that the City Council wants to consider when determining whether to adopt an ordinance that would approve City Council districts and the sequencing of elections in each of the districts.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications had been received.

The Assistant City Attorney gave a brief report and introduced Douglas Johnson of National Demographics Corporation, who gave a report.

Mayor Flynn opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Jon Huycke, Lawrence Stein, Eileen Tracy, Fatima Contreras, Ruby Rivera, Alejandra Ayala, Natalie Leon, Arthur Valenzuela Jr., Jackie Tedeschi, Dick Jaquez, Lucas Zucker, Pat Brown, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Steve Nash, Lupe Anguiano, and Richard Wrenn.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Discussion ensued among the Council. The Councilmembers stated their preferences for the number of districts and proposed maps as follows:

Madrigal – prefers a six-member council and Map #s 635, 627, 626, 616.

Ramirez – prefers a six-member council and Map #635.

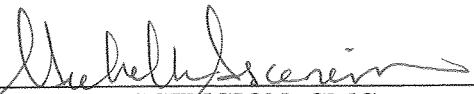
Perello – stated that he would prefer an eight-district council, but six districts would also be acceptable.

Flynn – prefers keeping a four-member council and Map #422, but Map #617 would also be acceptable if the consensus is for a six-member council.

Further discussion ensued among the Council, staff, and Mr. Johnson. No action was taken.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor