

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting
September 30, 2014

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:00 p.m., the special meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Carmen Ramirez, Bryan A. MacDonald, Dorina Padilla and Bert Perello were present. Mayor Tim Flynn was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday in the Library and City Clerk's Office. Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Greg Nyhoff, City Manager; Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, Interim City Attorney; Jeri Williams, Police Chief; James Cameron, Chief Financial Officer; and Martin Erickson, Deputy City Manager.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence.

C. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating October 2014 as "Multicultural Month"
DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez presented a proclamation to Commissioners Dozier, Roberson, Kelley and Contia to recognize "Multicultural Month".

Public comment was received from: Rockstar "Stop the Bullying" program.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation by Oxnard Youth Commission of "Wrist Bands" Denoting Special Youth Commission Initiative.
DISCUSSION: Stacey Morales, Youth Commission, commented on an anti-bullying program which will provide "wrist bands" at the Multicultural Festival.
3. SUBJECT: National PAL Boxing Tournament.
DISCUSSION: Mike Ramirez, PAL Program, introduced members of Team U.S. (Boxing) Marlen Esparza, Christina Cruz and Franchon Crews who will be participating in the National PAL Boxing Tournament and invited the public to attend the event.

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Flynn was present and presided.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Organizational Assessment and Phase I Restructuring. (001)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Receive a presentation on the Organizational Assessment, which includes the first phase of a transitional organizational structure, and provide input; and 2) Adopt **Resolution No. 14,690** authorizing the City Manager to approve agreements for the first phase of an organizational assessment by organizational consultants Management Partners and Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000, and establish the necessary budgets.

DISCUSSION: The City Manager outlined the past structure of the City; reviewed the proposed department structure; requested funding and updating of policies.

Andrew Belknap and Bob Deis, Management Partners, commented on company's experience, assessment goals, City surveys, comparison of City practices to other cities and best management practices. Dania Torres Wong, Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP outlined coordination of Human Resources services, policies procedures updates and providing assistance to other department(s)/division(s).

Public comments were received from: Peggy Rivera; Nancy Pedersen; Abel Magana; Dick Jaquez; Nancy Lindholm; William Terry; Roger Brooks; Dan Pinedo; Linda Calderon; Danny Carrillo; Shirley Godwin; Claudia Magallon; George Miller; Daniel Lechlitter; Harold Ceja; Patrick Barrios; Inez Tuttle; Juan Delgado and Gloria Roman.

The Councilmembers discussed: selection of consultants; funding of Economic Development; use of consultants and comparison of practices with other cities.

ACTION: Moved to approve as recommended with future updates. (Ramirez/ Perello) Ayes: Ramirez, MacDonald, Padilla, Perello and Flynn.

Finance Department

2. **SUBJECT:** Review of Operations for River Ridge Golf Club. (045)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a report on the Review of Operations for River Ridge Golf Club.

DISCUSSION: Ed Getherall, National Golf Foundation Consulting, Inc., reviewed expenses, revenues, services provided at River Ridge Golf course and possible site improvements.

Public comments were received from: Dan Lichliter; Steve Nash; Shirley Godwin and George Miller.

Otto Kanny, High Tide and Green Grass, stated that water for the golf course was retrieved from water wells.

Councilmembers discussed: water use; recent increase in revenues; debt of golf course; performance measures; lease agreement; upgrade of facilities including banquet facilities; Golf commission and business plan.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

3. **SUBJECT:** Monthly Budget Status Report - as of August 31, 2014. (047)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the monthly City of Oxnard Budget Status Report as of August 31, 2014.

DISCUSSION: The Chief Financial Officer briefly commented on budget balances (including General Fund revenues/expenditures, sales tax), comparison with last year's balances and local housing price sales.

At 9:53 p.m. Mayor Flynn left the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez presided.

Public comments were received from: Robert Wood and Pete Placencia.

The Council discussed: "reserve" fund balance; "accrued" balance (unfunded liability); "dashboard" presentations.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments to staff.

City Manager Department

4. SUBJECT: Summary Abatement of Dangerous Building at 6200 Perkins Road (Former Halaco Site).

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report regarding the summary abatement.

DISCUSSION: The Deputy City Manager reviewed the need to raze the structure at the former Halaco site which had a recent fire and removal of materials of the site. The City Attorney commented on the "public safety" emergency to remove the building.

Public comments were received from: Nancy Pedersen and Steve Nash.

The Council commented on: cost of the abatement of the building; recovery of costs and public safety.

ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

H. STUDY SESSION

Finance Department

1. SUBJECT: Financial Transparency Initiative. (067)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation of the City of Oxnard financial transparency initiative.

DISCUSSION: The Chief Financial Officer presented the functions of the "Financial Transparency" program to allow public access to financial information and receive "public" comments.

Public comment was received from: Steve Nash.

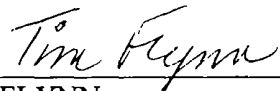
The Council commented on: the need for a disclaimer.

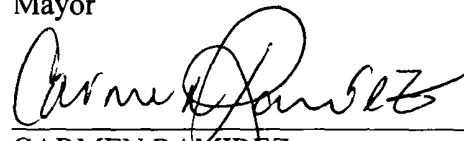
ACTION: Received report and provided comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor


CARMEN RAMIREZ
Mayor Pro Tem