

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2018

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council (concurrently with the Oxnard Financing Authority, Oxnard Housing Authority, and the Oxnard Community Development Successor Agency) in the City Hall Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Bryan A. MacDonald, Oscar Madrigal, Bert Perello, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez, and Mayor Tim Flynn were present. Also present were incoming Councilmembers Gabriela Basua and Vianey Lopez. Housing Commissioner Jose Andrade arrived at 7:25 p.m.; Commissioner Francisco Vega was absent.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; and Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

C. CITY COUNCIL INSTALLATION

City Council Department

1. Motion That the Regular Order of Business be suspended until after the Installation of Newly Elected Officials.

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

2. SUBJECT: Declare Results of the Canvass of Returns of the November 6, 2018 General Election and Administer the Oath of Office.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,185** declaring the results of the canvass of returns of the November 6, 2018 General Election in the City of Oxnard; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to administer the oath of office, followed by remarks from the newly elected officers.

The City Clerk gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Tim Flynn, Mayor; Bert Perello, Councilmember District 1; Carmen Ramirez, Councilmember District 2; Gabriela Basua, Councilmember District 5; and Vianey Lopez, Councilmember District 6. The newly installed officials made some remarks, followed by remarks from the Council and City Manager.

3. Recess for Brief Reception.

The Council took a recess at 6:41 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m.

4. Public Comments on City Council Installation.

Public comments were received from Kent Leroy Spurlock, Daniel Chavez Jr., Jackie Tedeschi, Irma Lopez, Fernando Lupian, Martin Jones, Ramon Flores, Manuel Herrera, Kelly Christiansen, Larry Barbarine, Woodrow Thomas Sr., and Pat Brown.

Housing Commissioners Andrade arrived during this time.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEM

Additional staff members present at this time were Karl Lawson, Housing Compliance Services Manager; and Nathan West, CUPA Coordinator.

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: 2020 Census Presentation.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receive a presentation on the 2020 Census from Vanessa Bechtel, Executive Director of the Ventura County Community Foundation.

Ms. Bechtel gave a report. Public comments were received from Daniel Chavez Jr. and Woodrow Thomas Sr. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No action was taken.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Woodrow Thomas Sr. (his lawsuit against the city), Ray Blattel (funding for wastewater treatment facility repairs), Dan Pinedo (outcome of November election), Luis Guereca (thanked retiring Assistant City Manager Nava), Pete Plascencia (recent repairs at La Colonia boxing gym, thanked Assistant City Manager Nava for his support), Paul Robinson (concerns about police not responding to a call for service), Pat Brown (need for more low-income housing with sufficient parking), and Daniel Chavez Jr. (the need to address traffic, parking, and livable wage jobs).

F. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager gave an update on a failed transformer and emergency backup generators at the wastewater treatment plant. Assistant City Manager Nava gave a farewell speech as this is his last meeting before retirement.

G. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Attorney Department

1. SUBJECT: Selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, pursuant to Government Code sections 34905 and 36801, select a Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the event of the Mayor's absence.

The City Attorney gave a report. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Councilmembers Perello and Madrigal nominated Councilman MacDonald to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term. Councilmember Lopez nominated Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term.

Votes for MacDonald: Madrigal, MacDonald, and Perello.

Votes for Ramirez: Lopez, Basua, Ramirez, and Flynn.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez was selected by a 4-3 vote to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years.

City Clerk Department

2. SUBJECT: Resolution Affirming Citywide Governance by the Newly-Formed District-Elected City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,186** regarding its intention to continue its practice of governing with a citywide perspective following the shift to district-based elections.

The City Clerk gave a report. No public comments were received. 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.

City Manager Department

3. SUBJECT: Begin the Process to Appoint Council Committee Membership, Including Committee Chairs.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council discuss Council Committee Membership, including Committee Chairs, in preparation for appointments to be made at the January 8, 2019 City Council meeting.

The City Manager gave a report. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No action was taken.

The City Council gave the following report:

Councilmember Madrigal announced the upcoming Rose Park Posadas event, and thanked Assistant City Manager Nava for his assistance and service.

Councilwoman Basua congratulated Assistant City Manager Nava on his retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez recommended the Friends of the Library gift shop as a holiday shopping option. She announced upcoming mailings on energy choices from the Clean Power Alliance. She reported on a recent CFROG presentation to the Air Pollution Control District Board and the recent memorial service for two victims of the Borderline shooting. She requested a future agenda item on a resolution supporting a ban of gun shows at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, and expressed best wishes for Assistant City Manager Nava.

Councilman MacDonald commended Assistant City Manager Nava, and reported on the recent Heroes & Helpers and Santa-to-the-Sea events.

Councilmember Perello thanked Assistant City Manager Nava for his service to the City, and commended the leaders of the Rose Park Neighborhood Council. He commented on parking issues and Governor Brown's farewell interview, and recommended that people be generous to those in need this holiday season. He later commented on the recent memorial service for Leo Valenzuela.

Councilmember Lopez commented on the Oxnard Christmas Parade and thanked Assistant City Manager Nava.

Mayor Flynn thanked those who helped him during the election and commended Assistant City Manager Nava for his service. He commented on the recent memorial service for two victims of the Borderline shooting and reminded people to express their love to their families. He expressed optimism for the new year and the new Council.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items J-1, J-3, and J-4 were discussed among the Council and staff.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None received.)

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented.

City Manager Department

2. SUBJECT: 2019 Meeting Schedule for Legislative Bodies.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, Community Development Commission Successor Agency, Financing Authority, and Housing Authority approve the proposed meeting dates for the calendar year 2019.

Fire Department

3. SUBJECT: Funding of One Vehicle from CUPA Capital Equipment Fund.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council appropriate \$61,728.21 from the CUPA

Capital Equipment Fund 373 fund balance for the purchase and outfitting of one vehicle for the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) inspectors.

Housing Department

4. **SUBJECT:** Personnel Classifications for Temporary Emergency Shelter Positions.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:
1. Establish five new personnel classifications to support and accurately reflect the necessary work by staff in the Temporary Emergency Shelter; and
 2. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,187** amending Resolution No. 15,153, pursuant to Chapter 4 of the City Personnel Rules and Regulations, incorporating the five new classifications and the salary ranges for each.

It was moved by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Andrade, Flynn, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Ramirez voted in favor; Basua and Lopez abstained on item J-1, as they were not present at the December 4, 2018 meeting. The motion carried 5-0-2 on item J-1, 8-0 on item J-2 (City Council/Housing Authority/Financing Authority/Successor Agency item), and 7-0 on the remaining items (City Council items).

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.


MICHELLE ASCENCION, CMC
City Clerk

 1/8/19
TIM FLYNN
Mayor