MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:30 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 Bert E. Perello, Gabriel (Gabe) Teran, Arthur Valenzuela, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present. Councilmember Gabriela Basua joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Councilmember Oscar Madrigal was absent.

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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)Agency Designated Representatives: Alex Nguyen, City Manager; and Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources Employee Organizations: 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)
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:31 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session. At 6:00 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. Stephen Fischer, City Attorney announced that no reportable actions resulted from the closed session for item C.1.

D. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

Mayor Zaragoza led the pledge of allegiance.

E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating February 2, 2024 as "World Wetlands Day."

Mayor Zaragoza read the Proclamation and delivered it Councilmember Basua and Eric Humel. Councilmember Basua and Eric Humel joined the Council on the dais to accept the Proclamation and said a few words. Public comments were received from Steve Nash.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received from Karla Alejandra, Maria Navarro, Nicanor Ramos, Santiago Rivera, Samuel Salazar, Juan Carlos Ortega, Maria D. Santillan, sand Juan Villa regarding the (Via Oxnard Apartments evictions) and Steve Nash (upcoming elections/water issues).

G. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

1. City Attorney Department
SUBJECT: Ratification of Severe Storms Director Orders.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,760** Ratifying:

a. Director Order 24-01 waiving fees for damaged or lost solid waste containers and various fees necessary to obtain damage repair and restoration permits; and
b. Director Order 24-02 authorizing the payment of relocation benefits for individuals displaced as a result of severe flooding; and
c. Director Order 24-03 suspending street sweeping citations for vehicles rendered inoperable due to severe flooding.

2. Extend the 10% price increase limit on certain goods and services during the Local Emergency for an additional 30 days.

Alex Nguyen, City Manager provided a presentation on the damage caused by the severe flooding. City Manager Nguyen and City Attorney Fischer were available to answer questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the council and staff.

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

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

The members of the Council provided brief announcements regarding their various activities.

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Serve on the City's Planning Commission (CAGs)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint James Schuelke to the Planning Commission representing District 5.

James Schuelke spoke briefly and was available to answer questions. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Zaragoza, seconded by Councilmember Basua, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Perello, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 5-0-1. Councilmember Teran recused himself due to his professional working relationship with Oxnard College. Councilmember Madrigal was absent.

I. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

K. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of December 19, 2023 regular meetings as presented.

2. Police Department
SUBJECT: FY2023 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

 1. Ratify the prior execution and submission of an application for $750,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program;
 2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements and appropriate funds upon notification of the grant award;
 3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve a budget appropriation for the use of CHP funds upon award; and
 4. Authorize the Chief of Police or designee to submit all program related progress or status reports.

 (This item did not originate in Committee.)

3. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Agreement 32400323 with Filippin Engineering, Inc. for Construction

Management Services for Arterial Street Resurfacing East and West Gonzales Road and Oxnard Boulevard Street Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 23-100.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Filippin Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $941,400 for construction management services for Arterial Street Resurfacing East and West Gonzales Road and Oxnard Boulevard Street Improvement Project, Specification No. PW 23-100.

(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.)

4. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Planning and Zoning Permit (PZ) No. 20-300-04 Final Map No. 6054 as modified by PZ No. 21-550-03 (Major Modification), for a proposed 27 home subdivision. Filed by Henry Casillas, on behalf of the property owner, 451 West Fifth Street, Oxnard, California 93030.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Oxnard City Council:

1. Accept Final Map 20-300-04 for the Encanto Homes Subdivision; and
2. Receive and file a "Notice of Pending Approval" for Final Map 20-300-04 by the Community Development Director including signature of "City Council's Certificate" on the title sheet; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to sign the "Abandonment Certificate" for the vacation of roadway and utility easements to the City of Oxnard.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

5. Housing Department
SUBJECT: License Agreement with the Downtown Oxnard Merchants Association for the operation of a Certified Farmers Market at Plaza Park.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a License Agreement in the amount of $1.00 annually plus 15% of gross revenues above $2,850.00 with the Downtown Oxnard Merchants Association ensuring the operation of a Certified Farmers Market at Plaza Park.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Consent Items K.1, K.2, K.3 and K.5
It was moved by Councilmember Basua, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Madrigal was absent.

Consent Items K.4
It was moved by Councilmember Teran, seconded by Councilmember Valenzuela, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion passed 5-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald recused himself due to owning property

near the proximity of the project site. Councilmember Madrigal was absent.

L. REPORTS

1. Public Works Department

   SUBJECT: Blanket Purchase Order with Granite Construction Co. for the Purchase and Delivery of Asphalt and Aggregate Materials.

   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize a Blanket Purchase Order with Granite Construction Co. for a total amount not to exceed $50,000 through June 30, 2024, for the purchase and delivery of asphalt and aggregate materials to various City locations within streets, alleyways, and parking lots.

   (This item did not originate in Committee since it is an existing purchase of goods already included in the FY 2023-24 City Council-approved budget.)

Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director was available to answer questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the council and staff.

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

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

R. Chaparro
ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk

John C. Zaragoza
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Mayor