

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK  
HELD MAY 28, 2024

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Sonne presiding.

1A. CALL TO ORDER

1B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Traut, Ahn, Sonne

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Aaron France, City Manager; Chris Cardinale, City Attorney; and, Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk.

1C. INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Gerado Arenado, Orange County Fire Authority.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sung Hyun, Director of Finance.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported the following:

- Gun Violence Prevention Event hosted by the Office of Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, Saturday, June 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at Buena Park City Hall
- Honored Council Member Brown for serving as SCAG's President. City Manager France showed a video created by SCAG thanking Council Member Brown for his outstanding service.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY–AUGUST 2024 AS DROWNING  
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION SEASON  
Presented to the Orange County Fire Authority

Council Member Traut presented the Proclamation recognizing May–August 2024 as Drowning Awareness and Prevention Season to Fire Captain Sobiesiak on behalf of the Orange County Fire Authority.

2B. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MID-SUMMER TO EARLY AUTUMN 2024 AS  
WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION SEASON  
Presented to the Orange County Fire Authority

Council Member Traut presented the Proclamation recognizing mid-Summer to early Autumn 2024 as Wildfire Awareness and Prevention Season to Fire Captain Sobiesiak on behalf of the Orange County Fire Authority.

2C. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Council Member Brown presented the Proclamation recognizing May 2024 as Older Americans Month to Colette Chencinski and Jackie Hampton.

2D. PRESENTATION OF BUENA PARK YOUTH THEATRE SPRING PRODUCTION OF SCHOOL OF ROCK

Presented by Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor

Monica Ultreras, Friends of Buena Park Youth Theatre, invited the community to the Buena Park Youth Theatre production of *School of Rock*. Ms. Ultreras provided information regarding show dates and times. Tickets may be purchased at the Buena Park Community Center or online at [www.buenapark.com/finearts](http://www.buenapark.com/finearts). Tickets are also available for sale one hour before the start of the show at the Box Office. Additionally, members of the Buena Park Youth Theatre performed a preview of the Spring production of *School of Rock*.

3A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Sonne announced the public may at this time address the members of the City Council on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Jose Trinidad Castañeda spoke regarding his recent resignation from the Buena Park City Council, and stated that, as a Buena Park resident, he expects the City Council to make decisions based on one of the City's core values which is equity.

Rick Roseli, Buena Park resident, requested the City Council to reconsider funding the P-nut Baseball Campout.

There being no further requests to speak, Mayor Sonne closed oral communications.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4N)

Mayor Sonne announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A – 4N would be acted upon by one motion affirming the actions as recommended on the agenda and agenda bills submitted and inquired if anyone present desired to have any item removed for separate consideration. There being no requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken on Item Nos. 4A – 4N:

MOTION: Traut  
SECOND: Brown  
AYES: Traut, Brown, Ahn, Sonne  
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A – 4N be approved.

**Minutes**

4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of May 14, 2024.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Finance 75**

4B. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions approving Claims and Demands.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 14840

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,681,567.61 DEMAND NOS. 424698 THROUGH 424887 CANCELLED NOS. 421007, 421239, 421262, 424225, 424515 AND 424683

RESOLUTION NO. 14841

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$955,143.18 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING MAY 10, 2024

**Reports & Studies 129**

- 4C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024  
Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119**

- 4D. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MID-SUMMER TO EARLY AUTUMN 2024 AS  
WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION SEASON  
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119**

- 4E. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY – AUGUST 2024 AS DROWNING  
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION SEASON  
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119**

- 4F. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS  
MONTH  
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119**

- 4G. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH  
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119**

- 4H. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 27, 2024, AS MEMORIAL DAY  
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3524 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-952**

- 4I. FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER PICKLEBALL COURT PROJECT  
Recommended Action: 1) Accept project as complete and approve final payment to  
Reliable Monitoring Services dba RMS Life Safety in the amount of \$11,593.88; and,  
2) Direct the Public Works Department to file a Notice of Completion.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3483**

- 4J. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES WITH  
THE CITY OF LA HABRA  
Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the City of  
La Habra to extend police dispatch services at the La Habra Police Department through  
January 1, 2025; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any  
necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and, 3) Authorize the City  
Manager, Police Chief, and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-2854**

- 4K. AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 19-01 WITH YUNEX, LLC, FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES  
Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 6 to the Professional Services Agreement (19-01) with Yunex, LLC, for traffic signal maintenance services; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the amendment; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Amendment.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Budgets 47**

- 4L. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS, EFFICIENCIES, AND STAFFING NEEDS FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS  
Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$47,400 from the undesignated General Fund reserve balance to allocate funding to the Human Resources Department for the organizational assessment of the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and an additional \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to assess the remaining City departments.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Property 120**

- 4M. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY AT ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND BOTRYOIDES AVENUE TO BE SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54220-54234  
Recommended Action: 1) Adopt the attached Resolution declaring the City-owned real property located at Artesia Boulevard and Botryoides Avenue to be "surplus land" pursuant to the California Surplus Land Act (California Government Code 54220 et seq., the "SLA").

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO.14842**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF BOTRYOIDES AVENUE AND ARTESIA BOULEVARD (ORANGE COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NOS. 066-030-21, 066-030-31, 066030-51 AND 066-030-48, 066-030-52, 066-030-49 (PARTIAL) TO BE SURPLUS LAND

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- 4N. APPROVAL OF A LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM  
Recommended Action: 1) Approve the City's legislative platform from which to guide Buena Park's legislative advocacy efforts.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**5. NEW BUSINESS (5A)****Contracts 70 C-3547 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-959****5A. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH G&A NELOS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Magnolia Avenue Water Main Interconnect Project; 2) Award a contract to G&A Nelos Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$627,164.; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$64,766.; 4) Authorize a purchase order for The Solis Group in the amount of \$6,725 for administration of the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA); 5) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$1,345 for the CWA administration; 6) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract; and, 7) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Assistant City Engineer Arabolu provided a report regarding the proposed approval of contract for the Magnolia Avenue Water Main Interconnect Project. The recently developed tract adjacent to the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Orangethorpe Avenue is currently supplied by one water main. A water main interconnect with the City of Fullerton would benefit the City by providing additional water supply. The additional water supply would provide redundancy in meeting fire flow requirements, as needed, by correcting pressure loss in the system, should a water main break occur. It was noted that the proposed water main interconnect will have a one-way function to provide water only to Buena Park residents and could not be used to sell or provide water to the City of Fullerton. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2024 and be completed by October 2024. The project was advertised for competitive bid on April 10, 2024. The City received and publicly opened three (3) bids. The lowest, responsible bid was submitted by G&A Nelos Construction Inc. of Lake Elsinore, CA, in the amount of \$627,164. Staff recommended that the City Council award a contract to G&A Nelos Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$627,164 and approve a contingency fund in the amount of \$62,836.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Ahn  
AYES: Brown, Ahn, Traut, Sonne  
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO.14843**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT PROJECT IN SAID CITY**

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

Mayor Sonne recessed the meeting at 5:52 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

Item taken out of order.

**User Fees 204****6A. RESOLUTION AMENDING FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

Recommended Action: 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed update to the Paramedic Fee (Advanced Life Support transport fee); 2) Adopt a resolution amending the Paramedic Subscription Service Program by increasing the paramedic fee schedule to be in line Orange County's approved ambulance user fee schedule for ALS transport; 2) Make the new Paramedic Fee effective July 1, 2024; 3) Adjust the Hardship Exemption to a new low-income assistance program threshold; and, 4) Authorize the City Manager to notify Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc. (the City's ambulance services provider) to incorporate and collect the paramedic fee increase on the City's behalf.

Mayor Sonne stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider a resolution amending the Paramedic Subscription Service Program by increasing the paramedic fee schedule to be in line with the Orange County's approved ambulance user fee schedule for ALS transport.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton provided a report regarding amending the fees and charges associated with the Paramedic Subscription Service Program. The City of Buena Park is a political subdivision of the State of California with the authority to designate emergency ambulance service providers through a competitive procurement process. As such, the City has the authority to set rates associated with those services. Assistant City Manager Fenton explained the voluntary annual subscription and first responder fee to which no changes are proposed at this time. Assistant City Manager Fenton also discussed the current paramedic fee; proposed paramedic fee; current hardship exemption; proposed hardship exemption; and, budget impact of the Paramedic Fees increase. Staff recommended that the City Council update the Low-Income Threshold to the current industry standard as part of the annual Paramedic Subscription Service Program.

Mayor Sonne opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present desired to speak. There being no requests to speak, Mayor Sonne closed the public hearing.

Council Member Traut asked about the Extremely Low category on the proposed hardship exemption options.

Vice Mayor Ahn asked about waiving the paramedic fee to extremely low-income households.

Assistant City Manager Fenton explained that the \$47,350 was derived from the 30% of the median income of \$129,000 for a family of four, according to the threshold HCD established as extremely low-income household. It was recommended that the City Council select one of the proposed hardship exemption options presented to update the City's Low-Income Threshold. Moreover, patients transported by ambulance may be exempt from payment of the First Responder fee if they qualify as a low-income household. Residents, however, continue to have the option to pay \$45 per year if they choose to enroll in the program.

MOTION: Traut  
SECOND: Brown  
AYES: Traut, Brown, Ahn, Sonne  
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14844**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION AND FEE FOR SERVICE PROGRAM AND UPDATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE FOR THE PROGRAM**

**7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR**

**7A. REPORT**

Council Member Traut reported the following:

- May 15 Centralia Elementary School District Office Reopening
- May 15 OCFA Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
- May 16 Funeral for Steve Harris, Former Centralia Elementary School District Board President
- May 23 Public Works Week Luncheon
- May 23 OCFA Board Meeting
- May 28 43rd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service
- May 28 Special City Council Meeting – Budget Study Session

Council Member Traut requested staff include the P-Nut Baseball Campout information in the City Manager's weekly, and calendared a discussion of the aforementioned at a subsequent City Council meeting.

Council Member Brown reported the following:

- May 15 Centralia Elementary School District Office Reopening
- May 15 BPPD Annual Hour of Remembrance
- May 15 State Transportation Commission Reception
- May 16 ToT Time Graduation
- May 18 Autism and Special Needs Resource Safety Fair
- May 19 Buena Park Youth Theatre Fundraiser
- May 20 LOSSAN Rail Corridor Board Meeting
- May 21 Special Briefing by State Secretary of Natural Resources
- May 22 OCSD New Headquarters Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- May 23 OCCOG Board Meeting
- May 23 Public Works Week Luncheon
- May 24 Metrolink Board Meeting

Vice Mayor Ahn reported the following:

- May 22 OCSD New Headquarters Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Vice Mayor Ahn announced that OCSD will be holding a free public event in celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, June 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will feature informational booths from different departments and agencies across Orange County; food; performances; and opportunities to win prizes. Additionally, Vice Mayor Ahn indicated that Meals On Wheels – Orange County is offering an Adult Daycare Health Center at the Buena Park Senior Activity Center, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Sonne reported the following:

- May 15-17 Climate Preparedness Conference
- May 21 OCPA Board Meeting
- May 23 Public Works Week Luncheon
- May 25 UniMent Art Show at the Source
- May 27 43rd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service
- May 28 City Council Budget Study Session
- May 28 43rd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service

Mayor Sonne calendared holding a contest for a new City song; an essay contest for Mayor's Chiefs of Staff for the Day; and, a Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the City Council Member District 2 vacancy.

8. RECESS/RECONVENE

9. STUDY SESSION (9A – 9D)

9A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A FREE HEALTH CLINIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KOREAN AMERICAN MEDICAL GROUP

Community Services Supervisor Hurtado provided a report on the Korean American Medical Group, under the leadership of Chairman Dr. Paul Chang, proposal of a collaboration with the City to hold a health clinic at the Ehlers Senior Activity Center in Legacy Hall on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event aims to provide essential healthcare services to Buena Park seniors and of neighboring communities free of charge. The event will feature a mobile dental truck, stroke screenings, diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and blood pressure checkups for all participating seniors. The health clinic precedes the City's Super Senior Saturday scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2024. It was also noted that staff costs for this event will be minimal. Furthermore, staff requested City Council direction on moving forward with the free health clinic, and to integrate the health clinic into the Super Senior Saturday event in the future.

Vice Mayor Ahn indicated that eye checkups will also be offered at the said event, and sought the City Council's support in approving the free health clinic.

Council Member Traut and Mayor Sonne spoke in support of the free health clinic.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the free health clinic in partnership with the Korean American Medical Group.

9B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO SCOREBOARDS AND TWO BATTING CAGES AT BELLIS PARK

Community Services Supervisor Kurata provided a report regarding the purchase and installation of two scoreboards and two batting cages at Bellis Park. Bellis Park is home to both Buena Park National Little League (BPNLL) and Buena Park Chargers Youth Football & Cheer. Both organizations are long running organizations with the City and each have expressed interest in enhancing their league and participant experiences. BPNLL has requested the placement of one scoreboard for Field 3 (junior division field) and two batting cages to be installed outside of the field of play alongside the first base side of Field 4. The batting cages would be centrally-located in the middle of the baseball fields to allow usage by all age divisions within BPNLL. Buena Park Chargers, on the other hand, has requested one scoreboard to be installed on the north side of the football field (Fields 1 and 2). The scoreboard would face south towards spectators that sit behind a fence line on the south side of the football field. Since the staff report was submitted, staff added roof coverings and interior sports lighting for the two existing batting cages at San Antonio Park and two new batting cages at Bellis Park. The total cost for all items is approximately \$350,000. Community Services Supervisor Kurata indicated that this project is not included in the current or future budgets. Staff sought City Council direction to consider funding this project and that it be included and prioritized in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Council Member Traut spoke in support of the purchase and installation of two scoreboards and two batting cages at Bellis Park.

Council Member Brown and Vice Mayor Ahn spoke in support of the items being requested, and indicated to refer to the Community Services Commission about including the project in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Miguel Prieto, Buena Park resident and Buena Park National Little League President, spoke regarding working to improve Bellis Park and youth sports in general.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed the Community Services Commission to discuss and incorporate the items discussed into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE PARK MONUMENT DESIGN FOR THE THEMED CITY PARKS AT FRIENDSHIP, BESSIE COLEMAN, AND HEROES PARK

Associate Engineer Miller provided a report regarding the park monument design for the themed City parks at Friendship, Bessie Coleman, and Heroes Park. At its April 23, 2024 meeting, the City Council approved the contract with Bravo Sign and Design for the installation of the six (6) new park monument signs, including modernizing the existing old sign design of San Antonio Park; and, a budget transfer from the General Fund to the ADA Parks Compliance CIP Project Account. The City Council also requested a discussion to reevaluate the new monument sign design to align with the park's theme. Associate Engineer Miller indicated that staff prepared a conceptual park monument sign for Larwin Park to better complement the new \$2.1 million park renovation project in 2018. The new sign design was then reviewed by the former Park & Recreation Commission and approved by the City Manager for installation. A few City parks already have the updated monument sign design, and the remainder of the park signs are scheduled to be replaced. Staff conducted an assessment to determine the best approach for integrating a theme into the signs, but at the same time, considering to minimize the budgetary impact while maintaining consistency and uniformity across all City parks. Staff presented park monument sign designs that are similar to the existing design while incorporating elements to the theme City parks.

The City Council selected the following designs for each of the four parks – Design 5 for Friendship Park; Design 6 for Bessie Coleman Park; and, Design 2 for Heroes Park. Additionally, the City Council directed staff to incorporate an image of a girl playing softball as the monument sign design for San Antonio Park.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France had nothing to report.



11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez had nothing to report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Sonne adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. in memory of former Atherton Police Department Police Chief and California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation President Richard Moore.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk