

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Luis Mc Arthur presided and 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 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, March 6, 2025 and the amended agenda on March 12, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Luis Mc Arthur; Bert E. Perello; Michaela Perez; Aaron Starr; and Gabriel Teran were present.

Councilwoman Gabriela Rodriguez attended the meeting remotely from the Double Tree by Hilton Washington DC- Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-2891 US.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Elle McCarron, Assistant City Attorney; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director; Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager; Jennifer Yates, Purchasing Manager and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO
ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Brooke Donlon, a student at Oxnard High School.

D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of March 2025 as "American Red Cross."

Mayor Mc Arthur read the proclamation and presented it to Noah Tyler Tabbay who thanked the City Council for the recognition.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating March 31, 2025 as "Cesar E. Chavez Day."

Mayor Mc Arthur read the proclamation and presented it to Javier Gomez, Maripas Jacobo, and Miguel Rodriguez who thanked the City Council for the recognition.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Mario Riley, Sr. (Councilman Starr); Isaac Morales (various issues); Pascual Amador (road safety); Theresa Clemen (parking issues); Arlene Carter (Post Office and homelessness); Pat Brown (various issues); Diego Magaña (mininature program); Greg Runyon (City Treasurer); and Doug Partello (311).

F. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

Alexander Nguyen, City Manager commented on upcoming virtual townhall meeting regarding the Teal Club Development.

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

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

Councilman Starr commented about the yellow blinking left arrow turn traffic signal at the corner of Camino Del Sol and Rice Avenue. He asked staff about the possibility of this type of traffic signal being installed at other intersections throughout the City.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. J-2 was reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff. Phillip Molina, City Treasurer provided comments.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Sales Tax Contract Addendum For Sales Tax Audit Services Payment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve Addendum to Agreement No. 7748-17-FN between the City of Oxnard and Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL Coren & Cone); and
2. Approve budget appropriation in the General Fund (101) in the amount of \$64,155.00 to sales tax audit services.

2. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Report and Accounting of All Receipts, Disbursements and

Fund Balances for the Months of August through December 2024 and January 2025.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file this report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements and fund balances for the months of August through December 2024 and January 2025.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Consent Item J.1

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

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L. REPORTS

1. Finance Department

SUBJECT: FY 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Summary Presentation. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council ratify and approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Fiscal Year 2023-24 Warrants Register in the Form of that ACFR.

(As of the posting of this agenda, there was not yet an outcome from the Finance and Governance Committee.)

Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer introduced Brandon Ferrell of Eadie & Payne LLP, who gave a report. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to ratify and approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; the motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Councilwoman Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Warrants Register in the Form of that ACFR as presented. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

2. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: City of Oxnard 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Oxnard City Council receive and file the City of Oxnard 2024 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director and Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager presented and answered questions.

No public comment was received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

The presentation was received and filed; no formal action was taken.

3. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending the City's Purchasing System (City Code Chapter 4). (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3053** titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLES I THROUGH VI OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE FOR PURCHASING, CONTRACTING AND PUBLIC PROJECTS."

(The Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on February 25, 2025.)

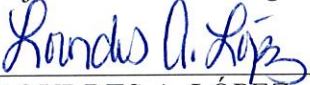
Michelle McCarron, Assistant City Attorney and Jennifer Yates, Purchasing Manager presented and answered questions.

No public comment was received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

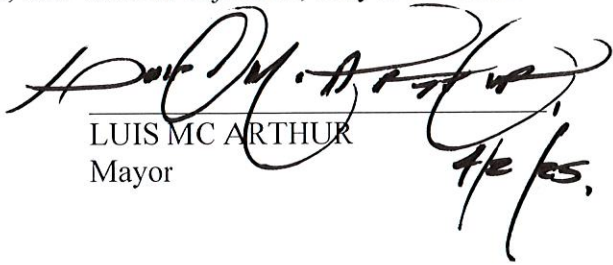
It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, and Perez, voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS MC ARTHUR
Mayor