

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2015

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:05p.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 Library and City Clerk's Office. Mayor Flynn presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Greg Nyhoff, City Manager and Stephen Fischer, Interim City Attorney.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public comment was received from: Larry Stein.

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:09 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2). Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the City 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.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:02 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council reconvened in the Council Chambers concurrently with the Housing Authority. 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: Scott Whitney, Interim Assistant City Manager; Jeri Williams, Police Chief; Daniel Rydberg, Interim Utilities Director; Julia Aranda, Interim Environmental Compliance Manager and Thien Ng, Senior Process Engineer.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation to Mr. Lowell Steward, Jr. Acknowledging the Contributions Made by Tuskegee Airmen Lieutenant Colonel Lowell Steward.
DISCUSSION: The City Council acknowledged the family of Lowell Steward, Sr. for military service during World War II.
2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating April 23, 2015, as "Arbor Day."
DISCUSSION: The General Services Manager invited the public to College Estates Park to celebrate Arbor Day activities.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from: Larry Stein, Jim Milstead and Steve Prince.

G. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMSH. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGSI. PUBLIC HEARINGSJ. APPOINTMENT ITEMSK. REPORTSCity Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of Results for the City of Oxnard Community and Budget Priorities Exercise. (001)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a report and provide comments on an update to the community and budget priorities process.

DISCUSSION: The City Manager and Interim Assistant City Manager reviewed the budget process, outlined the public votes received for community priorities and the "community building" process.

Public comments were received from: Larry Stein and George Miller.

The City Council discussed: continuing "community" communications; having "good" customer service; computer systems; use of "grants"; investment in the "business" community; use of "open" space; downtown development; "citywide" community planning; empowerment of residents; quality of life issues and regional solutions including partnerships with local schools, senior programs and public "safety" programs.

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

Utilities Department

2. SUBJECT: Verbal Update on Utilities and Engineering Programs and Proclamation for Public Works Week.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal update on Utilities and Engineering Program.

DISCUSSION: The City Manager and Interim Utilities Director commented on the use of GREAT recycled "water" including water being used at golf course and recycled "water" rates. The Senior Process Engineer reviewed causes of nuisance odors and solutions to reduce these odors. The Interim Environmental Compliance Manager reviewed types of educational programs, enforcement, equipment replacement programs and new "water" guidelines.

Public comments were received from: Pat Brown; Larry Stein and Steve Nash.

The City Council discussed: the use of chemicals used; "water drought" landscape; public outreach (Spanish radio); Oxnard being a leader in the State; individual well use; water conservation programs; demonstration landscape gardens; new "water" standards for building and that the City be a "water saver" example to the community.

ACTION: The City Council received the report and provided comments.

L. REPORT OF CITY MANAGERM. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTSCity Attorney Department

1. SUBJECT: Resolutions Amending Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of Meetings. (009)
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Resolution No. 14,735** to amend their respective Rules of Procedure for the conduct of meetings regarding the order of business for the information/consent agenda.

DISCUSSION: The Interim City Attorney reviewed the process and changes to format.

Public comments were received from: Dan Pinedo; Larry Stein and George Miller.

The City Council discussed the need to run meetings effectively and provided directions to staff.

ACTION: Move to approve as recommended. (Padilla/Ramirez) Ramirez, MacDonald, Padilla, Perello and Flynn.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 9:08 p.m. the joint meeting with the Housing Authority concluded.

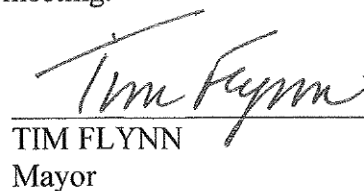
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The City Council provided comments on several issues including: Cultural Arts Commission; Kiwanis Police of the Year; re-naming of "J" Street Drain; "fire" danger and the new PAC manager.

T. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor