

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY,
HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 8:30 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, May 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 Chair Mc Arthur.

Staff members present were Katie Casey, Deputy City Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Terrel Harrison, Cultural and Community Services Director 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 regular meeting minutes for May 12, 2026.

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. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Review and Discuss Proposed City Flag Designs from Student Participants of Voices of Oxnard Youth (VOY) Program.

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

1. Receive a presentation on the proposed City Flag designs by the Voices of Oxnard Youth (VOY) students;
2. Provide feedback regarding the proposed flag designs; and
3. Determine whether to recommend any of the flag designs to the City Council for further consideration, or direct staff and VOY students to incorporate feedback and return to the Committee at a later date.

(This is a live presentation.)

No public comments were received.

Alisha Castellanos of the Voices of Oxnard Youth group explained that the Committee originally presented three flag designs for consideration. However, after further review, it was determined that flag design on Slide 21 was AI-generated. As a result, that flag has been removed from consideration. Nathalie Aguina, Deangelo Fajardo, and Ava Schmidt with Voices of Oxnard Youth presented and were available to answer questions from Council.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Chair Mc Arthur, seconded by Member Perello, to approve Recommendation No. 3, directing staff to engage local artists and the artistic community for consultation on the flag design. Committee members expressed appreciation for the preliminary design and its incorporation of local agricultural elements, including strawberries, lemons, and other community features. However, members agreed that local professional artists should be given the opportunity to develop and refine these concepts into a final design.

The Committee discussed partnering with Voices of Oxnard Youth, Recreation staff, and local artists to further develop and fully flush out design concepts. Members also suggested soliciting renderings from local artists and, once concepts are developed, seeking community input through a public voting process, including participation from local high school students and the broader community.

Staff was directed to conduct additional outreach within the artistic community, further develop the proposed concepts, and return to the Committee with refined design options for consideration. VOTE: Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

2. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Agreement with the Oxnard School District for the Operations of the After-School Education and Safety Grant.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Economic Development Committee recommended that the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year agreement (A-8624) with the Oxnard School District (OSD) for the City to receive an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to continue operating components of the After-School Education and Safety Program with a City match of \$130,000 of in-kind services.

The Cultural and Community Services Director presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Committee and staff.

No public comments were received.

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

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Member Perez requested that staff return to the Committee with a report on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including an update on current issues and a review of the ordinance's history.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Chair