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OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:02 p.m., Mayor Luis Mc Arthur called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Luis Mc Arthur, Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments.

C. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager, Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources, Jason Benites, Police Chief, and Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief
Employee organization: Oxnard Public Safety Managers Association (OPSMA)

At 5:04 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed. At 6:11 p.m. the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. Stephen Fischer, City Attorney announced that there was no action to report regarding Closed Session Item C-1.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Pro Tem Teran led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Lang Martinez (homeless advocate); Fernando Gutierrez (crime and reduction of sales tax); David Goodman (support of Mayor); Alex Ruis (newly elected Councilmembers); Lindy Levin (Ventura Road near railroad crossing); Jim Carr (Colony storm drain); Kyle Emmanuel De La Torre (safety concerns at Channel Islands and J Street); Itandehui Morales (working together); Alexis Schmidt (support for Mayor and City committees); Dan Pinedo (remember your oath); and Doug Partello (change is difficult).

F. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

No report.

G. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Starr: 1) attended the annual corporate meeting of the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County and had an extensive conversation with Lynn Maulhardt. It might be worthwhile to invite Mr. Maulhardt or the United Water Conservation District's General Manager to discuss increasing the availability of water; 2) visited the intersection of Roosevelt and First Streets, where there was a traffic collision; and 3) Congratulated Pacific High School football team and would like to recognize them the team at a future City Council meeting.

Councilwoman Basua: 1) wished everyone happy holidays; and 2) would like to get an update on the property at Saviers Road and Channel Islands Boulevard.

Councilwoman Perez: 1) looks forwards to connecting with neighborhood Council Chairs; 2) announced upcoming neighborhood council meetings for District 6: December 18th for Southwinds and January 15th for Blockstock South; 3) toy distributions; and 4) annual masa distribution by Port of Hueneme.

Councilmember Perello: 1) announced upcoming neighborhood council meetings: Cal Gisler on Dec. 17th and Oxnard Dunes and Rose Park on December 18th; 2) update on the electronic voting board; 3) Fremont South past chair concern with dust and soil; and 4) improvement to educational system, the City Council is not involved with that.

Mayor Pro Tem Teran: 1) RiverPark Neighborhood Council; 2) attended birthday celebration for Ruth Zavala who turned 106 years old; 3) dirt stock pile that was moved by the Department of Airports; 4) City Council procedures manual; and 5) Ventura County Resources: crisis and referral line.

Mayor Mc Arthur: 1) reflected on the December 11th meeting and did not mean offend anyone. Wants to create a better quality of life for our residents; 2) would like to have a discussion on seating arrangements and for it to be included in the City Council procedures manual; 3) attended a soccer event at Pierce College with about 60 students; 4) participated in a celebration for the Virgin Mary on East Pleasant Valley Road with Tlaxcala Mexico; and 5) breakfast at the Colonia senior center.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmembers requested that Item Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff. Mayor Pro Tem Teran announced that he is abstaining from Item No. J-9, due to the nature of his work including professional work with the County of Ventura. Councilwoman Basua abstaining on Item J-11.

The Public Works Director provided some minor changes to the agreement for Item No. J-5 to reflect the bidder's documents received during the bid process.

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

2. Fire Department
SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit FEMA and Homeland Security Grant Applications.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,841** that:

    1. Ratifies the submission of six (6) grant applications to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for $1,474,000, including a $134,000 local match for the purpose of procuring four (4) paramedic monitors, a paramedic squad, EMS training equipment, radio reprogramming training, eight (8) tethered drones, and HazMat training;
    2. That authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreements if grant funds are awarded to the City;
    3. That authorizes the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims for the use of match and grant funds and perform all other required financial actions; and
    4. That authorizes the Fire Chief or designee to submit non-financial reports.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on November 26, 2024).

3. Fire Department
SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Application.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,842** that:

1. Ratifies the submission of one (1) grant application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for $506,673 including a $46,061.18 local match for the purpose of fire prevention training for the Oxnard Fire Department Prevention Bureau.
2. That authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreements if grant funds are awarded to the City;
3. That authorizes the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims for the use of match and grant funds and perform all other required financial actions; and
4. That authorizes the Fire Chief or designee to submit non-financial reports.

(This item did not originate in committee due to impending grant deadline.)
Legislative Body: City Council

5. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500303 with Jaynes Brothers Construction, Inc. for Citywide Playground Replacement Project - College Estates Park, Specification No. PW 24-126.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $239,993.90 in Project funds for the Citywide Playground Replacement Project - College Estates Park, Specification No. PW 24-126;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Jaynes Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of $199,993.90 and a Project contingency amount of $20,000 (~10%) for a total not to exceed value of $219,993.90 for the Project; and
4. A Project allocation amount of $20,000 (~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.)

6. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500304 with R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. for Citywide Playground Replacement Project - Fremont Tot Park, Specification No. 25-48.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $386,220 in Project funds for the Citywide Playground Replacement Project - Fremont Tot Park, Specification No. 25-48;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. in the amount of $321,850 for and a Project contingency amount of $32,185 (10%) for a total

not to exceed value of $354,035 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of $32,185 (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.)

7. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Annual Purchase Orders with SiteOne Landscape for Landscape Supplies, Specification No. 25-11.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute annual Purchase Orders with SiteOne Landscape from December 18, 2024, through December 17, 2029, for a total not to exceed amount of $1,000,000 for landscape supplies.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on November 26, 2024.)

8. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32500260 with Northhills Recycling for On-Call Engineered Fiber, Mulch and Bark Delivery and Services, Specification No. PW 24-133R.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize an Agreement with Northhills Recycling for a term of one year from December 18, 2024, to December 17, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed $500,000 for on-call engineered fiber, mulch, and bark delivery and services.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on November 26, 2024.)

9. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Multi-Agency Agreement 32500282 for Funding Santa Clara River Monitoring Program.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the County of Ventura, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, City of Fillmore, City of Oxnard, City of Santa Paula, and City of San Buenaventura (Parties), for the sharing of costs to fund the Santa Clara River (SCR) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) monitoring program.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this is a continuation of an item previously approved by Council at the October 4, 2016, City Council meeting, Agreement A-7917.)

10. City Manager Department
SUBJECT: List of City Manager Approved Contracts - Informational Only.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the list of City Manager approved contracts for the period June 13, 2024 through December 5, 2024.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

11. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Oxnard and Catalyst Family Incorporated.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a five-year ground lease between the City of Oxnard and Catalyst Family, Inc, a non-profit California public benefit corporation, at a monthly lease rate of $3,645.83, for a 17,500 square foot area in Colonia Park located at 170 North Juanita Avenue for the purpose of childcare services.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

No public comments.

Consent Items J 1-3, 5 (as amended) - 8 and 10
It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, and Teran voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

Consent Item J-9
It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, and Basua voted in favor; motion passed 6-0-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote on this item due to a potential remote conflict of interest arising from his professional contract work for the County of Ventura.

Consent Item J-11
It was moved by Mayor Pro Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilwoman Basua recused herself because of the potential conflict of interest regarding the future use of vendor in her employment capacity.

K. REPORTS

1. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Consultant and Professional Services Agreement for Real Estate Services with CBRE. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Consultant and Professional Services Agreement (Agreement No. 325001360) with CBRE for Real Property Services for an initial term of 18 months with three one year options to extend, for an agreement amount not to exceed $675,000

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

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

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action: VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion passed 7-0

2. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500276 with Ayala Engineering, Inc. for Eastern Trunk Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 1 (Rebid No. 2), Specification No. PW 22-25R2. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $3,427,200 in Project funds for the Eastern Trunk Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 1,(Rebid-2), Specification No. PW 22-25R2;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Ayala Engineering, Inc. for $2,856,000 and a Project contingency amount of $285,600 (10%) for a total not to exceed value of $3,141,600 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of $285,600 (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.)

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

It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilman Starr, to approve the recommended action: VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello voted in favor; motion passed 7-0

3. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500284 with California Skateparks for Design-Build of the Skate Park at Del Sol Park Specification No. PW 23-35. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $4,500,000 in Project funds for the Design-Build of the Skate Park at Del Sol Park Specification No. PW 23-35;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with California Skateparks in the amount of $4,090,909 with California Skateparks;
3. A Project allocation amount of $409,091 (~10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management; and
4. A budget appropriation in the amount of $100,000 from the available fund balance in the Development Impact Fee Fund (350, sub-fund 8020) to the Skatepark in Colonia Capital Improvement Project (C2249) and corresponding Capital Outlay Fund (301) transfer in/appropriation in the same amount.

(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.)

Taylor Gambino, Project Manager and Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director answered questions. Public comments were received from Tom Garcia (questioned the site location for this project and daily usage).

It was moved by Councilwoman Perez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the recommended action: VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, and Perez voted in favor; motion passed 7-0

4. <u>City Manager Department</u>
<u>SUBJECT</u>: Accept a grant from the California State Department of Water Resources in the amount of $1,000,000 for the Santa Clara River Levee 3 Construction Project. (10 minutes)
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That the City Council:

    1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Oxnard to enter into Agreement No. 4600015992 with the State of California Department of Water Resources to receive funds for the Santa Clara River Levee Construction Project and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the City;
    2. Accept a grant from the California State Department of Water Resources in the amount of $1,000,000 for the Santa Clara River Levee Construction Project; and
    3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreement and submit financial reports, grant claims, and approve the necessary budget appropriations for the use of the grant funds.

Adam Smith, Project Manager and Gerald Kapuscik, Manager, Strategic Resiliency Group with the County of Ventura were available to answer questions. Public comments were received from: Paul Schnebelen (supports SCR); and Steve Nash (supports the action).

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action: VOTE: Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, and Rodriguez voted in favor; motion passed 7-0

5. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Golf Management Agreement A-8157 and Additional Budget Appropriations. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. The Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Golf Course Management Agreement with American Golf Corporation for a time extension only for an additional term of four months ending on June 30, 2025; and
2. The recognition of additional golf course revenues in the amount of $353,550 and appropriate an amount not to exceed $662,890 for FY 2024-25 expenses in the Golf Course Operating Fund (651).

(This item did not originate in Committee since this is a continuation of a previous item approved by the City Council on June 4, 2024.)

Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director and Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director answered questions. Public comments were received from: Ray Blattel (questioned the expenses); Doug Partello (concerned with contract); and Pat Brown (supports golf course and levee).

It was moved by Councilman Starrz, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action: VOTE: Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, and Teran voted in favor; motion passed 7-0

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS MC ARTHUR
Mayor