

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2017

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:04 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council was called to order by Mayor Flynn in the Council Chambers. The City Clerk called the roll: Councilmembers Bryan A. MacDonald, Oscar Madrigal, Bert Perello, Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, and Mayor Tim Flynn were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted April 27, 2017 at City Hall.

Staff members present were Greg Nyhoff, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Ruth Osuna, Assistant City Manager; Darwin Base, Fire Chief; Keith Brooks, IT Director; Arturo Casillas, Housing Director; Ingrid Hardy, Cultural and Community Services Director; Kymberly Horner, Economic Development Director; Steve Janice, Human Resources Director; Phillip Molina, City Treasurer; Daniel Rydberg, Public Works Director; James Throop, Chief Financial Officer; Scott Whitney, Chief of Police; Jason Benites, Assistant Chief of Police; Eric Hummel, Sustainability Coordinator; George Iafrete, Computer Network Engineer III; Thien Ng, Wastewater Division Manager; Chelsea Reynolds, Performing Arts Center Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chief of Police; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Status Update of the City Council Strategic Priorities Two-Year Business Plans for FY 16/17 and 17/18.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receive an update on the four FY 16/17 and FY 17/18 strategic business plans: (A) Quality of Life, (B) Organizational Effectiveness, (C) Economic Development, and (D) Infrastructure and Natural Resources, and provide feedback and direction.

Assistant City Manager Nava, Assistant Chief of Police Sonstegard, Chief Financial Officer, Human Resources Director, Economic Development Director, and Public Works Director gave a presentation. Public comments were received from Larry Stein. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

C. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute, led by Council Member Madrigal, was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Hank Lacayo and victims of recent violence.

Additional staff members present at this time were Ralph Alamillo, Interim Parks Manager; Roger Brooks, Interim Code Compliance Manager; Debbie Estrada, Senior Nutrition Coordinator; Ashley Golden, Development Services Director; Art Gutierrez, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor; Karl Lawson, Housing Compliance Services Manager; Acel Troutman, Code Compliance Inspector I; Leo Ovalle, Parks Maintenance Supervisor; and Renee Rakestraw, Recreation/Human Services Coordinator.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating May 11, 2017 as "Arbor Day."

Mayor Flynn read the proclamation and presented it to the Public Works Director, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, and Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who each made some brief comments about Arbor Day.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Commendation to the "Santos Laguna SC White" Soccer Team for Winning the State Cup.

Mayor Flynn made some remarks and the Council Members presented certificates of commendation to the Santos Laguna SC White players and coaching staff.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Larry Stein (budget process), Woodrow Thomas Sr. (status of claim, drugs in community), Andrea Anderson (identity theft problem), Jackie Tedeschi (concerns near her neighborhood), Peggy Rivera (homelessness), Celeste Gamino (Southwinds Park lighting), Pat Brown (development at former drive-in theater site), Al Velasquez (proposed water rate protest), and Diane Delaney (proposed development at Channel Islands Harbor).

F. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager announced that there will be a presentation on the Oxnard 3-1-1 app at the next City Council meeting, and the Chief of Police gave a brief report on violence prevention efforts.

G. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Madrigal reported on attending a recent Downtown meeting and a Dia de los Ninos event at Cesar Chavez School.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez commented on the Library's anniversary celebration, the Police Department's recent arrests of two homicide suspects, homelessness/rent control, an upcoming Future Leaders of America event, and an upcoming Community Relations Commission meeting to discuss a "safe city" resolution.

Councilman MacDonald reported on the recent Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau strategic summit to increase tourism, the Library celebration, and the National Latino Peace Officers Association scholarship banquet.

Councilmember Perello commented on the need for dashboards for decision making, new technology for Powerpoint presentations, the recent Southbank Neighborhood Council meeting, the recent homicide suspects' arrest, housing prices, and short-term rentals.

Mayor Flynn commented on the Library celebration, after school programs at the elementary schools, and the need for a Community Safety City Council committee.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None)

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Dan Pinedo.

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDACity Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the April 24, 2017 Special Meeting and the April 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Minutes as presented.

City Manager Department

2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2835, and Resolution No. 13,932, 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:
 - A. Brodersen Associates for on-call landscape architectural review, plan check and inspection services (\$50,000).
 - B. C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc. for installation of 3 new light poles and 18 LED light fixtures (\$33,171).

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent Agenda as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

(Mayor Flynn announced that Item L.1 would be heard next.)

L. REPORTSDevelopment Services Department

1. SUBJECT: Safe Homes, Safe Families.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receive a presentation and provide direction on elements of a Safe Homes, Safe Families Program, which encourages the availability of safe and healthy living environments for Oxnard residents.

The Development Services Director gave a report.

Public comments were received from Larry Stein, Celeste Gamino, Aaron Greer, Len Shulman, Dan Pinedo, Alice Madrid, Pat Brown, Joe Avelar, Jackie Tedeschi, Christina Mottar, Vanessa Hernandez, Lorri Barry, Omar Hernandez, Peggy Rivera, Edward Castillo, Al Velasquez, Steve Nash, Ramon Lopez, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Woodrow Thomas Sr., Nancy Rahn, Julie Pena, Jack Villa, and Francine Castanon.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff. No action was taken.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Housing Department

1. SUBJECT: Public Hearing FY2017-18 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan Funding Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider public testimony regarding project funding recommendations from the Application Review Panel.
2. Approve the Annual Action Plan (AAP) with final recommended use of funds for the three entitlement grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership (HOME) grant, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).
3. Authorize the City Manager to make any changes to the AAP as directed by the City Council.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the required applications, certifications, and other pertinent documents for the submission of the AAP to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute HUD agreements and sign all agreements for the implementation of the AAP including subrecipients, interdepartmental, and intradepartmental agreements.

The City Clerk presented the affidavit of publication and reported that no written communication had been received.

The Housing Director gave a report.

Mayor Flynn opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Marc Wilde, Jason Meek, Peggy Rivera, Cindy Wilson, Pastor Sam Gallucci, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Christine Villegas, Carlos Gonzalez, Cynthia Gonzalez, Gernote Wade, and Pennie Ray.

Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing; the Council approved unanimously.

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve staff's recommendation as presented. VOTE: Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

L. REPORTS

Public Works Department

2. SUBJECT: Change Order No. 1, Task Order No. 54, Task Order No. 55, and Task Order No. 63 to Contract No. A-7721 with Sam Hill and Sons, Inc. for Project Specification No. 14-12 – Non-Scheduled Repairs of Wastewater and Storm Drain Systems.

(This item was postponed due to time.)

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS (None)

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.


MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor