

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 30, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in a special meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ahn.

2A. 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. There being none, Mayor Sonne closed oral communications.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FILLING THE VACANCY IN OFFICE FOR DISTRICT 2 OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL BY APPOINTMENT OR SPECIAL ELECTION

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council either: 1) Appoint or initiate the process for appointing a resident and qualified registered voter to serve as Buena Park Council Member for District 2 until the General Election scheduled for November 5, 2024; 2) Direct staff to prepare and return with a resolution calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy to be held on November 5, 2024; or 3) Continue the discussion to a future meeting with a decision to be made before July 22, 2024.

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez discussed the governing law as it relates to filling a vacancy on the City Council; process for appointing a resident and qualified registered voter to serve as the Buena Park Council Member for District 2; process for calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy; timeline moving forward; and, a deadline to make a decision by July 22, 2024.

Council Member Traut spoke about his interest in moving forward with appointing a resident and qualified registered voter to serve as Buena Park Council Member for District 2, and appealed to the City Council for the consideration of such action.

Council Member Brown recommended to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy to be held on November 5, 2024, and to allow the voters to decide who they would want to serve as the Council Member for District 2.

Vice Mayor Ahn concurred with Council Member Brown's recommendation to call for a Special Election to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Sonne indicated that there are urgent matters concerning the residents of District 2 that would need to be addressed. Therefore, Mayor Sonne sought the City Council's consideration to appoint someone to fill the vacancy immediately.

MOTION: Traut
SECOND: Sonne

MOTION to fill the District 2 Office by City Council appointment.

MOTION: Traut
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Traut, Sonne
NOES: Ahn, Brown

MOTION FAILED to fill the District 2 Office by City Council appointment.

MOTION: Brown
SECOND: Ahn

MOTION to direct staff to prepare and return with a resolution calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy to be held on November 5, 2024.

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

MOTION CARRIED to direct staff to prepare and return with a resolution calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy to be held on November 5, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Sonne adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk