

Olivas Links Infrastructure update 9/27/25

Municipal elections are on the horizon for California voters in November of 2026 and city budget consideration proposals in January of 2026. With these subjects in mind the City Council of Ventura discussed several financial options that would be dedicated for improvement of the city's infrastructure. Municipal bonds, increasing hotel taxes and sales taxes were presented to council by the city's finance director. Further discussions and recommendations are scheduled for the immediate future.

As you are aware, interim trailers are now installed and operable at Olivas Links. Our "temporary trailers" that have resided at their site for 18 plus years will be removed the first week of October. Site work will then begin for the "new" temporary trailer's installation. This should be completed by the first of the year. Additionally, and perhaps most important, will be the issuance of a request for proposal (R.F.P.) for preliminary design of a new permanent clubhouse. This design will cost approximately \$250,000. It will provide the city 30% of a design and a final price tag for this project. The R.F.P. will be issued for bid in about a month's time. Bids, evaluation, award, design and public review will take several months.

With the above critical time issues in mind, the Political Action Committee (P.A.C.) of Olivas Links Senior Men's Club requested a meeting with Kemper Sports senior management operations officers. The meeting took place on September 24 and was attended by Kempers General Manager of Olivas Carl Van Vallier, Mark Hoelsing Senior Vice President Western Region. Chris Gilfillen Vice President of Operation So Cal, P.A.C. members William Gohlke, Herb Schwind and Olivas Senior Men's Golf Club President Jeff Kaplowitz.

The meeting was productive. The main topic discussed was the contractual obligation by Kemper to furnish the city, updated financial data for capital improvements to Olivas Links Infrastructure. This must be accomplished in a timely fashion for the coming 2026 budget and elections. Kemper agreed to move in a positive manner on this subject immediately.

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