MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:33 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 in the Oxnard Council Chambers. 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 and Stephen Fischer, Interim City Attorney.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 4:34 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), based on existing facts and circumstances, the City Council shall decide whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.

The City Council also recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), evaluation of public employee, City Manager.

At 6:03 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session. The Interim City Attorney announced by a vote of 4-1 (with Councilman MacDonald voting "no") .... that Council has given approval to ignition an action which will not be identified tonight but defendant and other particulars will be disclosed once the action is formally commenced upon inquires.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:04 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 by Boy Scout Pack 3251, followed by a moment of silence for Juan Delgado. Mayor Flynn presided. Additional staff members present were: Tabin Cosio, Human Resources Director; Bryan Brice, Fire Chief; Ashley Golden, Development Services Director; Daniel Rydberg, Interim Utilities Director and Jason M. Samonte, Traffic Engineer; and Dave Millian, Special Financial Counsel.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Resolution Commending Peggy Rivera for Nine-Years of Service as a Homelessness Commissioner for the City of Oxnard. (001)
   RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
   DISCUSSION: The City Council commented on the "volunteer" work of Peggy Rivera.

   Public comments were received from: Steve Nash; Darlene Gonzalez and Ron Cannon.

   ACTION: Approve as recommended, **Res. No. 14,902** (Ramirez/Perello) unanimously.

2. SUBJECT: Introduction of New Public Information Officer.
DISCUSSION: The City Manager and Assistant City Manager (Hurtado) introduced the new Public Relations and Community Affairs Manager, Delana G. Gbenekama.

Public comment was received from: Steve Nash.

ACTION: The City Council welcomed her to the community.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA

The City Council concurred to remove (I-3) from the agenda.*

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from: Steve Nash (passing of Juan Delgado, use of chemicals); Dan Pinedo (passing of Juan Delgado); Al Velasquez (crime rates); Inez Tuttle (questioned the creation of new position); Jeff Donabedian (use of consultants); Jim Hensley (water safety); Larry Stein (blood drive) and Woodrow Thomas (housing issues).

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Comments were received from: Fire Chief (I-2(b)) and Traffic Engineer (I-5).

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Al Velasquez (I-5) and George Miller (I-5).

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Oxnard City Council for February 9 and 23, 2016: and Minutes of the Special Meetings of the Oxnard City Council for February 29, 2016. (003)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

City Manager Department

2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review. (015)
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.

Development Services Department

3. SUBJECT: Planning and Zoning Permit No. 16-300-01 (Final Subdivision Map for Tract No. 5952-1) "The Courts at La Colonia Village". Filed Jointly by the Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA), 435 South D Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 and John Bigley, Urban Housing Communities, LLC, 2000 East Fourth Street, Suite 205, Santa Ana, CA 92705. (017)
RECOMMENDATION: Removed from the agenda.*

4. SUBJECT: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2904 Approving PZ No. 15-630-02 (Specific Plan Amendment No. 1 to the Village Specific Plan). (041)
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Ordinance No. 2904** approving PZ No. 15-630-02 (Specific Plan Amendment No. 1 to the Village Specific Plan) for map and text amendments to the Village Specific Plan.

Finance Department

5. SUBJECT: Approval of Lowest Responsible Responsive Bid and Authorization to Issue and Execute a Contract (A-7860) for DS14-22 Transit Stop Enhancement at Vineyard Ave. (047)
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Award Agreement No. A-7860 to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Toro Enterprises, in the amount of $123,308.00 for Project Specification No. DS14-22 Transit Stop Enhancement at Vineyard Avenue project: and 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue and execute the Agreement upon receipt of final documents.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved as recommended with removal of I-3 from the agenda.* (Ramirez/MacDonald) Ayes: Ramirez, MacDonald, Padilla, Perello and Flynn.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

L. REPORTS

Human Resources Department

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Resolutions Authorizing Full-Time Equivalent Positions and Approving Changes to Section XII of the Personnel Rules and Regulations Setting the Classification and Salary Schedule. (075)
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Resolution No. 14,903**: 1) Repealing Resolution No. 14,873 authorizing full-time equivalent positions and setting the authorized full-time equivalent positions: and 2) **Resolution No. 14,904** Repealing Resolution No. 14,874 setting the classification and salary schedule; and approving changes to Section XII of the Personnel Rules and Regulations setting the classification and salary schedule.
DISCUSSION: The Human Resources Director reviewed the reasons to increase the salary of Finance Director position.

Public comments received from: Larry Stein; Al Velasquez and Aaron Starr.

The Council commented on need to attract qualified individuals; understanding salary ranges in the completive market and possible salary savings.

ACTION: Approved as recommended, Resolutions No. 14, 903 and 14,904. (Perello/Ramirez) Ayes: MacDonald, Padilla, Perello, Flynn and Ramirez.

Development Services

2. SUBJECT: Possible Amendments to the Oxnard City Urban Restriction Boundary (CURB) and the Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) Ordinance. (103)
RECOMMENDATION: Receive a report and provide direction to staff regarding placing an amendment to CURB and/or SOAR before qualified City of Oxnard voters at a statewide election.
DISCUSSION: The Development Services Director reviewed: 1) possible options to place SOAR on the ballot, 2) possible election dates and 3) time schedule to place on ballot.

   Public comments received from: Nancy Pedersen (options two); Jurgen Gramakow (leaving SOAR alone); Larry Stein (public input); Richard Francis (leaving boundary and extending time); Al Velasquez (election process); Barbara Macri-Oritz (option one, coastal plan, housing plan); George Miller (ballot process); Jim Hensely (support of Ormond Beach); Pat Brown (leaving SOAR alone); Elizabeth Lamar (place on ballot); Aaron Starr (against anyone getting special services); Larry Godwin (supported expiring in 2030); Keith Workman (in-fill development); Harold Ceja (placement on ballot) and Woodrow Thomas (support SOAR).

   Against placing SOAR on November 8, 2016 election ballot: Kristen Decas, Port Hueneme; Jess Herrera, Port Hueneme; Michael Wynn-Song; David Valenzuela and Lynn Jensen.

   The City Council discussed: need for community input; following the 2030 General Plan; time extension of current SOAR; continue SOAR boundaries; need for more information; need for "internal infill" growth; and placing initiative on ballot.

   ACTION: Direct staff to place the current SOAR initiative on November 8, 2016 ballot to expire 2030 (Ramirez/MacDonald). Ayes: Perello, Flynn, Ramirez and MacDonald. Noes: Padilla.

RECESS

At 9:02 p.m., the City Council recessed and at 9:13 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

L. REPORTS

City Manager Department

4. SUBJECT: Review of City Council Policy Regarding Placement of Items on Future City Council Agendas. (141)
RECOMMENDATION: Consider and provide direction to the City Manager regarding the proposed policy regarding placement of items on future City Council agendas.
DISCUSSION: The City Manager and Assistant City Manager (Hurtado) reviewed current policy and provided a possible modification to policy.

   Public comments were received from: Jim Lavery and Pat Brown.

   The Council discussed: the priority of Council; working with CAGs; emergency meeting policies (following Brown Act); placing Council comments at beginning of meeting; ongoing list and time limitations to discuss issues.

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

Finance Department

3. SUBJECT: Review of the City's Financial Management Policies. (121)
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the attached update on the City's Financial Management Policies.
DISCUSSION: The Special Financial Counsel addressed several issues including: not having a two year budget; following "financial" policies; examination of financial policies; getting into and staying in compliance; bonds rating and possible creation of new policies.

Public comments received from: Steve Nash; Jim Lavery; Woodrow Thomas and George Miller.

The City Council discussed several issues including City's "cash" balance, current financial computer system in place, financial ethics, financial policies and guidelines.

ACTION: Received the report and provided comments.

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager commented on: 1) a "vacation rental" survey that will be taking place; 2) the water "purification" process; 3) crime rates and 4) upcoming report on the "use" of consultants.

N. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Council commented on: the "short-term rental" survey to take place; exactly what beaches belong to Oxnard; the Halaco clean-up site; providing safe clean water to the community; building "community" infrastructure; upcoming California Utility Commission meetings (regarding proposed power plant) and the opening of the Sunset Little League season.

O. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

Q. STUDY SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:29 p.m., the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.

DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk

Tim Flynn

TIM FLYNN
Mayor