

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022

.. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 6:00 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, and Gabriel (Gabe) Teran were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza was present in person.

Councilmember Madrigal joined the meeting virtually at 6:55 p.m.

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; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chief of Police; John Colamarino, Assistant Fire Chief; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Tatiana Arnaout, Senior Civil Engineer; Abraham Maldonado, Water Resources Manager; Megan Schneider, Public Works Water Conservation/Outreach Supervisor; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Scott Kolwitz, Planning & Environmental Services Manager; Joe Pearson II, AICP, Senior Planner; Juan Martinez, Planner; Betsy George, Chief Financial Officer; and Helen Miller, IT Director participated via videoconference.

Henry Casillas, Project Manager; Armando Sahagun, Principal Partner; Roberto Curiel, Principal Partner; Francisco Aguilera; Joel Kirschenstein, Oxnard Union High School District Representative; Pamela Mendoza, Department of General Services; Mark DiCecco, Project Architect; Larita Montgomery, Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Ventura County; and Alfredo Palomar, Real Estate Officer also participated via videoconference.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council

B. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

C. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating January 17, 2022 as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Larita Montgomery, Chairperson of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Ventura County, who made some remarks.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Douglas Partello (traffic safety concerns on Patterson & Victoria), Ray Blattel (street sweeper tickets/trees need trimming), and Aldo Cecena (changes to land development rules/modified properties).

E. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

1. City Manager Department

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file an update from the Director of Emergency Services on the COVID19 Local Emergency; and

2. Re-authorize remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the City of Oxnard in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 based on the following findings:(i) The City's *COVID-19 Comprehensive Policy and Protocol* imposes measures to promote social distancing; (ii) The Governor's proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; (iii) Ventura County's COVID-19 case rate is still considered widespread community transmission by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health; (iv) The Ventura County Health Officer has recommended that social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and (v) As a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, presented and answered questions from Council. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Lopez, Basua, Teran, Zaragoza, MacDonald, and Perello voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilmember Madrigal was absent during this vote. He joined the meeting after this item.

F. CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY
BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Teran wished everyone a happy new year. There is a temporary reduction of face-to-face services at the City of Oxnard due to Covid-19. He read the Covid-19 statistics for Ventura County and reminded the public to stay safe.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald announced that he was selected as the new Chair of the Board for the Transit District. He also announced that the Ventura County Transportation Commission selected Martin Erickson as their next Executive Director.

Councilmember Basua wished everyone a happy new year and hopes that everyone is staying healthy. She announced the beach clean-up event organized by the Coastal Keepers. She thanked the City of Oxnard for providing resources for this event.

Councilmember Perello wished everyone a happy new year. He asked that the City provide a status of when

the hazardous pay will be issued. He asked that City staff contact certain properties that are currently being neglected. He will provide City staff a list of those properties.

Councilmember Lopez supports Councilmember Perello and agrees that a clean-up event would be helpful to clean-up of some of these areas.

Mayor Zaragoza mentioned that 2021 was a rough year due to Covid-19 pandemic and encouraged the public to be safe, to wear a mask and wash their hands. He thanked Council and staff for all the City's accomplishments over the past year. He also wished everyone a happy new year.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items I-1 through I-8 were discussed among the Council and staff.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Debbie Mitchell (I.4)

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 special meeting and the December 7, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Grant Application for the Clean California Local Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution #15,526**:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in Clean California Local Grant Program funds to be used for the Oxnard Beautification and Clean-up Project; and

2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements; the Finance Director or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Director of Public Works or designee to submit non-financial reports.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Fire Department

SUBJECT: Purchase of Eight (8) Battalion Chief Command Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council ratify the authorization of the Mayor to Execute Purchase Order 8388 in the Amount of \$419,673.90 for the Purchase of Eight (8) Battalion Chief Command Vehicles Chassis through National Auto Fleet.

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Budget Appropriation for the Pilaster Jacket Repairs at Mandalay Bay Seawalls Project

PW 17-16.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. A budget appropriation transfer in the amount of \$145,000 from the General Fund 101 contingency to the General Fund Capital Outlay Fund 301 for the Pilaster Jacket Repairs at Mandalay Bay Seawalls Project PW 17-16 (Project No. 191601); and
2. An increase of \$145,000 in Project contingency from \$63,400 to \$208,400 for use in this Project. (This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program.)

5. Housing Department

SUBJECT: 2021 HOME American Rescue Plan Funding.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the following actions:

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept funds through the HOME American Rescue Plan provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the HOME ARP Grant Agreement by and between the City of Oxnard and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the use of \$2,772,021; and
3. Direct staff to return to the City Council with a 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan amendment that includes proposed activities and a Funding Allocation Plan for the HOME ARP program once the compliance documentation has been completed.

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Calleguas Water District Annexation at Garden City Acres Park.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Public Works Director to sign:

1. The Landowners Request to Annex and Approval of Parcel Charge; and
2. The Indemnification Agreement A-8401 between the Calleguas Municipal Water District and the City of Oxnard for the annexation of property located at 5302 Cypress Road. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Purchase Order #8349 with Badger Meters, Inc. for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Capable Water Meters.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Purchase Order #8349 with Badger Meters, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000 for a new total not to exceed value of \$250,000 for replacement water meters through September 1, 2022. (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

8. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8402 with Professional Security Consultants for Security Services at Various City Locations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the:

1. Mayor to execute Agreement A-8402 with Professional Security Consultants, for an initial term ending June 30, 2023 and the option to extend for two consecutive periods of one year each, not to surpass June 30, 2025, and for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$2,660,000, for security services at various City locations; and
2. Purchasing Agent to execute amendments to Agreement A-8402 for a total term of three years and

five months with a possible termination date of June 30, 2025 and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,660,000.
(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

Consent Item I.1

The December 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes were pulled for revision. The December 6, 2021 special meeting minutes were approved.

Consent Items I.1 – I.8

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

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: DMV Oxnard Field Office Drainage Easement Vacation; Planning and Zoning (PZ) Permit No. 21-660-02 (Easement Vacation)- **Resolution #15,527** to vacate two forty (40) foot wide drainage easements, totaling approximately 24,600 square feet, located at 4050 South Saviers Road. (0/0/05)

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

1. Find the project exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt **Resolution #15,527** to vacate its right, title and interest in the two forty (40) foot wide drainage easements, totaling approximately 24,600 square feet, crossing the two parcels located at 4050 South Saviers Road.
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Quitclaim Deed releasing City authority and/or rights to the access drainage easement State of California for parcels 219-0-110-355 and 219-0-110-405.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications were received.

Joe Pearson II, AICP, Senior Planner, gave a report and answered questions.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. No public comments were 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 Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Basua, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: MacDonald, Zaragoza, Perello, Madrigal, Basua, Teran, and Lopez voted in favor; the motion carried 7-0.

2. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Encanto Homes Subdivision: Request For Approval of Planning and Zoning Permit (PZ) No. 20-300-04 Tentative Tract Map No. 6054 as modified by PZ No. 21-550-03 (Major Modification), for a proposed 27 home subdivision on 4.1 acre (gross) site located at 1101 and 1111 West Second Street (APN: 202-0-233-355) and 1101 West First Street (APN: 202-0-233-345). Filed

by Henry Casillas, on behalf of the Oxnard Union High School District, property owner, 451 West Fifth Street, Oxnard, California 93030. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing
2. Find the Project to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15332 (In-fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines;
3. Adopt **Resolution #15,528** approving Planning and Zoning Permit No. 20-300-04 Tentative Tract Map No. 6054 as modified by PZ No. 21-550-03 (Major Modification), subject to certain findings and conditions. (This item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications were received.

Henry Casillas, Project Manager; Joel Kirschenstein, Representative; and Mark DiCecco, Project Architect; presented and answered questions.

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

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 Councilmember Teran, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Zaragoza, Lopez, Madrigal, and Perello voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald recused himself and abstained due to owning property near the project location.

K. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Budget Appropriation for Irrigation Repairs. (0/10/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize a budget appropriation in the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund available fund balance to the Parks Division for the use of citywide irrigation repairs.

Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director, presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Douglas Partello. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Update on Drought Condition Report. (0/10/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the City stay in a Stage 2 water shortage condition pursuant to the City Council approved **Resolution No. 14,741**;
2. Provide feedback on the water conservation outreach, education, and enforcement plan; and
3. Provide feedback on a potential new resolution with the appropriate water shortage stage and

conservation measures should a 0% allocation be finalized in Spring 2022.
(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, presented. Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; and Megan Schneider, Public Works Water Conservation/Outreach Supervisor; answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor