

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2009

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers concurrently with the Housing Authority. Councilmembers Thomas E. Holden, Andres Herrera, Dean Maulhardt, Irene G. Pinkard and Bryan A. MacDonald 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; and Alan Holmberg, City Attorney.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:31 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed session to give instructions to negotiators, Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager, and Michelle Tellez, Human Resources Director, regarding salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits for employees represented by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local No. 721, the International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local No. 1684, Oxnard Public Safety Management Employees' Association (Police Unit), Oxnard Public Safety Management Employees' Association (Fire Unit), the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO (IUOE), Local 501, and the Oxnard Peace Officers' Association (OPOA) and other matters within the scope of representation.

At 6:05 p.m. the City Council reconvened and recessed to the evening session.

APPOINTMENT ITEM

At 6:09 p.m. the City Council reconvened the meeting, concurrently with the Community Development Commission and Housing Authority. Additional staff members present included Jim Cameron, Chief Financial Officer; and Jill A. Beaty, Assistant City Clerk. Mayor Holden presided.

City Manager Department/Finance Department

1. SUBJECT: Mid-Year Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. (001)
RECOMMENDATION: Consider a report on the Mid-Year Budget and discuss: (1) One-time savings options for FY 2008-09; and (2) List of employee savings suggestions.

DISCUSSION: The Chief Financial Officer provided a review of the revenue shortfall from falling retail sales, residential construction, and interest rates. He outlined present savings options for this fiscal year. Total general fund savings options from such things as vacancies

management, equipment savings, and capital projects, are \$10.6 million. Non-general fund savings options from water and wastewater funds, environmental resources funds is \$5.3 million. Of this overall \$16 million total, staff's recommendation is for a one-time \$6.4 million savings to support long-term savings while minimizing the impact of services to the community consistent with the City's vision and priorities. Last year's reserves of \$18 million are not affected. Staff continues to gather suggestions for savings from departments to continue the savings into the next fiscal year.

City Council discussed 1) funds set aside for College Park development; 2) addressing structural deficits and funds spent in overtime issues when discussing future years' budgets; 3) the importance of reviewing employee suggestions for potential savings; 4) and reviewing and readjusting contracts for the purpose of obtaining appropriate or reduced bids reflecting today's economy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

At 6:27 p.m. the City Council recessed to the 7:00 p.m. regular session and the joint meeting with the Community Development Commission concluded.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES.

At 7:11 p.m. the City Council reconvened the regular session, concurrently with the Housing Authority. Councilmembers Thomas E. Holden, Andres Herrera, Dean Maulhardt, Irene G. Pinkard and Bryan A. MacDonald were present. 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. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Thomas Hearne, son of Robert Hearne, Civil Engineer. Staff members present were: Daniel Martinez, City Clerk; Edmund Sotelo, City Manager; Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager; Alan Holmberg, City Attorney; Mark Norris, Utility Services Manager; and Jill A. Beaty, Assistant City Clerk.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Earth Day 2009 Presentation.
DISCUSSION: Presented by Trish Honigsberg, Outreach/Educational Specialist, who announced the April 4th celebration at Plaza Park.
2. SUBJECT: 2010 Census Complete Count Year.
RECOMMENDATION: Presentation of proclamation designating the year beginning April 1, 2009 as Census 2010 Complete Count Year.
DISCUSSION: Presented to David Rodriguez, Complete Count Committee Project and Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau, Ventura County. Karl Lawson, Compliance Services Manager, gave assurance of the City's assistance to get an accurate count.
3. SUBJECT: GREAT Program Desalter Project Award Presented to the City of Oxnard by the American Council of Engineering Companies.

DISCUSSION: The Engineering Excellence Honor Award was presented by Tony Emmert on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Environmental Quality Project of the Year, Brackish Water Desalter Project award by Dr. Alex Farassati, American Public Works Association, Ventura County Chapter.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

The City Manager requested that the two public hearing (L-1 and L-2) items be removed from the agenda, as well as the Study Session item (R-1), to return at a later date.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Carmen Ramirez representing CAUSE and residents of Villa Victoria submitted a petition and a DVD showing a walk to the nearest bus stop and requested 1) a bus stop on Victoria near Gonzalez for safer access to school; 2) Safe Route to Schools funding application; and 3) a meeting with the Mayor. Other speakers requesting the bus stop and traffic light were: Inez Garcia, Rosalba Medina, and Laura Raya residents of Villa Victoria.

Eileen Tracy requested an application for the Safe Route to Schools grant requesting sidewalks on Olds, Butler, and Nauman Roads.

Harold Ceja supports the Neighborhood Council Program

Pat Brown, Royal Palms Mobile Home Park (Park), thanked the City Council and staff for support in legal battles with the owner of the Park.

John Korsten re Social Security benefits and other items.

Ed Ellis, opposes the Southern California Edison Peaker Plant.

Nancy Lindholm, President, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce, and Tom Cady, Chairman, applauded the City's efforts to acquire federal stimulus monies.

Jeraldine Byrne, temporary Reference and Children's Librarian, questioned her rate of pay against new hires.

Bert Perello, South Bank Neighborhood Council Chair, is thankful for a Rio Del Norte Elementary School Stop sign, and, as a private citizen, wants public discussion of employee suggestions for budget savings. He supports an elementary school in Seabridge.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

The following individuals expressed concern with how the new ordinance (I-6) might affect their car wash businesses: Camerino Salinas, Juan Urbieta, Ismuel Guillen, Hector Hernandez, Daniel Guillen, Diego Salvador Feillos. Sandra Coronado offered options to using water to wash cars.

The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem explained the ordinance establishes measures to comply with existing State Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations requiring reduction in amount of pollutants entering the City's stormwater system by treating the water before it enters the ocean. It does not prohibit mobile car washes. The Utility Services Manager explained that use of green products alone will not prevent the pollutants on the vehicle that are washed off into the storm drains.

Bert Perello supports the ordinance. (I-6)

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Department

2. SUBJECT: Special Budget Appropriation to Transfer Funds to Campus Park Project. (039)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the transfer of previously appropriated Capital Improvement Project funds in the amount of \$85,000 from the College Park project to the Campus Park Project located at the corner of Fifth Street and H Street.

Police Department

5. SUBJECT: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). (059)
RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for \$2,574,320 in U.S. Department of Justice grant funds from the COPS CHRP for twenty new entry-level police officer positions.

Public Works Department

6. SUBJECT: **Ordinance No. 2806 Concerning Reduction of Pollutants in Storm Water and Remedies for Violation.** (061)
RECOMMENDATION: Second reading and adoption.
7. SUBJECT: Traffic Signal Modifications at Various Locations Project. (065)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve plans and specifications of Project Specification No. PW 09-07 for traffic signal modifications at Wooley Road and Patterson Road, Ventura Road and Town Center Drive, Gonzales Road and C Street, Gonzales Road and H Street, C Street and Second Street, C Street and Fourth Street, C Street and Sixth Street, C Street and Hill Street.
8. SUBJECT: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Local Resources Program Funding for Recycled Water Program. (067)
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the draft agreement for the Local Resources Program Funding of City of Oxnard Advanced Water Purification Facility Phase 1 Project Recycled Water Program with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Calleguas Municipal Water District, and authorize the Mayor to execute the final agreement in form and substance substantially similar to the draft.

9. SUBJECT: Fifth Amendment to Agreement With Parrent Security for Security Services at the Water Campus, Located at 251 South Hayes Avenue. (071)

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Parrent Security (**3302-04-PW**) to increase the amount by \$150,000 for a total not to exceed \$1,050,062 and to extend the contract expiration date to November 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing security services at the Water Campus, located at 251 South Hayes Avenue; and (2) Approve a special budget appropriation on the amount of \$150,000 from Water Security-Contamination Prevention Fund balance.

INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approved (Pinkard/Maulhardt); Ayes: Holden, Herrera, Maulhardt, Pinkard, and MacDonald.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 8:33 p.m. the concurrent meeting with the Housing Authority concluded.

J. TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Finance Department

1. SUBJECT: Monthly Budget Status Reports for the Period Ending February 28, 2009. (075)
DISCUSSION: Received and filed.

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Development Services Department

1. SUBJECT: Amend LCP, Mandalay Bay Specific Plan, and Zone Text to Allow School Use Within Seabridge Project.
RECOMMENDATION: Remove from agenda.
ACTION: Unanimously approved.
2. SUBJECT: Amend Coastal Zoning Text to Remove Reference to Policy 88 Related to Replacement Mobile Homes When a Park is Closed.
RECOMMENDATION: Remove from agenda.
ACTION: Unanimously approved.

M. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Department

1. SUBJECT: Update on Meetings with Officials in Washington, DC, and National League of Cities Conference Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal report on meetings with officials and on stimulus funding issues presented during National League of Cities Conference (March 14 -18, 2009).

DISCUSSION: The City Manager explained the purpose of the visit by City Council and staff: 1) attend the League's Conference session; 2) seek funding for critical City project as part of the FY 2010 federal requests; and 3) seek funding for the recently announced federal stimulus package. The City Manager and City Council reported also that Council members and staff met with Congressional representatives and their staffs; 1) to solicit COPS funding and answer questions on the grant application; 2) to build on existing relationships; 3) to submit new requests to key individuals; and 4) to discuss the timeline for remediation of the Halaco site and razing the buildings with EPA representatives.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Services Department

1. SUBJECT: Position Letter to the Coastal Commission Regarding Southern California Edison Peaker Plant Proposal, Located at 251 North Harbor Boulevard. (085)
RECOMMENDATION: Sign the attached letter and instruct staff to transmit it to the Coastal Commission.
DISCUSSION: Pat Brown supports the letter in opposition to the Peaker Plant.
ACTION: Approved (Holden/Maulhardt), unanimously.

O. REPORTS

P. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORTS

Q. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

R. STUDY SESSION

Finance Department

1. SUBJECT: Five-Year General Fund Financial Forecast: Fiscal Year 2009-10 Through Fiscal Year 2013-14. (097)
RECOMMENDATION: Remove from agenda.
ACTION: Unanimously approved.

S. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m. the City Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.

DANIEL MARTINEZ
City Clerk

DR. THOMAS E. HOLDEN
Mayor

JILL A. BEATY
Assistant City Clerk

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