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AGENDA
Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street
April 21, 2025
6:00 p.m.

To join remotely, click on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88020854613?pwd=vM2jWFb5h2IElpeEfPqAcSP94OZDyE.1>

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Meeting ID: 880 2085 4613

Passcode: 553483

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1. ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE LOCATION LISTED ABOVE OR VIA ZOOM
2. EMAIL COMMENTS OR REQUESTS TO SPEAK BEFORE THE MEETING
 - a. Submit a request to speak no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting by contacting the Commission Secretary Martha Guillen at martha.guillen@oxnard.org. Please indicate the agenda item number in the subject line.
3. PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENTS REMOTELY DURING THE MEETING
 - a. To provide a public comment during the meeting dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode listed above as the Zoom details for this meeting. When the Chair announces the particular item on the agenda you want to speak on, press *9 to raise your hand. Once called on, press *6 to unmute your phone.
 - b. Public comments on agenda items will be taken following the announcement of the item. After the item is announced, members of the public shall have three minutes to register or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2025.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

At a regular meeting, a person may address the Community Relations Commission only on matters

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within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should do so during public comments.

D. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation from Jose Olarte, Mario Rodriguez and Adam Lopez, regarding the second upcoming Fatherhood Summit and resources available in the community to support a positive home environments.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file the presentation.

2. SUBJECT: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file a report from the City Attorney's Office on City Code enforcement and the issuance of gun violence restraining orders.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive and file the information.

Measure M Presentation Recording Link:

<https://youtu.be/9H0-w1YLDxk>

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. SUBJECT: Election of 2025 Community Relations Commission Officers.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2025.

2. SUBJECT: Creation of the 2025 Annual Report Ad-Hoc Committee and assignment of members.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC establish an annual report ad-hoc committee to sunset on October 6, 2025.

3. SUBJECT: Creation of the 2025 Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc Committee and assignment of members.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC establish the 2025 Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc committee to develop the criteria and program to sunset on October 6, 2025

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any items presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners may individually report on items of interest or concern outside of Ad Hoc Committee reports. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during these reports. The Commissioner's report shall not exceed three minutes.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners may request that items be placed on future agendas for extended discussion.

I. ADJOURNMENT



TO: Community Relations Commission

FROM: Julian M. Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney, Julian.Gonzalez@oxnard.org
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DATE: April 21, 2025

SUBJECT: City Attorney's Office City Code Enforcement and Issuance of Gun Violence Restraining Orders.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Relations Commission receive and file a report from the City Attorney's Office on City Code enforcement and the issuance of gun violence restraining orders.

DISCUSSION

The City Attorney's Office ("CAO") prosecutes violations of the Oxnard City Code ("OCC") and uses legal avenues to improve the quality of life of its community members. Two of the tools the CAO uses to achieve its goal are the prosecutions of OCC violations for unpermitted camping/ public storage of personal property and the issuance of gun violence restraining orders ("GVRO").

The CAO files misdemeanor criminal complaints against individuals for violating OCC sections 7-320 (camping without a permit) and 7-321 (storage of personal property in public.) Criminal complaints are only filed against individuals who are considered chronic offenders and have made it clear that they are not open to receiving support services. Prior to filing any complaint, the CAO works closely with the Oxnard Police Department and other service providers to first try and get the individual to accept voluntary treatment and services. Even when a criminal complaint is filed, the underlying goal is always to get the individual into services. Towards that end, the CAO works with the public defender to help get the individual into judicial diversion. Successful completion of judicial diversion results in the dismissal of charges.

The CAO also pursues GVROs against individuals who present a danger to themselves or others while in possession, control, or ownership of firearms. The statutes that govern GVROs are known as "red flag" laws. The City pursues GVROs to remove firearms from individuals where a potential for an escalation of violence exists. A GVRO can be obtained through a direct request by the Oxnard Police Department, or by a petition from the CAO. A permanent GVRO can range from 1-5 years. During that period, the restrained party must turn in any firearms and ammunition and is prohibited from possessing, controlling, or purchasing any new weapons or ammunition. At the expiration of the restraining order, an individual can seek the return of their weapons and ammunition. Over the past three years, the City has successfully obtained 50 permanent GVROs.

Attachments:

A. Powerpoint Presentation

Revised 11.17.2023

City Attorney's Office

Enforcement of City Code and Issuance of GVROS

Julian M. Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney

Community Relations Commission



City of Oxnard's Legal Department

- Duties:
 - Advise City officials;
 - Drafting and reviewing ordinances and contracts;
 - Represent the City in civil and criminal litigation;
 - Prosecute violations of the City Code;
- Today's Focus:
 - 1) Prosecution of Violations of City Code; and
 - 2) Issuance of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs)

CAO files misdemeanor complaints against individuals for violations of OCC sections 7-320 (camping without a permit) and 7-321 (public storage of personal property)

- CAO, OPD, and service providers initiate outreach to individuals prior to citation:
- Complaints filed against “chronic offenders” who refuse acceptance of services;
- CAO works with the opposing counsel to get the defendant into services through judicial diversion;
- Successful completion of judicial diversion results in the dismissal of the complaint.
- Prop 47: County Service Program

CAO pursues GVROs under Penal Code sections 18100-18197 against individuals who present a danger to themselves or others.

- Also known as “Red Flag” laws;
- Goal: To remove firearms from situations where the potential for an escalation of violence exists.
- Permanent orders last from 1 to 5 years. During which the restrained party is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.
- Permanent orders are only issued by the court after notice and an opportunity to be heard is given to the restrained party.
- CAO has obtained 50 permanent orders since January 2022.



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