

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
June 15, 2016

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 10:08 a.m., the special meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers concurrently with the Oxnard Housing Authority. 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 Friday at City Hall. 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; Dan Rydberg, Public Works Director; Arturo Casillas, Housing Director; Dave Millican, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Brooks, IT Director; Michael Henderson, Maintenance Services Division Manager; Todd Vasquez-Housley, Environmental Resources Division Manager; Omar Castro, Water Division Manager; Thien Ng, Interim Wastewater Division Manager and Badaoui Mouderrres, Technical Services/Water Quality 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 for victims of Florida shooting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment received from: Steve Nash.

D. REPORTS

City Managers Department

1. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget - June 14 and 15 City Council Budget Workshops.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the recommended budget calendar and process leading to adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Budget on June 28, 2016; and 2) Conduct two budget workshops on June 14 and 15 with the primary intent of (1) understanding the City's financial position, (2) understanding departmental accomplishments, goals and performance measures, and (3) providing input on priority based budget recommendations related to the Council strategic priorities and other departmental augmentation recommendations.

DISCUSSION: The Housing Director reviewed department goals, accomplishments, performance measures including focusing on homelessness issues, increasing of affordable housing (construction of Las Cortes, first-time homebuyer loans), applying for housing grants and funding resources.

Public comment received from: George Miller.

The City Council discussed: breaking the cycle of homelessness; first-time home buyer program; rental inspection program standards; services provided to assistance residents and waiting list for public housing assistance.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 11:19 a.m., the concurrent meeting with the Housing Authority concluded.

The IT Director reviewed department goals, accomplishments, performance measures including “google” mail and developing a city-wide “communications network.

Public comment received from: Steve Nash.

The City Council discussed system upgrades, personnel changes and working with local schools,

The Public Works Director reviewed non-utility department goals, accomplishments, performance measures including MRF transition, revenue reduction due to drought, neighborhood resurfacing program, wastewater collection, debt service requirements and policy compliance requirements.

The City Council discussed possible future “water” rate increase, use of potable vs recycled water, use of “water” reserve fund, increase of “qualified” personnel and “link learning” education,

The Maintenance Services Division Manager reviewed proposed maintenance services, park improvements; sidewalk repairs; aging facilities and Fleet Services use of fuel (prices of fuel),

The City Council discussed tree maintenance program (trimming & replacement), restroom improvements, asset list, successful “graffiti” removal program, use of Measure “O” funds and “use of volunteers”.

Public comments received from: George Miller and Al Velasquez.

RECESS

At 1:02 p.m., the City Council concurred to recess and at 1:53 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

The Environmental Resources Division Manager reviewed department goals, accomplishments (staffing), performance measures including five new CNG vehicles, saving from prior operator and need for future “master” plan,

Public comments received from: Al Velasquez, George Miller, Jackie Tedeschi and Jim Lavery.

The City Council discussed several issues including working with County agency to reduce land-fill input, equipment replacement schedule, mattress pick-up program, public “education” outreach and meeting State “diversion” goals.

The Water Division Manager reviewed department goals, accomplishments, performance measures including maintenance of water system, develop “water” training, deferred maintenance, loss of revenue due to drought and having an “emergency” plan.

The Chief Financial Officer commented on making “bond” payments, effects if changes of “bond” rating, possible penalties if bond payments not met and forecast of property taxes.

Public comments received from: Al Velasquez, George Miller, Jim Lavery and Jackie Tedeschi.

The City Council discussed training & qualifications of personnel, type of local "water" delivery (pipe) service system, possible "utility" rate increase and amount of bond debt.

The Interim Wastewater Division Manager reviewed department goals, accomplishments, performance measures including use of recycled water, adding new customers, development of a City -wide asset management program, deferred maintenance for City Facilities and looking to resolve future issues.

The Technical Services/Water Quality Manager commented on flood control efforts and Storm Water Quality treatment.

At 3:58 p.m., Mayor Flynn left the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez presided. At 4:02 p.m., Mayor Flynn was present and presided.

Public comments received from: George Miller, Al Velasquez and Alicia Percell.

The City Council discussed several issues including maintenance of the "wastewater" structure, recent spill, "odor control" problems and use of the "priority base" budgeting process.

Public comment received from Phil Molina.

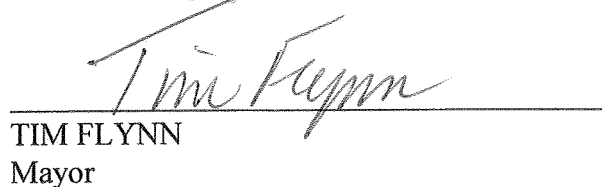
The City Manager commented on the release of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report,

ACTION: Received reports and provided comments.

E. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:03 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


TIM FLYNN
Mayor