MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
March 11, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 5:02 p.m., Chair Luis Mc Arthur called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Finance and Governance Committee 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. Chair Luis Mc Arthur, Member Gabriela Rodriguez and Member Aaron Starr were present.

Member Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Joe Pearson, II, Planning Manager and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

Consideration of Teleconference Participation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Ray Blattel (compensation) and Diego Magaña (mininature).

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance & Governance Committee approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Member Rodriguez, seconded by Chair Mc Arthur, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Mc Arthur, and Starr voted in favor; the motion passed 3-0.

D. REPORTS

1. Finance Department
SUBJECT: FY 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Summary Presentation. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee receive, and recommend that staff proceed to the full City Council with, the FY 23-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and summary presentation from the City's external financial auditors, Eadie + Payne, LLP.

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 Chair Mc Arthur, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Rodriguez, and Starr voted in favor; the motion passed 3-0.

2. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Planning Commission Stipend Discussion. (20 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee:

1. Determine whether to recommend to the City Council the provision of a monetary stipend for members of the Planning Commission in recognition of their service; and
2. If the Committee recommends a stipend, provide specific recommendations to the City Council regarding the details of the stipend, such as the amount and whether it should be paid on a monthly basis or per meeting attended.

Joe Pearson, II, Planning Manager was available to answer the committee's questions. Public comments were received from Planning Commissioner Chair Ronald Arruejo and Vice Chair Vincent Stewart.

Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

It was moved by Chair Mc Arthur to compensate Planning Commissioners $150 per meeting with attendance required, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Mc Arthur and Rodriguez voted in favor; the motion passed 2-1 with Member Starr voting no.

3. City Attorney Department
SUBJECT: Committee Bylaws Revision. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution amending the bylaws for City Council committees.

Stephen Fischer, City Attorney was available to answer the committee's questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

It was moved by Member Starr and seconded by Member Rodriguez to approve the recommendation with amendment to include an exception review that all receive and file items bypass Committee and go straight to City Council. VOTE: Starr, Mc Arthur and Rodriguez voted in favor; the motion passed 3-0.

It was moved by Member Starr, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to call the question on the motion as amended. VOTE: Starr, Rodriguez, and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion passed 3-0.

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No requests were made.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Lourdes A. López

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor