MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
June 1, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:32 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 Gabriela Basua*, Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr, Gabriel Teran and Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, May 20, 2026 and the amended agenda on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 2026 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

*Councilwoman Gabriela Basua participated remotely from Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 Olive Street Dallas, TX 75201.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant 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 5:35 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the City Council shall decide whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.
Legislative Body: City Council

At 6:21 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that the City Council by unanimous voted has directed the City Attorney to initiate an action. The action, the defendants and other particulars shall once unsealed be disclosed to any person upon inquiry unless to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

E. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:21 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, May 20, 2026, and the amended agenda on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 in the kiosk at City Hall, Oxnard Public Library, City Administrative Offices and on the City's website

*Councilwoman Gabriela Basua participated remotely from Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 Olive Street Dallas, TX 75201.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Cesar Tapia, a student at Channel Islands High School.

At 6:33 p.m., Councilwoman Basua was absent.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Elle McCarron, Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Brenda Lopez, Housing Director; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 12, 2026 as "Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising."

   Mayor Mc Arthur read the proclamation and presented to Charleen Morla and members of the Filipino American Council of Ventura County who thanked the City Council for the recognition and invited everyone to participate in the flag raising ceremony on June 12th.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 20, 2026 as the "35th Annual Juneteenth Celebration."

   Councilmember Perello read the proclamation and presented it to Angela Mitchell Landers, Bruce Stewart and Julia Dixon who thanked the City Council for the recognition and invited everyone to participate in the 35th annual Juneteenth celebration on June 20th at Plaza Park.

3. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 2026 as "Pride Month in the City of Oxnard."

Councilwoman Perez read the proclamation and presented to Steve Somann with Diversity Collective of Ventura County; Tess Allen, Rainbow Café LGBTQ Resources Center at Oxnard College; V Amezcua with Obsidian and Rio Lorenzo with MICOP who thanked the City Council for this recognition and invited everyone to participate in the upcoming event on July 25 at Plaza Park in Ventura.

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

Public comments were received from Roxanne Trujillo, Rev. Roger Labonté, Eric Andrist, Sarah Wilczewski, Greg Runyon and Deirdre Frank.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The City Manager provided comments on several matters, including: 1.) Oxnard Insect Festival; and 2.) Assistant Police Chief Marquez commented on Elder & Disability Abuse Awareness Month.

I. CITY COUNCILBUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mayor Pro Tem requested that staff return with a report on: 1) a potential moratorium on office space for detainees; and 2) an electric bicycle ordinance.

Councilmember Perello requested the temporary installation of signs in areas known for frequent fireworks activity.

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Library Board.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Sahara Pena to serve as an at-large member on the Library Board.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Basua was absent.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item L-3 was removed from the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem recused himself from Item No. L-3 due to a remote interest that he had performed consulting work for the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) within the past 12 months.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

2. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Investment Report for the period ending April 30, 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.)

3. Fire Department
SUBJECT: Affiliation Agreement with The Regents of the University of California for a Prehospital Care Program - Affiliation Agreement First Amendment.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a First Amendment to Paramedic Internship Agreement (A-8312), titled "Affiliation Between the Regents of the University of California and the City of Oxnard" for a period of five years.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

4. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Utility Ratepayers Assistance Program (Project Assist) Update.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 16,044** for the Utility Ratepayers Assistance Program (Project Assist) for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to assist eligible Oxnard residents and authorize staff to grant financial relief equal to a monthly $25.00 maximum credit per utility bill charged to residential customers who meet

the eligibility requirements discussed in this staff report up to the amount funded for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and
2. Authorize staff to fund Project Assist in Fiscal Year 2026-27 by utilizing $300,000 that has been paid to the City for current and prior year late penalties from City utility customers.

(This item did not originate in Committee per the City Council Committee Bylaws Resolution 15,851, Article II, Section D.3.a, as this is a routine item.)

5. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600474 with CCS Facility Services - Los Angeles, Inc. for Custodial Services for the Public Works Utilities Divisions.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with CCS Facility Services - Los Angeles, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $738,000 for an initial term of one year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, with the option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 30, 2031, for Custodial Services for the Public Works Utilities Divisions.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

6. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600473 with Executive Facilities Services, Inc. for Custodial Services at the Oxnard Main Library.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Executive Facilities Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $675,000 for an initial term of one year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, with the option for four consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 30, 2031, for Custodial Services at the Oxnard Main Library.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

7. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32600503 with Ojos Trucking dba AGT Trucking School for Commercial Driver's License Training.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Ojos Trucking dba AGT Trucking School in an amount not to exceed of $385,000 for an initial term of three years from June 2, 2026, to June 1, 2029, with the option for two consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 1, 2031 for Commercial Driver's License Training.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

8. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Added Facilities Agreement 32600436 with Southern California Edison for the Wastewater Headworks Facility.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Added Facilities Agreement with Southern California Edison to renew electrical maintenance service for the Wastewater Headworks Facility in perpetuity, with a one-time payment of $62,246, and a recurring monthly maintenance service charge of $747.41.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

Consent Item No. L-1*
*Consent Item L-1 will be listed in the Oxnard Housing Authority minutes.

Consent Item Nos. L-2, L-4, L-5, L-5, L-6, L-7 and L-8
It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent Items as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Teran, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Basua was absent.

At 8:07 p.m., Councilwoman Basua was present.
Consent Item No. L-3
The Fire Chief presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve the Information/Consent Item L-3 as presented. VOTE: Basua, Rodriguez, Starr, Perello, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem recused himself.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Resolution to Levy Assessments in Mandalay Beach Maintenance District.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council, acting as the legislative body for the Mandalay Beach Maintenance District:

   1. Hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2026, to receive public testimony regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 assessments for the Mandalay Beach Maintenance District; and

2. Adopt **Resolution No. 16,045** to levy the special tax assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-27 within the Mandalay Beach Maintenance District.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-1 on May 12, 2026.)
Councilmembers reported on the ex parte communications received on this item.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on May 21, 2026 and stated there were no written communications received on this item.

The Public Works Director presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Mc Arthur opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

No public comments were received.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the recommendation action as presented. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-1. Councilwoman Starr voted no.

2. Finance Department
SUBJECT: FY2026-27 Proposed Budget Public Hearing.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council and Housing Authority Board conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the City of Oxnard and Oxnard Housing Authority and provide staff direction regarding any adjustments to the Proposed Budget, in preparation for budget adoption on June 16, 2026.

Councilmembers reported on the ex parte communications received on this item.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on May 21, 2026 and stated there was one written communication received on this item.

The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant City Manager presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

At 9:41 p.m., the City Council voted to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m., and take action on the remainder of the items on the agenda.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Mayor Mc Arthur, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Starr, Basua, Perello, Perez, Teran, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Mc Arthur opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

No public comments were received.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

The City Council provided direction to staff to include in the budget adoption the following items:
Capital Improvement Projects, Electronic citation printers, Recreation (maintain temporary labor hours); Recreation (Youth Development Programs), Cultural Arts (Oxnard Arts Academy), Police Department (Psychologist Services).

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 9:53 p.m., the joint meeting with the Oxnard Housing Authority concluded.

N. REPORTS

1. Housing Department
SUBJECT: Oxnard Navigation Center Operating Agreement with Mercy House for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

    1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year Agreement (No. 32700007), with four one-year options to extend, with Mercy House Living Centers, for the provision of shelter and navigation center operations in fiscal year 2026-2027, in an amount not-to-exceed $3,235,242.56; and
    2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any amendments to Agreement No. 32700007.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, and Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

The Housing Director, Larry Haynes and Timothy Huynh with Mercy House presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Doug Partello.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-1. Councilman Starr voted no.

2. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Local Streets and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Project List for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution to:

   1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 project list of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) proposed projects that will be funded in part or solely with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues; and
   2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of the resolution.

   (This item did not originate in Committee per the City Council Committee Bylaws Resolution 15,851, Article II, Section D.3.a, as this is a routine item.)

   No public comments were received.

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

3. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32600511 with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for the Citywide Alleyway Resurfacing - La Colonia Neighborhood Alley Reconstruction Project, Specification No. PW 25-121.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

   1. A total of $7,078,428 in Project funds for the Citywide Alleyway Resurfacing - La Colonia Neighborhood Alley Reconstruction Project, Specification No. PW 25-121;
   2. The Mayor to execute an Agreement with Toro Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of $5,898,690 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of $589,869 (10%) with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for a total not to exceed value of $6,488,559 for the Project; and
   3. A Project allocation amount of $589,869 (10%) for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project.

(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.)

The Public Works Director presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, 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.

4. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Landscape Maintenance Districts Initiation of Proceedings to Levy Assessments, Approval of a Consolidated Engineers Report, and Declaration of Intention to Levy Assessments.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council, acting as the legislative body of the City of Oxnard Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDs):

1. Adopt "**Resolution No. 16,046** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard, California, initiating proceedings to levy assessments against real property for Fiscal Year 2026-27 in connection with the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts";
2. Adopt "**Resolution No. 16,047** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard, California, approving a Consolidated Engineer's Report regarding assessments against real property for Fiscal Year 2026-27 in connection with the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts"; and
3. Adopt "**Resolution No. 16,048** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard, California, declaring its intention to levy assessments against real property for Fiscal Year 2026-27 in connection with the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts" setting the Public Hearing for June 16, 2026.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-1 on May 12, 2026.)

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-1. Councilman Starr voted no.

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32600497 with Haaker Equipment Company for Short-Term Rental of Refuse Collection Vehicles for the Environmental Resources Division.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Rental Agreement with Haaker Equipment Company for an annual contract amount of $2,800,000, for an initial term of one year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, with the option for two consecutive one-year period extensions ending June 30, 2029, with a total contract amount not to exceed $8,400,000, for the rental of refuse collection vehicles.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on May 12, 2026.)

Assistant Public Works Director Yanez presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilwoman Perez, seconded by Councilmember Perello, 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 10:55 p.m.

Lourdes A. Lopez

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor