

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
OXNARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OXNARD FINANCING AUTHORITY
OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2024

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:00 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, Arthur Valenzuela, Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald, and Mayor John C. Zaragoza were present.

Councilmember Basua joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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 (5:00 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager, Steve Naveau, Director of Human Resources and Jason Benites, Police Chief
Employee organization: Oxnard Peace Officers Association (OPOA)
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:02 p.m., the City Council recessed into a closed session. At 5:38 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. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:30 PM)

1. Cultural & Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission Annual Report.
RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receives the Senior Services Commission annual report.

Alice Sweetland, Chairperson for the Senior Services Commission presented the Senior Services

Commission Annual Report to Council.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

Mayor Zaragoza led the pledge of allegiance.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2024 as "Older Americans Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Alice Sweetland, Chairperson and Naomi Ontiveros, Gloria Massey Chinae, and Linda Calderon members of the Senior Services Commission who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Senior Services Commission. They followed with a few words.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2024 as "Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Heritage Month."

Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation and presented it to Jen Benitez, Founder and Executive Director of the PINAYSHIRE Youth Arts Organization, who accepted the proclamation and followed with a few words.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments were received regarding the Carnegie Art Museum/City Art Collection: Tomas Sanchez, Dr. Henry Villanueva, Peter Martinez, Maria Elena Saldana Aldana, Irma J. Lopez, Stacy Roscoe, and Cesar Perez; Patricia Yabu (Cal Lutheran University, Clinic Director); Jatsiri Carrillo (Community Counseling Services), Karla Alejandra (Israeli-Palestinian Conflict); and Debbie Mitchell (Reel Guppy Outdoors).

The following residents made public comments to express concerns about numerous safety issues about the area surrounding the railroad crossing in the La Colonia neighborhood: Irene Gomez, Celia Mendez, Jorge Toledano, Juvenal Solano, Jaqueline Gabriel, Irma Ramirez, Rufino Cortez, Margarito Cruz, Emilia Alejo, Belen Fabian, Christopher Gonzalez, Eulalia Mendoza, Anastacio Espinoza, Juan Carlos Diaz, Martin Cazarez, Lucero Cruz, and Vanessa Teran.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

City Manager Nguyen provided an update on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2024 Sustainability Awards, Oxnard's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) received an award for Green Region Initiative: Climate Action and Resource Conversation Sustainability. He also announced a few upcoming community events. The Oxnard Police Department 25th Annual Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for May 15, 2024. The Public Works

Open House is scheduled for Friday, May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Items L-1 through L-3 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Public comments were received from Debbie Mitchell (L.2). Written comments were received from Chuck Carter, Lynn Knox, Jon George, Joel Berman, Dolly Stetz, Howard Kornstein, Mark Wolfe, Eugenia Bates, Thomas Petersen, Mike Haase, Jay R. Braun, Rina Anderson, Carole Taylor, Ed Hill, Ronald Bolsky, Richard Dry, Christiana Bryson, Steve Levine, Scott and Kathy Nelson (L.2).

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32400386 with Craftwater Engineering, Inc. for Consulting Services for Channel Island Harbor Water Quality Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement 32400386 in the amount not to exceed \$735,902 for a three-year term, ending from the effective date of the Agreement, for Consulting Services for the Channel Island Harbor Water Quality Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on April 23, 2024.)

3. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Update on the Financial Corrective Action Plan (FCAP) for Closing Past Audit Findings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive an update on the Financial Corrective Action Plan (FCAP) for closing past audit findings.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion passed 7-0.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Fore Property Development Agreement Amendment; Planning and Zoning (PZ) Permit No. 24-670-01.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Find the project Exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5); and
2. Approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of **Ordinance No. 3045** approving PZ No. 24-670-01 (Amendment No. 3 to Development Agreement No. A-7113), subject to certain findings and conditions.

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications were received.

Joe Pearson II, AICP, Planning and Environmental Services Manager was available to answer questions.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. No public comments were received.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Valenzuela, seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

2. Housing Department

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, the amended Regional Consolidated Plan and the amended Citizen Participation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development public hearing regarding the fiscal year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, with funding recommendations, the amended 2020-2024 Regional Consolidated Plan and the amended Citizen Participation Plan;

2. Approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan;
3. Approve the updated changes in the amended Regional Consolidated Plan and the amended Oxnard Citizen Participation Plan;
4. Authorize the City Manager, and his designees, to incorporate any recommended changes resulting from the public input to the fiscal year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, the amended 2020-2024 Regional Consolidated Plan and the amended Oxnard Citizen Participation Plan;
5. Authorize the City Manager, and his designees, to incorporate the final grant allocations into the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, and authorize the budget appropriations to fund the administration and activities, including the ability to increase or decrease activities funding up to ten percent or up to the administrative amount allowed of the administering staff, whichever is greater;
6. Authorize the City Manager, and his designees, to execute the required applications, certifications, and other pertinent documents for the submission of the fiscal year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, the amended 2020-2024 Regional Consolidated Plan and the amended Oxnard Citizen Participation Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
7. Authorize the City Manager, and his designees, to execute agreements and sign all agreements for the implementation of the Annual Action Plan including subrecipients, interdepartmental, and intradepartmental agreements.

(The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development Committee voted to approve unanimously.)

The City Clerk announced the affidavit of publication and stated that no written communications were received.

Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director presented and was available to answer questions.

Mayor Zaragoza opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Public comments were received from Rick Holigrocki, Patti Yabu, and Jatsiri Carrillo from California Lutheran University.

Without objection, the Council approved closing the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as presented. VOTE: Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 4-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald and Councilmember Madrigal recused due to owning property in the area of this project. Councilmember Basua recused due to her

current position in the Housing Department at her place of employment.

N. REPORTS

1. Finance Department

SUBJECT: Presentation of Single Audit Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the 2023 Single Audit Report from the audit firm Eadie + Payne.

(The Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on April 23, 2024.)

Cesar Perfecto, Controller introduced Eden Casareno, CPA, Auditor with Eadie + Payne LLP who presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Report was received and filed; no formal action was taken.

2. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Adopt **Resolution No. 15,775** to Accept a State Grant for \$500,000 to Fund Special Districts Division Water Quality Remediation Projects in Channel Islands Harbor.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,775** of the City Council of the City of Oxnard Authorizing the City of Oxnard to enter into an Agreement (A-8548) with the State of California Department of Water Resources to receive funds for the Channel Islands Water Quality Remediation Projects and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City of Oxnard;
2. Accept a grant from the California State Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$500,000 for the Channel Islands Harbor water quality remediation; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreements and modify Exhibits of the agreement as necessary and the Finance Director or designee to submit the financial reports, grant claims, and approve the budget appropriations for the use of the grant funds; and the Director of Public Works or designee to submit the non-financial reports.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director presented and answered questions. Public comments were received from Debbie Mitchell and Chuck Carter. Written comments were received from Chuck Carter, Lynn Knox, Jon George, Joel Berman, Dolly Stetz, Howard Kornstein, Mark Wolfe, Eugenia Bates, Thomas Petersen, Mike Haase, Jay R. Braun, Rina Anderson, Carole Taylor, Ed Hill, Ronald Bolsky, Richard Dry, Christiana Bryson, Steve Levine, Scott and Kathy Nelson.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

3. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement 32400411 with NATEC International, Inc. for Safety Training Services for the Public Works Department.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement 32400411 with NATEC International, Inc. (NATEC) in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the maximum five-year term of the Agreement, with the initial term of one year ending April 30, 2025, after which the Agreement may be extended for four additional one-year terms; ending April 30, 2029, for Safety Training Services for the Public Works Department.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on April 9, 2024.)

Esteban Camara, Occupational Health and Safety Administrator presented and answered questions. Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director was also available to answer questions. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilmember Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

4. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Tree Program and Landscape Standards Update.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file an update of the citywide Tree Program and Landscape Standards.

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on April 9, 2024.)

Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director presented and answered questions. No public comments were received. Report was received and filed; no formal action was taken.

5. Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Additional Project Contingency and Budget Appropriation Transfer for the Mandalay Bay Bridge and Edison Canal Bridge Rehab Projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize:

1. An increase of \$350,000 in Project contingency funds from \$660,000 to \$1,010,000 for use in the Mandalay Bay & Edison Canal Bridge Rehabilitation Projects (C1306 and C1307) and extend the completion date to September 30, 2024; and
2. The City Manager to approve a budget appropriation transfer in the amount of \$350,000 from the FY 2023-24 available budget in the General Fund (101) Public Works Operating Budget to the Mandalay Bay & Edison Canal Bridge

Rehabilitation Projects (C1306 and C1307).

(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.)

Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director presented and answered questions. No public comments were received.

On May 7, 2024, Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director, presented a correction memo to the Council regarding updates to Item N.5 – Additional Project Contingency and Budget Appropriation Transfer for the Mandalay Bay Bridge and Edison Canal Bridge Rehab Projects. This memo was distributed to Council members and also available to the public.

This memo updated information (e.g., the specific funding sources) referenced in the staff report scheduled for the May 7, 2024 City Council Meeting. Staff requested that the following clarification be made during the City Council meeting to the Recommendation language in number 2 as follows:

FROM:

2. The City Manager to approve a budget appropriation transfer in the amount of \$350,000 from the FY 2023-24 available budget in the General Fund (101) Public Works Operating Budget to the Mandalay Bay & Edison Canal Bridge Rehabilitation Projects (C1306 and C1307).

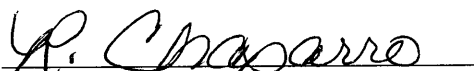
TO:

2. The City Manager to approve a budget appropriation transfer in the amount of \$350,000 from the FY 2023-24 available budget in the General Fund (101) Public Works Operating Budget to the Mandalay Bay & Edison Canal Bridge Rehabilitation Projects (C1306 and C1307) in the General Fund (101) as well as the corresponding Capital Outlay Fund (301) appropriation increase in the same amount.

It was moved by Councilmember Valenzuela, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action as amended. VOTE: Basua, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello, Teran, Valenzuela, and Zaragoza voted in favor; motion passed 7-0.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO

City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor