



**OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
18 Valley Road, Oak View
Monday, June 16th, 2025, 7:00PM**

Chair: Grace Malloy, **Vice Chair:** Barbara Kennedy
Council Members: Marilyn Miller, Joseph Westbury, Terry Wright

Public Comments FOR IN PERSON MEETINGS may be provided using the following TWO options:

Option 1: E-MAIL PUBLIC COMMENT- If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment to the Executive Officer at ovmac@ventura.org for that item via email by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting to ensure your letter is received and entered into the record. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL: (A) MEETING DATE, (B) AGENDA ITEM NUMBER, (C) SUBJECT OR TITLE OF THE ITEM, (D) YOUR FULL NAME. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEM SPECIFIED IN YOUR EMAIL, YOUR COMMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD. Please limit your written correspondence to 300 words or less.

Option 2 – IN PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT - If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on. Each meeting will have sign-in sheets to participate in Public Comment at the meeting location for in-person comments.

1. **Call to Order of the Meeting** – Vice Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance was Brian Brennan and Lori Key from Supervisor LaVere's office.
2. **Flag Salute** – The flag salute was conducted by Vice Chair Kennedy.
3. **Roll Call** – Present: Vice Chair Kennedy, Secretary Miller and Councilmember Wright
Absent: Chair Malloy and Councilmember Westbury
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Motion: to adopt the agenda as presented
Moved by: Councilmember Wright, Seconded by: Secretary Miller
Vote: 3-0
5. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda** – Ron Solorzano from the Ventura County Library reported that summer reading programs for youth and adults were underway; summer programming includes game days and art days; the "Games on Wheels" truck and Kona Ice truck will be onsite at the Ojai downtown library on July 3rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Oak View Library on July 16th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and at the Meiners Oaks Library on July 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; The Lunch at the Library program will begin the first week of July; and finally, the libraries are designated cooling sites during their hours of operation (Ojai 7 days a week, Oak View Monday through Thursday and Saturday, and Meiners Oaks Monday through Thursday).
6. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve January 27, February 24 and April 21, 2025 Minutes.
Moved by: Secretary Miller, Seconded by: Councilmember Wright
Vote: 3-0

7. City of Ojai Planning Commission Update – Any items to share

No one from the Ojai Planning Commission was present.

8. Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services – Presentation regarding disaster preparedness.

Kim Dellacort, Emergency Manager from Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services gave a presentation to the Council on the Firewise Campaign. The presentation is summarized as follows:

The State has created new fire hazard maps which expand the Very High and High Fire zones. This will have far reaching impacts for County residents.

Office of Emergency Services Mission

Local Hazards – Natural disasters, i.e., fire, flooding, debris flow, landslide, earthquake, dam failure

Emergency Notification Systems – Wireless notification, VCALERT

Terminology:

Order – leave immediately; can't return until safe.

Warning – This area could be next; prepare to evacuate.

Shelter in Place – Shut your doors and windows, stay put. This is used for chemical exposure risk, etc.

Time Factors

Information Resources – VC Emergency.com, Ventura County Sheriff's Department Facebook page

Competing Information -- VC Emergency is the official source; Watch Duty App usually gets information from VC Emergency.

New Technology – FIRIS, emergency response, new air units, increased fire personnel, mutual threat zones.

Disaster Preparedness – ReadyVentura.org

Wildfire Readiness – 54% increase in number of parcels in the Very High Fire Zone; new mitigation requirements; defensible space; home hardening.

Officer Dellacort agreed to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to Lori Key to distribute to the Council.

9. Councilmember Comments –

Councilmember Wright indicated that he has been trying to contact the local Caltrans representative with some questions but has not received a response. He requested that a Caltrans representative be asked to attend a future Council meeting. He also asked about the status of the former Petrochem site. Brian Brennan gave an update on the acquisition of property along the river and off Cañada Larga by the various local land trusts.

Vice Chair Kennedy expressed concern about the public parking along the beginning of the Highway 33 freeway to access Foster Park. This is a dangerous situation, and she asked that it be addressed. She also asked about the property located just off the freeway on the east side against the hills and the storage of equipment and other structures. Brian Brennan stated that the Supervisor's office would investigate the situation.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Next Meeting **Monday, July 21st, 2025**, at 7:00PM at Oak View Community Center