

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
OXNARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OXNARD FINANCING AUTHORITY
OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY
October 1, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:01 p.m., Mayor John C. Zaragoza called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council (concurrently with the Oxnard Housing Authority), in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, Arthur Valenzuela, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald, and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present.

Housing Authority Commissioner Jose Andrade was present and joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Housing Commissioner Vega was absent.

Councilmember Madrigal joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m., Basua arrived at 5:08 p.m., and Councilmember Valenzuela arrived at 5:27 p.m. Councilmember Madrigal left the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and returned at 6:45 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council and Housing Authority.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None received.)

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of case: Teichert Energy & Utility Group, Inc. vs. City of Oxnard
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 2023CUBC015960
Legislative Body: City Council

City Attorney Fischer read the following closed session statement:

"The City Council will recess to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with its attorneys. The matter being discussed is Teichert Energy and Utility Group, Inc. vs. City of Oxnard.

At 5:03 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session. At 5:33 p.m., the City Council

reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. Stephen Fischer, City Attorney announced that no reportable actions resulted from the closed session for item C.1.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:30 PM)

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Community Relations Commission Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council: 1) Receive a verbal Annual Report from the Community Relations Commission; and 2) Present a Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2024 as "Multicultural Festival Month" in the City of Oxnard.

Community Relations Commissioners Helaine Rochelle Stallion, Chair; Khalilah Durias, Vice Chair; Cynthia Gonzalez; Tiffany Lopez; and Meaghan T. Salas presented their annual report and provided a live presentation to Council. The commission reported on the power and the duties of the Community Relations Commission, the mission, community events, accomplishments, as well as their plans for the coming year. The members of the Community Relations Commission accepted the proclamation and followed with a few words. The annual report was received and filed; no formal action was required.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

Mayor Zaragoza led the pledge of allegiance.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2024 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Denise S. Morehouse, Assistant Police Chief, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department and was proud to announce that this October, they will launch the seventh-consecutive campaign in the battle against breast cancer.

2. Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2024 as "Fire Prevention Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Alexander Hamilton, who came to the dais to accept the proclamation on behalf of the department and said that they are committed to advancing public safety and uplift fire prevention by issuing smoke alarms to the residents of Oxnard.

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2024 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Oxnard Police Sergeant Dale McAlpine, Sergeant Scott Aaron, Detective Daniel Cosio, and Detective Juan Morales, members of the team, who came to the dais to accept the proclamation and spoke on the item on behalf of the department.

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Designating October 14, 2024 as "Indigenous People's Day."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Melissa Parr Hernandez and Robin Redwater, who spoke on the family's pride in their identity as indigenous people and celebrate the vast contributions of Indigenous communities. Oxnard State Beach Park was renamed to "Olol'koy Beach Park," after the Chumash name for dolphin. Ms. Parr Hernandez accepted the proclamation and spoke on honoring Indigenous peoples' strength, courage, and resilience.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Ronald Arruejo, Chair of East Valley Neighborhood Council (election candidate forums), David Goodman (shopping carts complaint), and Steve Nash (United Water Conservation District candidate).

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

City Manager Nguyen provided the following community announcements and updates: 2024 Inaugural International PAL Boxing Championships - National PAL and Oxnard PAL present the International PAL Boxing Tournament on October 1-5, 2024; Multicultural Festival on October 2, 2024 at Plaza Park; and Paving the Pathways for Oxnard's Future presentation by Dr. Veronica Terriquez, at a special Oxnard City Council meeting on October 8, 2024.

I. CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Proposition 36: the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution in support of Proposition 36: the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

Police Chief Jason Benites and Andrew Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Metzil Reyes, Tom Cady, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Jacob Jundef, Vanessa Teran, Claudia Bautista, Ivan Vega, Dominick Velasquez, and Greg Runyon. Written comments were received from Regina K. Crawford, representative for Ventura County NAACP President and California Hawaii NAACP Central Area Director; Debbie Mitchell; and Angie Wiggins. The report was received and filed; no formal action was

taken at this time.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items L-1 through L-5 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None received.)

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of September 3, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

2. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Report and Accounting of All Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances for the Month of July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements and fund balances for the month of July 2024.

3. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Investment Report as of August 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item for the City Council to receive and file.

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500146 with United Storm Water, Inc. for Storm Drain Catch Basin Trash Excluder Project, Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Specification No. PW 24-92.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of \$524,042 in Project funds for the Storm Drain Catch Basin Trash Excluder Project, Specification No. PW 24-92;
2. The Mayor to execute an Agreement with United Storm Water, Inc. in the amount of \$436,702 and a project contingency amount of \$43,670 (10%) for a total not to exceed value of \$480,372 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of \$43,670 (10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program budget, which was

previously approved by the City Council.)

5. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Request for a Zone Change to adopt the proposed Affordable Housing Discretionary (AHD) Additive Zone for the project site; Property Located at 2151 Lockwood Street, APN 213-0-090-275; Project Name: Lockwood III Apartments.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve for second reading (by title only and waive further reading) and adopt **Ordinance No. 3050** -- An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Oxnard approving Planning and Zoning Permit No. 22-570-01 (Zone Change) to change the zoning of the project site from Business Research Park (BRP) to Business Research Park - Affordable Housing Discretionary (BRP-AHD), subject to certain findings.

(This item originated from a Public Hearing at the City Council meeting of September 17, 2024, and was previously heard by the Planning Commission; therefore, this item did not originate in Committee.)

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

M. REPORTS

1. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance of \$500,000 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Award.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,829** authorizing the City Manager, or his designee to:

- a. execute the Fiscal Year 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Agreement for an amount of \$500,000, as a co-grantee, on behalf of the City of Oxnard; and
- b. execute all documents necessary for the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.

2. Authorize a FY 2024-25 budget appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 from the General Fund (101) available fund balance, and transfer to the City Housing Authority, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee to take all actions necessary to effectuate the transfer.

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. H.A. 1347** authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to:

- a. execute the Fiscal Year 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Agreement in the amount of \$500,000, as the lead grantee, on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard; and
- b. execute the HUD-1044 form and all other documents necessary for the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.

(This item did not originate in Committee because it is a continuation of an item previously approved by City Council.)

Legislative Body: City Council and Housing Authority.

Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director presented and answered questions. No public comments were received.

City Council

It was moved by Councilmember Valenzuela, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

Oxnard Housing Authority

It was moved by Commissioner Perello, seconded by Commissioner Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Andrade, Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 8-0. Housing Authority Commissioner Vega was absent.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32500107 with Synagro West, LLC for Biosolids Hauling Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Synagro West, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 with an initial term of one year from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025, with the option for four consecutive one-year period extensions that shall not exceed a total of five years for a final term ending October 31, 2029 for biosolids hauling services for the Wastewater Division.

(As of the date of this City Council agenda being posted, there is not yet an outcome from the September 24, 2024 Public Works and Transportation Committee. Staff is available to answer any questions.)

Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director and Timothy Beaman, Assistant Public Works Director presented and answered questions. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and

Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor