

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2021

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:02 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, Oscar Madrigal, 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.

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

Staff members that participated via videoconference were Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Police Chief; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Craig Beck, Interim Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Tatiana Arnaout, City Engineer; Jeri Cooper, Special Districts Project Manager; Todd Vasquez-Housley, Environmental Resources Division Manager; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; and Kevin Riper, Chief Financial Officer. Pablo Perez, NBS Consultant also participated via videoconference.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

C. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of April as "Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month".

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Sergeant Aaron Scott and staff of the Oxnard Police Department. Police Chief Benites made some remarks.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2021 as "Fair Housing Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Sher Heard, 2021 President of the Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors (VCCAR) and Marta Golding Brown, VCCAR Government Affairs Director. They thanked Mayor Zaragoza and made some remarks.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Pat Brown (Safety Concerns at 5 Points Intersection Wooley Road/Oxnard Boulevard Semi-Trucks), Dr. LaSonja Ivory (Commended Chief Benites and the Oxnard Police Department Officers for the level of professionalism provided to her son by law enforcement), Alicia Percell (City Treasurer), and Douglas D. Partello (Emergency Medical Services).

E. 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 formal action was required.

F. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Perello expressed his concerns about the crime that occurred at the Cypress Neighborhood. He shared that he listened to a presentation on KCLU radio about the housing crisis in California. He also expressed his concerns about reporting unsafe housing conditions. Encouraged the community to get the Covid-19 vaccine.

Councilmember Madrigal encouraged the community to utilize the City's 311 Application to report discarded items left in the alley ways. Congratulated Dr. Cesar Morales for being appointed as the new Ventura County Superintendent of Schools.

Councilmember Basua expressed concerns about the criminal activity that occurred at the Cypress Neighborhood and asked that Police Department resources be restored. Recommended that Council discuss, share ideas, and make policies to assist the community with unsafe living conditions and to consider the consequences that may be endured by residents that report unsafe living conditions.

Councilmember Teran also expressed concerns about the violence at the Cypress Neighborhood and sent his condolences. Reported on the neighborhood meetings attended at the Cal Gisler and Riverpark communities. Also, attended the District 2 Town hall meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald was approached by the League of California Cities to consider

being part of the Central Coast Commission and made the decision to join and represent the community in this role. This is in addition to the transportation committees that he currently participates in and will be attending the Gold Coast Transit Committee meeting this week.

Mayor Zaragoza attended a Johnson & Johnson vaccination mobile clinic and met a group of traveling nurses. Presented a certificate of commendation to Marian Yablon during her 101th birthday celebration with the Senior Center staff. He commended the Oxnard Senior Services employees for their services to the community.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items I-1 through I-5 were discussed among the Council and staff.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Pat Brown (bike lanes and pedestrian crossways) and Douglas D. Partello (CFD's reserve studies).

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreements for Professional Services for the Etting Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Installation PW 21-34 and the Oxnard Boulevard Bikeway Gap Closure Class I Bike Path PW 21-36 Projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8300 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. in the amount of \$189,565 for Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Etting Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Installation Project 203104; and
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8301 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. in the amount of \$139,873 for Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Oxnard Boulevard Bikeway Gap Closure Class I Bike Path Project 213104; and
3. Approve a budget appropriation of \$108,522 from Transportation Development Act Article 8a Fund 212 to Etting Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Installation Project 203104; recognize and appropriate \$98,000 from State Active Transportation Program grant funds (Fund 210) and \$55,861 from Transportation Development Act Article 8a Fund 212 to Oxnard Boulevard Bikeway Gap Closure Class I Bike Path Project 213104. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement for Supplemental Waste Transfer Hauling Services for the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8291 with Eco Transport, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for a three-year term ending March 1, 2024 to provide supplemental waste

transfer hauling services for the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Channel Islands Water Quality and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file a report on water quality monitoring efforts in the Channel Islands Harbor and provide staff with comments. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) Reserve Studies.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the reserve studies for Westport CFD 2, Seabridge CFD 4 and Riverpark CFD 5. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Award Agreement for Civic Annex 3rd Floor Tenant Improvement Project (Rebid) PW 20-21R.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. The Mayor to award and execute Agreement A-8314 with SBS Corporation for \$545,964.57 for the Civic Annex 3rd Floor Tenant Improvement Project (Rebid) PW 20-21R (Project No. 171601);
2. A Project contingency amount of \$54,596 for the Civic Annex 3rd Floor Tenant Improvement Project (Rebid) (Project No. 171601);
3. A Project allocation of \$54,596 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Civic Annex 3rd Floor Tenant Improvement Project (Rebid) (Project No. 171601); and
4. Approve a budget re-appropriation in the amount of \$249,058 from General Fund contingency to Capital Outlay Fund 301 / Civic Annex 3rd Floor Tenant Improvement Project 171601.

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

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Housing Department

SUBJECT: 5-Year PHA Plan, Annual Agency Plan and Capital Fund Program (CFP) Five-Year Action Plan for Low Rent Public Housing. (10/15/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard (OHA):

1. Hold a public hearing to receive comments concerning the second year of the 5-Year PHA Plan, the 2021 CFP Budget, and the CFP Five-Year Action Plan; and
 2. Adopt **Housing Authority Resolution No. 1322**:
 - a. Approving the 2021 Annual Agency Plan, 5-Year PHA Plan for the Housing Authority;
 - b. Authorizing and directing the Chairman to execute the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Public Housing Agency Certification Compliance Form certifying the Housing Authority's compliance with HUD's policies and procedures;
 - c. Authorizing the Housing Director to execute and submit all reports, documents and all other certifications required to comply with HUD's policies and procedures regarding the Annual Agency Plan and the 5-Year PHA Plan;
 - d. Approving the 2021 CFP Budget and CFP Five-Year Action Plan; and
 - e. Authorizing the Housing Director to accept and expend the funds as indicated in the 2021 CFP Budget and CFP Five-Year Action Plan.
- Legislative Body: Housing Authority Board.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications had been received. Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, gave a report.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were not received.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Perello, seconded by Commissioner Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Zaragoza, Madrigal, Teran, Basua, Vega, and Andrade voted in favor; the motion carried 9-0.

K. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Update of the ReNew Oxnard Community Outreach Program and Collaborative Governance Guide for the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts. (0/15/15)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the staff report and update regarding the ReNew Oxnard Community Outreach Program and Collaborative Governance Guide for the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

Jeri Cooper, Special Districts Project Manager and Pablo Perez, NBS Consultant gave a report and answered questions. Public comments were received from Douglas D. Partello, Ray Blattell, and Alicia Percell. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No action was required.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor