

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022

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, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald, and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Christopher Williams, Assistant Chief of Police; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Joseph Marcinko, Assistant Public Works Director; Omar Castro, Water Division Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Renee Rakestraw, Community Services Manager; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff members Betsy George, Chief Financial Officer; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; and Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director participated via videoconference.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council

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

C. CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Alex Nguyen, City Manager, Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources; and Jennie Kelly, Assistant City Attorney.
Employee organization: Service Employees International Union CTW, CLC, Local 721 (SEIU Local 721); International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO, Local No. 501 (IUOE Local 501); International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local No. 1684; Oxnard Public Safety Managers Association (OPSMA); Oxnard Peace Officers Association (OPOA); Oxnard Mid-Managers' Association; (OMMA); and unrepresented employees: City Manager; City Attorney; Assistant City Manager; Chief Financial Officer; City Clerk; Assistant City Treasurer/Director of Revenue and Licensing; Deputy City Manager; Community Development Director; Fire Chief; Housing Director; Human Resources Director; I.T. Director; Cultural and Community Services Director; Police Chief; Public Works Director (Department Directors); Chief Assistant City Attorney; Assistant City Attorney; Deputy City Attorney.
Legislative Body: City Council
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code section 54957)
Title: City Attorney
Legislative Body: City Council
3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code section 54957)

Title: City Manager

Legislative Body: City Council

4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representative: Bryan MacDonald, Mayor Pro Tem.
Unrepresented employees: City Attorney and City Manager.
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:07 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 6:23 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that City Council will continue the Closed Session at the end of the Council meeting to review the remaining items (C.2 and C.3). At 1:35 a.m., the City Council recessed to continue the closed session to discuss the remaining two items. At 2:52 a.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. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of **Resolution #15,605** to Kevin Thompson for Twenty-Eight Years of Outstanding Service to the City of Oxnard.

Mayor Zaragoza read the resolution and presented it to Kevin D. Thompson, who retired after working in the Oxnard Police Department, as a Police Officer, for over 28 years. Police Chief Benites and other Police Department staff congratulated and thanked Kevin for his years of service to the City of Oxnard. Kevin also made a few remarks.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of July 2022 as "Parks and Recreation."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director and staff. The Parks and Recreation Department is also celebrating 75 years of service to the community. Mayor Zaragoza acknowledged and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department staff for the services, hard work, and dedication provided to the community.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Lawrence Stein (Budget and Costs for the Aquatic Center, Water Costs, Fireworks, and Police Department spending), Ray Blattel (Data provided by Finance regarding the expenditures for 2020 River Ridge Golf Club), and Douglas Partello (Concerns about Fireworks and not issuing citations, only warnings; suggestion for Fire Department outreach).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

City Manager Nguyen announced that there are no report items for tonight's meeting.

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Ratification of Director Orders regarding the water shortage emergency and mandatory water conservation measures.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution ratifying orders issued by the Director in response to the previously proclaimed water shortage emergency and mandatory water conservation measures.

There were no orders to ratify; no formal action was taken on this item.

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

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: **Resolution #15,606** Supporting Reproductive Rights.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution #15,606** declaring:

1. The City of Oxnard's commitment to women's rights and reproductive freedom;
2. The City of Oxnard as a Right-To-Choose sanctuary city; and
3. Support for the codification of the right to an abortion into Federal and California Constitutional law.

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney, presented and answered questions.

Public comments were received from Brenda K. Holmes, Douglas D. Partello, Representative from Congresswoman Julia Brown, Steven Nash, Elidet Bordon, Angela Landers, Daniel Mora, Molly McCoy, Spencer Richey, Richard Schneider, Deidre Frank, Linda Tofoya, Maria Navarro, Renee DiCarlo, Elyssa, Sandra E., Alex Masci, Alyssa Partida, Carmen, Marisol, Debra, Casey Rodriguez, Michelle Holmes, Veronica Barranda, Alejandra Mendoza, Cruze Nieto, Vanessa Teran, Sal Gonzalez, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Joel Allen, Joseph Domitauvech, Max Schmader, JD Stephans, Anthony Walker, Theresa Bell, Pastor Al Duff Jr., Mary Rose Short, Hannah Godinez, Clara Barany, Maura Hogan, Max Villians, Lisa Harris, Pat Brown, Darlene Miller Gonzalez, Diana Velvy, Josue Velasquez, Carolyn Guillot, Rev. Greg Runyon, Roberto Alfaro, Esteban Alcantar, Joe Teichert, Elisa Marinero, Shannon Gillespie McComb, Aaron Starr, Lisa Marie Ruiz, Robert Bagdazian, Megan Velzy, Alicia Percell, Sonya Webb, Adelique Magdaleno, Daniel Wilson, Leonore Schuetz, Cynthia Salas, Rafael Alamillo, Kyle Emmanuel De La Torre, Becky Olson, Mary Bagdazian, Cole Brocato, Sam Gallucci, Karen Sher, Julian Ruelas Jr., Angela Whitecomb, Sal Fuentes, Lance Ralston, Sean B. Buloe M.D., Maria Knotts, DeSandra Aldana, Lux Orozco, Bryan Rodriguez, Ellen Henderson, Vanessa Valdez, Lauraine Effress, Alejandra Perez, Pete Carrillo, Richard Snyder, Anna Murphy, Christian Alonso, Gail Weller Brown, Charles Teachant, Missy McQuattre, Erma Valdivia, Reyna Smith, Art Najera, Vicki Miller, Bob Lopez, Lucia A. Torres, Linda Tfoya, Jeff Thompson, Saul Arce, Michelle Honles, Marianne Parra, Debora Barber, Gloria Massey Chinae, Mary Kyser, KC Rodriguez, DeeDee Beanan, Sandy Diaz, Carlie Magallanes, Senator Monique Limon Representative Patty Quiroz, Carmen Ramirez, Veronica Miranda, Steven Auclair, Angel Garcia, Alejandra Cernas Mendoza, Rolando Chinae, Vanessa Serrato, Max Williams, and Cynthia Saenz. Written comments were also received.

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

At 10:00 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 Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Basua was absent.

A motion was made by Council to vote individually on each of the three recommendations, as follows:

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Zaragoza, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Lopez, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; MacDonald and Madrigal voted against; motion passed 4-2. Councilmember Basua was absent.

1. The City of Oxnard's commitment to women's rights and reproductive freedom;

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 5-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald abstained. Councilmember Basua was absent.

2. The City of Oxnard as a Right-To-Choose sanctuary city; and

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, , Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; MacDonald and Madrigal voted against; motion passed 4-2. Councilmember Basua was absent.

3. Support for the codification of the right to an abortion into Federal and California Constitutional law.

It was moved by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action and incorporated the language provided by the City Attorney in the memorandum provided to Council on July 5, 2022 amending the language to the amended resolution supporting reproductive rights and staff report, as presented. VOTE: Lopez, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; MacDonald and Madrigal voted against; motion passed 4-2. Councilmember Basua was absent.

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items K-1 through K-4 were discussed among the Council and staff.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Douglas Partello (K.4).

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular meetings as presented.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8468 with Parkhouse Tire, Inc. for Tire Retreading and Repair Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8468 with Parkhouse Tire, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for a three

year term, with each year renewable in one year increments beginning September 4, 2022 and ending September 3, 2025 upon agreement by both parties for tire retreading and repair services.

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

3. Cultural & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement with the Hueneme Elementary School District for the Operations of the After School Education and Safety Grant.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Agreement with the Hueneme Elementary School District (HESD) {A-8337} in the amount of \$3,857,261 for a new not to exceed agreement amount of \$7,017,157 for operations of the Hueneme After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant;
2. Adopt **Resolution #15,607** amending Resolution 15,593 pursuant to Chapter 4 of the City Personnel Rules and Regulations; and
3. Approve a budget appropriation recognizing \$1,901,786 in grant funding for FY 2022-2023.

4. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Remittance to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Department for Ineligible Costs Related to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to repay \$369,083.20 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Department to comply with the 2021 Monitoring Review requirements; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to appropriate up to \$369,083.20 of General Funds, if needed, and authorize the Finance Department to conduct a cash transfer to the United States Treasury and the return of funds to the appropriate line of credit as directed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Consent Items K.1, K.2, and K.4

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Basua was absent.

Consent Item K.3

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 5-0-1. Councilmember Teran abstained due to his professional consulting work with school districts in the County.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 2:54 a.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor