MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:01 p.m., Mayor John C. Zaragoza 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. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Vianey Lopez, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza participated in person.

Housing Authority Commissioners Jose Andrade and Francisco Vega also participated, and joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Councilmember Madrigal joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m. via videoconference.

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

Staff members Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chief of Police; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; John Colamarino, Assistant Fire Chief; Craig Beck, Interim Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Omar Castro, Water Division Manager; Jeri Cooper, Special Districts Project Manager; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Isidro Figueroa, CDD Principal Planner; Donna Ventura, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; and Eden Alomeri, Billing & Licensing Director participated via videoconference.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None received.)

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: City of Oxnard v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCP00929
Legislative Body: City Council

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Oxnard v. Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck, LLP
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV19575
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:01 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 5:58 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there were no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Douglas Partello (LMD Funds), Steven Nash (Honor Lupe Anguiano), Laurence Stein (Water Credits), Alicia Percell (ReNew Oxnard Program/ LMD Funds), Aaron Starr (Measure M/Staff Presentations), Maya Ch (Ormond Beach Illegal Dumping), and Pat Brown (Thank you for fixing the roads on Rose Avenue and Rice Avenue/Trucks on Oxnard Boulevard).

F. 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.

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

G. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to Serve on the City's Commissions, Committees, and Boards. (0/15/15)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the concurrence of the City Council, make the following appointments:

1. To Community Relations Commission: Adam Lopez (D3) and Khalilah Durias (D5);
2. To Parks and Recreation and Community Services Commission: Miguel Fernandez (D1) and Chris Hernandez (D2);
3. To Commission on Homelessness: Ruby Durias (D4) and Alejandro Fregoso (D6);
4. To Cultural Arts Commission: Sandra Diaz (D3) and Michelle Ascension (D5);

5. To Planning Commission: Miguel Lopez (City at large) and Robert Sanchez (D4); and
6. To Mobile Home Park Rent Review Board: Erik Fruth; and
7. To Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee: Steven Nash (D1)

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Public comments were received from Manuel Herrera, Chris Hernandez, and Armando Delgado.

It was moved by Mayor Zaragoza, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: MacDonald, Perello, Basua, Madrigal, Zaragoza, Teran, and Lopez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items J-1 through J-9 were discussed among the Council and staff.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Christina L. Zubko, Pat Brown, and Lawrence Stein.

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Public Works Department

   SUBJECT: Agreement for Primary Clarifiers and Activated Sludge Basins Improvement Project PW 21-17.

   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8294 with Brown and Caldwell in the amount of $843,344 for engineering design services for the Primary Clarifiers and Activated Sludge Basins Improvement Project (186607). (This item did not originate in Committee.)

2. Public Works Department

   SUBJECT: Agreement for Central Trunk Sewer Main Replacement Project PW 21-27.

   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8303 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. in the amount of $359,894 for engineering design services for the Central Trunk Sewer Main Replacement Project (206602). (This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Community Development Department

   SUBJECT: Ormond Beach Wetlands Area Caretaker Services Agreement.

   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Walter Fuller (9132-21-CD) for a two year contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, with an option for a third year from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for occupancy of a City-owned mobile home and the provision of caretaker services at Ormond Beach. (This item did not originate in Committee.)

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreements for Consulting Services for Wastewater and Recycled Water Treatment Process Support.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute agreements for the following wastewater and recycled water treatment process support consultant services:
1. Agreement A-8283 with Dudek in the amount not to exceed $100,000 for a three-year term ending February 17, 2024;
2. Agreement A-8286 with KEH Group, Inc., in the amount not to exceed $100,000 for a three-year term ending February 17, 2024;
3. Agreement A-8288 with Separation Processes, Inc., in the amount not to exceed $125,000 for a three-year term ending February 17, 2024; and
4. Agreement A-8289 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount not to exceed $175,000 for a three-year term ending February 17, 2024. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0)

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement for On-Call Channel Maintenance and Repair Services for Waterways Assessment Districts Specification SD 21-43.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council award and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8298 with Harbor Offshore, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $600,000 for a three-year term ending April 30, 2024 for on-call channel maintenance and repair services for Waterways Assessment Districts Zone 1 Mandalay Bay, Waterways Assessment District Zone 2 Harbour Island, Westport CFD 2 and Seabridge CFD 4. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Purchase Order #7634 with Badger Meter, Inc. for Water Meters and Parts.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Purchase Order #7634 with Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of $200,000 for a new total not to exceed value of $450,000 for water meters and parts. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Award Agreement to Alltech Industries, Inc. for Armed Security Services at the Water Campus.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8293 with Alltech Industries, Inc. in the amount not to exceed $334,466 for a two-year term ending March 15, 2023 for armed security services at the Water Campus. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

8. Fire Department

SUBJECT: Award Agreement A-8299 to Wittman Enterprises, LLC to Provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing and Collection Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:
1) Award and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8299 with Wittman Enterprises, LLC for a not to exceed amount of $500,000 annually for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing and collection services for a five year term commencing March 16, 2021; and

2) Approve the use of Oxnard City Code 4-3.L that permits the City to "piggyback", whereby the City utilizes another agency or jurisdiction's solicitation, as allowed in the agreement between the City of Chula Vista and Wittman Enterprises, LLC. (Community Services, Public Safety, and Housing & Economic Development Committee approved 3-0.)

9. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Bond Proceeds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:
1. Find that the appropriation of bond proceeds is not a "project" pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378;
2. Approve the list of redevelopment bond proceeds projects; and
3. Appropriate $6,563,223 of 2006 Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) Proceeds for street and alley resurfacing, parking lot improvements, and fiber network expansions. (Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0)

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Zaragoza, MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Madrigal, and Basua voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

K. REPORTS

1. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Revamped Chart of Accounts for New Tyler Munis Enterprise Resource Planning Software System. (0/15/15)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file a presentation on the revamped chart of accounts for new Tyler Munis Enterprise Resource Planning software system (This item did not originate in Committee.)

Kevin Riper, Chief Financial Officer, presented. Public comments were received from Ray Blattel, Larry Stein, Douglas D. Partello, and Aaron Starr. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No formal action was required.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Award Agreement for Central Trunk Sewer Manhole Replacement Project Phase I Specification No. PW 21-28. (0/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:
1. The Mayor to award and execute Agreement A-8309 with Ayala Engineering, Inc. for $867,490 for the Central Trunk Sewer Manhole Replacement Project Phase I (Project No. 206601);
2. A Project contingency amount of $86,749 for the Central Trunk Sewer Manhole Replacement Project Phase I (Project No. 20661); and
3. A Project allocation of $86,749 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Central Trunk Sewer Manhole Replacement Project Phase I (Project No. 206601). (This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program.)

Tatiana Arnaout, City Engineer, presented. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Madrigal, MacDonald Teran, Lopez, Perello, and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

3. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Adoption of the City Council's 2021–2025 Five-Year Priorities. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts its 2021 – 2025 Five-Year Priorities, which the City Council set at its February 25, 2021 Special City Council Workshop.

Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, presented. Public comments were received by Larry Stein and Tom Cady. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Perello, MacDonald, Madrigal, Basua, Zaragoza, Lopez, and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

R. Chaparro
ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk

John C. Zaragoza
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Mayor