

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Thousand Oaks, California

December 1, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Al Adam called the **Reorganization Meeting** of the **City Council** to order at 6:08 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Adam, accompanied by his daughters Erica and Allison, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Andy Fox, Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Rob McCoy, Joel Price, and Mayor Al Adam.

Also Present: City Manager Scott Mitnick, City Attorney Tracy Noonan, City Clerk Linda Lawrence, Finance Director/City Treasurer John F. Adams, Community Development Director John Prescott, Human Resources Director/Deputy City Manager Gary Rogers, Library Director Heather Cousin, Cultural Affairs Director Barry McComb, Public Works Director Jay Spurgin, Police Chief Tim Hagel, Fire Chief Theodore Smith, Deputy City Clerk Antoinette Mann, Cable Operations Supervisor Carl Jarecky, Assistant Analyst Laura Maguire, Senior Video Specialist Richard Swingler, Production Assistant Christian Phelps, and Senior Recording Secretary Janis Daly.

4. INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Adam acknowledged in attendance: former Mayors/Councilmembers: Jacqui Irwin (currently 44th District Assembly member), Ray Garcia (with wife Yvonne), Ed Jones [currently Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) Chair], Linda Parks (currently Ventura County Supervisor), Dan Del Campo, Larry Horner (with wife Betty), Chuck Cohen (with wife Eloise), Mike Markey, Frank Schillo (also former Ventura County Supervisor); Other Elected Officials/Dignitaries: City of Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber and City Clerk Emeritus Nancy Dillon; Planning Commissioners Daryl Reynolds and Doug Nickels; also in attendance, members of City Committees, Commissions, and Boards, including Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commissioner Mike Reider.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Forum Theatre Council Seat Dedication:

Mayor Adam presented Forum Theatre Council Seat Dedication to Eloise Cohen (Seat J06).

Mayor Adam presented Forum Theatre Council Seat Dedication to Wyatt McCrea (Seat J02).

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5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

B. Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Adam:

Mayor Pro Tem Price introduced individuals with special presentations/remarks in honor of outgoing Mayor Adam: Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks; CRPD Chair Ed Jones; Former Mayors/Councilmembers Ed Jones, Chuck Cohen, Raymond Garcia, Larry Horner, Frank Schillo, Michael Markey, Dan Del Campo, and Linda Parks; Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber; Marie Lakin on behalf of State District No. 27 Representative Senator Fran Pavley and 44th District Assembly member Jacqui Irwin; Jason Barnes for 26th Congressional District of California Congresswoman Julia Brownley; Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce President Rick Lemmo and Chamber Director of Government Affairs and Tourism Adam Haverstock; Marilyn, Erica, and Allison Adam; City Manager Mitnick, representing City Employees and Executive Team; Mayor Pro Tem Price presented Commemorative City Tile.

C. Remarks by Councilmembers and Outgoing Mayor Adam.

See Exhibit A for remarks by Councilmembers to outgoing Mayor Adam and Exhibit B for remarks by outgoing Mayor Adam.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Billy Martin, Thousand Oaks; Mary Harris, Thousand Oaks; Chaise Rasheed, Thousand Oaks; Nick Quidwaj, Newbury Park; Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin, Thousand Oaks; Anne LaFianza, Thousand Oaks.

7. Council Reorganization:

A. Nominations opened by City Clerk Lawrence.

Nomination and Selection of Mayor; Councilmember Fox nominated Mayor Pro Tem Price for Mayor. Nominations closed.

Motion by Councilmember Fox selecting Councilmember Price as Mayor through December 2016, carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Fox, Bill-de la Peña, McCoy, Price, and Adam; Noes – None; Absent – None.

Council reseated.

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7. Council Reorganization: (Continued)

- B. Nomination and Selection of Mayor Pro Tem; Nominations opened by Mayor Price; Councilmember Fox nominated Councilmember Bill-de la Peña for Mayor Pro Tem. Nominations closed.

Motion by Councilmember Fox selecting Councilmember Bill-de la Peña as Mayor Pro Tem through December 2016, carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Fox, Adam, McCoy, Bill-de la Peña, and Price; Noes – None; Absent – None.

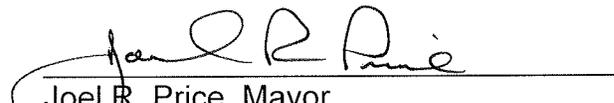
- C. Remarks by Incoming Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers.

See Exhibit C for remarks by Incoming Mayor Price, Exhibit D for remarks by Councilmembers, and Exhibit E for remarks by Incoming Mayor Pro Tem Bill-de la Peña.

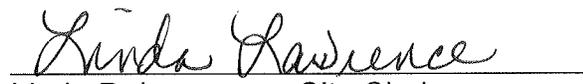
8. Adjournment:

City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to a reception in the Kavli Theatre lobby and next regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.


Al Adam, Mayor
City of Thousand Oaks City Council


Joel R. Price, Mayor
City of Thousand Oaks City Council

Attest:


Linda D. Lawrence, City Clerk
City of Thousand Oaks City Council

AGENDA POSTED: November 25, 2015

MINUTES APPROVED: December 15, 2015

Exhibit A – TranscriptCITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015Remarks to Outgoing Mayor Adam by Councilmember Andy Fox

Al, it is for me, and I am sure Claudia would agree, it's always nice to see someone complete their first year as Mayor because there really is no duplication your first time. To have the honor of representing our community as Mayor and having folks refer to you as the Mayor, it's truly a unique opportunity. I just want to echo some of the other comments. You really have shown a great sense of energy throughout the entire year. You've done your level best to attend as many events as possible.

On a personal note, we've had an opportunity to work together on some very challenging committees. I can tell the community that this is a guy that listens, does his level best to represent the entire community; and that's not always an easy proposition. Because when you're up here on Tuesday night, invariably some folks don't think that their viewpoint has been listened to and others do. Al has done a really, really good job of listening and doing his level best to do what he thinks is best for the community. I've seen that first hand in a number of the community and committee meetings we've been to.

So Al, congratulations on a great year. You've handled the Council meetings in an even-handed manner. You mentioned it earlier, and I think most former Councilmembers would agree. I don't remember a time, and I've been here well over 30 years, that Council has worked as well together. I really believe that and certainly all of us are happy about that. I think you did set the tone this year as Mayor, and I just want to congratulate you on a great year. Thanks a lot.

Remarks to Outgoing Mayor Adam by Councilmember Rob McCoy

Mayor, my first experience as a Councilmember was to be invited over to your home for a reception for the incoming Councilmember. I was shocked to find out that I guess that was the first time something like that had happened; that you did the reception for the incoming councilmember. I couldn't have been more thankful and my wife as well that we were warmly received by the Council. Your home, you have the gift of hospitality.

The blessing to me is in witnessing you as a Mayor and getting a chance to observe. As a new Councilmember, it's like drinking from a fire hydrant trying to take it all in. You have sage wisdom and a distinct love for people that I hope we all emulate. Watching you in the Council meetings, go and walking through the seats and just say "hello" to every person. I have witnessed you out in the public and you are a lovely person.

I am so grateful that you have been our Mayor. You really have brought a sense of unity to this community, so thank you so much, Mayor.

Exhibit A – Transcript (Continued)Remarks to Outgoing Mayor Adam by Councilmember Claudia Bill-de la Peña

I'm going to piggyback on what Mr. McCoy said, your love of people: to interact with them and to really be so social before the meetings, to go into the audience and greet everybody. You are the Charmer in Chief. I have to say, that was always an ice-breaker.

You were elected in 2012. The atmosphere was somewhat different, but once you took a seat on this dais, and made your way up to Mayor, and now this evening. So much has happened. So many positive things have happened since you took office, and your year as Mayor really was the tip of or the cherry on top of the whipped cream or cream. I forget the saying exactly.

But nonetheless, it was wonderful to see how you were able to bring both sides together and to really help this Council move forward; not to regress, but to move forward for the good of the community. I admire your diplomacy. It was not always easy this year. I realize that, but because of your tenacity and the fact that you wanted, you were so determined and so dogged about certain items and topics. You were successful and you helped the City really progress. So thank you very much and congratulations on a wonderful year.

Remarks to Outgoing Mayor Adam by Councilmember Price

Now for my turn. Al, what can I say that hasn't already been said? I will say this: that you are the equivalent of the Energizer Bunny.

As the Mayor Pro Tem, one of my responsibilities is to pinch hit when the Mayor is not able to make an appearance at a public event that he's been invited to. I think that there were two such events this past year. Only two, was I asked to attend on his behalf. Unfortunately, for him, I was in Cancun. Not sure what happened, but I bring that up because that's remarkable. There are so many public events that the Mayor is invited to. I've already received several invitations and I'm not even sitting in that chair, but my calendar is filling up. So you are a fantastic ambassador for the City.

What Claudia said about you going out into the audience - - I marvel at how you do that at the beginning of every meeting. You are, quite frankly, unable to begin a meeting without having done that. I know there were a couple of meetings where Mr. Mitnick there was actually getting grey hair, looking at his watch, going "it's 6:02 p.m., we need to start." Sorry, Scott.

Anyway, thank you very much. Congratulations on a fantastic year. I, too, look forward to continuing to serve with you on the Council.

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Exhibit B – Transcript

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Remarks by Outgoing Mayor Adam

I really appreciate all the comments of my fellow Councilmembers and all the folks that came down to speak on my behalf tonight. It was really a privilege to stand with all the former Mayors. It was quite an experience.

It has been quite an experience being Mayor. It has been very memorable. When you talk about the people that I have met, everything from children to seniors. I spoke at Service Clubs, to the Volunteers in Policing, to the Friends, to the Library volunteers, to the Youth Commission. I've gotten hugs from children. I've gotten pats on the back from seniors. I've danced in a circle, from Menorah lighting, I've appeared on the Kavli stage, things that I never thought I'd do in my entire life. I introduced The Beatles at Conejo Rec and Park District...how about that? And I learned all these new languages. I spoke Chinese at the Chinese New Year. I spoke German at the Edelweiss Keg Tapping for the Mayor. I learned Danish for the Scandinavian Festival, right Eloise? I spoke Spanish at the Conejo Elementary Adult Learning Class. So I brushed up on a lot of my language and it was just great.

I had my picture taken with all these wonderful folks, and that's quite a thrill. Can we have your picture taken? Of course, absolutely! I am really proud to be a part of Thousand Oaks. I call it the tapestry of life here in Thousand Oaks. Our tapestry includes just such great pictures....everywhere from our volunteers to our service clubs, to our schools, to our charities, to our law enforcement, fire department, our businesses, the Arts; we really have it all. This tapestry of life is woven together and tells a story. It tells a story of a very caring and engaged community. A tight-knit community, a great place to work together, to create a place to raise our kids, a safe place to live, a place to play and just a wonderful place to be. It's a place that we all call home, and I'll tell you, no matter where I am, anywhere in the country or anywhere on the planet, when somebody asks me "where are you from?" I am very, very proud to tell them "I'm from Thousand Oaks."

So thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you very much.

Exhibit C – TranscriptCITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015Remarks by Incoming Mayor Price

Well now that we've taken care of the formalities, there, I'd just like to say a few words. It's a distinct honor and privilege to be able to serve as the City's 52nd Mayor. There are many things that make this City great, but probably at the very top of that list is the folks that are sitting in this room. As you've heard, just a little bit about some of them. Our community is full of folks just like that who volunteer thousands of hours every year for different organizations. Organizations such as Kiwanis, the Rotary, our faith-based and health-based organizations that give so much back to this community. That really gives me a sense of pride to be able to go out and tell people about what tremendous folks we have living here in this City and all that they do to give back. I want to commend all of you who have given so much of yourselves, as well.

Our City has been guided by dynamic leaders who have helped shape the community to what it is today. City Councils that served before us, along with my colleagues at the dais today, deserve a great deal of praise. Councilmembers Fox and Bill-de la Peña who have been on the Council for quite some time. They have been serving the community for a number of years, and I am very grateful for their foresight and wisdom.

Of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Dr. Tom Glancy, the late Dr. Tom Glancy, who first appointed me to Traffic and Transportation Commission back in 2006, and later to the Planning Commission in 2012. Tom, I hope to be the strong leader that you were while serving on this Council.

I'd also like to thank former Councilmember Dennis Gillette, whose retirement from this Council gave me the opportunity to serve. I've had the opportunity to sit with Dennis on a number of occasions and learn from his wisdom. Tom and Dennis both provided great leadership and their void continues to be felt.

I'd also like to recognize former Councilmember and now Assembly member, Jacqui Irwin, who was here earlier, for her mentorship. She encouraged me to get involved in many different aspects of city government, and I'm both honored and exhausted to follow her in her footsteps on the many committees and commissions she had to leave behind when she was elected to state office.

Exhibit C – Transcript (Continued)

We have so many opportunities ahead of us in the coming years and a chance to shape the future of Thousand Oaks that we will need to leave, or that we will leave to our children. The long-awaited Thousand Oaks Boulevard Specific Plan area is poised to take shape and we hope to see the shovel in the ground on the first mixed-use project during this coming year. The need for additional housing units was made even clearer during Mayor Adam's State of the City Address this afternoon when he mentioned the new businesses that are coming to Thousand Oaks in the very near future. These businesses mean new jobs, which in turn represents an increased need for housing.

Just this morning, I was at the Regional Defense Partnership Meeting (thank you Jacqui). President Richard Rush of the California State University Channel Islands mentioned a statistic that I found quite startling. During the last graduating class from Cal State Channel Islands, there were 87% of the students, graduating students polled there, said that they wanted to remain living and working here in Ventura County. That means that we're going to need somewhere for those folks to live.

The 101/23 Freeway expansion will be completed in the spring of 2016. I see some "yes." That will make travel in and through Thousand Oaks a whole lot easier for those thousands of commuters and residents alike who use that freeway on a daily basis or either of those freeways on a daily basis.

Another important project we've been planning for decades now is the Boulevard Undergrounding Project. The utility undergrounding project on Thousand Oaks Boulevard, where approximately one and one-half miles of overhead electrical wires and 48 poles will be removed. That will provide for, certainly, provide enhanced aesthetics, a more reliable source of electricity, and increased safety, particularly with the El Nino that we are expecting. I'm sure there will be some winds that will accompany that.

The much talked-about Hampshire Road site. The former home to K-Mart is once again in the news, with Home Depot indicating a desire to begin the process of exploring the possibility of opening a store at that location.

The vacant parcel off of Wendy Drive and the U.S. 101 is also generating some interest and I know that many of us would be pleased to see it developed. Whether it be a large retailer, a discount membership warehouse, I'm excited for the possibilities.

As Al Adam also mentioned this afternoon, we're thrilled to host the Amgen Tour for the fifth time on May 17. For those of you who weren't there this afternoon. May 17....mark it on your calendar. The Stage Three Start will take place on Amgen's very own campus. Thanks to Amgen for partnering with us as we bring the largest cycling event in the nation back to the Conejo Valley, home to a significant cycling community itself.

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We're also very proud of the Thousand Oaks High School Football Team, who will be playing in the CIF Northern Division Championship this Friday against neighboring Camarillo. Go Lancers!

I also need to give a shout-out to the CLU Women's Volleyball Team, who put Thousand Oaks on the NCAA Championship map with their tremendous win. Congratulations, Regal ladies! They are the first team in Ventura County to win, men or women, to win an NCAA Championship.

Before I close I would like to thank a number of my family members who are here. Am I allowed to do that? I guess I can.....I have the mic.

I'll start with my wife, Jeanine, who has been with me for longer than I care to recognize....don't say that yet. We've been married for 35 years, so I'll leave it at that. Who has always inspired me and allowed me to pursue my dreams, this being one of them, sitting up here at the Council dais. I never imagined that I would be sitting in this particular seat, but thank you very much.

I also have my son Westin, and his lovely wife, Whitney, who are here. I expect that you will get this out real quick on social media. I'd like it to go viral within the next couple of hours, so whatever it is that your age people do, do it now...ready....begin.

My parents, Carol and Glenn Price, who raised me. It's a good thing that I had strong parents, otherwise I....I often said that there was a...well, I won't go into that, but I gave them some trouble when I was a young man. I was either going to be a police officer or end up somewhere else. I am glad to say that I spent 35 years as a police officer, so thank you very much for being here and for that upbringing.

Also, I see my neighbor here, who happens to be my younger brother, Jeff and his wife. Yeah - my younger brother (did you hear that?) and his wife Debbie, who, coincidentally live right next door to me. I probably haven't seen him in a couple of weeks, though. At any rate, thank you very much for coming.

I also want to thank my fellow Councilmembers up here at the dais, as I look forward to the coming year. We are going to have a good time and we are going to continue in the vein that Mr. Adam led us in, and we are just always going to be smiling and friendly.

With that I thank you all for your confidence in me, both the folks up here at the dais and the people who voted for me a few years ago. I appreciate that you have given me not only that vote, but the confidence in me to lead this City, so thank you very much.

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Exhibit D – Transcript

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Remarks by Councilmember Adam

If I may, I have to tell you that Joel has been a public servant for his entire career. As he mentioned, 35 years on the Los Angeles Police Department: 35 distinguished years and he could have rested on his laurels at that point, but no, he's continuing his public service as a member of the City Council and now as our new Mayor, and I think that's very commendable.

He has a great support system in Jeanine. Jeanine, you are a wonderful asset to Joel, you really are. I am happy that you're here.

Joel, you're very well-qualified to be Mayor-- just named President of the League of California Cities Channel Islands Division, which is a great honor. He brought the Special Olympics to Thousand Oaks single-handedly, he really did. Fantastic. So now you represent the City, you're the symbol of the City, Joel. No longer Joel Price. You're Mr. Mayor. Oh, yes; oh, yes, get used to it. I know you will be up to the task, but I don't want you to get big-headed now. Because, I mean for example, I was "ID'd" on my way in to the State of the City Address today and I've also been warned not to park in Scott Mitnick's parking space...that was a couple of weeks ago. These are true stories. So just keep your feet on the ground. The public will do it for you, so. Joel, you're going to make a great Mayor. I am really glad that you are sitting where you are sitting and I am looking forward to working with you in the next year.

Remarks by Councilmember Bill-de la Peña

I would like to say a few words, thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. This is congratulations on getting the cherry on top. It's been a few years in the making, and I know that you're well-groomed to handle this quite well.

Of course, having Jeanine at your side really makes a big difference. She has been to many, if not all events with you whenever she is in town. So a very supportive wife, and that is wonderful. So thank you, Jeanine, but unfortunately you will see less of him probably, because I don't know if you're going to be able to make all of the appointments and events that he will be expected to attend.

So again, congratulations. I look forward to working with you and I will miss you because. I'll miss your sense of humor already, right next to me (under your breath). But anyhow, I believe that you will really bring a nice dollop of humor to being Mayor, as well. Expertise, diplomacy, and humor; those are three very important ingredients to have.

Exhibit D – Transcript (Continued)Remarks by Councilmember McCoy

Well, Mr. Mayor, it's evident to me, just observing you, that your activities and the way in which you serve this City, and having the chance to be with you in San Jose at the League of Cities, you're tireless. You're energetic and you're involved in so many of these committees that it's very clear that the title Mayor has just now caught up to what has already been the effort that has been extended. So, congratulations....well deserved.

Remarks by Councilmember Fox

Mr. Mayor, just congratulations. As has been mentioned, this is an individual that has, for lack of a better description, toiled through City committees, Traffic Commission, Planning Commission, was first appointed to the Council, then ran and was elected handily to the Council seat. It's just been a normal transition for a guy that really, truly, exemplifies public service.

He has my total respect. Somebody that has been in law enforcement 35 years. Coming from a firefighter, where everybody likes us and waves to us; they wave at police officers, but it's generally just with a certain appendage. He's the guy that did it for 35 years with LAPD -- served with distinction. He came out here and started serving our community out here in Thousand Oaks and it's just been no different. He's served all of us with distinction.

Clearly deserving the position of Mayor, I know he's going to do a great job. He has a great family; a great family. So Joel, congratulations to you and your entire family.

Exhibit E – Transcript

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Remarks by Incoming Mayor Pro Tem Bill-de la Peña

Thank you. I will be very brief. This is, I believe, my third time as Mayor Pro Tem, and I do appreciate the trust that you have put in me with your vote.

Since we had such a wonderful year, we've actually had a wonderful two, three years already and getting along quite well. In getting along, we really help our community to progress and to thrive. That will continue to be my goal: to make Thousand Oaks the best it can be. To remain number one in terms of public service, in terms of education, in terms of the environment and the open space. I will do that with the help of the residents, and also, most importantly, with the help of my colleagues. So thank you very much.