

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2016

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:04 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Tim Flynn, Carmen Ramirez, Dorina Padilla and Bert Perello were present. Councilman Bryan A. MacDonald was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday in the Library and City Hall. 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; Scott Whitney, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jeri Williams, Police Chief; Daniel Rydberg, Utilities Director; Arturo Castillo, Housing Director; Thien Ng, Senior Process Engineer; Dave Millican, Special Financial Counsel; Bryan Brice, Fire Chief and Ashley Golden, Development Services Director.

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 for David Sotelo and Stella Berman, 22-year volunteer at Library.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from: Jerry Lucro (Rio Lindo park use); Aaron Starr (initiative process); Al Velasquez (initiative process); Luciano Ortiz (development of sport park); Michael Gleason (maintenance of Landscape Maintenance District funds); Martin Jones (maintenance of wastewater service); Jackie Tedeschi (recognized the actions of Councilman MacDonald to help a resident); Jack Villa (organizing new "neighborhood" councils); Woodrow Thomas (freedom of speech); Yvonne Adan (supporting Transportation Tax on ballot); Manuel Castaneda (health problems related to dog barking, neighborhood parties and alley trash) and Pat Brown (maintenance needs of wastewater service and necessary costs).

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Comments were received from: Senior Process Engineer (I-1(b)) and Utilities Director and Housing Director (I-2).

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from: Al Velasquez and Steve Nash.

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDACity Manager Department

1. 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.

Public Works Department

2. SUBJECT: Approve Plans and Specifications for UD14-02 Alley Reconstruction at Various Locations - Phase II

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council: 1) Approve project plans and specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for Specification UD14-02 Alley Reconstruction at Various Locations – Phase II and 2) Approve a budget appropriation from Fund 285 – CDBG Entitlement in the amount of \$577,886 to Capital Improvements Project 153102, Alleyways Reconstruction, Phase II.

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

J. PUBLIC HEARINGSK. APPOINTMENT ITEMSL. REPORTSFinance Department

1. SUBJECT: Utilities Financial Review

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council received a mid-year budget update report on Utilities.

DISCUSSION: The Special Financial Counsel reviewed the utilities (water, wastewater and solid waste) budget which included policy compliance, revenues, debt service, capital investments, operations and maintenance costs. He reviewed why numbers had changed including using past “faulty” estimates, the March “wastewater” rate increase and insufficient revenue.

Public comments were received from: Aaron Starr; George Miller; Jim Lavery; Al Velasquez; Steve Nash; Woodrow Thomas; Alicia Percell; Shirley Godwin; Larry Godwin; Daniel Chavez and Pat Brown.

The City Manager and Assistant City Manager (Whitney) reported that the figures presented were current numbers for 2015-16 year and reviewed factors that caused figures to change including “not” having final “audit” numbers and projected revenues being lower than predicted.

The Utility Director reviewed: the financing of Utility Programs, payment of debts, timeline to collect “wastewater” increases, vehicle replacement and replacement costs of equipment.

The Senior Process Engineer reviewed possible failures if maintenance is "not" done.

The City Council discussed: projected revenues including over-estimate of revenues; debt service costs; rate "assistance" program and having confidence in numbers provided.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments to staff.

Public Works Department

2. SUBJECT: Receive a Report on the Public Works Integrated Master Plans.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the Final Draft Public Works Integrated Master Plan.

DISCUSSION: The Utility Director reviewed the draft Master Plan including issues regarding regulatory requirements, repair/rehabilitate, growth, performance and resource sustainability master plan timeline.

Public comments received from: Aaron Starr; Steve Nash and George Miller.

The City Council discussed: development fees; connection fees; having a regional approach to solving problems and using innovation to solve problems.

ACTION: The Council concurred to table this item.

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager commented on: discussions of possible development at Sportpark site by YMCA; assessment of maintenance districts; appointment of Ingrid A. Hardy, Cultural and Community Services Director; State of City address and HUD audit.

N. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Council discussed: keeping focused on the basic municipal services that effect individuals in the community; use of Quimby fees within the neighborhoods; having a "whistle blower" process; IRS audit; upcoming State of City address; large parties taking place at local community parks and possible banning of animals at Ormond Beach to protect the snowy plover bird.

O. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

Q. STUDY SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:19 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor