

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022

A. **ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA**

At 6:01 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 6:34 p.m.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jason Zaragoza, Deputy City Attorney; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff members Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chief of Police; Alex Arnett, Police Commander; Christopher Williams, Police Commander; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director; Tatiana Arnaut, Senior Civil Engineer; Jan Hauser, Wastewater Division Manager; Eric L. Storrie, Special Districts Manager; Kevin Thompson, Parks Manager; Philip Schwieder, Streets Division Manager; Rebecca Guevara, PW Environmental Resources Administration; Todd Vasquez-Housley, Environmental Resources Division Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Jeff Pengilly, Community Development Assistant Director; Roger Brooks, CDD Code Compliance Manager (Retired); Betsy George, Chief Financial Officer; and Helen Miller, IT Director; Philip Molina, City Treasurer; Eden Alomeri, Revenue & Licensing Director & Assistant City Treasurer; participated via videoconference.

Kristen Parks, Consultant with National Demographics Corporation; and Todd Mooney, Special Counsel with Kane, Ballmer & Berkman 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 the Month of February, 2022 as "Black History Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Angela M. Landers with the Juneteenth Celebration of Ventura County; Kimberly Thomas-Kelley with the Ventura County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and Julia Dixon with the 20th Century Onyx Club, they followed with remarks.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation **Resolution #15,534** to Roger Brooks for over Twenty-Seven Years of Service to the City of Oxnard.

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Roger Brooks, Code Compliance Manager, who made some remarks. Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director and Karl Lawson representing the MMA Board of Directors, acknowledged and thanked Roger for his years of service.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve **Resolution #15,534** as presented. VOTE: Teran, Basua, Zaragoza, Lopez, MacDonald, and Perello voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0. Councilmember Madrigal was absent during this vote.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Javier and Raquel (announced food channel events), Lucia Marquez (Public Hearing Request for Environmental Impact Review for the Port of Hueneme, Vehicle Storage Facility Extension, in South Oxnard), Natalia Espina (Public Hearing Request for Environmental Impact Review for the Port of Hueneme, Vehicle Storage Facility Extension, in South Oxnard), Manuel Herrera, Citizens for a Better Oxnard (Community Page on Facebook Page reached 10,000 members and thanked local officials), Deirdre Frank (TD Enterprise LLC dba Oxnard Holistics – Commercial Cannabis Business Retail Special Use Permit (SUP) Appeal) and Barbara Macri-Ortiz (Congratulated Roger Brooks on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the City of Oxnard).

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:

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) On December 29, 2021, in response to the increased transmission of COVID-19 in Ventura County, the City Manager announced the closure of Oxnard City Hall, and most City facilities and programs; (v) The County of Ventura closed its buildings to the public effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022, for a three-week period, as a precautionary measure to slow the spread of COVID-19; and (vi) 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.

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

F. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald selected Red Ribbon Bakeshop as his recommendation for a local business.

Councilmember Perello selected Electric Motor Service Moriwaki Bros., as his recommendation for a local business. He announced that he has received several inquiries about the number of animals allowed in resident backyards and asked if this item can be considered for discussion at a future meeting. He also added that the trash pick-up is not consistent and asked staff to consider additional trash pick-ups in high density apartment buildings. He reminded the public to utilize the 311 application to report items that need attention from the City.

Councilmember Teran selected Tacos Don Chente as his recommendation for a local business. He virtually attended the League of California Cities Conference for New Mayors and Councilmembers. He attended the RiverPark Neighborhood Council meeting. Thanked Environmental Resources staff for assisting residents. Also, thanked the 311 application staff that responds to illegal dumping reports.

Councilmember Basua selected Dominick's Italian Restaurant as her recommendation for a local business. Asked staff to consider the request to hold a public hearing regarding the Environmental Impact Review for the Port of Hueneme, Vehicle Storage Facility Extension, in South Oxnard.

Councilmember Lopez selected El Pollo Norteno as her recommendation for a local business. She attended the Port of Hueneme and Navy Leadership Ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the first container vessel with goods from Asia. She reported that she attended the Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21) Board meeting and plans to attend the upcoming Camarillo and Oxnard Airport Authority Commission meeting.

Councilmember Madrigal selected The Best Breakfast Restaurant as his recommendation for a local business. He is thankful that students have been allowed to continue to play sports during the pandemic.

Mayor Zaragoza selected Dignity Health as his recommendation for a local business. He also attended the Port of Hueneme and Navy Leadership Ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the first container vessel and thanked Councilmember Lopez for attending as well.

G. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items I-1 through I-7 were discussed among the Council and staff.

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

I. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular meeting and the January 6, 2022 special meeting as presented.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Huitt-Zollars, Inc. Agreement 8790-19-PW – Oxnard Boulevard Bicycle Facilities Installation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to Agreement 8790-19-PW with Huitt-Zollars, Inc., in the amount of \$43,598 for a new not to exceed agreement amount of \$243,561 for the Oxnard Boulevard Bicycle Facilities

Installation, PW 19-96, Project No.183101.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program.)

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8427 to GSE Construction Company, Inc. for the Blending Station 4 Pipe Island Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 21-77.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$370,375 in Project funds for the Blending Station 4 Pipe Island Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 21-77 (Project No. 226505):

1. The Mayor to execute Agreement A-8427 with GSE Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$296,300 for the Project;
 2. A Project contingency amount of \$44,445; and
 3. A Project allocation of \$29,630 for engineering, inspection, and project management.
- (This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program.)

