

MINUTES

OXNARD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 8, 2011

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:31 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Thomas E. Holden, Irene G. Pinkard, Bryan A. MacDonald, Timothy B. Flynn and Carmen Ramirez 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; Alan Holmberg, City Attorney; and Jeri Williams, Police Chief.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Comments were received from Bert Perello

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(3)(C). Based on the existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the City and Community Development Commission in one potential case based upon a written threat of litigation which is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Based on existing facts and circumstances and on the advice of the City Attorney, the City Council also recessed to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (c), to decide whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.

The City Council also recessed to a closed session to conduct the Employee Performance Evaluation of the City Manager.

At 7:24 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 7:26 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council reconvened in the Council Chambers, concurrently with the Community Development Commission, Housing Authority and Financing Authority. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States by Cub Scouts Pack No. 3251 Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Holden presided. Additional staff members present were: William "Bill" Wilkins, Housing Director; James Cameron, Chief Financial Officer; Rob Roshanian, Interim Public Works Director; Grace Magistrale Hoffman, Deputy City Manager; Christina Aerenlund, Public Information Officer; and Jaime Arellano, Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: Presentation of Commendations to Graduates of the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program

DISCUSSION: The Housing Director and Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, recognized Arturo Fitz, Hilda Ceja, and Ernesto Alarcon who had completed the Housing program which helps residents with the process to buy a home.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals provided comments: Larry Stein; William Terry; Nancy Pedersen; Steve Nash; Steve Fleischer; Armando Garcia; Marco Benitez; Miguel Espinosa; Shirin Anderson; Pat Brown; Daniel Lechliter; Carlos Licea de Verona; Julia Pena and Bert Perello. (Lupe Anguiano comment card.)

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager

2. SUBJECT: Agreements for City Council Review. (057)

RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to Ordinance 2835, approve and authorize the City Manager, to execute the attached agreements/contracts and change orders/amendments in amounts more than \$25,000 but less than \$250,000.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved as recommended. (MacDonald/Pinkard) Ayes: Holden, Pinkard, MacDonald, Flynn, and Ramirez.

J. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager reported on: Veteran's Day Event, at Plaza Park on November 11; no "fracking" (an oil drilling process) would happen in Oxnard due to the local rock formation; and efforts to solve an odor problem at Rose Avenue and Third Street.

N. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: 2012 Meeting Schedule for Legislative Bodies. (059)

RECOMMENDATION: Meet on the following dates during the calendar year 2012: January 10 and 24; February 7, 14, and 28; March 6, 20, and 27; April 3, 10, 17, and 24; May 1, 8, and 15; June 5, 12, 19, and 26; July 10, 17, and 24; August NO MEETINGS; September 11, 18, and 25; October 2, 9, 16, and 23; November 6 and 27; December 4 and 11, 2012.

DISCUSSION: The Council commented on scheduling of future strategic council meeting dates.

ACTION: Approved as recommended, (Holden/Pinkard), unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND FINANCING AUTHORITY

At 8:23 p.m. the joint meetings with the Community Development Commission; Housing Authority and Financing Authority concluded.

2. SUBJECT: Simultaneous Broadcast in Spanish of City Council Meetings. (063)

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve the broadcasting of City Council meetings with simultaneous voice over Spanish interpretation, as the most practical and cost effective option.

DISCUSSION: The Public Information Officer reviewed possible options to broadcast Council meetings in Spanish including costs.

The City Council commented on: the need to reach out to all of the community; the estimated numbers of Spanish users; the communication needs of the community; and use of SAP as an option.

The following individuals provided comments: Larry Stein; Gloria Roman; Nancy Pedersen; Alice Madrid; Jim Hensley; Carlos Liecea de Verona; Marco Benitez; Jose L. Velazco; Suguet Lopez; Theadra Dariff-Cornyn; Daniel Lechliter; Lauro Barajas; Pat Brown; Denise Rodriguez; Ana Leguerenne; Romelia Garcia; Nadia Gutierrez; Julia Pena; Ruben Gutierrez; Esequiel Rosas; Barbara Maci-Ortiz; Jorge Napoles; Frank Barajas; Bert Perello and Mario Quintana.

ACTION: The City Council directed staff to place a SAP (audio) system in the Council Chambers and that staff return with data as to the use of the system. (Ramirez/Holden) Ayes: Pinkard, MacDonald, Ramirez, and Holden. Noes: Flynn.

Councilmember Flynn moved that Spanish subtitles to be used for council meeting broadcasts instead of voice overs in Spanish to allow viewers to follow meetings in English and Spanish and that city staff work with the college and high school districts to provide more opportunities for Oxnard residents to learn English. The motion failed without a second.

The City Council also discussed: Many Mansions organization; possible recognition of the work of young persons in the community; recognition of returning veterans from overseas; having a community healthy eating program (with possible partnerships with St. John's Hospital; Las Clinicas; Kaiser Permanente); job fair for veterans at CBC base; discussion at Oxnard College meeting regarding budget; and the perseveration of local historical buildings.

O. REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

Q. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

City Manager

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard Downtown Management District Update.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal update on ODMD activities.
ACTION: Remove from agenda.

R. STUDY SESSION

S. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.


DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk


DR. THOMAS E. HOLDEN
Mayor