

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Luis A. Mc Arthur called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Finance and Governance Committee in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Committee Members Gabriela Rodriguez, Committee Member Aaron Starr and Chair Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Tuesday, January 20, 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 Chair Mc Arthur followed by a moment of silence acknowledging current local and national events.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Annie Jensen, Project Manager; Consultant Erica Ong with Vasquez & Associates and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

Consideration of Teleconference Participation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449.

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

No public comments were received.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee approve the regular meeting minutes for November 25 and December 9, 2025 and January 13, 2026.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Member Rodriguez, seconded by Member Starr, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented. VOTE: Starr, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 3-0.

D. REPORTS

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Update on Whistleblower Policy and Biannual Update.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee:

1. Recommend City Council approve an update to the City's Whistleblower Policy to reflect current legislation; and
2. Receive and file an update on the City's whistleblower hotline.

The City Manager, Assistant City Manager Sonstegard, City Attorney, Project Manager Jensen and consultant Erica Ong were available to answer the committee's questions. Staff stated that they can expand the categories available to include the current status of the complaint.

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

It was moved by Member Starr, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to approve the recommended item as presented. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 3-0.

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS


No requests were made.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.



LOURDES A. LOPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS A. McARTHUR
Chair