AGENDA
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
January 21, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:30 p.m., Chair Luis Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua; Luis Mc Arthur; Bert E. Perello; Michaela Perez; Gabriela Rodriguez; Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were received.

At 5:32 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
   Name of case: Jeff Muzzin v. City of Oxnard
   Workers' Compensation Case No.: ADJ14304792
   Legislative Body: City Council

D. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:02 p.m. Chair Luis Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Luis Mc Arthur; Bert E. Perello; Michaela Perez; Gabriela Rodriguez; Aaron Starr; Gabriel Teran and Gabriela Basua were present.

Stephen Fischer, City Attorney announced that no reportable actions resulted from the closed session.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Karina Cortes, followed by a moment of silence in honor of Simi Valley Mayor Fred Thomas who passed away.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Hiraoka, Senior Manager, Internal Controls; Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director; and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Mark Spellman (security issues in Downtown); Lang Martinez (homelessness); Lucy Cartagena (sober living home in La Colonia); Angela Whitecomb (downtown issues); Pattie Braga (Ventura County Leadership Academy); Ozzie Lopez (downtown issues); Adam Vega (community outreach); Abel Velasquez (crime victims); Vanessa Valdez (immigration); Maria Elena Saldana (role models); Greg Runyon (various issues); Lorenzo Castillo (security issues in downtown); Jason Mc Comb (sober living home); Kelly Lank (supports brother); caller ending 9809 (sober living home); Doug Partello (various issues); Roy Ford (sober living home); Phillip Molina (restoring his role); Helena Marino (recent fire); Jesed Pando (sober living home);

The Mayor read written comments received from: Heather Schmidt and Carol Mechanick.

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

Julie Estrada with Cultural and Community Services described the MLK mural which is displayed in the Council Chambers and includes the 6 principles of nonviolence.

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

The members of the Council provided brief announcements regarding their various activities.

Request for future agenda items:
1. Explore developing a narrowly tailored ordinance that bans violent felons from operating group homes and sober living facilities (Councilman Starr)
2. Propose that the City Council conduct a workshop with the City Treasurer to restore his duties as required under State law (Councilman Starr)
3. How we can better regulate nitrous oxide (Mayor Pro Tem Teran)

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Brown (restroom in downtown).

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 17, 2024; and Minutes of the special City Council meeting of December 30, 2024.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Update on the Financial Corrective Action Plan (FCAP) For Closing Past Audit Findings.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the update on the Financial Corrective Action Plan (FCAP) for closing past audit findings.
(Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on December 10, 2024)

3. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32500302 with Jaynes Brothers Construction, Inc. for the Citywide Playground Replacement Project - Carty Park Specification No. PW 24-125.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $203,063.30 in Project funds for the Citywide Playground Replacement Project - Carty Park Specification No. PW 24-125;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Jaynes Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of $169,219.30 and a Project contingency amount of $16,922 (~10%) for a total not to exceed value of $186,141.30 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of $16,922 (~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.)

4. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Trade Service Agreement 32500347 with Premier Property Preservation, LLC for Janitorial Services at City Park Restrooms.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Premier Property Preservation, LLC for an initial term of three years from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2028, with the option for two one-year extensions ending January 31, 2030, for a total not to exceed amount of $1,860,000 for janitorial services at various City park restrooms.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

It was moved by Councilwoman Rodriguez, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Mc Arthur, and Teran voted in favor; the motion passed 7-0.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Second Substantial Amendment to the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing and receive comments related to the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan;
2. Approve a Substantial Amendment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, reallocating Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds;
3. Authorize the City Manager and his designees, to execute the required applications, certifications, and other pertinent documents for the submission of the Amendment to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;
4. Authorize the City Manager and his designees, to execute the appropriate agreements with subrecipients, and to adjust any of the funding activities, not to exceed ten percent, if the programs require more or less funding to meet their objectives; and,

5. Authorize the City Manager and his designees, to appropriate and recognize grant revenue, for HOME Investment Partnership Program (Fund 202) and Community Development Block Grant (Fund 201) funds to the proposed activities identified in this staff report.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing and Development Committee approved 3-0 on December 10, 2024.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications were received.

Councilmembers reported that no ex parte communications were received on this item.

Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager and Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director, were available to answer questions.

Mayor Mc Arthur opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Barbara Macri Ortiz (Dolores Huerta project).

Assistant City Manager Golden presented an email that was submitted by Larry Stein. Mayor Mc Arthur read the written comment from Larry Stein which is being incorporated into the record.

With no further requests to speak and without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS MC ARTHUR
Mayor