4. Police Department

SUBJECT: Tobacco Grant Program Award FY 2021-2025

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt **Resolution #15,535**:

1. Authorizing the City Manager a prior execution and submission of an application for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funds in the amount of \$410,944.00 from the Tobacco Grant Program FY 2021-2025.
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive and expend grant funds, and designating the City of Oxnard as the fiscal agent for the Tobacco Grant Program;
3. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements and appropriate funds upon notification of grant award;
4. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims, and approve administrative budget appropriation for the use of Tobacco Grant funds upon award; and
5. Authorizing the Chief of Police or designee to submit program-related progress or status reports.

5. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Mobile Home Park Rent Stabilization System Annual Activity Report for 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the 2021 Annual Activity Report for the Mobile Home Park Rent Stabilization System, as adopted by the Mobile Home Park Rent Review Board.

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreements for On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the following on-call professional engineering agreements:

1. Agreement A-8409 with Encompass Consultant Group in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term;

2. Agreement A-8405 with MNS Engineers, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term;
 3. Agreement A-8392 with Kimley-Horn & Associates in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term;
 4. Agreement A-8391 with Fehr & Peers in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term;
 5. Agreement A-8393 with GHD, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a three year term;
 6. Agreement A-8394 with Iteris, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term;
 7. Agreement A-8411 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three year term;
 8. Agreement A-8412 with Rincon Consultants, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a three year term;
 9. Agreement A-8413 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three year term;
 10. Agreement A-8414 with Environmental Science Associates in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a three year term;
 11. Agreement A-8383 with Leighton Consulting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three year term;
 12. Agreement A-8388 with RRM Design Group in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a three year term; and
 13. Agreement A-8418 with m6 Consulting Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a three year term.
- (Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment with Various Consultants for Wastewater and Recycled Water Treatment Process Support.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the following wastewater and recycled water treatment process support consultant services:

1. Agreement A-8283 with Dudek in the amount of \$300,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$400,000;
2. Agreement A-8285 with GHD, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$400,000;
3. Agreement A-8287 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$475,000; and
4. Agreement A-8289 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$475,000.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0.)

It was moved by Councilmember Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, 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. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Redistricting of City Council Districts (15/30/30)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct a public hearing regarding the redistricting process for City Council districts and receive a presentation from the City's redistricting consultant regarding the maps that have been submitted.
(This item did not originate in Committee.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that written communications were received and forwarded to Council.

Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney, introduced Kristen Parks, Consultant with National Demographics Corporation, who presented and answered questions.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Ronald Arruejo, Maria Navarro, 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.

K. REPORTS

1. City Treasurer

SUBJECT: City Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2021. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2021.
(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Philip Molina, City Treasurer, was available to answer questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Report was received and filed, no formal action was required.

2. Information Technology Department

SUBJECT: Oxnard 311 - Performance Update Report. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive an update on the fifth year (and first half of year 6) performance of the Oxnard 311 Constituent Relationship Management System.
(Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee approved 3-0.)

Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager, introduced Helen Miller, IT Director, who presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. Report was received and filed, no formal action was required.

3. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Designation of Fifty-Three Parcels as Surplus Lands. (0/10/5)

RECOMMENDATION: 1. That the City Council adopt **Resolution #15,536**.

- a. affirming the City Council's declaration of certain surplus lands described in Exhibit A to **Resolution #15,536**;

- b. authorizing the City Manager or designee to send notices of availability as to the surplus lands; and
 - c. authorizing the City Manager or designee to do all things which are deemed necessary or proper to effectuate the purposes of the Resolution, including but are not limited to, negotiating in good faith in accordance with the requirements of the Surplus Land Act.
2. That the Parking Authority adopt a **Parking Authority Resolution #28**.
- a. affirming the Parking Authority's declaration of certain surplus lands described in Exhibit A to the **Parking Authority Resolution #28**;
 - b. authorizing the City Manager or designee to send notices of availability as to the surplus lands; and
 - c. authorizing the City Manager or designee to do all things which are deemed necessary or proper to effectuate the purposes of the Resolution, including but are not limited to, negotiating in good faith in accordance with the requirements of the Surplus Land Act.

Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Teran, seconded by Mayor Zaragoza, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor, MacDonald, Madrigal, and Basua, voted against; motion passed 4-3.

At 9:56 p.m. City Council voted to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m., and take action on the remainder of the items on the agenda.

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

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8433 to Taft Electric Company for Traffic Signal Modifications Project (7 Signals), Specification No. PW 19-98. (0/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$3,599,880 in Project funds for the Traffic Signal Modifications Project (7 Signals), Specification No. PW 19-98 (Project No. 183114):

1. The Mayor to execute Agreement A-8433 with Taft Electric Company in the amount of \$2,999,900 for the Project;
 2. A Project contingency amount of \$299,990;
 3. A Project allocation amount of \$299,990 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management; and
 4. A budget appropriation recognizing grant revenue and appropriation of \$860,783 from the Federal Transportation Grant Fund (275) and appropriation of \$954,145 from the fund balance of the Air Pollution Buydown Fee Fund (118) for the Project.
- (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, Senior Civil Engineer, presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction of **Ordinance #3007** Repealing and Replacing Chapter 19, Article II, Solid Waste and Recycling. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Determine that the proposed ordinance is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guideline Section 15061 (b)(3), because the enhanced solid waste regulations, as provided for the proposed ordinance, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the new State mandatory requirements strengthen the City's handling of solid waste, recyclable materials and organic materials for the protection of the environment; and

2. Introduce **Ordinance #3007** for first reading (by title only, waiving further reading), repealing and replacing Chapter 19 of the Oxnard City Code relating to solid waste and recycling.

Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director, presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

6. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Council Procedures Manual Update. (0/10/10)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution #15,537** adopting the updated Council Procedures Manual.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 2-0.)

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney, presented and 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 Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Madrigal, MacDonald, Teran, Lopez, Perello, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Zaragoza", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN C. ZARAGOZA

Mayor