

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 15, 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; Gabriela Rodriguez; Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. Councilwoman Michaela Perez joined the meeting virtually. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 and the amended agenda on Thursday, July 10, 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; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director; Albert Ramirez, Assistant Housing Director 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 4:35 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 4:58 p.m. Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was present.

At 6:15 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. City Attorney announced that no reportable actions resulted from the closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. 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

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS—(Government Code section 54956.8)

Property: Property designated as APN 132-0-33-010 located between U.S. 101 and Riverpark Boulevard, west of the East Vineyard Avenue and Riverpark Boulevard

intersection

Agency Negotiator: Brenda Lopez, Interim Housing Director

Negotiating Party: Dynamic Retail Partners, LLC

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Legislative Body: City Council

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Salvador Olea Rodriguez v. City of Oxnard

Workers' Compensation Case No.: ADJ18967126

Legislative Body: City Council

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: David Walker v. City of Oxnard

Workers' Compensation Case Nos.: ADJ14083086 and ADJ15688978

Legislative Body: City Council

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Bo Espinoza v. City of Oxnard

Workers' Compensation Case Nos.: ADJ19938324, ADJ19938325, and ADJ19938326

Legislative Body: City Council

D. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:16 p.m., Mayor Luis A. 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 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Luis Mc Arthur, Bert E. Perello, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. Councilwoman Michaela Perez joined the meeting virtually. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 and the amended agenda on Thursday, July 10th at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Councilwoman Rodriguez, followed by a moment of silence in honor of Jaime Alanis Garcia and all that is happening around our country.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Andrew Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney; Mira Saleh, Deputy City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Anthony Miller, Special Districts Manager; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Dale McAlpine, Police Commander; Andrew Dickinson, Code Compliance Manager and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMSF. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND NON-ACTION ITEMS

Public comments were received from Martina Gallegos (various issues); Ava Schmidt (national night out); Paul Scott (fireworks); Fabio Vitale (fireworks); Ray Blattel (fireworks); Dalilah and Emily (Ventura County fair poster); Victor Solis (recent ICE events); Veronica Miranda (recent ICE incident); Doug Partello (fireworks); Leonard Castillo (SEIU); Ren Studinarz (SEIU); Adriana Olivas (SEIU); Emily Santiago (Glass Farm incident); Cynthia Salas (prevention plan).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARYH. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilwoman Perez requested that we have a vetted, credible immigration expert or entity come in person to a future City Council meeting with legal resources and Know-Your-Rights information. She also requests that the City join the City of Los Angeles in their lawsuit against the DHS.

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of a Member to Serve on the City's Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGs). (5 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Henry Barcena to the Planning Commission representing District 3.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Public comment was received from Henry Barcena. Discussion ensued among the Council.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the appointment of Henry Barcena to the Planning Commission. VOTE: Mc Arthur, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Basua voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk announced that Item K-1, City Council minutes of July 1, 2025 were being removed from the agenda and will be rescheduled.

Item Nos. K-3 and K-6 were discussed among the Council and staff.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Greg Runyon (K-3); Dawn Durazo (K-6); Maria Navarro (K-6); Barbara Macri-Ortiz (K-6); Olivia Lopez (K-6); Yoselyn Gomez (K-6); Jocelyn Lucas (K-6) and Marbely Cruz (K-6).

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the June 26, and July 1, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

2. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: List of City Manager Approved Contracts - Informational Only.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the list of City Manager approved contracts for the period December 6, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Stipend Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Oxnard City Council:

Adopt **Ordinance 3064** titled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE II DIVISION 7 SECTIONS 2-96 AND 2-97 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE ESTABLISHING A STIPEND FOR SERVICE ON THE OXNARD PLANNING COMMISSION"

(The Finance & Governance Committee approved 2-1 on March 11, 2025.)

4. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Private Parking Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

Adopt Ordinance No. 3063 titled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD ADDING DIVISION 3 TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE REGARDING PRIVATE PARKING; FILED BY CITY OF OXNARD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 214

SOUTH C STREET, OXNARD, CA, 93030.”

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on May 13, 2025.)

6. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance 3057** titled: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 27 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE ESTABLISHING TENANT ANTI-HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on March 25, 2025.)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Annual Purchase Orders with Astra Backflow, Inc. for Backflow Equipment and Supplies.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute annual purchase orders with Astra Backflow, Inc. (Astra) for an initial term of one year from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, with an option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 30, 2030, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$860,000 for backflow equipment and supplies.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025)

8. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32600023 with BSN Construction Inc. for Asphalt Repairs in Multiple Neighborhood Locations, Specification No. PW 25-107.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with BSN Construction Inc., in the amount of \$504,768 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of \$50,477 (~10%) for a total not to exceed value of \$555,245 for the Project.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025)

9. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32600002 with Pirate California Holdings, LLC dba Pirate Staffing for Temporary and Supplemental Labor Services at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Pirate California Holdings, LLC dba Pirate Staffing with an initial term of three years from July 16, 2025 through July 15, 2028, with an option for two one-year extensions ending July 15, 2030 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000, for temporary and supplemental labor services at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station (Del Norte).

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025)

10. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32500487 with Cragoe Pest Services, Inc. for Landscape Pest Control Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cragoe Pest Services, Inc. with an initial term of three years from July 16, 2025 to July 15, 2028, with an option for two consecutive one-year period extensions ending July 15, 2030, and for a total amount not to exceed \$660,000 for landscape pest control services at City parks and other City landscaped areas.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025)

11. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Revising the Cultural Arts Commission Powers & Duties.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance 3061** titled:

"ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2-131 TO THE OXNARD CITY CODE UPDATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION"

Consent Items K-1, K-2, K-4, K-7, K-8, K-9, K-10, and K-11

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented (with the removal of the City Council minutes of July 1, 2025). VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 8:55 p.m., the joint meeting with the Oxnard Housing Authority concluded.

Consent Item K-3

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent K-3 item as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

Consent Item K-6

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

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

RECESS

At 9:43 p.m., the City Council recessed and at 9:53 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Election on Modification of the City of Oxnard Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore at Mandalay Bay) and Approval of Amendment to Funding and Acquisition Agreement. (20 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council, acting as the legislative body of the City of Oxnard Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore at Mandalay Bay):

1. Hold a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the proposed changes to Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore at Mandalay Bay);
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,995** Calling a Special Election to Modify the Rate and Method of Apportionment of the Special Tax Relating to the City of Oxnard Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore at Mandalay Bay), Increase Certain Special Tax Rates, Add a New Special Tax, Increase the Maximum Bonded Indebtedness, and Revise the Appropriations Limit of Said Community Facilities District;
3. Conduct an Election;
4. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,996** Canvassing the Results of the Change Proceedings Election Held within the City of Oxnard Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore at Mandalay Bay); and
5. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,997** of Approving Certain Modifications to the City of Oxnard Community Facilities District No. 9 (Northshore At Mandalay Bay), and Approving the Execution and Delivery of An Amendment to Funding and Acquisition Agreement A-8376 in Connection Therewith.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on July 3, 2025 in accordance with the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 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. Bill Myers representative for the developer Fifth Harbor Owner presented and answered questions from the Council as they relate to the non-profit.

Resolution Calling a Special Election to Modify the Rate and Method of Apportionment

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

The City Clerk tabulated the ballots and announced 100% in support of the propositions.

Resolution Canvassing the Results of the Election

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

Resolution of Change Approving the Modifications

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

M. **REPORTS**

1. **Public Works Department**

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Establishing a Maintenance and Funding Policy for Landscape Maintenance Districts for the City of Oxnard. (30 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Adopt **Resolution No. 15,998** Establishing a Maintenance and Funding Policy for Landscape Maintenance Districts managed by the City of Oxnard.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on March 25, 2025)

At 10:10 p.m. Mayor Mc Arthur (LMD 54) and Councilmember Perello (LMD 13) recused themselves because they live within an LMD. Councilman Starr recused himself because of his employer located in LMD 30. All three Councilmembers left the dias.

Mayor Pro Tem Teran presided. No public comments were received. The Public Works Director and Special Districts Manager were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, Perez, Rodriguez and Teran voted in favor; motion carried 4-0-3 with Councilmembers Perello (LMD No. 13), Mc Arthur (LMD No. 52) and Starr (LMD No. 30) recusing themselves because of conflict of interests.

At 10:18 p.m., Mayor Mc Arthur presided and Councilmember Perello and Councilman Starr were present.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Report - Prioritizing Best Practice Street Maintenance. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City Council, the City of Oxnard's response to the 2024-2025 Ventura County Grand Jury Report - Prioritizing Best Practice Street Maintenance.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

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

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, 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.

3. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Nitrous Oxide Ordinance. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3065** titled:

“ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING ARTICLE XXVII TO CHAPTER 7 TO THE OXNARD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF NITROUS OXIDE.”

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025.)

No public comments were received. Written comments were received from Arielle, Brian Schumacher, Yaderi Salazar, Heather Schmidt, Esperanza Gómez and Vicky Gonzales. Deputy City Attorney Gonzalez and Commander McAlpine were 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: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Starr voting no.

4. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Disposal of Confiscated, Impounded And Unclaimed Property Ordinance. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3066** titled: "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE REGARDING DISPOSAL OF CONFISCATED, IMPOUNDED AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY."

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025.)

No public comments were received. Deputy City Attorney Gonzalez and Code Compliance Manager were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

5. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Regulation of Skateboard Parks. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of an **Ordinance No. 3067** titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD ADDING ARTICLE XXVIII TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF CITY SKATEBOARD PARKS."

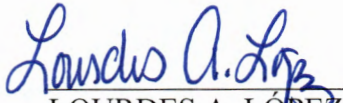
(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on June 24, 2025.)

No public comments were received. Deputy City Attorney Saleh was available to answer questions. 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: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Mc Arthur and Perello voted in favor; motion carried 7-0.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor