MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
June 17, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:32 p.m., Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council convened in the Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Luis A. Mc Arthur; Bert E. Perello; Michaela Perez; Gabriela Rodriguez; Aaron Starr; Gabriel Teran and Gabriela Basua were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, June 5, 2025 and the amended agenda on June 9, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were received. At 4:34 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Vincet Marquez v. City of Oxnard, et al.*
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 56-2022-00564061-CU-PO-VTA
Legislative Body: City Council

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc. v. City of Oxnard*
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 2023CUBC015960
Legislative Body: City Council

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager and Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources
Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union CTW, CLC, Local 721 (SEIU Local 721); International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO, Local No. 501 (IUOE Local 501); Oxnard Mid-Managers Association (OMMA); International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local 1684
Legislative Body: City Council

At 6:17 p.m., City Attorney announced that no reportable actions resulted from the closed session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. 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 called the roll and announced that the agenda was posted on Thursday, June 5, 2025 and the amended agenda on June 9, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative offices and on the City of Oxnard website.

Mayor Pro Tem Teran led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence for the recent shooting across our nation including Minnesota and others.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Jailan Su, Assistant Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Anthony Miller, Special Districts Manager; Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 22, 2025 as "Oxnard Lowrider Appreciation Day."

   Mayor Mc Arthur read the proclamation and presented it to Gabe Robles and Manuel Herrera who thanked the City Council for the recognition.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND NON-ACTION ITEMS

Public comments were received from: Sandra Diaz; Caller Ending 4612; Chad Shoemaker; Caller Ending 4076; Blair Brim; Ken Clench; Alfredo Trevino; Manuel Herrera; Victor Gallardo; Paulina Cordoba; Camerino Alfaro; Leo Alfaro; Deborah Baber; Roni Miranda; Lorenzo Castillo; Alex Anand; Vanessa Valdez; Steven Auclair; Darbii Bauguss; Elidet Reyes Bordon; Christian Munoz; V. Amezcua-Aguilar; KC Rodriguez; Hollie Collins; Qori Moorehaul; Alexis Schmidt; Eduardo Huerta; Greg Runyon; Cynthia Salas; J.R. Ruiz; Robert Auclair; Nadine; Bev Dransfeldt; Claudia Magallon; Imeda Chavira; Ariana Quezada and Cristal P.

RECESS
At 8:09 p.m., the City Council recessed and at 8:25 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The City Manager stated that all California cities are considered sanctuary cities. Our Police Department does not have any collaboration with ICE and we do not have a contract with them for prisoner holding.

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

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

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Advisory Groups (CAGs) (5 minutes).
RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Velia V. Soto to the Cultural Arts Commission representing District 5.

No public comment were received. Discussion ensued among the Council.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Mayor Mc Arthur, to approve the appointment of Velia V. Soto to the Cultural Arts Commission. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Basua voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. K-2, K-4 and K-6 were discussed among the Council and staff.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received.

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the special meeting minutes of May 12 and 27, 2025.

2. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Agreement for Publication of Legal Notices and Legal Advertisement.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Vida Newspaper (32600013) for the publication of legal notices and legal advertisement for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
(This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance No. 3062** titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE XIX TO THE OXNARD CITY CODE DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES."

(This item did not originate in Committee)

4. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Third Amendment to the Agreement with TG Consulting Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement with TG Consulting Services (32300132) for the implementation of Tyler EPL Licensing Module to increase the contract amount by $70,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed $360,937.50 and extend the contract for five months to November 30, 2025.

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

5. Finance Department
SUBJECT: First Amendment to Trade Services Agreement with InfoSend, Inc. for Utility Bill and Business License Tax Form Printing, Inserting and Mailing Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Trade Services Agreement with InfoSend, Inc. (A-8467) for utility bill and business tax form printing, inserting, and mailing services to increase the contract amount by $971,100 for a total contract amount not to exceed $1,967,634 and extend the contract for two additional years to June 30, 2027.

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

6. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with ehs International Inc. for Safety Training Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with ehs International Inc. (32500490) for an initial term of one year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, with the option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 30, 2030, in the amount not to exceed $1,550,000 for Safety Training Services.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 27, 2025)

Consent Items K-1, K-3 and K-5
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

Consent Item K-2
It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent item K-2 as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

Consent Item K-4
It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the Information/Consent K-4 item as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello and Perez voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

At 9:46 p.m., the Council voted to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m., and take action on the remainder of the items on the agenda.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

Consent Item K-6
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve the Information/Consent item K-6 as presented. VOTE: Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez and Rodriguez voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Resolution to Levy Assessments in the Waterways Maintenance District. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council, acting as the legislative body for the Waterways Maintenance District:

    1. Hold a public hearing regarding proposed assessments for the Waterways Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and
    2. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,873** to levy the maintenance assessment on property within the Waterways Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-1 on May 27, 2025)

Councilmembers reported on the ex parte communications received on this item.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on June 5, 2025 and stated there were no written communications received on this item.

The Public Works Director and Special Districts Manager were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Mc Arthur opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Public comment was received from Debbie Mitchell.

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 Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

2. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Confirming FY 2025-26 Landscape Maintenance Districts Diagrams and Assessments. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council acting as the legislative body for the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDs):

1. Hold a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments in the City's LMDs; and
2. Adopt "**Resolution No. 15,874** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard, California, Confirming Diagrams and Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in Connection with the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts."
3. Approve a one-time fund balance contribution from the General Fund to LMD-49 in the amount of $54,802 as outlined in this staff report; and
4. Approve a distribution of LMD-54 reserve fund balance in the amount of $31,386 to the equivalent benefit units in LMD-54 as outlined in this staff report.

Councilmembers reported on the ex parte communications received on this item.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on June 5, 2025 and stated there were no written communications received on this item.

The Public Works Director and Special Districts Manager were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Mc Arthur opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

No public comments were received.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Recommendation No. 2
It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve Recommendation No. 2 as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no. Councilmember Perello recused himself from LMD 13. Councilman Starr recused himself from LMD No. 30.

Recommendation Nos. 3 and 4
It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve Recommendation Nos. 3 and 4 as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello and Perez voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

M. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Special Tax Levy for Community Facility Districts Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 2000-3. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council acting as the legislative body for Community Facilities Districts (CFD) No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 2000-3:

   1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15875** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 1 (Westport at Mandalay Bay) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   2. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,876** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 2 (Westport at Mandalay Bay) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   3. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,877** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 3 (Seabridge at Mandalay Bay) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   4. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,878** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 4 (Seabridge at Mandalay Bay) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   5. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,879** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 5 (Riverpark) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   6. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,880** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 8 (Sakioka Farms Business Park) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   7. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,881** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 9 (North Shore at Mandalay Bay) for Fiscal Year 2025-26;
   8. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,882** setting a special tax rate within CFD No. 2000-3 (Oxnard Boulevard/Highway 101 Interchange) for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
   9. Authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute an agreement

for Billing of Direct Assessments with the Ventura County Auditor-Controller to provide the service of placement of direct assessments on the Ventura County Secured Tax Roll.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-1 on May 27, 2025. *Based upon suggestions received at the May 27th Finance and Governance Committee meeting, a new attachment 21 has been included and edits to attachments 4, 5, and 6 have been made and attached to this report.*)

Councilmembers reported on the ex parte communications received on this item.

The Public Works Director and Special Districts Manager were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Public comment was received from Paul Schnebelen, Chair of RiverPark Neighborhood Council. The City Clerk stated that eleven written comments were received for this item. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

CFD No. 5
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve CFD No. 5 as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello and Perez voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

CFD Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 2000-3
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve as presented. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez and Rodriguez voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

2. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Public Safety Property Tax Assessment. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15,883** establishing the FY 2025-26 tax rates on property in the City of Oxnard for the payment of voter-approved obligations related to public safety personnel pension expenses.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

No public comments were received. The Chief Financial Officer was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Teran voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

3. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget. (90 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the following resolutions:

a. A **Resolution No. 15,884** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Approving the City Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
b. A **Resolution No. 15,885** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Authorizing Full-Time Equivalent Positions in the City Service Effective July 1, 2025, in accordance with the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
c. A **Resolution No. 15,886** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Authorizing Classification and Salary Schedules and Approving the attached Classification and Salary Schedule; and
d. A **Resolution No. 15,887** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Establishing Financial Management Policies; and
e. A **Resolution No. 15,888** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Establishing an Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
f. A **Resolution No. 15,889** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Adopting a Master Fee Schedule.

Public comment was received from Paul Schnebelen, Chair of the RiverPark Neighborhood Council. The Chief Financial Officer was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

A. Approving the City Operating and Capital Improvement Budget
It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Teran and Basua voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

B. Authorizing Full-Time Equivalent Positions
It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

C. Authorizing Classification and Salary Schedules
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

D. Establishing Financial Management Policies
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

E. Establishing an Appropriation Limit
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

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

4. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Third Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Financial Support for the Construction and Operation of a Permanent, Year-Round Shelter Serving Homeless Individuals between the City and the County of Ventura. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Financial Support for the Construction and Operation of a Permanent, Year-Round Shelter Serving Homeless Individuals between the City and the County of Ventura, Agreement A-8462.

No public comments were received. The Interim Housing Director was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Basua, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilman Starr voting no. Mayor Pro Tem recused himself and did not participate due to the nature of his work with the County of Ventura and the potential conflict of interest. At 11:48 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran left the dais and at 11:51 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem returned.

5. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Oxnard Navigation Center Operating Agreement with Mercy House. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year agreement with Mercy House (3260001 1) for the provision of shelter and navigation center operations in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in the amount not-to-exceed $3,355,407.75.

Public comment was received from Lorenzo Castillo. The Interim Housing Director was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilwoman Perez, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 12:14 a.m.

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor