

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
June 30, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Gabriel Teran 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Gabriel Teran were present. Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

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; Lauren Bueling, Risk Manager 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 5:02 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Campbell v. City of Oxnard, et al.*
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 2025CUOR044717
Legislative Body: City Council
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Bentley v. City of Oxnard*
Workers' Compensation Case Nos.: ADJ22071308 and ADJ19857987
Legislative Body: City Council

At 6:02 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there was no reportable action out of closed session.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS

E. OPENING CEREMONIES

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Gabriel Teran 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Gabriel Teran were present. Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur was absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, June 18, 2026 in the kiosk at City Hall, Oxnard Public Library, City Administrative Offices and on the City's website.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Ramiro Medina, a graduate of the EMS Corp Workforce Development Program. Councilmember Perello called for a moment of silence in honor of the three firefighters who lost their lives near the Utah and Colorado border. Councilwoman Rodriguez also requested a moment of silence for all those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela.

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; Jason Zaragoza, Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Anthony Miller, Special Districts Manager; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director; Joe Pearson, Planning Manager; Renee Rakestraw, Assistant Cultural and Community Services Director; Miguel Serrato, Police Commander; and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2026 Ventura County Fair Poster.

Ventura County Fair Board President Guillermo Ceja, Jr. and Director Miriam Mack commented on the upcoming Ventura County Fair and encouraged the community to attend.

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

Public comments were received from: Larry Stein; Joseph Dobzynski, Jr.; Sarah Wilczewski; Ray Blattel; Eric Andrist; Manuel Herrera; Alicia Percell; virtual speaker; Eduardo Huerta and Doug Partello.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

I. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Public comments were received from Eric Andrist.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. L-2, L-3 and L-6 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

Councilman Starr recused himself from Item L-2 because the beneficial owner of his employer is also majority owner of another entity that owns property at the southeast corner of Rice and Sturgis, approximately 800 ft from the project site. He recused himself from participating in the discussion and voting on this item to avoid any potential conflict of interest or violation of applicable conflict of interest laws.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that he would be recusing himself from Items L-3 and L-6. He explained that he was recusing himself from Item L-3, which involves an agreement with the County of Ventura, because of the nature of his work and his professional relationship with the County. Out of an abundance of caution and to the potential for a remote interest, he would not participate in the discussion or vote on the item.

Regarding Item L-6, which concerns School Resource Officers services, Mayor Pro Tem stated that he would also recuse himself because he has a professional relationship with one of the school districts involved and, potentially, others as well.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Greg Runyon.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Oxnard City Council Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the regular meeting minutes for May 19, June 1 and June 16, 2026.

2. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Final Parcel Map for Tentative Subdivision Map for Sturgis Business Park Suites Subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Accept Parcel Map No. 24-300-02 (Planning and Zoning Permit No. 24-300-02) for the Sturgis Business Park Suites Subdivision; and
2. Receive and file a "Notice of Pending Approval" for Subdivision Map No. 24-300-02 by the Community Development Director including signature of "City Council's Certificate" on the title sheet.

3. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Agreement for Administration of the Senior Nutrition Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to Agreement A-8595 with the County of Ventura for an additional \$420,000 for a total agreement value not to exceed \$880,000 in grant revenue for the administration of the Senior Nutrition Program; and
2. Approve a Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget appropriation and corresponding grant revenue recognition in the amount of \$420,000 to the Federal Grants Fund (200).

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

4. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Agreement with Azul Foundation for the Senior Nutrition Program Meals.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with the Azul Foundation (32500510) to increase the agreement amount by \$270,000, resulting in a total agreement amount of \$620,000, to purchase meals for the Senior Nutrition Program.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

5. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Agreement with Jordano's Inc. for the Senior Nutrition Program Meals.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with the Jordano's Inc. (32500565) to increase the agreement amount by \$150,000, resulting in a total agreement amount of \$370,000, to purchase meals for the Senior Nutrition Program.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

6. Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreements for School Resource Officer (SRO) Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a cost-sharing agreement for Police School Resource Officer (SRO) services between:

1. The City of Oxnard and the Oxnard Union High School District (Agreement No. A-8621), for a three-year period, in the amount of \$685,308 per year.

