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City of Oxnard Adopts First Positive Budget in a Decade

OXNARD, Calif. – The Oxnard City Council and Housing Authority adopted a Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget of \$632,752,937 on June 30, 2021, which includes the General Fund group, landscape maintenance and community facilities district funds, special revenue funds, assessment district funds, enterprise funds, internal service funds and Housing Authority funds.

The City's General Fund revenues for the budget year are projected at \$201.2 million. This is 30 percent greater than for Fiscal Year 2020-21 due to revenue from Measure E, which will support basic City services such as public safety, parks, community development, cultural and community services, road maintenance and administration provided through the General Fund.

"I'm excited for the community to see the restoration of many services and programs in the year ahead," said Mayor John C. Zaragoza. "This is the first of three restoration budgets, and the City Council unanimously supports investing in Oxnard's streets and landscaping, trees, and parks maintenance. Change will not happen overnight, but we are on the road to steady progress."

The Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget, which begins July 1, will focus on restoring services such as street paving; landscaping and maintenance of parks, trees, and medians; restoring programs for youth and seniors that were cut over the past ten years; and restoring the Neighborhood Policing Team.

Through Measure E, the City plans to invest:

- **\$14.6 million** a year for three years for improving Oxnard's streets and alleys.
- **\$5.6 million** for parks, medians and trees maintenance.
- **\$8.8 million** in Fiscal Year 2021-22 to support projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which includes street improvements.
- **\$3 million** investment in Cultural and Community services to restore and enhance youth and senior services programs, the Durley Park Youth Center, the Colonia Basketball Gym hours, Meet-up Clean-ups, and City Corps Town Keeping efforts, all of which were previously reduced.
- **\$8 million** for the Police Department to maintain 9-1-1 response times and take steps to begin the restoration of the Neighborhood Policing Team.
- Nearly **\$6 million** for the Fire Department, which includes **\$1.35 million** to hold a fire academy with 21 recruits in order to catch up on staffing needs.

For more information about the City budget, click [here](#).

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