MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:32 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Teran 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 (participated virtually), Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, October 9, 2025 and the amended agenda on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

Councilwoman Basua requested to participate virtually in the meeting under Government Code section 54953 due to an emergency circumstance. Councilwoman Basua suffered a sudden physical injury to her back that prevents her from attending in person. The City Council voted to allow Councilwoman Basua to participate remotely.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to grant Councilwoman Basua's request to participate remotely. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Basua and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief 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 4:36 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Government Code section 54957(a))
   Consultation with: Jason Benites, Police Chief
   Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:17 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there were no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:00 PM)

1. City Manager Department
SUBJECT: Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau (OCVB) Annual Report. (30 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive the OCVB Fiscal Year 24-25 Annual Report.

Brittney Hendricks, Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau (OCVB) President & CEO presented and stated that the vision is to lead Oxnard's travel and tourism industry in promoting and marketing the City as a leading leisure and business travel destination, with the goal of bringing major economic and social benefits to the community. Discussion ensued among the Council and OCVB President and CEO staff. No public comments were received. This is a receive and file, no action is required.

2. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Approval of the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association Annual Work Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (30 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association Annual Work Plan and Budget for fiscal year 2025-26.

Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association Executive Director Ramirez Magaña provided an overview of the formation of the District in which the property owners within the District boundaries pay a special assessment to fund supplemental services and improvements over and above the City's baseline services. Mr. Ramirez Magaña comment on some of the activities to enhance downtown Oxnard's brand and to encourage residents to visit downtown Oxnard.

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

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Teran presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council concurrently with the Oxnard Housing Authority, Community Development Commission Successor Agency and Financing Authority in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua (participated virtually), Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr and Gabriel Teran were present. Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, October 9, 2025 and the amended agenda on Thursday, October 16, 2025 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 Councilmember Perello.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Tim Beaman, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Dale McAlpine, Police Commander; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director; Joe Pearson II, Planning Manager; Juan Carlos Torres, Associate Planner and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

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

Public comments were received from Clinton Tatum and Mrs. Tatum (proposed housing at former Sunkist Plant in La Colonia); Carolina Gallardo-Magana and Sofia Vega (recent ICE incident); Alicia Percell (October 7th motions); Marvin Boos (landscaping); Greg Runyon (various issues); and Sarah Wilczewski (support for legal defense and upcoming training).

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The City Manager commented on 1) Halloween float tours; 2) upcoming park lights workshop; 3) November 1st free Del Norte drop off day; 4) Councilwoman Perez commented on Voices of Oxnard Youth program; 5) Mayor Pro Tem commented on Naloxone dispensers installation at the Service Center, Oxnard Main Library, South Oxnard Library and Oxnard Transit Center; 6) National Planning month; and 7) Code Enforcement Appreciation Week.

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

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

Councilman Starr requested: 1) we look into joining an amicus brief with the City of Huntington Beach regarding SB 89 land use and 2) staff look into moving City vehicles from the parking structure to the upper floors to allow more parking on the lower level for individuals who are disabled.

1. City Clerk Department
   SUBJECT: 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule for Legislative Bodies. (5 minutes)
   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the proposed regular meeting dates for the calendar year 2026.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk presented and was available to answer questions. No public comments were received.

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

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. L-2 and L-5 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the regular meeting minutes for October 7, 2025.

2. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Downtown Parking In Lieu Fee Agreement with Haven No. 8, LLC dba Haven (220 South A Street) for payment terms.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Haven No. 8, LLC dba Haven ("Haven") {A-8600} in the amount of $100,000 for downtown in-lieu parking fee payments over a one-year period.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Report and Accounting of All Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file this report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements and fund balances for the month of August 2025.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

5. Police Department
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with the Oxnard Community K9 Foundation, and Acceptance of Equipment in the Amount of $37,644.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Donation Agreement with the Oxnard Community K-9 Foundation (A-8599) to accept a donation of a 2021 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Crew Van for use by the Oxnard Police Department's K-9 Unit; and
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Oxnard Community K-9 Foundation (A-8599) relating to the City's use of the same.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

6. Police Department
SUBJECT: Removed from the agenda.

7. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32600123 with NoHo Constructors for Del Sol Park Improvements Phase I Project Specification No. PW 24-14.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $378,190.00 in Project funds for the Del Sol Park Improvements - Phase I , Specification No. PW 24-14;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with NoHo Constructors in the amount of $290,915.00 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of $58,183.00 (20%) with NoHo Constructors for a total not to exceed value of $349,098 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of $29,092.00 (~10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project.

(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.)

8. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600117 with Griffin Structures, Inc. for the Oxnard Police Department Facilities Planning and Feasibility Study, Specification #25-129.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Griffin Structures, Inc. for a total contract amount not to exceed $250,000 with a term of six months from November 3, 2025, and ending on May 2, 2026, with the option of one consecutive six-month term extension ending November 2, 2026, for the development of the Oxnard Police Department Facilities Planning and Feasibility Study for the Engineering Division.

(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.)

9. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 32400346 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for the 4th Street Mobility Improvements and Downtown Bus Stop Improvements Projects.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

    1. The Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to an Agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. in the amount of $33,969.64 for a new, not-to-exceed agreement value of $806,023.11 and extend the term to June 30, 2028, for the purpose of providing bid and construction phase assistance for the 4th Street Mobility Improvements Project (C2204); and
    2. A project budget appropriation of $74,152 from the available fund balance in the Mobility Fee Fund (Fund 350, subfund 8055) to the 4th Street Mobility Improvement Project (C2204) and corresponding Capital Outlay Fund (301) transfer in/appropriation in the same amount.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.)

Consent Item Nos. L-1, L-3*, L-6, L-7, L-8 and L-9
It was moved by Councilwoman Perez, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Perello and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

Consent Item No. L-2

The Community Development Director presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve Information/Consent L-2 as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Perello, Perez and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

Consent Item No. L-5
The Police Chief and Commander McAlpine presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

*Consent Item No. L-3 is a receive and file, no action was required.

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND FINANCING AUTHORITY

At 7:40 p.m., the joint meeting with the Oxnard Housing Authority, Community Development Commission Successor Agency and Financing Authority concluded.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Zone Text Amendment (Permit No. 25-580-01) to allow Agricultural and Construction Vehicles Sales and Incidental Repair and Service uses in the Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) Zone (20 minutes).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony concerning the adoption of the Zone Text Amendment to Oxnard City Code Chapter 16, Article III, Division 11, Section 16-163 for properties located within the City of Oxnard zoned Heavy Manufacturing; and
2. Find the Zone Text Amendment to be Categorically Exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15060(C)(2) & (3) (Preliminary Review) and 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption); and,
3. Approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3069** titled: "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. 25-580-01 (ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT) TO AMEND OXNARD CITY CODE CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 11, SECTION 16-163 TO INCLUDE THE AGRICULTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES SALES WITH INCIDENTAL REPAIR AND SERVICE USE AS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN AREAS ZONED HEAVY MANUFACTURING (M-2). FILED BY DESIGNATED AGENT HOLLEE KING WINEGAR, 7584 EISENHOWER ST, VENTURA CALIFORNIA 93003, ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, TODD INDUSTRIAL PARK, 5755 VALENTINE ROAD, SUITE 203, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93003".

(This is a Public Hearing and was reviewed by the Planning Commission, therefore this item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on October 2, 2025 and stated there were no written communication received.

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

The Planning Manager presented and was available to answer questions. Hollee King Winegar, applicant for Todd Industrial Park is in full support of staff's recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Teran 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.

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

N. REPORTS

1. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: Purchasing Authorization - Compuwave Inc. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a two-year blanket agreement with Compuwave in the amount of $1.2 million for the purchase of computer hardware and related services.

(Finance & Governance Committee approved 3-0 on September 23, 2025.)

No public comments were received.

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

2. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: Purchasing Authorization - Insight Public Sector Inc. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to extend Blanket Agreement No. 32400174 with Insight Public Sector, Inc. for the purchase of computer networking technology through April 30, 2028, and increase the funding amount by $1.4 million for a new total not-to-exceed amount of $4.035 million.

(Finance & Governance Committee approved 3-0 on September 23, 2025.)

No public comments were received.

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

3. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600054 with Badger Meter, Inc. for BEACON Software as a Service. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount not to exceed $1,627,436.40 for a five-year term from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2030, for BEACON Software as a Service (SaaS) cellular service unit.

(This item did not originate in Committee because it is a continuation of a previous item approved by the City Council on October 19, 2021.)

No public comments were received.

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

4. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Golf Operations Year-End Final Report and Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Appropriations. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize an appropriation in an amount up to $280,838 for additional FY 2024-25 expenses from the Golf Course Operating Fund (651).

(This item did not originate in Committee since this is a continuation of a previous item approved by the City Council on December 17, 2024.)

Assistant Public Works Director Howlett 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 the recommended action. VOTE: Starr, Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32600135 with GSE Construction Company, Inc. for Secondary Sedimentation Tank Mechanical Equipment Replacement (Phase II), Specification No. PW 25-134. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of $2,995,711 in Project funds for the Secondary Sedimentation Tank Mechanical Equipment Replacement (Phase II), Specification No. PW 25-134;
2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with GSE Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of $2,496,425 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of $249,643 (~10%) with GSE Construction Company, Inc. for a total not to exceed value of $2,746,068 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of $249,643 (~10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project.

(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.)

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

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Pro Tem Teran adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Lourdes A. López

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

GABE TERAN
Mayor Pro Tem