

**MINUTES**  
**OXNARD CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:30 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 Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr, Gabriel Teran and Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Tuesday, December 23, 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; Julian Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Lauren Bueling, Risk Management Supervisor 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 4:31 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 4:35 p.m. Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was present.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))  
Name of case: *Cerda v. County of Ventura, et al.*  
Ventura Superior Court Case No. 56-2022-00563242-CU-PO-VTA  
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:04 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there are no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:00 PM)

1. Community Development Department  
SUBJECT: Department Workshop: Housing and Community Development Department Presentations.  
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file an update report from the Housing Director and Community Development Director, concerning information related to functions, priorities, challenges, and anticipated future needs.

The Housing Director and Community Development Director presented and discussed departmental challenges and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Alicia Percell, Greg Runyon, Larry Stein, Victor Ojeda and Angela Whitecomb.

This was a receive and file. No action was required.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:56 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, Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr, Gabriel Teran and Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Tuesday, December 23, 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 Kian Vea, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Santa Clara High School. Councilmember Perello stated that this evening's moment of silence commemorates the anniversary of the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and tomorrow is the first anniversary of the devastating Eaton and Palisades wildfires in Southern California and the lives lost.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Jose Rivera, Associate Engineer; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director; Brenda Lopez, Housing Director and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating January 17, 2026 as "Soroptimist STOP Human Trafficking Awareness Day."

Mayor Mc Arthur presented the proclamation to President Lori Spooner Abraham and Debbie Gohlke with Soroptimists International of Oxnard, who made some remarks and invited the community to participate in the upcoming event.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating January 19, 2026 as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

Mayor Mc Arthur presented a proclamation to LaRita Montgomery, Heidi Gayton and Dr. Vincent Stewart, who made some remarks and invited the community to participate in the upcoming events.

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

Public comments were received from Carolyn Mullin, Angela Whitecomb, Daniel Cabrera, Kevin Brannon, Josh Tellez, Greg Runyon, Ronald Arruejo, Dan Pinedo, Larry Stein, Deirdre Frank, Doug Partello, Larry Barbarine and Victor Ojeda.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

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

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

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. L-1 and L-6 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Campaign Contribution and Loan Limit Adjustment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 16,016** adjusting campaign contribution limits and loan limits set forth in Sections 2-443 and 2-444 of the Oxnard City Code.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

2. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2025.

3. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and Zone Text Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Find the Project to be Categorically Exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and

2. Adopt the proposed **Ordinance No. 3072** titled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (ZONING) OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE §16-465 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. FILED BY CITY OF OXNARD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 214 SOUTH C STREET, OXNARD, CA, 93030; and
3. Adopt the proposed **Ordinance No. 3073** titled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (ZONING) OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE §16-20 THROUGH 16-24 AND DEVELOPMENT DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT §16-525 TO STREAMLINE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND CONSOLIDATE PERMIT PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES TO OXNARD CITY CODE ARTICLE VII. PERMIT PROCEDURES. FILED BY CITY OF OXNARD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 214 SOUTH C STREET, OXNARD, CA, 93030; and
4. Adopt the proposed **Ordinance No. 3074** titled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (ZONING) OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE §16-10 DEFINITIONS, § 16-622 SCHEDULE OF OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, AND §16-560 THROUGH 16-561.1 MODIFICATIONS TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS. FILED BY CITY OF OXNARD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 214 SOUTH C STREET, OXNARD, CA, 93030.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

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

This item did not originate in Committee.

5. Public Works Department  
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600264 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management services for the Secondary Sedimentation Tank Mechanical Equipment Replacement Phase II Project PW 26-21.  
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for an initial term of three years from January 6, 2026, to January 5, 2029, with an option to extend for two consecutive one-year period extensions ending January 5, 2031, for a total amount not to exceed \$240,120.00 for construction management services for the Secondary

Sedimentation Tank Mechanical Equipment Replacement Phase II Project PW 26-21.

(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.)

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32600243 with Premier Property Preservation, LLC for Custodial Services at the John C. Zaragoza Oxnard Transit Center (OTC).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Premier Property Preservation, LLC for a term of one year from February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027, with an option for four consecutive one-year periods ending January 31, 2031, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount \$700,000 for custodial services at the John C. Zaragoza Oxnard Transit Center.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0 on December 9, 2025)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Amend Department-Wide Blanket Purchase Orders for FY 2025-26 for the Public Works Department.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to amend purchase orders through June 30, 2026, consistent with the City's purchasing requirements, with the following vendors:

1. Applied Industrial Technologies for an additional \$80,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 for industrial supplies/equipment (e.g., pumps);
2. Daniels Tire Service, Inc. for an additional \$80,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 for tires;
3. Grainger, Inc. for an additional \$230,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000 for safety related equipment and industrial equipment, maintenance supplies, tools and parts;
4. Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. for an additional \$80,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 for hardware, tools, construction materials and products; and
5. Ventura County Auto Supply (NAPA) for an additional \$30,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for garage tools, equipment, and fleet maintenance supplies.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0 on December 9, 2025)

8. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Completion Project Easement Deed (A-8609) Update with Southern California Edison Company (APN 202-0-010-720).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an updated Certificate of Acceptance for an Easement Deed (A-8609) with Southern California Edison Company for the property identified by the County Assessor as APN 202-0-010-720, as particularly described in the Easement Deed.

(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.)

**Consent Item Nos. L-2, L-3, L-5, L-7 and L-8**

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

**Consent Item No. L-1**

*It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent Item No. L-1 as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Basua, Teran, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 6-0. Councilman Starr abstained.*

**Consent Item No. L-4**

No action was required, this is a receive and file.

**Consent Item No. L-6**

*It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilman Starr, to approve the Information/Consent Item No. L-6 as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Teran, Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.*

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

N. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the City's Safe Routes to School Report.

(The Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0 on December 9, 2025 to forward the item to the City Council to review and receive and file.)

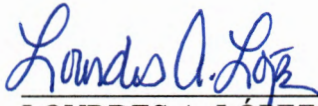
The Public Works Director and Associate Engineer Rivera presented and were available to answer questions.

No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

No action was required, this is a receive and file.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ  
City Clerk



LUIS A. MC ARTHUR  
Mayor