MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2026

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:31 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 Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Gabriel Teran and Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. Councilman Aaron Starr and Councilwoman Gabriela Basua were absent. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public comments were received from Dan Pinedo. Written comments were received from Steve Nash, Michelle Ascencion and Barbara Macri Ortiz.

At 4:36 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session. At 4:38 p.m., Councilwoman Gabriela Basua was present.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957)
   Title: City Manager
   Legislative Body: City Council

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957)
   Title: City Attorney
   Legislative Body: City Council

At 6:35 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. The City Council will reconvene in closed session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss Item C-2.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:30 PM)

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission Annual Report.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council: 1) Receive the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission Annual Report; and 2) Present a Proclamation designating July 2026 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the City of Oxnard.

Chair Angela Whitecomb introduced the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioners and provided an overview of the Commission's activities and accomplishments over the past 12 months.

Public comment was received from Eduardo Huerta and JR Ruiz. Discussion ensued among the City Council and Chair Whitecomb.

Mayor Mc Arthur read the proclamation and presented it to Juliet Morales, Recreation Supervisor. Ms. Morales thanked the City Council for the recognition and encouraged the community to participate in the upcoming planned events.

The item was received and file, no action was required.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, led by Leonel Rojas, a participant at the Seventh Street Boys & Girls Club and a member of its Brent Club program. Councilmember Perello then called for a moment of silence in memory of Dale Dean, a longtime Oxnard resident and former Planning Commissioner, who recently passed away.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director; Joe Pearson, Planning Manager; Tai Chau, Assistant Community Development Director; Juan Carlos Torres, Senior Planner; Phillip S. Molina, City Treasurer and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

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

Public comments were received from Valeria R.; Sarah Wilczewski; Maria Navarro; Edith Carballo; Silvia A.; Luis; Santiago; Candelaria; Samuel; Laura; Vanessa Valdez; Manuel Herrera; Ray Blattel; Eduardo Huerta; Eric Andrist; Grey Runyon; Deirdre Frank and Doug Partello.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager commented on the City Council's Five-Year Priorities and stated that staff will review the hearing process, with the goal of bringing recommendations back to the City Council in early fall, along with proposed procedures for code enforcement and housing matters.

I. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilmember Perello requested: 1.) an update on how Code Compliance addresses mold-related issues; 2.) an update on restroom accommodations at Southwest Community Park during large sporting events; and 3.) information on background check requirements for sports events.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. L-1, L-2, L-3, L-4 and L-6 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff. Assistant Community Development Director announced a few minor changes to L-2.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Investment Report for the period ending May 31, 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.)

2. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreements for Plan Check and Inspection Services with JAS Pacific, Willdan Engineering, M6 Consulting, and Bureau Veritas.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreements for building plan check and inspection services with JAS Pacific (Agreement No. 32700009) for $1,250,000, and Willdan Engineering (Agreement No. 32700011) for $500,000; for building and engineering plan check, and inspection services with M6 Consulting (Agreement No. 32700010) for

$1,750,000; for engineering and survey plan check, and inspection services with Bureau Veritas (Agreement No. 32700008) for $750,000, all for a term of 3 years with an option for one, two-year extension; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreements for fire plan check services with JAS Pacific (Agreement No. 32700013) and Willdan Engineering (Agreement No. 32700015), not to exceed $750,000 each and M6 Consulting (Agreement No. 32700014) not to exceed $2,000,000, all for a term of 3 years with an option for one, two-year extension.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing and Development Committee approved 2-0 on June 23, 2026.)

3. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Deferred Development Impact Fee Agreement for Cypress Place at Garden City Project, Phase II.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Oxnard City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cypress Place at Garden City, L.P. (A-8618) deferring development impact fees, until the time of final inspection or the date the certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever comes first, in the amount of $679,401.32 for the Cypress Place at Garden City, Phase II, Project (PZ 20-200-14 - Development Design Review Permit).

4. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreements for Planning Consulting Services with Rincon Consultants, CSG Consultants, Inc., and Veronica Tam and Associates, Inc.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorizes the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreements with Rincon Consultants (Agreement No. 32700018) and CSG Consultants, Inc., (Agreement No. 32700019) for $500,000 each with a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2), one (1) year extensions for professional planning consulting services;
2. Authorizes the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement with Veronica Tam and Associates, Inc. (Agreement No. 32700020) for professional planning consulting services in the specialized area of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) support for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2), one (1) year extensions in the amount of $250,000; and
3. Authorize a Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget appropriation in the amount of $100,000 from the General Fund (101) fund balance, made available from General Plan Maintenance fee (GPMF) revenue received from prior fiscal years' to date, to fund the preliminary work necessary for the upcoming 7th cycle RHNA/Housing Element update.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing and Development Committee approved 2-0 on June 23, 2026.)

5. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Project Name: Fire Station No. 3, a reconstruction of an existing fire station located at 150 Hill Street (APN: 203-0-120-130).
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

    1. Adopt 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); and
    2. Adopt 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.)

6. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Project Agreement 32700024 with The Willis Corporation dba Ventura County Overhead Door for Environmental Resources: Roll Up Doors Replacement Project, Specification No. PW 26-51.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

    1. A total of $429,000.00 in Project funds for the Environmental Resources: Roll Up Doors Replacement project, Specification No. PW 26-51;
    2. The Mayor to Execute an Agreement with The Willis Corporation dba Ventura County Overhead Door in the amount of $330,000.00 for the Project and approve a Project contingency amount of $66,000.00 (20%) with The Willis Corporation dba Ventura County Overhead Door for a total not to exceed value of $396,000.00 for the Project; and
    3. A Project allocation amount of $33,000.00 (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 at the May 19, 2026, City Council meeting.)

Consent Item Nos. L-1

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

No public comments were received.

The item was received and file, no action was required.

Consent Item Nos. L-2

The Community Development Director and Assistant Community Development presented were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

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

Consent Item Nos. L-3

The Planning Manager and Senior Planner presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

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

Consent Item Nos. L-4

The Planning Manager 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 Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the Information/Consent Items as presented. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilman Starr was absent.

Consent Item Nos. L-5

The Planning Manager presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

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

Consent Item Nos. L-6

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

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

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

N. REPORTS

1. Finance Department
   SUBJECT: City Investment Policy & Delegation of Investment Authority.
   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

    1. Adopt **Resolution No. 16,075** approving the FY 2026-27 Investment Policy for the City of Oxnard;
    2. Consider one of the following investment options:
        1. Adopting a resolution delegating investment authority to the Elected City Treasurer,
        2. Adopting a resolution delegating investment authority to the Elected City Treasurer and contracting a specially trained firm to assist the Treasurer with the investment of city funds,

3. Directing staff to contract with a specially trained firm to invest city funds in strict accordance with the FY 2026-2027 Investment Policy.

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

Public comments were received from Eric Andrist; Manuel Herrera; Doug Partello; Eduardo Huerta and Deirdre Frank.

Written comments were received from: Heather Schmidt; Steve Nash; Aaron Greer; and Barbara Macri Ortiz.

At 9:44 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 Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez, to continue meeting past 10:00 p.m. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Basua, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Teran voted no. The motion carried 5-1. Councilman Starr was absent.

It was moved by Councilwoman Basua, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2(3) (to direct staff to contract with a specially trained firm to invest City funds in strict accordance with the FY 2026-2027 Investment Policy). VOTE: Teran, Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilman Starr was absent.

At 9:48 p.m., the City Closed reconvened in closed session to discuss Item C-2. At 10:58 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there was no reportable action resulting from the closed session.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Lourdes A. López

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor