

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2020

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:03 p.m., Mayor Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Vianey Lopez, Bryan A. MacDonald, Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez, and Mayor Tim Flynn were present via videoconference; Councilmember Gabriela Basua arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Alexander Hamilton, Assistant Fire Chief; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. APPOINTMENT ITEM

Fire Department

1. SUBJECT: Update on Expanded COVID-19 Testing.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive a joint presentation from California State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, and the Oxnard Fire Department regarding an overview of COVID-19 testing in the City of Oxnard.

The Assistant Fire Chief, Paramedic Program Medical Director Dr. Todd Larsen, Assemblymember Irwin, and Dr. Hayes-Bautista gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council, staff, Assemblymember Irwin, Dr. Larsen, and Dr. Hayes-Bautista. No formal action was required.

The Council took a brief recess at 5:54 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 6:01 p.m.

C. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

Additional staff members present at this time were Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Renee Rakestraw, Recreation Manager; Phillip Molina, City Treasurer; Jay Duncan, Public Works Call Center Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director; Eden Alomeri, Assistant City Treasurer; Thien Ng, Assistant Public Works Director.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of July 2020 as “Parks and Recreation Month.”

Mayor Flynn read the proclamation and presented it to the Recreation Manager, who made some remarks.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Devina Garcia (recreation funding and police reforms), Lucy Cartagena (public engagement during election season), Ray Blattel (illegal fireworks), Janie H. Lai (homeless shelters), and Veronica Munoz (homeless shelter). Written comments were received from Martina Gallegos (drivers failing to yield at Latigo Avenue/Grave Avenue intersection), Irene Rausschenberger (homeless shelters), and Janie Lai (homeless shelters).

F. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager commented on keeping City Council meetings closed due to the COVID-19 crisis, other business closures due to COVID-19, the statewide eviction moratorium, beach re-openings following the holiday weekend, County business assistance grants, and upcoming physically-distanced recreation classes.

G. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Lopez commented on street sweeping resuming and illegal fireworks.

Councilmember Perello commented on illegal fireworks and council meeting broadcasts while the meetings remain closed.

Councilman MacDonald commented on remote meetings, illegal fireworks, and street sweeping.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez commented on illegal fireworks, closed council meetings, maintaining staffing through the COVID-19 crisis, the recent town hall discussion on racial justice and policing, food distribution events, the recently-approved homeless solutions center, and school re-openings.

Councilwoman Basua commented on illegal fireworks and child care accommodations for staff if schools remain closed.

Councilmember Madrigal commented on illegal fireworks, school re-openings and remote learning.

Mayor Flynn commented on the challenges of distance learning for students, illegal fireworks, the recent town hall discussion on racism and policing, and continuing the discussion on racial equality.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items J-1, J-2, and J-5 were discussed among the Council and staff. The City Clerk announced minor corrections to typos on items J-4 and J-8. The City Manager announced item J-3 will be continued to the next meeting.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Shyila Chavez.

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Billing and Licensing Department

1. SUBJECT: Senior Utility Rate Assistance.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize staff to distribute \$13,300 collected from donations held in Fund 571 to assist low-income seniors with utility payments. (Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0)

City Treasurer Department

2. SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement for Government Banking Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment in the amount of \$542,000 to Agreement No. A-7976 with Bank of America, N.A. to extend services for one year (through June 30, 2021) to provide general banking services, including provisions for continuing merchant account, depository account, and armored guard pick up services.

Community Development Department

3. SUBJECT: Sakioka Farms Business Park Final Tract Map - Notice of Pending Approval - Planning and Zoning No. 20-300-01 (Final Map for Tract No. 5996) to subdivide a 430 acre site located south of the 101 Freeway between Rice Avenue and the City's eastern boundary, and north of Latigo Avenue. Filed by Scott Uhles with Delane Engineering.
(This item was continued)

Police Department

4. SUBJECT: Purchase of Radio Dispatch Console System.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a ten (10) year agreement (A-8195) with InterTalk Critical Information Systems for seven (7) dispatch radio console positions, in the amount not to exceed \$724,413.16.(Public Safety Committee approved 3-0)
5. SUBJECT: Resolution Commending Irma Coughlin for Thirty-Four Years of Exemplary Service to the City of Oxnard.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,361** commending Irma Coughlin for thirty-four years of exemplary service to the City of Oxnard.

Public Works Department

6. SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency Grant Application for Anaerobic Digestion Feasibility Study.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,362** authorizing:
 1. The City Manager to submit an application for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant up to \$300,000 in response to a Request for Application EPA-OLEM-ORCR-20-02 SUPPORTING ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IN COMMUNITIES to be used for an anaerobic digestion feasibility study at the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant;
 2. The City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements upon confirmation of grant award;
 3. The Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to submit financial reports and grant claims,

approve budget appropriations for the use of the grant funds and perform all other required financial actions if the grant is awarded; and

4. The Public Works Director, or designee, to submit non-financial reports if the grant is awarded.

7. SUBJECT: Award Agreement A-8228 with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Waste and Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Service.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a three-year Agreement (#A-8228) with the City of Port Hueneme and Clean Harbors Environmental, Inc. (Clean Harbors) for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000 for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator waste and residential household hazardous waste collection and disposal service. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0)

8. SUBJECT: Purchase Order to National Auto Fleet Group for a New Sewer Inspection Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Purchase Order 7647 with National Auto Fleet Group for a new sewer inspection vehicle (camera truck) in the amount of \$249,463.90. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0)

9. SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement 8613-19-PW with Employment Services LLC dba Pirate Staffing and LaborMax Staffing.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Agreement 8613-19-PW with Employment Services LLC dba Pirate Staffing and LaborMax Staffing (Pirate Staffing) in the amount of \$600,000 for a total not to exceed contract value of \$800,000, and to extend the term from July 15, 2020 to July 15, 2022 for temporary labor services at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station (Del Norte). (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0)

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Flynn, Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

K. REPORTS

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution to Place a Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax Measure on the November 3, 2020 Ballot -- Oxnard 911 Safety, Medical Response, Financial Recovery and Accountability Measure, a Local 1.5 Cent Sales Tax to Collect Funds to be Used Only for Oxnard.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council considers adopting **Resolution No. 15,363** to place a transactions and use (sales) tax measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot -- Oxnard 911 Safety, Medical Response, Financial Recovery and Accountability Measure, a local 1.5 cent sales tax to collect funds to be used only for Oxnard.

The City Manager and Chief Assistant City Attorney gave a report. Public comments were received from Tom Cady, Gabriel Teran, Debbie Mitchell, Michael Mercurio, Lilly Guerra, Dr. Ray Tejada, Lucy Cartagena, Ray Blattell, Diana Reyes, Elsie Lopez, Gregory Runyon, Larry Barbarine, and

Lauraine Effress. Written comments were received from Kay Brainard, Aaron Starr, Lorenzo, and Audrey Keller. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Flynn, Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

Community Development Department

2. SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Amending Implementation Date of Specific New and Increased Development Impact Fees For Projects Meeting Specific Criteria.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,364** amending the implementation date of specific new and increased Development Impact Fees for projects meeting specific criteria.

The Community Development Director gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Flynn, Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

Public Works Department

3. SUBJECT: Utility Rate Assistance Program ("Project Assist") Update.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:
1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,365** for the Ratepayers Assistance Program ("Project Assist" – Year 4) in Fiscal Year 2020-21 for utility bills to assist Oxnard low-income residents and authorize staff to grant financial relief equal to a constant \$15.00 credit for the monthly utility service charged to customers who meet the eligibility requirements discussed in this staff report; and
 2. Authorize staff to direct up to \$145,000 from penalty fees charged to current customers who pay their bills late to fund the Utility Rate Assistance Program in Fiscal Year 2020-21. (Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-0.)

The Public Works Call Center Manager gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Flynn, Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.


MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor