

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:00 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 Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, February 19, 2026, 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 5:02 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Lopez v. City of Oxnard*
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 2025CUPA036995
Legislative Body: City Council

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Blanchard v. City of Oxnard*
Workers' Compensation Case Nos.: ADJ12840464, ADJ14148373, and ADJ14811664
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:31 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there are no reportable action out of closed session.

At 5:31 p.m., Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was present.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:30 PM)

- I. SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2025 State of the Region Report published by the Ventura County Civic Alliance.

David Maron of the Civic Alliance gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council and Mr. Maron.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:26 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, 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 Thursday, February 19, 2026 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 Ernesto Reyes-Vasquez, a student at Del Sol High School. Mayor Mc Arthur called for a moment of silence in recognition of the ongoing conflicts around the world. Councilmember Perello added that the tribute should also honor fallen service members and affected civilians.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager, Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Elle McCarron, Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director 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 Jeanette and Greg Runyon.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The Assistant City Manager Sonstegard comment on the upcoming spring float tours.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem asked if we could recognize the Oxnard Police Explorers at an upcoming City Council meeting for achieving 3rd place overall at the Riverside Police Department Explorer Competition.

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Rodrigo Zaragoza to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to represent District 6.

Public comment was received from Deirdre Frank.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilman Starr, to approve the appointment of Rodrigo Zaragoza to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. L-3 was reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Written comments were received from Ronald Arruejo regarding Item No. L-6.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Oxnard City Council Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of February 17, 2026.

3. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Investment Report for the period ending January 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the monthly investment report. This is an information item

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Amend Approval of Term Date to 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 amend the approval of the term date of Agreement 32600264 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to a term of two years, from January 6, 2026, to January 5, 2028.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this item was previously approved by the City Council on January 6, 2026)

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance No. 3075 Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance No. 3075** entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF CROSS-CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW STANDARDS."

(This item did not originate in Committee as it is a continuation of an item previously approved by the City Council on February 3, 2026.)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32600321 with Paveco Construction, Inc. for Citywide Sidewalk Repairs Project, Specification No. PW 26-07.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A total of \$933,043.00 in Project funds for the Citywide Sidewalk Repairs Project, Specification No. PW 26-07;
2. The Mayor to execute an Agreement with Paveco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$717,725.00 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of \$143,545.00 (20%) with Paveco Construction, Inc. for a total not to exceed value of \$861,270.00 for the Project; and
3. A Project allocation amount of \$71,773.00 (~10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management.

(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-1, L-5, L-6 and L-7

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

Consent Item No. L-2 and L-4*

*Consent Item L-2 and L-4 will be listed in the Oxnard Housing Authority minutes.

Consent Item No. L-3

Chief Financial Officer presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. This was a receive and file. No action was required.

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 7:20 p.m., the joint meeting with the Oxnard Housing Authority concluded.

M. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**N. **REPORTS**1. **City Manager Department**

SUBJECT: Wooden Gateway Sweepstakes Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Purchasing Agent to donate five (5) surplus wooden gateway signs in accordance with the Wooden Gateway Sweepstakes Program Guidelines.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

No public comments were received. The Mayor stated that he will be submitting an application on behalf of the City. 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: Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

2. **Housing Department**

SUBJECT: Exclusive Negotiation Agreement Between the City of Oxnard and Dynamic Real Estate Partners, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Dynamic Real Estate Partners, LLC (A-8611) regarding an undeveloped site (APN: 132-0-033-010) located between U.S. 101 and Riverpark Boulevard, West of the East Vineyard Avenue and Riverpark Boulevard intersection (Property).

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

No public comments were received.

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

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Ratify an Emergency Order and Approve a Public Project Agreement with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for Two Emergency Repairs on a Water Main Near 800 E Pleasant Valley Rd in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and ratify the following:

1. The Director of Public Works' emergency order to dispense with public bidding requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, to make emergency repairs to the City's water distribution system;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an emergency Public Project Agreement with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 for Two Emergency Repairs on a Water Main near 800 E Pleasant Valley Rd; and
3. The Director of Public Works' declaration of the termination of the emergency order to dispense with public bidding requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, to make emergency repairs to the City's water distribution system.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)


No public comments were received.

The Public Works Director and Assistant City Attorney McCarron presented and were available to answer questions. The Public Works Director noted that Toro's original estimate did not include the shoring component. Staff will return to City Council once the final invoice has been received. Discussed ensued among the Council and staff.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



 LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
 City Clerk



 LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
 Mayor