

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2022

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:05 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, 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; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Joseph Marcinko, Assistant Public Works Director; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager; Samantha Shapiro, Project Manager and Dee Lai, Assistant City Clerk.

Staff members Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director and Jason Benites, Police Chief participated via videoconference.

Heather Davis, Rincon Consultant and Amy Sinsheimer, Placeworks Consultant also participated via videoconference.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council.

B. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:00 PM)

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Gold Coast Transit District Annual Report and Public Transit Update.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive a verbal report and presentation from Vanessa Rauschenberger, General Manager, Gold Coast Transit District.

Vanessa Rauschenberger, Gold Coast Transit District General Manager made a presentation to Council about the Gold Coast Transit District services available to the community. She reviewed the annual report and provided a public transit update. She announced the Ventura County Clean Air Summit and Expo on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Public comments were received from William Kwon and Pat Brown. The report was received and filed, no formal action was required.

C. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- 1. SUBJECT:** Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of October, 2022 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Police Department Sergeant Scott Aaron who thanked the Police Department team, the community, and the partner organizations which provide family

services, resources, and support to the victims. Chief Benites also made some remarks and announced that the Police Station will be lit-up in purple this month in support of domestic violence victims.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of October, 2022 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Alexander Hamilton who stressed the importance of early detection and treatment for breast cancer.

3. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Week of October 9 - 15, 2022 as "Fire Prevention Week."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Alexander Hamilton who made remarks about smoke alarms. Chief Hamilton announced upcoming events at local mobile home parks. He encouraged the residents to contact the Fire Department if you need a smoke detector or a carbon monoxide detector alarms for your home. He thanked Council for their support.

4. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating October 10, 2022 as "Indigenous People's Day."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Chumash ancestors Alikoi Parra and Marianne Parra. Marianne Parra introduced her aunt Melissa Parra-Hernandez and her grandmother Annie Sandoval, a Chumash Plant Medicine woman which continue their legacy and thanked them for their hard work. Marianne thanked Council for the recognition of their people, the original stewards of this land.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Francine Castanon (Aquatic Center) and Ronald Arruejo (General Election Candidate's forum on October 12, 2022).

F. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

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 the Director Orders; no formal action was taken on this item.

2. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update from Director of Emergency Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council 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 current COVID-19 situation, particularly with its variants, is causing, and will continue to cause, imminent risks to the health and safety of persons within the City, including City Council members, City staff, appointed officials, and members of the public; (ii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and (iii) the Governor's COVID-19 State of Emergency is still in effect; and (iv) numerous public agencies throughout Ventura County are still operating in accordance with Assembly 361, for the reasons stated herein.

No public comments were received. Stephen Fischer, City Attorney provided a brief summary regarding the vacancy for District 6.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 6-0.

G. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

All the Councilmembers congratulated Vianey Lopez on her appointment to County Supervisor.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald will be attending the Gold Coast Transit District meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. He will also attend the Ventura County Transportation Commission meeting on Friday, October 7, 2022.

Councilmember Basua commended staff for the extensive outreach done in the community for the Aquatic Center and asked that staff provide a report of the outreach done. She stated that the aquatic center will be something great for the City of Oxnard for many years.

Councilmember Madrigal announced that he attended community events in his district over the last couple of months. He also attended the Multicultural Festival on October 1, 2022. He announced the clean-up event at Colonia Park will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022 and encouraged the community to come out and participate. He also wished a happy birthday to his grandmother who is 86 years old.

Councilmember Teran announced that he attended the Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Council, the Sierra Linda Neighborhood Council, and the Riverpark Neighborhood meetings. He thanked the City Manager and Cultural Community Service Director for also attending the meetings. He congratulated Clay Downing, the former Chair of the Riverpark Neighborhood Council who has accepted a new position and will be relocating to another state. He also attended the Multicultural Festival. He thanked staff and community members with booths for their hard work and efforts to organize this event.

Councilmember Perello announced that he attended the Police Department graduation ceremony and stated that it was a very impressive event. He also attended the Multicultural Festival. He thanked the Legal Women Voters Forum and participated in the event as well. He also thanked the indigenous people that made the presentation during the meeting.

Mayor Zaragoza commented that he was interviewed by Channel 9 News about the City of Oxnard being named the fourth most neighborly city in the United States. He thanked Adam Lopez, Chair of the Cultural Recreation Committee, Martha Guillen, Luly Lopez, Samantha Shapiro, and Dania Aguilar for their hard work in organizing a very successful Multicultural event at Plaza Park. He and City Manager Nguyen attended the Carriage Square Neighborhood Council meeting which was well

attended.

1. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Ismael Paredes Ulloa to the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission representing District 3.

Mayor Zaragoza and City Manager Nguyen introduced and presented the item. No public comments were received.

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

H. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items J-1 through J-5 were discussed among the Council and staff.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Patricia Brown (J-2).

J. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

2. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Many Mansions State Funding Application.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Many Mansions in an application for state funding in support of Aspire Apartments located at 536 Meta Street.

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement A-8491 with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Kamala and Hobson Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Project PW 22-83.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$935,000 in Project funds for the Kamala and Hobson Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Project, Specification No. PW 22-83 (Project No. 226502 & 226503):

1. The Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement A-8491 with Tetra Tech, Inc. for professional engineering services in the amount of \$850,000 for the Project; and
2. A Project contingency amount of \$85,000 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 budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8495 with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for the Water and Wastewater On-Call Construction and Repair Services Project, Specification No. PW 22-125.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement A-8495 with Toro Enterprises, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$10,300,000 for a 5-year term ending October 17, 2027, for the Water and Wastewater On-Call Construction and Repair Services Project, Specification No. PW 22-125.

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

5. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Declaring the Intent of the City to be Reimbursed for Certain Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds of Indebtedness.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution # 15,636** declaring the intent of the City to be reimbursed for certain capital expenditures for the acquisition and equipping of fire vehicles from the proceeds of indebtedness.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0.)

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

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Amended 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element. (0/15/20)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
 2. Adopt **Resolution # 15,635** approving the Amended 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element as Chapter 8 within the 2030 General Plan; and
 3. Direct City Staff to finalize the Amended 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element into the 2030 General Plan as Chapter 8 of Goals and Policies document and forward the Amended 2021-2029 Housing Element to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for certification.
- (This item did not originate in Committee.)

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

Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager presented and answered questions.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received

from Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Sean Oxborough with Southwest Regional Carpenters, Jonathan Duran with Local 805 Carpenters, and Scott Zimmerman.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor