

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2008

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 7:02 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Thomas E. Holden, John C. Zaragoza, Andres Herrera, and Timothy B. Flynn were present. Mayor Pro Tem Dean Maulhardt was absent. The Assistant 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: Edmund Sotelo, City Manager; Grace Magistrale Hoffman, Deputy City Manager; Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney; Michael Henderson, General Services Superintendent; and Jill A. Beaty, Assistant City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Crombach, followed by a moment of silence in honor of Mark Metherall, a government contractor working as a military advisor in Iraq, who was killed April 11th.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of **Resolution No. 13,397** to Steve Blanchard for over 29 Years of Service with the Oxnard Police Department. (i)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Approved unanimously (Holden/Zaragoza).
DISCUSSION: Mr. Blanchard thanked the City Council and expressed appreciation for his career.
2. SUBJECT: Housing America 2008 Proclamation.
DISCUSSION: Mayor Holden presented the proclamation to Steven Boggs, President, Standard Pacific Homes, to launch the campaign to educate and inform the public and decision-makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns, as the City of Oxnard has been successful in doing.
3. SUBJECT: Proclamation Designating April 2008 as "Donate Life Month."
DISCUSSION: Presented to Michelle Godoy, Donate Life Ambassador.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Francine Mazy, Oxnard Shores Mobile Home Park, Glen Albers, President, Oxnard Shores MHP HOA, read letter from Master Sgt. Francisco FernandoGutierrez, Channel Islands Air National Guard, away at military training, Royal Duke Estates, Doug Yerkes, Oxnard Shores Mobile Home Park, Peggy Rivera, Villa Capri Mobile Home Estates, in opposition to Proposition 98, rent stabilization, in favor of Proposition 99.

John Korsten, hazardous condition at former Oxnard High School site and loss of truck

Ed Ellis, sales tax initiative

Dennis Ralph, Big League Dreams in Gilbert, Arizona, and use of taxpayers' money

M. Jones, favors elected City Attorney

Lawrence Stein, monthly financial reports

Pat Brown, oversized truck parking

Woodrow Thomas, issuance of weapon and conduct of Police Department

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Lawrence Stein, availability of monthly financial statements and cash on hand vs. expenditures.

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Opposition to Off-Loading of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Within Sea Range for Naval Base Ventura County (NVBC). (001)
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Resolution No. 13,398** opposing Woodside Energy, Inc.'s preferred off-load site at the Point Mugu Naval Sea Range for LNG and authorize the City members of the Regional Defense Partnership for the Twenty First Century (RDP-21) and the City Manager to express the City Council's opposition to this proposed site before any and all governmental or regulatory bodies or other agencies taking comments on the issue.

City Treasurer Department

2. SUBJECT: Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter FY 2007-2008. (005)
RECOMMENDATION: Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter FY 2007-2008.

Development Services Department

3. SUBJECT: Planning and Zoning Permit No. 05-300-24 (Final Map), Re-subdivides a 4.9-Acre Site Located Within the RiverPark Specific Plan. (011)
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt **Resolution No. 13,399** approving Planning and Zoning Permit No. 05-300-24 (Final Map), to merge and re-subdivide a 4.9 acre site located on the southwest corner of Vineyard Avenue and RiverPark Boulevard.

Public Works Department

4. SUBJECT: Agreement with JCI Jones Chemical for Chemical Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bisulfite to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. (021)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with JCI Jones Chemical (**A-6989**) in the amount of \$462,750 for chemical supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite and sodium bisulfite to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

J. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMSFinance Department

1. SUBJECT: Executed Contracts. (023)
ACTION: Received and filed.

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGSL. PUBLIC HEARINGSM. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager introduced the new Finance Director, James Cameron. He also announced the California Coastal Commission's approval of the City's request to change Oxnard's local coastal land use plan so Hollywood Beach Mobilehome Park may convert to resident ownership.

M. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Council concurred to direct staff to bring a report on options regarding the City's position on Propositions 98 and 99.

N. REPORTSP. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTSQ. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

R. STUDY SESSIONCity Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Use of Synthetic Playing Surfaces in City Parks. (025)
RECOMMENDATION: Consider a report on the use of synthetic playing surfaces in the City park system and provide direction to the General Services Manager.
DISCUSSION: The General Services Superintendent outlined staff's finding that synthetic turf is a viable alternative to natural turf fields. He cited advantages of synthetic turf when compared with natural, including greater durability and safety, less water usage, elimination of use of herbicides or pesticides; and disadvantages, including expense of installation, have life of 8-10 years, they are not maintenance-free. He referenced a report comparing the two types of fields and finding in favor of the synthetic fields.

Speakers expressing concern/requesting further study: M. Jones, L. Stein, Dennis Ralph, Ed Ellis, Pat Brown, Julie Peña, and Richard Menken.

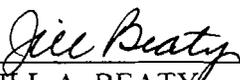
Archie Schem, Area Director, AYSO, supports its use.

City Council comments included 1) concern with overheating, 2) use is not substitute for grass in parks but for heavily used sports fields only; 3) it could be tried at one or two fields; 4) visit fields in their later life; and 5) get an official stance from AYSO.

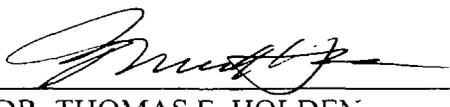
ACTION: The City Council provided comments to staff.

S. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSIONT. ADJOURNMENT

At xx p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn.



JILL A. BEATY
Assistant City Clerk



DR. THOMAS E. HOLDEN
Mayor