2. The City of Oxnard and the Oxnard School District (Agreement No. A-8627), for a three-year period, in the amount of \$261,771 per year.
3. The City of Oxnard and the Hueneme Elementary School District (Agreement No. A-8615), for a three-year period, in the amount of \$137,061 per year.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Consent Item Nos. L-1, L-4 and L-5

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

Consent Item Nos. L-2

It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent Items as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Basua, Perello and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0. Councilman Starr recused himself. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

At 7:32 p.m., Councilmember Perello presided over the meeting.

Consent Item Nos. L-3

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

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the Information/Consent Items as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Basua and Starr voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

Consent Item Nos. L-6

Commander Serrato presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to approve the Information/Consent Items as presented. VOTE: Basua, Rodriguez, Starr and Perello voted in favor; Councilwoman Perez voted no. The motion carried 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

At 7:37 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran presided over the meeting.

M. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Community Development Department**

SUBJECT: Project Name: Fire Station No. 3, reconstruction of an existing fire station located at 150 Hill Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 16,072** certifying Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) No. 25-03 for the Fire Station No. 3 Project (Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse No. 2025101167);
3. Adopt **Resolution No. 16,073** approving Planning and Zoning Permit No. 24-620-03 for a General Plan Amendment subject to certain findings;
4. Approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3077** titled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. 24-570-02 (ZONE CHANGE) TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY FIRE STATION AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON THE EXISTING 0.66-ACRE PROPERTY AT 150 HILL STREET (APN: 203-0-120-130);
5. Approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of the proposed **Ordinance No. 3079** titled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. 24-580-03 (ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT) TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE OXNARD CITY CODE (OCC) CHAPTER 16 §SEC. 16-264. LOT COVERAGE TO MODIFY LOT COVERAGE ALLOWED IN THE COMMUNITY RESERVE (C-R) ZONE TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY FIRE STATION AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON THE EXISTING 0.66-ACRE PROPERTY AT 150 HILL STREET (APN: 203-0-120-130).

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication published in Vida Newspaper on June 4, 2026 and stated there were no written communications received on this item.

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

The Community Development Director, Planning Manager, Public Works Director and Fire Chief presented and were available to answer questions.

The Fire Chief and Jeff Katz, architect with Coar Group presented and described the planned construction improvements. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Teran opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Public comment was received by Larry Stein.

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

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

N. REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Teran stated for the record that, due to his professional relationships with local school districts and out of an abundance of caution regarding a potential remote interest, he would be recusing himself from the discussion and vote on this item.

At 8:06 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran left the dais, and Councilmember Perello presided over the meeting.

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Joint School/Park Use Agreement (A-6571) for the Maintenance, Operation and Use of the School and Park Facilities in the River Park Specific Plan Area.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement with the Rio School District for the maintenance, operation, and use of the school facilities in Riverpark.

(This item did not originate in Committee because it is a continuation of an item previously approved by the City Council on November 9, 2011.)

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

Public comments were received from Paul Schnebelen.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Starr, Basua, Perello, Perez and Rodriguez voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself. Mayor Mc Arthur was absent.

At 8:11 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran was present and presided.

2. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Ratification of Emergency Amendment to Agreement with Macias, Gini & O'Connell for Additional Audit Procedures Related to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council ratify the execution of an emergency amendment to the professional services agreement with Macias, Gini & O'Connell (MGO) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for an overall amount not to exceed \$1,259,759.75 for additional audit procedures necessary to complete the independent audit of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

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

Public comments were received from Larry Stein.

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

3. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: City Council Remote Access Disruption Policy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 16,056** titled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Adopting a Policy Regarding Disruptions of Remote Access During City Council Meetings"

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Assistant City Attorney Zaragoza presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Pro Tem Teran adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk



GABRIEL TERAN
Mayor Pro Tem