MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:02 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 (arrived at 7:51 p.m.), Luis A. Mc Arthur, Bert E. Perello, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. Councilwoman Michaela Perez were absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, August 21, 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; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Mira Saleh, Deputy City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Tim Beaman, Assistant Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Taylor Gambino, Project Manager; Rob Ruben, Chief Information Officer and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council
CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

B. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, followed by a moment of silence for our recent deaths around the country and around the world. Also, a moment of silence for Johnna Carter, retired dispatcher with the Oxnard Police Department and Leo Alvarez, retired Senior Police Service Officer with the Oxnard Police Department.

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

Public comments were received from Sarah Wilczewski; Larry Stein; Arthur Valenzuela, Jr; Susana Barron; Eduardo Huerta; Odette Moran; caller ending 1622 and caller ($100,00 a year).

D. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The City Manager commented on: 1) temporary road closure on Ventura Road from September 8 through October 17th; the Fire Chief informed the community that September is Suicide Prevention Month and Suicide by Firearms.

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

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

1. City Attorney Department
SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Supporting Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 16,002** Supporting the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

Mayor Pro Tem Teran read a letter of support from Councilwoman Perez who introduced the resolution but was unable to join the evening. Deputy City Attorney Saleh presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Alex Mantanona; Kristen Kessler; Kathleen Wheeler; Molly McCoy; Eric Burschinger; Todd Collart; Erin Merrill; Arthur Valenzuela, Jr; Natalie Johnson; Dries Vergeer; Sarah Wilczewski; Evelyn Tsang; Frances Lee; Faith Grant; Odette Moran; Eduardo Huerta and Susan Barron.

At 7:51 p.m., Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was present.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, Teran and Basua voted in favor; motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilman Starr voting no and Councilwoman Perez was absent.

F. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. H-2, H-3, H-4, H-6, H-7 and H-8 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comment was received from Larry Stein (H-6); and Eduardo Huerta (H-7).

H. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the regular meeting minutes for July 29, 2025 and the special City Council meeting minutes for August 4, 2025.

2. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Candidate Processing Fee Ordinance.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance 3068** titled: "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 1-52 TO CHAPTER 1 ARTICLE IV OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE ESTABLISHING A CANDIDATE PROCESSING FEE FOR THE FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10228"

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.
RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item for the City Council to receive and file.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

4. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600022 with Parkhouse Tire Service, Inc. dba Parkhouse Tire, Inc. for Tire Retreading and Repair Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Parkhouse Tire Service, Inc. dba Parkhouse Tire Inc. for a total amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for an initial term of one year from September 4, 2025 to September 3, 2026 with an option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending September 3, 2030 to provide tire retread and repair services.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on July 22, 2025)

5. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600066 with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC for Lab Testing Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC for an initial term of one year from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, with the option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending September 30, 2030, for a total

contract amount not to exceed $2,325,000 for laboratory testing services for the Public Works Department.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on July 22, 2025)

6. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600021 with Joseph Garcia DBA Casamar Group LLC for On-Call Labor Compliance Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Joseph Garcia DBA Casamar Group LLC for a total amount not to exceed $1,000,000 with an initial term of one year from October 15, 2025, to October 14, 2026, with an option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending October 14, 2030, for on-call labor compliance services.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on July 22, 2025)

8. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Information Technology Software Agreement 32600028 with Paradigm Software for Software for Scale House Operations for the Environmental Resources Division.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Information Technology Software Agreement with Paradigm Software for a total amount not to exceed $504,325.98 for a term of five years ending September 30, 2030.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on July 22, 2025)

Consent Item Nos. H-1 and H-5
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Perello, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Consent Item No. H-6
The Public Works Director presented and was available to answer questions regarding labor compliance. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Public comment was received from Larry Stein.

It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve Information/Consent Item H-6 as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Amended Motion:
After further discussion, i*t was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran to amend the motion on the floor to limit the debate on the remaining information/consent agenda items to* 8:40 *p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Basua.* VOTE: Basua and Teran voted in favor; the motion failed 2-4-1 with Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, and Starr voting no. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Main Motion:
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to limit the debate on the remaining information/consent agenda items to 8:35 p.m. VOTE: Teran and Basua voted in favor; the motion failed 2-4-1 with Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, and Starr voting no. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Consent Item No. H-2
Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilwoman Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve Information/Consent Item H-2 as presented. VOTE: Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilman Starr voting no. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Consent Item No. H-3
The Chief Financial Officer was available to answer questions and stated that a staff report with a recommendation for the investment policy would also incorporate adding additional investment pools will be brought back to City Council in two weeks. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received. No action was required as this is a receive and file.

Consent Item No. H-4
The Public Works Director presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve Information/Consent Item H-4 as presented. VOTE: Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, Starr and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

Consent Item No. H-7
The Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director Howlett presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Public comment was received from Eduardo Huerta.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve Information/Consent Item H-7 as presented. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Basua voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

RECESS

At 8:41 p.m., the City Council recessed and at 8:44 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

Consent Item No. H-8
The Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director Yanez and Chief Information Officer presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve Information/Consent Item H-8 as presented. VOTE: Perello, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

I. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600038 with AECOM for Engineering Services During Construction. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

    1. The Mayor to execute an Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for a term of one year and four months from September 3, 2025, to December 31, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed $835,335 for Engineering Services During Construction for the Wastewater Reliability Improvements Project; and
    2. A budget appropriation of $835,335 from the available fund balance in the Wastewater Operating Fund (611) and the corresponding appropriation and revenue transfer in the Wastewater Capital Fund (612).

(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.)

The Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director Beaman presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello and Rodriguez voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Construction Contract Increase for Agreement 32500358 with At Your Service Construction & Energy, Inc., for Restroom Improvement Project - College Estates Park, Specification No. PW 23-28. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize additional project contingency funds in the amount of $10,000.00 to Agreement 32500358 with At Your Service Construction & Energy, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed contract value of $429,980.00 for the Restroom Improvement Project - College Estates Park, Specification No. PW 23-28.

(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.)

The Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director Howlett and Project Manager Gambino presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez and Starr voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman Perez was absent.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Lourdes A. López

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City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor