

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 29, 2021

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:02 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, Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza participated in person.

Councilmember Basua joined the meeting at 6:35 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 Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Assistant Director; Scott Kolwitz, Planning & Environmental Services Manager; Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager; Roger Brooks, CDD Code Compliance Manager; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Kevin Riper, Chief Financial Officer; Terrel Harrison, Cultural & Community Services Director; Eden Alomeri, Billing & Licensing Director; Raja Bamrungpong, Interim IT Director.

Planning Commissioners that participated during Section D. Appointment Items – Parliamentary Training (Measure M Requirement) were Katherine A. Connelly, Miguel Lopez, Jeremy Meyer, Robert V. Sanchez, Daniel Chavez, Jr.; Ronald Arruejo, and Steven Nash.

Also, present were James H. Stewart, Professional Registered Parliamentarian (provided Parliamentary Training to Council, Planning Commission, and City staff required by Measure M). Heather Davis, Senior Environmental Planner with Rincon Consultants; and Amy Sinsheimer, Senior Associate II with PlaceWorks; also participated via videoconference.

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

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4))

Based on existing facts and circumstances, the City Council shall decide whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.

Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:02 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 6:00 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. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Parliamentary Training (2 hours)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council participate in parliamentary training in accordance with City Code Section 2-1.3 as codified by voter initiative.

At 7:02 p.m., the City Council members, Planning Commission members, and City staff received parliamentary training, a requirement by Ballot Measure M, was provided by Mr. James H. Stewart, Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Luciano Morales (Ride Goat Transportation) and Johnny Garcia (Ride Goat Transportation). Written comments were received from Luciano Morales (Ride Goat Transportation), Councilmember Mike Griffith, City of Torrance (land-use and zoning), and Ellen Brokaw (2021-2029 Housing Element Programs).

G. 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.

H. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Madrigal participated in the Oxnard Eastside Little League park clean-up events to give the field a face lift. He thanked everyone that participated in the clean-up project at the Colonia Park to get the fields ready for the upcoming season. He also participated in a virtual 5K Opt-to-Run Fundraising event which partnered with San Miguel School. A big thank you to the Oxnard Police Department for their efforts to spread awareness and acceptance of individuals and families affected by autism. The Oxnard Police Department partnered with the Autism Society Ventura County for a fundraiser and awareness campaign to support Autism Acceptance Month. Reminded residents to remain safe during the pandemic. There were two brush fires in East County and reminder residents that this area is very dry and prone to brush fires, and asked the community to be cautious.

Councilmember Teran expressed his condolences to the family and friends of the young man that lost his life during a bicycle accident that occurred while cycling with his friends.

Councilmember Perello reported that he attended the Fox Canyon meeting. On Saturday, he visited the Ventura County Watershed Protection District with Councilmember Teran and they were updated on the SCR-1 issues and the levy program.

Mayor Zaragoza thanked Chief Benites and the Oxnard Police Department for their work and assistance at the Colonia Park. He also thanked the Gold Coast Local 805 Carpenters for their efforts in preparing the fields for the new season and volunteering their time and materials to the Colonia Park project. He also thanked a landscaping company from Camarillo which met with Chris Hernandez about the possibility to provide sod for Colonia Park. He also reminded the community to stay safe during the pandemic.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Planning Commission. (0/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the concurrence of the City Council, make the following appointment to the Planning Commission: Steven Nash (D1). (This item did not originate in Committee.)

It was moved by Mayor Zaragoza, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: MacDonald, Perello, Madrigal, Zaragoza, Teran, and Lopez voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. (Councilmember Basua was absent during this vote, arrived at a later time.)

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item K-1 was discussed among the Council and staff.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (None received.)

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with New City America.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with New City America (No. 8525-19-CM) amending the scope of services for FY 21-22 and extending the term to June 30, 2022. The cost for the third year of the agreement is not to exceed \$95,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Zaragoza, MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Madrigal, and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. (Councilmember Basua was absent during this vote, arrived at a later time.)

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Housing Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment of the Regional Consolidated Plan for the CARES Act Funds and Second Amendment of the 2020 Annual Action Plan. (10/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a hearing to receive public comments relating to the following documents to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development:

(a) First Amendment of the 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan for the Oxnard CARES Act Funds; and

(b) Second Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan for the purpose of adding \$352,000 for Homeless Shelter Improvement at 1450 South Rose Ave;

2. Approve the First Amendment to the 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan for the CARES Act Funds total of \$8,343,372, by funding CDBG-CV Resources \$3,088,367, ESG-CV Resources \$5,255,005 and Goals of the COVID Pandemic Response activities;

3. Approve the Second Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan to add \$352,000 Homeless Shelter facility improvement costs at 1450 South Rose Avenue, and to include prior year resources remaining from 2019 Homeless Shelter facilities to fund \$352,000 of the project costs for 1450 South Rose Avenue;

4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the required applications, certifications, and other pertinent documents for the submission of the First Amendment of the Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan and the Second Amendment of the 2020 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

5. Authorize the City Manager to incorporate any recommended changes resulting from public input to the First Amendment of the Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan and Second Amendment of the 2020 Annual Action Plan, as directed by the City Council, including amending any budget appropriations approved by the City Council.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that written communication was received from Tom Holstein. Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, gave a report. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. No public comments were heard.

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 Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Zaragoza, Madrigal, and Teran voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. (Councilmember Basua was absent during this vote, arrived at a later time.)

M. REPORTS

1. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Review of the City of Oxnard 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element and General Plan Amendment for Housing Element Update (Planning and Zoning Permit No. 20-620-03). (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receive a presentation on 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element (6th Cycle Housing Element); and
2. Provide input on the new Planning Commission recommended Draft Housing Element programs and the recommendations of the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee; and
3. Submit the Draft Housing Element to the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). (Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 2-1).

Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager; and Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; answered questions. Consultants Heather Davis, Senior Environmental Planner with Rincon Consultants; and Amy Sinsheimer, Senior Associate II with PlaceWorks were also available to answer questions. Public comments were received from Clyde Reynolds. Written comments were received from Ellen Brokaw, House Farm Workers. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Teran, Lopez, Perello, and Zaragoza voted in favor; Madrigal voted against; the motion carried 6-1.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor