

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
February 25, 2021

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:07 p.m., Mayor John C. Zaragoza called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Vianey Lopez, Bert E. Perello, Gabe Teran, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza participated in person.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff members that participated via videoconference were Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Denise Shadinger, Assistant Police Chief; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Police Chief; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; John Colamarino, Assistant Fire Chief; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Tatiana Arnaout, City Engineer; Todd Vasquez-Housley, Environmental Resources Division Manager; Omar Castro, Water Division Manager; Jan Hauser, Wastewater Division Manager; Philip Schwieder, Streets Division Manager; Kevin Thompson, Parks Manager; Juanita Guzman, Administrative Services Manager; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Jeff Pengilley, Assistant Community Development Director; Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager; Kevin Riper, Chief Financial Officer; Adam Smith, Project Manager; Eden Alomeri, Billing and Licensing Director; and Raja Bamrungpong, Interim IT Director.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

C. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update from Director of Emergency Services. (10/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file an update from the Director of Emergency Services on the COVID-19 Local Emergency.

City Manager Nguyen gave a report on the City's COVID-19 response. No formal action was required.

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Councilmember Basua announced that Oxnard Beach and Port Hueneme Beach clean-up events are being held this Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., free parking on lot C.

Councilmember Lopez announced the County of Ventura Covid-19 vaccination site at the Southwinds Youth Center, located on Santa Clara Street, will be open as of Monday, March 1, 2021. Encouraged residents to schedule an appointment for a vaccination online. Also, requested a moment of silence for Max Ortega.

D. REPORTS

City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Setting the City Council's 2021-2025 Five-Year Priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City Council set its 2021 – 2025 Five-Year Priorities, which will be adopted at a future City Council meeting.

Public comments were received from Adam Lopez, Angel Garcia, Tom Cady, Carolina Apodaca-Morales, Craid Rosen (Ventura County Arts Council), Mayra, Claudia, Lawrence P. Stein, Ray Blattel, Angela Whitecomb, Stephanie Hagwara (Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society), Nancy Lindhom, Christina L. Zubko, Sofia Vega, Odette Moran, Nidia Bello, and Pat Brown. Written comments were also received from Wendy Osher, Raymond Blattel, and Lawrence Stein.

At 10:00 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello; to continue the Council meeting past 10:00 p.m. VOTE: Basua, Madrigal, MacDonald, Teran, Lopez, Perello, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, presented. City Council heard public comment; reviewed the survey results for Economic Development, Quality of Life, Public Safety, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, and Organizational Effectiveness; reviewed staff recommendations; discussed and debated the 2021-2025 Five-Year Priorities.

City Council reviewed and set its 2021-2025 Five-Year Priorities which will be adopted at the March 16, 2021 City Council meeting. No formal vote was required at this time.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 12:31 a.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor