

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2022

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:36 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, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald, and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present.

Councilmember Oscar Madrigal was absent.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Steve McNaughten, Fire Marshal; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Jose Arreola, Fleet Services Manager; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Mike More, Human Resources Risk Manager; Helen Miller, Chief Information Officer; Beth Vo, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; Dee Lai, Assistant City Clerk and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk.

Staff members Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; and Joseph Marcinko, Assistant Public Works Director participated via videoconference.

Jackie Rose, JD, MS, CAWA, Animal Services Director for the County of Ventura participated in person.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council

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

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. **THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES** (Government Code section 54957(a))
Consultation with: Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager; Helen Miller, Chief Information Officer.
Legislative Body: City Council
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Alex Nguyen, City Manager and Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources Employee organizations: International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO (IAFF), Local No. 1684; Oxnard Public Safety Managers Association (OPSMA)
Legislative Body: City Council

At 4:38 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 5:48 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that City Council provided direction to the labor negotiators.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:30 PM)

1. **SUBJECT: Presentation by the Ventura County Animal Services on the new Pets for Life Program. (30 minutes)**

Jackie Rose, JD, MS, CAWA, Animal Services Director for the County of Ventura presented to Council about the Pets for Life program. The Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) has partnered with the Humane Society of the United States for funding from the Ventura County Community Foundation. The Ventura County Animal Services has been awarded a multi-year grant to implement the HSUS' Pets for Life Model program. The award is for approximately \$250,000 per year for three years. This grant secures funding for the new "Pets for Life" program which will be rolled out in the City of Oxnard.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating December 1, 2022 as "World AIDS Day."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Salvador (Sal) Fuentes, Chair of the HIV/AIDS Coalition in Ventura County. Chair Fuentes accepted the proclamation and introduced Juan Lopez, Program Director at Ventura County Public Health. Mr. Lopez announced the services available at the new HIV/AIDS Center located in Oxnard. They accepted the proclamation and said a few remarks.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Elizabeth Gollner (bike riders) and Lang Martinez (homeless).

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of Local Emergency Due to Ongoing Drought Conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopted **Resolution #15,646** confirming the need to continue the local emergency declared on May 17, 2022, due to drought conditions and lack of adequate water supply.

(This item is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(4))

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

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 formal action was taken on this item.

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

Councilmember Teran recently attended the Fremont North Neighborhood Council meeting. He presented and provided updates for this neighborhood. He congratulated the new Executive Board members. He attended the Carriage Square Neighborhood Council's follow-up meeting with the Principal from Curren Elementary School and administrative staff from the Oxnard School District regarding traffic control issues. He reminded the residents of District 6 to consider running for office and inquire about the Special Election being held.

Councilmember Basua wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilmember Perello also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday. He made a comment that not all bike riders are bad characters. He is grateful for the resident that submitted a police report. He reminded residents that if you see that something wrong is happening to say something. He thanked the candidates that ran for office during the municipal general election. He made a comment about the traffic issues at the local schools. He stated that vehicles regularly park on red painted curbs at the schools.

Mayor Zaragoza thanked the candidates that ran for the Councilmember positions during the November 8, 2022 Municipal General Election. Mayor Zaragoza congratulated Councilmember Basua, Councilmember Perello, and Councilmember Teran for being re-elected to City Council. He recognized the Veterans of Ventura County. He also thanked all the City staff involved in organizing the Veteran's Day festivities. He also thanked the Public Works Department staff for painting the buildings at City Hall.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 regular meetings as presented.

2. Police Department

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Agreement with Sintra Group for Background Investigations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute:

1. The Second Amendment to Agreement No. 8502-18-PO with Sintra Group for background

investigations and increase the total agreement value from \$525,000 to \$975,000; and

2. Extend the agreement for an additional year with a termination date of January 2, 2024.

3. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Adoption of **Ordinance No. 3021** for California Building Standards Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 3021 repealing and reenacting Articles II through XII, XV, and XVI of Chapter 14 of the Oxnard City Code, pertaining to the California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Green Building Standards Code, International Property Maintenance Code, Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, California Historical Building Code, California Electrical Code, California Existing Buildings Code, California Mechanical Code, California Referenced Standards Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, Fire Codes, and Fire Sprinklers.

4. Police Department

SUBJECT: Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Recognize \$313,554 in grant revenue from the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program;

2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$313,554 for various equipment purchases and funding for community engagement activities; and

3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to approve additional budget appropriations if awarded.

5. Police Department

SUBJECT: Federal and State Asset Forfeiture Funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a budget appropriation of \$175,900 for the use of Federal and State asset forfeiture funds allocated to the City of Oxnard Police Department.

6. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approve Purchase Order with Fleet Services, Inc. for Medium and Heavy Duty Equipment Parts and Supplies.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a Purchase Order with Fleet Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a three-year term, with two one-year extensions upon agreement by both parties, beginning December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2025, for medium and heavy duty equipment parts and supplies.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0.)

7. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Trade Services Agreement 9547-22-PW with Powers Bros. Machine, Inc., and a Second Amendment 9548-22-PW to the Trade Services Agreement with All-Safe Electric, Inc. for On-Call Pump and Motor Repair Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the execution of the following amendments to the on-call pump and motor repair agreements for the Water and Wastewater Divisions:

1. A First Amendment to a Trade Services Agreement with Powers Bros. Machinery, Inc., to increase the not to exceed amount from \$100,000 to \$450,000 and to extend the term to February 29, 2024; and
2. A Second Amendment to a Trade Services Agreement with All-Safe Electric, Inc., to increase the not to exceed amount from \$200,000 to \$450,000 and to extend the term to February 29, 2024.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0.)

It was moved by Councilmember Basua, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Madrigal was absent.

M. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approve Purchase Order with WEX Bank for the Fleet Fuel Card Program. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a Purchase Order with WEX Bank in an amount not to exceed \$8,800,000 for a two-year term for Fuel Cards.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 2-0.)

Public Works Director Wolfe was available to answer questions. No public comments were received.

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

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement A-8505 with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 18-48. (10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the following for a total of \$2,960,510 in Project funds for the Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 18-48 (No. 133107):

1. The Mayor to execute an Agreement with Toro Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$2,467,092 for the Project;

2. A Project contingency amount of \$246,709 for the Project;
3. A Project allocation amount of \$246,709 for engineering, inspection, survey and project management for the Project; and
4. A budget appropriation of \$66,655 from TDA/LTF3-BI/PED Fund (214); and budget reallocations of \$144,736 within the Air Pollution Buydown Fee Fund (118), \$139,864 within the TDA/LTF8-CIP Fund (212), and \$359,416 within the General Fund Capital Outlay Fund (301) for the Project.

(This item is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 C.C.R. § 15304(f))

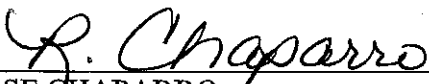
This item did not originate in Committee as this is a capital improvement project specifically listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program budget, which was previously approved by the City Council.

Tatiana B. Arnaout, P.E., City 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: Basua, MacDonald, Perello, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Madrigal was absent.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor