

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
September 30, 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, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald and Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Vianey Lopez, Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza was present in person.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff members Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Jason Zaragoza, Deputy City Attorney; Jason Benites, Chief of Police; and Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief participated via videoconference.

Also present were Doug Johnson and Kristen Parks with National Demographics via videoconference.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Redistricting of City Council Districts.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct a public hearing to:

1. Receive a report on the redistricting process for City Council districts and the criteria to be considered in revising district boundaries; and
2. Receive a report on the final adjusted census numbers of each existing City Council district; and
3. Receive a presentation regarding public mapping tool for drawing City Council district maps.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that written communication was received from Lauraine Effress and it was submitted to Council for consideration. Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney and Kristen Parks, Consultant with National Demographics Corporation, gave a report and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Debbie Mitchell and Barbara Macri-Ortiz.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Report was received and filed, no formal action was required.

C. REPORTS

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Selection of Revised Supervisorial District Map for Requested Adoption by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. (0/20/40)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Consider and select one of two recommended draft maps for the supervisorial districts for the Ventura County Board of Supervisors; and

Adopt a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA ADOPT THE ATTACHED DISTRICT MAP BASED UPON THE MAP'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW, INCLUDING THE MAP'S PRESERVATION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC INTEGRITY OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AND INCORPORATED CITIES WITH THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, THE MAP'S PRESERVATION OF THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WITHIN THE CITY OF OXNARD AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, AND THE MAP'S EASILY IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES; OR

2. Continue the subject item to October 5, 2021, and take formal action at that time requesting that the Board of Supervisors adopt a specific supervisorial district map.

Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager and Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Rene Aiu, Lauraine R. Effress, Debbie Mitchell, and Barbara Macri-Ortiz. Written comments were received from Rene Aiu on behalf of the Harbor & Beach Community Alliance. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

The following motion was made by City Council:

A. Direct the City Manager to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors outlining the four principles that the Oxnard City Council wishes to see in the supervisorial redistricting:

1. The inhabited areas of the City of Oxnard would be consolidated into two districts;
2. Reunite established Oxnard neighborhoods;
3. Do not divide other cities in Ventura County into more than one supervisorial district; and

4. Create district boundaries are easily identifiable and understandable by residents.

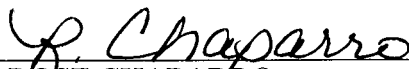
B. Allow the members of the City Council to contact the Board of Supervisors directly to give their input on the particular map which they support.

C. Bring this item back to the City Council on October 19, 2021 to review maps which are presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2021.

It was moved by Councilmember Basua, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, to approve the recommended motion. VOTE: MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Zaragoza, Madrigal, Teran; and Basua; motion passed 7-0.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor