

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2008

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:31 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Thomas E. Holden, Dean Maulhardt, John C. Zaragoza, Andres Herrera, and Timothy B. Flynn were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday in the Library and City Clerk's Office. Mayor Holden presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Edmund Sotelo, City Manager; Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager; Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney; and Lino Corona, Acting Human Resources Director, and Lynn Hutton, Human Resources Manager.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:32 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, to give instructions to its negotiators, Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager, Lino Corona, Acting Human Resources Director, and Lynn Hutton, Human Resources Manager, regarding salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits for employees represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local No. 501, and other matters within the scope of representation.

At 6:58 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 7:02p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council reconvened in the Council Chambers, concurrently with the Community Development Commission and Housing Authority. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States by Bonnie Wiegel, Strawberry Festival Manager, followed by a moment of silence. Mayor Holden presided. Additional staff members present were: Brian Pendleton, Redevelopment Services Manager; Anthony Emmert, Water Resources Manager; Grant Dunne, Environmental Resources Management Analyst; Ashley Golden, Senior Planner; and Philip Gregoire, Street Maintenance Supervisor.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of the Employee of the Quarter.
DISCUSSION: Jason Benites, Assistant Police Chief, introduced Robin Whitney, Police Officer as Employee of the Quarter who commented on the positive feedback received by coworkers. Officer Whitney thanked his family and co-workers.
3. SUBJECT: Proclamation Designating April 7-13, 2008 as "Public Health Week".
DISCUSSION: Susan Thomas, Ventura County Public Health Agency, hoped the community would become more aware of public health issues.

- 1. SUBJECT: Presentation of "Earth Day Celebration", April 12, 2008.
DISCUSSION: Trish Honigsberg, Outreach & Education Specialist, invited the Council and the public to attend Earth Day on Saturday.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jerry Lucero, overuse of Rio Lindo Park, including parking problems of residents around the park.

Ed Ellis, proposed half cent sales tax measure. He submitted a letter regarding a "peaker plant" appeal.

Margaret Cortese invited the public to attend a play by Teatro de las Americas. "The Bribe/La Mordida".

John Korsten, environmental safety of high school sites.

The following individuals supported a resolution regarding the housing crisis: Asuka Saito, Lewis Whilden, Michael Rowland, Rory M. McCarron.

Woodrow Thomas, police incident.

Pat Brown, the proposed half cent tax measure needing to have fewer choices.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Department

- 1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council for March 11, 2008. (001)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

Development Services Department

- 3. SUBJECT: Appropriation of Interest Earnings to Civic Center Renovation Project. (013)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$184,000 from the Variable Rate Demand Lease Revenue Bonds (Civic Center Phase 2 Project) Series 2006 interest earnings to the Civic Center Renovation Project.

Public Works Department

- 4. SUBJECT: Agreement for Street Sweeping Services Between the City of Oxnard and Venco Power Sweeping, Incorporated. (015)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for street sweeping services between the City of Oxnard and Venco Power Sweeping, Incorporated (A-7030) in the amount of \$779,260.

DISCUSSION: The Environmental Resources Management Analyst and Street Maintenance Supervisor reviewed the street sweeping contract including the inspection of streets.

5. SUBJECT: Third Amendment to Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for Blending Station No. 1 Desalter Project, at 251 South Hayes Avenue. (017)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the third amendment to the agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (3079-04-PW) to increase the amount by \$265,000 for a total of \$3,292,542 for the design and construction administration of the Blending Station No. 1 Desalter Project and extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2008.
6. SUBJECT: Agreement for Professional Services with Prousys, Inc. for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Integration Services. (021)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Prousys, Inc. (A-7031) for SCADA Integration Services in the amount of \$600,000.00 for diagnostic testing, programming, support, and modifications for water production, blending, and treatment facilities, wastewater treatment plant, and wastewater lift stations with SCADA systems on an on call and/or emergency basis.
DISCUSSION: The Water Resources Manager reviewed the selection of a qualified vendor.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved as recommended.
(Zaragoza/Holden) Ayes: Maulhardt, Zaragoza, Herrera, Flynn and Holden.

J. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Community Development Department

1. SUBJECT: Extending the Plan Effectiveness Deadlines and the Tax Increment Receipt Deadlines for the Redevelopment Plans for the Merged Downtown Renewal (R-108) and Central City Revitalization Project Area ("CCRP"), Southwinds Project Area, and the Ormond Beach Project Area, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Subsections 33333.6(c)(2) and (3) Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund ("ERAF") Payments. (023)
RECOMMENDATION: Remove from the agenda
ACTION: The City Council concurred to remove the item from the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Holden declared the public hearing open.

DISCUSSION: The City Clerk reported publication and no written communications received.

Public Works Department

3. SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution to Adopt a Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ground Water Contamination Elimination Project – College Park Phase in the Rio Lindo Neighborhood. (049)

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Hold a public hearing to review comments in support of or in opposition to the Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; and (2) Adopt a resolution adopting the Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Groundwater Contamination Elimination Project – College Park Phase in the Rio Lindo Neighborhood.

DISCUSSION: The Water Resources Manager reviewed minor wording corrections.

ACTION: Approved as recommended. (Zaragoza/Maulhardt). Ayes: Flynn, Herrera, Holden, Maulhardt, and Zaragoza.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 8:12 p.m. the concurrent meeting with the Housing Authority concluded.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The City Manager announced (1) graffiti clean-up “Up-Lift” program would take place April 19 at Bryce Canyon and “A” Street, and (2) the Oxnard Kiwanis hosting the Police Officer of the Year ceremony on April 24.

N. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Council discussed: (1) maintenance of community properties including City properties and foreclosed properties; and (2) utilities fees of foreclosed properties. The City Attorney reviewed the rights of the City regarding public issues such as the lack of residential maintenance at foreclosed properties.

Councilman Flynn requested that a “Quality of Life” issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion. City Council discussed proper procedures to discuss “quality of life” issues. The City Attorney reviewed rules and procedures to place this item on the agenda for discussion.

O. REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

Q. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

R. STUDY SESSION

Development Service Department

1. SUBJECT: Meta District (053)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a report and provide direction to staff on a proposed vision for the Meta District, defined as the area bound by Fifth Street to the north, Seventh Street to the south, Oxnard Boulevard to the west, and the alley adjacent to the Ventura County rail way to the east.

DISCUSSION: The Senior Planner outlined the location of City owned properties and community concerns including truck traffic, pedestrian safety, alley use and land use.

Pat Brown, concerns of traffic, pedestrian street crossing and bars/pool hall sites.

ACTION: The City Council provided comments to staff.

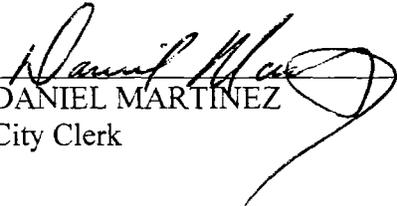
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

At 9:12 p.m. the joint meeting with the Community Development Commission concluded.

S. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.



DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk



DR. THOMAS E. HOLDEN
Mayor