

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2022

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:31 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, Councilmember Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald, and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present.

Councilmember Oscar Madrigal joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director; Omar Castro, Public Works Water Manager; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff member Nikolas Boas, Supervising Civil Engineer participated via videoconference.

Wendy Chan and Jose De Jesus with MIG and Nicole Thompson with M6 also participated via videoconference.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council

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

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Alex Nguyen, City Manager, and Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources.
Employee organization: Oxnard Peace Officers Association (OPOA); Oxnard Public Safety Managers Association (OPSMA); and International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local No. 1684.
Legislative Body: City Council
2. 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 4:35 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. The City Attorney announced that item C.1 was removed from tonight's Council meeting agenda. No public comments were received. At 5:38 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 (5:30 PM)

1. **SUBJECT:** Presentation by Monica White, Food Share of Ventura County CEO on the organization's food distribution and the impact of COVID on their organization's mission.

Ms. Monica White, President and CEO of Food Share Ventura County, gave a presentation to Council about the challenges and accomplishments of distributing food during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and how it has affected the operations of the organization. They also provided Council with the 2020-2021 annual report to Council.

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 Lawrence Stein (public records requested for water, fireworks, sports park, and developer fees), Walter Hagedohla, Chair of the Oxnard Shores Neighborhood Council (Airport touch and go flights, safety and pollution concerns), Rita Wyngarden, Oxnard Shores Neighborhood Council (Airport safety concerns, touch and go flights, low altitudes and noise complaints), Joe Gosland, Oxnard Shores Neighborhood Council (Airport concerns of noise, safety, lead poisoning, and touch and go flights), Joni Conterno (Airport expressed safety concerns about touch and go flights and flight crashes), Bendi Benedetto (Airport safety and environmental issues), Joy MacKinnon (Resident of the Wilson Center/OPAC Board of Director, teaches tap dancing, invitation to annual recital), Deborah Baber (Oxnard largest recipient of Food Share donations, gun control, and Oxnard Sanctuary City), Reverend Greg Runyon (community healing, love one another), and Pat Brown (Decision on Women Rights Resolution), and Deirde Frank, Oxnard Shores (Oxnard Shores Neighborhood Council /Airport touch and go flights are excessive).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

1. City Manager 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.

Public comments were received from Lawrence Stein (water shortage/pipeline/wells).

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

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

Councilmember Teran announced he, the City Manager, Public Works staff, and Special Districts staff met with the Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Council at their request to address their concerns. Neighborhood Council thanks to the parks staff. He thanked staff for their hard work to obtain new

lids for the trash cans. He also mentioned that speed signs were installed due to input received from residents.

Councilmember Lopez commended the Parks and Recreation Department staff for organizing the Oxnard PAL Kids Fest community event. She also attended the Aquatic Center Community meetings in South Oxnard. She plans to attend the upcoming the Southwinds Neighborhood Council and the Redwood Neighborhood Council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald reported that a great amount of Amazon employees utilize the Gold Coast Transportation public transportation system. He is organizing some programs to fund some grants.

Councilmember Perello reported that he received comments that some residents would like to see that the Airport close. However, he reminded the resident that when the Airport receives federal funds which they recently accepted 14 million dollars for improvements for the airport. This extends the life of the airport. He attended the Ventura Council of Government (VCOG) meeting. He also attended the Dunes Neighborhood Council meeting.

Councilmember Basua also attended the Oxnard PAL Kids event and said that it was very well attended. There were a lot of families that participated. She congratulated Terrel Harrison and his team for a job well done in organizing this family event. Congratulated Walter Fuller for his 26 years as a beach steward. She also mentioned an incident that she experienced on Hueneme Road. She mentioned that one of the bicyclists hit her car and did not stop. She is concerned about this safety issue.

Councilmember Madrigal reported that he has been receiving calls and emails from residents that are concerned about the street repair delays. He also received emails from residents asking that their neighborhoods be considered for curb cuts. He thanked everyone for keeping everyone safe. Reminded residents to stay safe and share the roads.

Mayor Zaragoza attended the Blackstock Neighborhood Council meeting.

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: League of California Cities Annual Conference Voting Delegate 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council designate a voting delegate and a voting alternate to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

City Manager Nguyen presented and answered questions. No public comments were received.

A motion was made by Council to appoint Councilmember Lopez as the voting delegate and appointed Councilmember Basua as the voting alternate to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

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

2. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Denouncing Gun Violence and Supporting Gun Violence Reduction

Efforts.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution #15,608** denouncing gun violence and supporting gun violence reduction efforts.

City Attorney Fischer read decorum advisory about the conduct during the City Council meetings. He reminded the members of the public that they may not disrupt the meeting and keep orderly conduct or they may be removed from the public meeting. The City Attorney presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Deborah Baber, Pat Brown, and Reverend Greg Runyon. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

I. **REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA**

Items K-1 through K-2 were discussed among the Council and staff.

J. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA**

Public comments were received from Pat Brown (K.1).

K. **INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Public Works Department**

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with Iteris Inc for Video Detection Equipment for Gonzales Road as part of Adaptive Traffic Signals Project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Purchase Order with Iteris Inc., as a sole source purchase, in the amount of \$437,953.00 for video detection equipment for 18 signalized intersections on Gonzales Road.

This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the Capital Improvement Program budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.

2. **Public Works Department**

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8485 with NoHo Constructors for Pleasant Valley Park Restroom Project, Specification No. PW 21-84.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$261,000 in Project funds for the Pleasant Valley Park Restroom Project, Specification No. PW 21-84 (Project No. 205708):

1. The Mayor to execute Agreement A-8485 with NoHo Constructors in the amount of \$217,500 for the Project;

2. A Project contingency amount of \$21,750 for the Project; and

3. A Project allocation amount of \$21,750 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project.

This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the Capital Improvement Program budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.

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

L. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Campus Park Activation Project Update. (10/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file a verbal update report for the Campus Park Activation Project design.

(This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the Capital Improvement Program budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.)

(Presentation will be live upon consultant's request.)

Tatiana B. Arnaout, P.E., City Engineer presented and introduced Wendy Chan and Jose De Jesus with MIG and Nicole Thompson with M6, who were also available to answer questions. Public comments were received from Lawrence Stein, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Miguel Fernandez, Roger Poirier, Angela Whitecomb, and Aurelio Ocampo. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald recused from participating due to owning property near the location of this project.

Report was received and filed; no formal action was taken on this item.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement with Taft Electric Company for the Oxnard Saviers Traffic Signal Improvements Project (5 Signals), Specification No. PW 19-97 (Project No. 173102) . (0/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$3,022,339 in Project funds for Project No. 173102:

1. The Mayor to execute Agreement A-8480 with Taft Electric Company in the amount of \$2,518,615.46 for the Project;

2. A Project contingency amount of \$251,861;

3. A Project allocation amount of \$251,861 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management; and

4. A budget appropriation of \$92,050 from Federal Transportation Grant Fund (275); and a budget reallocation of \$1,000,000 within the Capital Outlay Fund (301) and a budget reallocation

of \$424,591 within the Circulation System Improvement Fees Fund (354) both from the Traffic Signal Modernization Project 203106.

Tatiana B. Arnaout, P.E., City Engineer presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Pat Brown. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

3. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: Single-use Foodware Accessories and Standard Condiments Ordinance. (0/5/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce for first reading by title only and waive further reading of **Ordinance #3017** titled:

"ORDINANCE #3017 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD ADDING ARTICLE XXIV TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1276, TO RESTRICT THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORIES AND STANDARD CONDIMENTS."

City Attorney Fischer presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

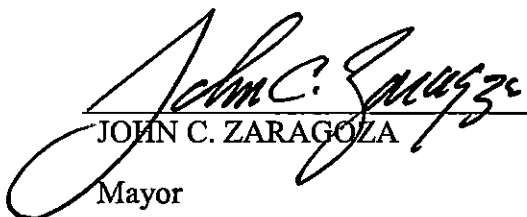
M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk



JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor