

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY,
HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 8:32 p.m., Chair Luis A. Mc Arthur called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Members Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez and Chair Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Library, City Hall kiok, 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.

Staff members present were Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Brenda Lopez, Housing Director; Samantha Shapiro, Project Manager; Betty Garcia, Homeless Program Administrator; 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 Community Services, Public Safety, Housing and Economic Development Committee approve the minutes of the January 27 and February 10, 2026 regular meetings as presented.

The City Clerk requested that Item C-1, Approval of Minutes, be deferred to a later date.

D. REPORTS

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Direction on the Future of the Commission on Homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee provide direction on the future of the Commission on Homelessness.

No public comments were received.

Assistant City Manager, Project Manager and Housing Director provided an overview of the formation of the Commission on Homelessness and noted that the item was previously presented to this Committee on July 9, 2024. At that time, the Committee requested additional information regarding the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC), including its success rates, the City's role with the VCCoC, and the structure of its subcommittees. The opportunities for interested residents to serve were also discussed. Some of the challenges the Committee faced were often a lack of quorum due to low membership and then lack of agenda items that were meaningful. One of the accomplishments of the Commission was the foul weather shelter recommendation.

Kimberlee Albers, Deputy Executive Officer and Homelessness Solutions Director for the County of Ventura spoke about the various opportunities available for residents to get involved.

Chair Mc Arthur emphasized that the community should remain actively engaged with its local government, and that as a governing body, it is our responsibility to consistently create and preserve meaningful opportunities for that involvement. He expressed that he does not support stepping away from something so distinctive to our City, especially given our position as the largest city in the region, which carries significant weight and responsibility.

He suggested forming an ad hoc committee to foster opportunities for engagement and participation. He also expressed his willingness to take the lead in continuing this effort, whether as an ad hoc committee or working group.

Betty Garcia, Homeless Program Administrator, shared that she joined the City in June 2024 and brings five years of experience in street outreach.

It was moved by Member Perello to adopt the recommendation of the City of Oxnard. The motion did not receive a second and therefore failed.

The Assistant Chief City Attorney reviewed the available options, which include:

1. Approve staff's recommendation to dissolve the Commission.
2. Submitting a recommendation to the City Council.
3. Making no recommendation.
4. Forming an ad hoc committee.
5. Indicating that the Committee has no recommendation and deferring the matter to the full City Council for determination.

It was moved by Chair Mc Arthur to defer this item to the City Council as whole for their determination of this issue, seconded by Member Perello.

Member Perez requested that the report describe the proposed ad hoc committee in detail, including its purpose, responsibilities, and suggested structure, and provide guidance and options for the Council's consideration.

The recommendation to the City Council would include:

1. Dissolve the Committee
2. Establishing a meeting schedule (monthly or quarterly).
3. Create an Ad Hoc Committee


VOTE: Perello, Perez 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 9:40 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor