MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

At 5:00 p.m., Chair John C. Zaragoza called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council Finance and Governance Committee 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. Chair John C. Zaragoza and Member Gabe Teran were present in person. Member Gabriela Basua joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Consideration of Teleconference Participation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (None Received.)

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
   SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
   RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance & Governance Committee approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

It was moved by Member Teran, seconded by Chair Zaragoza, to approve the Information/Consent item as presented. VOTE: Teran and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion carried 2-0. Member Basua was absent during this vote.

D. REPORTS

1. Finance Department
   SUBJECT: Accounting and Financial Reporting Risk Assessment Update.
   RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee receive the Risk Assessment Update regarding accounting and financial reporting as part of the Internal Control Integrated Framework pursuant to City of Oxnard Finance Policy (FPOL) 1.05, and recommend staff forward the presentation to City Council.

Javier Chagoyen Lazaro, Chief Financial Officer presented and answered the Committees questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

It was moved by Member Teran, seconded by Chair Zaragoza, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, Teran, and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion carried 3-

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2. City Manager Department
SUBJECT: Whistleblower Activity Report.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee receive and file an update on the City's whistleblower hotline.

Annie Jensen, Project Manager presented and answered the Committees questions. No public comments were received. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

Report was received and filed, no formal action was required.

3. City Attorney Department
SUBJECT: Consideration of Request for Future Council Agenda Item.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance and Governance Committee consider whether to place on a future City Council agenda a resolution requested by Councilmember Valenzuela Zavala affirming the City of Oxnard's support for House Resolution 786 and calls for an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict.

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney presented and answered questions.

Public comments were received from Karla Alejandra, Isabel Payne, Jasmine Cameron, Alexiz, Shayna Steiner, Daniela Aguirre, Candis Robinson, Larry Barbarine, Adriana Romero, Mitch Lillie, Jacob Travers, Sara Mshaiel, Diego Magana, Devina Garcia, Ryan Kompanik, Mandouh Elalami, Shanti Shandosom, Ryan Drury, Ian Campbell, Elise Umetsu, Elaine Yompian, John Caravello, Clarisse Selig, Valeria Resendiz, Nidal Barakat, Claudia Gonzalez, Roxane Sax, David Sed, Scarlett White, Charles Fredman, Paloma Concordia, Dylan Hubert, Junaid Kator, Taylor Buck, Dr. Anandhi Narasimhan, Rabbi D. Muchnik, Nadine Zayyad, Brianna Ruiz, Leah Dehmoseiry, Michael Castaneda, Alexa, Faith, Roop Maan, Angelmarie Taylor, Krystal Lopez, Shari Rosennian, Noemi Hernandez, Morris Huberman, Martin Flam, Amalya, Samir Ali, Shep Rosenman, Dr. James Cole, Daniel Kollin, Crystal O., Candis Robinson, and Hatim Naim.

City Attorney Fischer made several announcements during the public comment section of the meeting about the decorum in the Council Chambers. The rules of meeting decorum were read and the audience was reminded to allow public speakers to be heard during the meeting. After several warnings, including that the room would be cleared if order could not be restored by removing individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting, the audience continued to be disorderly and disruptive. Individual audience members were specifically warned that their behavior was disrupting the meeting, and one audience member was subsequently removed from the meeting.

The Committee took a recess at 7:15 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The audience continued to become disorderly and the disruption escalated. The public speakers at the podium could not speak and be heard due to the numerous disruptions and level of noise made by the audience. In order for the meeting to continue, at 7:45 p.m., Chair Zaragoza called to clear the room. A recess was taken as members of the public cleared the Council Chambers. At 8:16 p.m., the Committee returned from recess to continue conducting the meeting.

Member Teran made a motion to place this item on a future City Council agenda. Chair Zaragoza called for a second, but there was no second to this motion. There was no majority approval of the Committee on this item and it will not move forward to a Council meeting.

E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (No requests were made.)

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Chair