

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2023

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

At 5:32 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald 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 Assistant City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Oscar Madrigal, Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, Arthur Valenzuela, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald were present. Mayor John C. Zaragoza was absent.

Staff members present in person were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Michelle (Elle) McCarron, Assistant City Attorney; Jason Benites, Police Chief; Alexander Hamilton, Fire Chief; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Brian Yanez, Assistant Public Works Director; Joseph Marcinko, Assistant Public Works Director; Omar Castro, Water Division Manager; Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Terrel Harrison, Cultural & Community Services Director; and Dee Lai, Assistant City Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE BODIES ARE MEETING: City Council.

Consideration of Teleconference Participation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449.

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

C. **CLOSED SESSION (5:30 PM)**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4))
Based on existing facts and circumstances, the City Council shall decide whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:32 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session. At 5:58 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. **OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)**

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence.

1. **City Clerk Department**

SUBJECT: Declare Results of the Canvass of Returns of the March 7, 2023 Special Municipal

Election and Administer the Oath of Office.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,681** declaring the results of the canvass of returns of the March 7, 2023 Special Municipal Election for District 6 in the City of Oxnard; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Council member, Arthur Valenzuela Jr., followed by remarks from the Council members.

A motion was made by Council to adopt **Resolution No. 15,681** declaring the results of the canvass of returns of the March 7, 2023 Special Municipal Election for District 6 in the City of Oxnard. The final official canvass shows that Arthur Valenzuela Jr. was the successful candidate for the city's vacant District 6 seat.

The Oath of Office was conducted by Jonathan Abboud, General Manager of the Isla Vista Community Services District and the President of the Santa Barbara City College Trustees.

Public comments were received from Michael MacDonald, Manuel Herrera, and Joshua Medrano.

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

This was followed by a brief recess.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2023 as "Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month."

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald presented the proclamation to Sergeant Scott Aaron with the Oxnard Police Department. Sergeant Aaron introduced members of the Oxnard Police Department Crimes Unit. They accepted the proclamation and said a few words.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Week of April 23 - 29, 2023 as "Library Week."

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald presented the proclamation to Terrel Harrison, Cultural & Community Services Director. Director Harrison introduced Marlene Cristal, Library Circulation Services Aide. Ms. Cristal introduced members of the Oxnard Library staff. They accepted the proclamation and said a few words.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Brenda Guzman (homeless community/shelter), Ronald Arruejo (East Village Neighborhood Council meetings), Dorina Padilla (Oxnard Oklahoma

Sister City International Organization), Carolina Gallardo Magana (311 application and parking issues), Montserrat Sanchez (green space to grow food), Brenda Santos, Youth Coalition (community garden), Damian Mercado, Youth Coalition (community garden), Catia Tran (Youth Coalition Organization), Pedro Toscano (project labor agreement), Jonathan Duran (project labor agreement), Reverend Greg Runyon (being a good citizen and civility), Jose Arias (project labor agreement), Angela Whitecomb (public restrooms in city parks/self-cleaning restrooms).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

City Manager Nguyen provided community updates. Landscape professionals are invited to join a City landscape standards discussion on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Oxnard Main Library, Meeting Room B. Landscape professionals are invited to discuss proposed changes to the standards that will address today's changing climate and landscaping materials. An Ormond Beach Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the South Oxnard Center. Learn more about the Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project (OBRAP). Preview the long-term ownership and management recommendation for Ormond Beach. The Public Works Department announced that due to the rainy winter, expect a weed super bloom. There will be a lot of overgrown weeds. Residents are encouraged to utilize the 311 application to report overgrown weeds.

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

Councilmember Teran wished the landscape standards and his sister a happy 35th birthday. He thanked the attendees at the District 2 Town Hall Meeting on March 27. He thanked City Manager Nguyen for his presentation "The Key to Oxnard's Future" and encouraged residents in other districts to attend the upcoming town hall meetings in their districts. He attended the Riverpark Neighborhood Council "Egg Hunt" event for the community on April 1. He also attended the Oxnard Police Department Employee Recognition ceremony for new hires, employment milestones, and years of service. He visited, along with Mayor Zaragoza, the "No Limits for Deaf Children and Families Center in Oxnard. He participated in the mock interviews for Vista Real High School Program for students working towards receiving a high school diploma and preparing for the job search after graduation. He announced that he plans to attend the upcoming South Bank Neighborhood Council and the Sierra Linda Neighborhood Council meetings. He attended the Nyeland Acres Spring Health Fair. He asked that the Oxnard Youth Coalition be invited to present at a future Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Valenzuela met with City Manager Nguyen for an orientation. He participated in a tour of the Del Sol High School, the new high school located in the East Village neighborhood. He visited the Oxnard Performing Arts Center to view the facilities. He visited the large bulk item drop-off event at College Estates located in District 6. This event will assist in keeping the alley ways clean. He joined the Southwinds Neighborhood located from Pleasant Valley Road south to Hueneme Road and from Saviers Road west to South J Street, for a food distribution event. He also attended the "Easter Egg Hunt" held at the Southwinds Community. He also plans to attend the Cal-Gisler Neighborhood Council and the Southwinds Neighborhood Council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald congratulated Councilmember Arthur Valenzuela for being elected and winning the Oxnard City Council District 6 Special Election and welcomed him to the Council. He attended the National Latino Peace Officers' Association (NLPOA) Ventura County Chapter 2023 Annual Scholarship Banquet. \$21,000 in scholarships was awarded to senior high school students preparing to graduate and attend college.

Councilmember Perello thanked the many volunteers who have worked very hard throughout the city to help improve their community. He thanked Reverend Greg Runyon for his comments. He thanked the staff at the Spencer Eye Center in Oxnard who provided him with great care. He is grateful to Dr. Gregory Spencer, MD and his professional staff which treated him well. He also attended the Oxnard Police Department Employee Recognition ceremony.

Councilmember Madrigal attended the Cesar Chavez Day event in honor of Cesar Chavez and the Farm Workers Movement at Oxnard College. He also volunteered at the Oxnard Food Bank for Farmworkers to assist the farm working communities with the nutrition they and their children need.

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items K-1 through K.4 were discussed among the Council and staff. Councilmember Valenzuela asked that consent agenda items K.3 and K.4 be voted on separately.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA (No comments received.)

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 special meeting as presented.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Sixth Amendment to Agreement 8231-18-PW to m6 Consulting Inc. for On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the execution of a Sixth Amendment to Agreement 8231-18-PW with m6 Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$900,000 for On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Trade Service Agreement 32300293 with Executive Facilities Services, Inc. for Custodial Services at Various City Locations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the:

1. Mayor to execute an Agreement with Executive Facilities Services, Inc., for a term of one year with the option to extend for two consecutive periods of one year each for a maximum possible contract term of three (3) years, and for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$700,000 to provide custodial services for the Water Campus, Blending Stations 3, 4 and 5, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) and Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station (Del Norte); and

2. Purchasing Agent to execute amendments to extend the term of this Agreement up to a total maximum term of three (3) years.

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

4. Police Department

SUBJECT: Police Department Military Equipment Acquisitions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Police Department's purchase and use of the below-listed equipment defined by California Government Code 7070(c)(5) through 7070(c)(10) as "military equipment":

- DUI enforcement command trailer
- Traffic collision investigation response van
- Unmanned aerial vehicle response van
- Three (3) Patrol Sergeant command vehicles
- Three (3) precision rifles
- Chemical agents

Consent Items K.1 and K.2

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

Consent Item K.3

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

Consent Item K.4

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

L. REPORTS

1. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Commitment to the 2016 Downtown Vision Plan and 2019 Downtown Code.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and reaffirm their Commitment to 2016 Downtown Vision Plan and 2019 Downtown Code.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Pam Hogarth and Pat Brown, Abel Magana, Steve Huber, and Aurelio Ocampo. Written comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Water Rates Update Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the Water Rates Update Report.

(This item is scheduled for the Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWTC) on March 28, 2023. Since this item is a receive and file item at the PWTC and the City Council, the Committee outcome is not impactful to the drafting of this City Council staff report.)

Joseph Marcinko, Assistant Public Works Director presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Pat Brown. Written comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

The report was received and filed. No formal action was required.

3. City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Consideration of Residents' Proposal to Rename Oxnard Beach Park to the Chumash Name **'olol'koy beach park**.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approves the Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Economic Development Committee's recommendation to rename Oxnard Beach Park to the **'olol'koy beach park**.

City Manager Nguyen presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Brenda Guzman, KC Rodriguez, Manuel Herrera, Marianne Parra, Alikoi Parra, Robyne Redwater, and Angela Whitecomb. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk



BRYAN A. MACDONALD

Mayor Pro Tem