

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY,
HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 8:30 p.m., Chair Luis Mc Arthur called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Economic Development Committee in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California. Member Bert E. Perello, Member Michaela Perez 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; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Katie Casey, Deputy City Manager; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jason Zaragoza, Assistant City Attorney; Terrel Harrison, Cultural and Community Services Director; Renee Rakestraw, Assistant Cultural and Community Services Director; Julie Estrada, Cultural Arts Manager; Scott Swenson, Alcohol, Cannabis and Tobacco Compliance Specialist; Miguel Serrato, Police Commander 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

Public comments were received from Angela Whitecomb.

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 13, 2026 regular meetings as presented.

No public comments were received.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Police Department

SUBJECT: Downtown Security Contract.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee recommend that the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Citiguard, Inc. (32600276) for a five (5) year agreement, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,575,000 for security services in the Oxnard Downtown Management District (ODMD), the Oxnard Public Library, the Downtown Parking Structure, and the Oxnard Service Center.

Public comments were received from Angela Whitecomb.

Police Commander Serrato presented and answered the Committees questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Member Perello, seconded by Member Perez, to approve the recommended action as amended to include in the contract that “face masks or coverings that obscure the face are prohibited while on duty, except for medically required masks.” VOTE: Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

2. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Update on Contract Negotiations with OPAC Nonprofit for operations of the “Meeting Rooms” at the Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center (PACC).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Economic Development Committee:

- Receive an update on the contract negotiations with the OPAC nonprofit for facility operations of the “Meeting Rooms” at the Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center (PACC)
- Provide feedback on the nine outstanding items related to the contract
- Discuss any additional items or questions the Committee needs for consideration of the contract, and determine if any of the items need to return to the Committee; or
- Direct staff to continue work on the outstanding issues within the contract with the nonprofit and Sterling, and bring it to the City Council for further discussion.

Chair Mc Arthur announced that this item would be treated as a workshop to ensure ongoing input from both staff and the public.

Public comments were received from Angela Whitecomb, Roger Poirier, Victor Ojeda and Manuel Herrera.

The Deputy City Manager stated that following seven meetings with the non-profit, negotiations have reached an impasse on nine outstanding items.

Staff present to assist with the nine outstanding items were: Deputy City Manager; CCS Director, Assistant CCS Director; Cultural Arts Manager, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Assistant City Attorney, Alcohol, Cannabis and Tobacco Compliance Specialist and Assistant City Manager reviewed the nine outstanding items and answered the Committees questions. Discussion ensued among the Committee, Gary Davis, Carolyn Mullin, Lance Sterling, staff and the public.

Motion to Continue Meeting Past 10:00 P.M.

At 9:36 p.m., the Committee voted to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m., and continue with Report No. D-2 on the agenda.

It was moved by Chair Mc Artur, seconded by Committee Member Perez, to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. VOTE: Perez, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Chair Mc Arthur, seconded by Member Perez, to approve the recommended action as amended to include the following changes:

Item 1 – Liquor License & Alcohol Oversight: okay as is. Staff will review the exhibits with the nonprofit and with Sterling and include the exhibits in the contract.

Item 2 – Events Security (Alcohol and Non-Alcohol Events): Staff will ensure exhibits include language about upholding professionalism within the community and address public concerns about security. The exhibits will also include clear de-escalation procedures and a process for reporting these incidents.

Item 3.A: Revenue Split: Committee supports staff recommendation with the addition to make sure spot checks are equitable.

Item 3.B: Concessions: with the change to staff's recommendation to include 15% of the non-profit food and beverage fees.

Item 4: Facility Rental Management System (Facilitron): no changes to staff's recommendations.

Item 5: naming Rights and Uses: no changes to staff's recommendations.

Item 6: Addressing Contract Compliance Issues and Contract Breaches: staff updated two of the four framework recommendations to the committee: Recommendation No.2 defined cure periods for correctable violations to be 30 days for a breach and Recommendation No. 4: change the City's right to terminate for convenience from 30 days to 90 days' notice.

Item 7: OPAC Board Use of the PACC Facility: supporting the non-profit recommendation of no rental charges up to \$7,500 annually and the City does not have to pay the fee.

Item 8: Facility Improvements: same language as Sterling up to the \$5,000; no reimbursement.

Item 9: Length of Contract: staff's recommendation was modified by Committee to do a three-year agreement with two one-year extensions.


VOTE: Perez, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Member Perello noted that while attending the Blackstock Neighborhood Council meeting, he observed that the area from Channel Islands Boulevard south along Saviers Road is very dark. He suggested that staff look into increasing lighting in that vicinity.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 12:42 a.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor