

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
December 11, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor John C. Zaragoza called to order the special meeting of the Oxnard City Council, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk, Rose Chaparro 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.

At 7:21 p.m., the newly elected officials, Lourdes A. Lopez, City Clerk, Phillip Molina, City Treasurer, Councilmembers Aaron Starr, Gabriela Rodriguez, Michael Perez, and Mayor Luis Mc Arthur joined the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

Mayor Zaragoza led the pledge of allegiance.

C. REPORTS

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Declare Results of the Canvass of Returns of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election and Administer the Oath of Office. (60 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: 1. That the City Council, acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District No. 5 (RiverPark):

- a. Adopt a **Resolution No. 15,839** declaring the results of the canvass of returns of the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election in the City of Oxnard; and
- b. Adopt an uncodified **Ordinance No. 3051** titled:

"AN ORDINANCE THAT CONTINUES AND MAINTAINS SERVICES AND AMENITIES WITHIN THE RIVERPARK COMMUNITY BY THE READOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12,936'S EXHIBIT A AND TABLE 1 IN EXHIBIT B TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OR SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION ON THE COLLECTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 5 (RIVERPARK)'S SPECIAL TAXES, AND REAFFIRMS THAT CFD NO. 5'S SPECIAL TAXES SHALL NOT BE ELIMINATED, REDUCED AND/OR RESTRICTED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY AARON STARR, ALICIA PERCELL AND DANIEL WOLKENFELD"

2. That the City Council adopt a **Resolution No. 15,840** declaring the results of the canvass of returns of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election in the City of Oxnard.

3. That the City Council authorize the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected and re-elected officers in the following order: Lourdes 'Luly' Lopez, Phillip Molina, Aaron Starr, Gabriela Rodriguez, Michaela Perez, and Luis Mc Arthur followed by remarks from the officers.

Stephen Fischer, City Attorney, was available to answer questions.

Public comments were received from Edward Sierra, Fernando Gutierrez, Ray Blattel, Steven Aoukir, Deborah Baber, Maria Aldana, Dan Pinedo, Alejandra Mendoza, Amber Thompson, Abel Velasquez, Manuel Herrera, KC Rodriguez, Irma Lopez, and Al Velasquez.

Discussion ensued among the council and staff.

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

2. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Selection of Mayor Pro Tem. (30 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, pursuant to Government Code sections 34905 and 36801:

1. Select one of two common methods to select a Mayor Pro Tem; and
2. Select a Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the event of the Mayor's absence.

Stephen Fischer, City Attorney, was available to answer questions.

Public comments were received from Manuel Herrera, Maria Navarro, Dan Pinedo, Roni Miranda, Ronald Arruejo, Lucy Cartagena, Maria Aldana, Steven Auclair, and Isaac Morales.

Discussion ensued among the council and staff.

Councilmember Basua made a motion to use either one of two common methods to select a Mayor Pro Tem and appoint Councilmember Teran to serve as Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the event of the Mayor's absence.

It was moved by Councilmember Basua, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to appoint Councilmember Teran to be Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, and Teran, voted in favor; motion passed 5-2. Councilmembers Starr and Mayor Mc Arthur voted no.

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

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Begin the Process to Appoint Council Committee Membership, Including Committee Chairs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council discuss Council Committee Membership, including Committee Chairs, in preparation for appointments to be made at the January 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

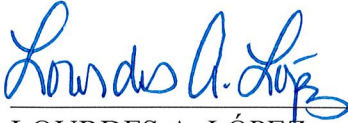
Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, was available to answer questions.

Public comments were received from Ronald Arruejo, Manuel Herrera, Steven Auclair, JR Ruiz, Doug Partello, and Dan Pinedo.

Discussion ensued among the council and staff. No formal action was taken.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS MC ARTHUR
Mayor