

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK  
HELD JULY 23, 2024

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 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 Rabbi Lawrence Goldmark.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rebecca Valdez, Human Resources Manager.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported the following:

- Video congratulating Buena Park graduates
- Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk informed the community regarding the *If I Were Mayor* Poster and Essay contest. Interested Buena Park students ages 6 – 18 may submit their original entries by Thursday, September 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Summer 2024 Concert in the Park, Wednesday, July 24, 2024, Tijuana Dogs, 7:00 p.m., Boisseranc Park
- Peak Park Grand Reopening, July 31, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
- Summer 2024 Concert in the Park, Wednesday, July 31, 2024, Bruno and the Hooligans – Bruno Mars Tribute, 7:00 p.m., Boisseranc Park
- Whitaker Park Grand Opening, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Summer 2024 Concert in the Park, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, New Romantics – Taylor Swift Tribute, 7:00 p.m., Boisseranc Park
- All Employee Summer Concert and National Night Out, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Boisseranc Park

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS – JOSEPH DAVENPORT, BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 20-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Sonne presented a Certificate of Recognition to Joseph Davenport, Buena Park Police Department, for his 20 years of service in the City of Buena Park.

Legislative representatives provided Certificates of Recognition to Joseph Davenport on behalf of federal, state, county, and local legislators.

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.

Jim Schoales, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the proposed City Employee Comprehensive Wellness Program and the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent transactions and use tax (local sales tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

Danielle Schell, So Cal Dyno and Performance Automotive representative, spoke regarding concerns on the requirements established by the Code Enforcement Division on the business. Ms. Schell also requested the City to require compliance throughout the City with no focus areas; to lower the costs of license and permit fees; and, to fill the District 2 Council Member vacancy.

Tomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign, spoke regarding the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and thanked the City Council for the work done to advance the Plan.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4J)

Mayor Sonne announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A through 4J 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. Mayor Sonne requested Item No. 4F for separate discussion. There being no additional requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken on Item Nos. 4A – 4J:

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

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

**Minutes**

4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of July 9, 2024.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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4B. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions approving Claims and Demands.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 14875

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,242,182.93 DEMAND NOS 425626 THROUGH 425832 CANCELLED NOS 421914, 422109, 422158, 422210 AND 422306

RESOLUTION NO. 14876

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,087,884.75 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING JULY 05, 2024

**Reports & Studies 129****4C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024**

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3533 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-955****4D. FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE CABALLERO BOULEVARD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Accept the project as complete and approve final payment to Hardy and Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$604,391.18; and, 2) Direct the Public Works Department to file a Notice of Completion.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3554 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-963****4E. CONTRACT WITH M.J. ELLS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE STAGE STOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH BIO-ONE FOR ODOR REMOVAL AND CLEANING**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a contract with M.J. Ells Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$65,615 for fire repairs to the City's Stage Stop building; 2) Approve a purchase order to Bio-One in the amount of \$24,050.80 for fire-odor remediation of the building; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract and purchase order; and, 4) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3555 Human Resources 89****4F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WORKCARE, INC. (WELLNESS SOLUTIONS) FOR A CITY EMPLOYEE COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS PROGRAM**  
To approve an agreement with Workcare Inc. to provide a wellness program for the Police Department and City employees. The program will enhance officer and employee wellness and resilience by providing employee health resources.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Workcare, Inc. (Wellness Solutions) in the amount of \$201,620 to provide a comprehensive wellness program for all Buena Park Police Department and City employees; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement; and 4) Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$201,700 from the undesignated General Fund balance for this purpose.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3515 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-947****4G. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRANSTECH ENGINEERS, INC. FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000 to provide additional on-call land development engineering services; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the amendment; 3) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the amendment; and, 4) Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 from the undesignated Water Enterprise Fund balance.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3373 C-2886 Police Dept. 117**

- 4H. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) ADDITIONAL POLICE BODY-WORN CAMERAS  
Authorize the City Manager to execute a 34-month agreement to purchase ten (10) additional police body-worn cameras. Costs will be funded by the General Fund reserves.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of ten (10) additional police body-worn cameras (BWC) with associated hardware, software, data, and evidence storage for a total 34-month cost of \$45,531.58; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Police Dept. 117 Budgets 47**

- 4I. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SEWER VACTOR TRUCK AND POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE UPFITTING AND APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the purchase of one CNG Vactor Truck from Haaker Equipment Company in the approximate amount of \$697,815.93; 2) Authorize upfitting of three police vehicles by Innovative Emergency Equipment in the approximate total amount of \$77,003.37; 3) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$105,000 for the cost of upfitting the police vehicles and additional cost of the Vactor truck due to an increase in costs since the items were originally budgeted; and, 4) Determine that dispensing with competitive bidding pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.28.080(E) is in the best interests of the City because it will result in the lowest purchase price for this vehicle.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Reports & Studies 129 Police Dept. 179 Public Works 124 Environmental Impact 179 Environmental Program (Sustainability) 180**

- 4J. APPROVAL OF CITY RESPONSES TO TWO 2023-2024 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORTS ENTITLED "LAW ENFORCEMENT'S RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR SERVICE" AND "E-BIKES: FRIEND OR FOE"

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the City's response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "Law Enforcement's Response to Mental Health Calls for Service"; and, 2) Approve the City's response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "E-Bikes: Friend or Foe."

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5C)

**Admin. Svcs. 112 Budgets 47 Planning 14**

**5A. REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING DIVISION AND RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUENA PARK MANAGEMENT UNIT COMPENSATION PLAN ESTABLISHING THE NEW PRINCIPAL PLAN CHECK ENGINEER AND ASSOCIATE PLAN CHECK ENGINEER CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS AND PAY RANGES**

To authorize the Human Resources Department to reorganize the City’s Building Division to better fit the needs of the building plan check program. This new position will cost \$220,000 in total compensation. This amount is expected to come from the City’s General Fund Undesignated Reserve Fund balance.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution amending the Buena Park Management Unit Compensation Plan establishing the Principal Plan Check Engineer and Associate Plan Check Engineer classifications and salary ranges; 2) Approve the new job classification specifications of Principal Plan Check Engineer and Associate Plan Check Engineer; and 3) Appropriate \$220,000 from the undesignated General Fund balance for this purpose.

Human Resources Manager Valdez provided a report regarding the reorganization plan for the Community and Economic Development Department, Building Division. There has been an increase in development activity in the City, which increased the number of building plan checks submitted. As a result, plan check turnaround times have increased to the point that they are negatively impacting external and internal customers. An addition of a full-time Plan Check Engineer will improve plan check turnaround times and provide one-on-one service to residents and businesses at the public counter, allow Q&A about the plan check process, or review plans over-the-counter. This new plan check position will supplement the current plan check services provided by the consultant, Hue Luu. Additionally, Human Resources Manager Valdez discussed the resolution the Buena Park Management Unit in establishing the compensation plan for the Senior Plan Check Engineer and Associate Plan Check Engineer.

Vice Mayor Ahn asked about the timeline of hiring to fill the Senior Plan Check Engineer and Associate Plan Check Engineer positions.

Human Resources Manager Valdez explained that the Human Resources Department staff will be working on the recruitment plan once it is approved by the City Council.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14877

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING DIVISION, AMENDING THE BUENA PARK MANAGEMENT UNIT COMPENSATION PLAN TO ADD THE NEW PRINCIPAL PLAN CHECK ENGINEER AND ASSOCIATE PLAN CHECK ENGINEER JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE**

**Contracts 70 C-3556 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-964**

**5B. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH TUNNELWORKS SERVICES, INC. FOR THE 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 SEWER MAIN LINING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications for the 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 Sewer Main Lining at Various Locations Project; 2) Award a contract to Tunnelworks Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,035,308.75; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$100,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Authorize a purchase order for the Solis Group in the amount of \$8,070 for administration of the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA); 5) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$1,500 for CWA administration; 6) Authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$125,000 from the Miscellaneous Sewer Systems Improvements Account (52-490010-9806) for this purpose; 7) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract; and, 8) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Associate Engineer Miller provided a report regarding approving the plans, specifications, and approval of contract with Tunnelworks Services, Inc. for the 2023-2024 and 2024-205 Sewer Main Lining Project at various locations. The City aims to annually improve the sewer main lining as a proactive measure in preserving the infrastructure’s integrity and prolonging the lifespan of the City’s sewer system. A regular maintenance strategy prevents issues such as leaks and cracks; therefore, avoiding more significant and costly problems in the future. The project work will include cleaning of the sewer mains, calcium removal, pressure grouting, lining the pipes with a Glass reinforced UV liner to prevent infiltration and exfiltration, installing top hats for several house laterals, and final video inspection of the work. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2024 and completed by April 2025. The project was advertised for competitive bids on June 5, 2024, and one (1) bid was received and publicly opened on July 8, 2024. Staff recommended that the City Council award a contract to Tunnelworks Services, Inc. of Whittier, CA in the amount of \$1,035,308.75, plus construction contingency, CWA administration, and CWA contingency funds for a total of amount of \$1,144,878.75. Since this project is a multi-trade construction contract awarded by the City that is valued at more than \$500,000, the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) will apply.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14878  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 SEWER MAIN LINING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT IN SAID CITY

**Elections 74 Taxation 144**

**5C. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMITTING TO BUENA PARK VOTERS A BALLOT MEASURE FOR A ONE CENT (1¢) TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (LOCAL SALES TAX) AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION**

It is recommended that the City Council review this report, the results of the City’s community outreach and engagement campaign, and determine whether it is appropriate to submit to Buena Park voters the question of whether to adopt a one cent (1¢) transactions and use tax (local sales tax) to generate new revenues to fund the public safety, essential services, and other General Fund services and programs being requested by residents. Staff recognizes that introducing new taxes should never be done casually, and this item is being brought forward, after three years of outreach and engagement with residents and community groups, as an option for protecting local revenues and funding the priorities identified by residents.

The proposed measure is titled the “City of Buena Park Public Safety/Essential Services Measure,” and the proposed ballot question would read as follows (the “Proposed Measure”):

CITY OF BUENA PARK PUBLIC SAFETY/ ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE. To maintain Buena Park's quality of life/essential services, such as 911 response, preventing crime including property crimes; keeping public areas safe/ clean; protecting local drinking water; fire protection/ prevention; providing safe places to play; retaining/ attracting police officers; repairing streets/ potholes; shall a measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax, providing approximately \$20,000,000 annually for general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with local control/ spending disclosure, be adopted?

Recommended Action: If the City Council desires to submit the Proposed Measure to voters at the General Municipal Election scheduled for November 5, 2024, it is recommended that the City Council: 1) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 from the undesignated General Fund reserve balance to allocate funding for the election; and, 2) Adopt the following resolutions:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY OF BUENA PARK PUBLIC SAFETY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE, A ONE-CENT (1¢) LOCAL GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX), TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF DIRECT AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND SETTING RULES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE BUENA PARK PUBLIC SAFETY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE, A ONE CENT (1¢) LOCAL GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX), FOR CONSIDERATION BY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONCERNING A LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE WITH THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton provided a report regarding the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election. Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton explained the purpose of the proposed City of Buena Park Public Safety/Essential Services Measure; the importance of locally controlled tax revenues to fund local needs; the City's current financial state; effective sales tax rates in surrounding communities; and, the previous City Council action on City Council Goals and Objectives specifically on revenue enhancements and increase locally controlled revenue services. Moreover, *Speak Up Buena Park* survey results indicated that two-thirds of the community continue to perceive the City needs additional funds. This measure will secure financial stability to keep residents and businesses safe, provide and maintain reliable infrastructure, and provide diverse programs, services, and events that build a sense of community and improve quality of life. Furthermore, staff recommended that the City Council consider placing the City of Buena Park Public Safety/Essential Services Measure on the November 2024 ballot; inform the public about the measure; and, allow the voters to decide in November if they support the measure.

Council Member Traut asked about the feasibility of implementing the Police Department Assessment Study recommendations; affording not to have roads in substandard conditions; and, carrying out the management and development of parks and recreation facilities throughout the City as stated in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan with the City's current revenues.

Mayor Sonne asked about the sales tax amount limit for municipalities in Orange County and the possibility for special districts to request for a portion of the sales tax.

City Manager France explained that the City could not afford to implement the items stated due to the limit in the City's current budget. Moreover, City Manager indicated that municipalities have a limit on the amount of sales tax that will be imposed and special districts could request a portion of the sales tax.

Roger Plumlee, Buena Park Police Association President, spoke in support of the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, and discussed the importance as well as impact of the measure on public safety in the City of Buena Park.

Randy Bak, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding suspicious activities that occur in the bike trail; in support of the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election; and regarding the ballot measure's foreseeable positive impacts to public safety and better roads for the community.

Jason Hong, Buena Park business owner, spoke in support of the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, and conveyed the improvements on safety and security in neighborhoods and businesses in Buena Park.

Bob Mote, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election. Mr. Mote also emphasized on the need for sworn and civilian positions as recommended in the study; need for other City personnel; and, immediate repair of water mains and roads. The one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) will certainly help with fulfilling the aforementioned needs.

Carmen Koo, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, and indicated the need for repair and maintenance of parks; repave City streets; and fairly compensate and retain police officers.

Baron Knight, Buena Park resident, spoke in opposition to the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election; and expressed concerns regarding the recent City Council approval of new positions and use of gas tax for City roads.

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez acknowledged email correspondences from Carol McCann, Buena Park resident, in support of, and Sara Catalan, OC Taxpayers Association, in opposition to the consideration of submitting to Buena Park voters a ballot measure for a one cent (1¢) Transactions and Use Tax (Local Sales Tax) at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

Council Member Brown emphasized the importance of the measure in an effort to improve public safety in the City.

Council Member Traut highlighted the foreseeable benefits of the measure to the community as it pertains to public safety, infrastructures, and City programs, and encouraged Buena Park voters to vote in passing the measure for a better Buena Park.

Vice Mayor Ahn discussed District 1 residents' concerns regarding recent burglaries in their area, and spoke in favor of placing the measure on the ballot for better services in Buena Park.

Mayor Sonne reiterated the clear need of the City for increased public safety, well-maintained roads, and upgraded parks and infrastructures. The City also offers various programs for its residents and this measure will continue to fund them. It is not for the City Council to decide on passing the said tax, but to inform the public of vital information, and allow the voters to make an informed decision on what is going to make a better Buena Park.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14879

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY OF BUENA PARK PUBLIC SAFETY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE, A ONE-CENT (1¢) LOCAL GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX), TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14880

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF DIRECT ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND SETTING RULES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE BUENA PARK PUBLIC SAFETY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE, A ONE-CENT (1¢) LOCAL GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX), FOR CONSIDERATION BY VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14881

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONCERNING A LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE WITH THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

6. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items.

7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR

7A. REPORT

Council Member Brown reported the following:

- July 10 Concerts in the Park: Mariachi Divas
- July 11 NOCC – Decal Spec Grand Ribbon Cutting
- July 15 LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency Board Meeting
- July 17 Concerts in the Park: K-Pop Night with SHERO
- July 18 McDonald's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- July 20 P-Nut Baseball Awards Ceremony

Council Member Traut reported the following:

- July 11 UFCW Local Workers Labor Briefing
- July 11 OCFA Best and Bravest Awards Dinner
- July 13 Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Community Resource Fair
- July 17 Concerts in the Park: K-Pop Night with SHERO
- July 17 OCFA Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
- July 18 McDonald's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- July 20 P-Nut Baseball Awards Ceremony

Council Member Traut reported participating in the July 17, 2024 OCFA Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting wherein Operations Division 7, the service area City of Buena Park belongs, has been budgeted its own Division Community Educator.

Vice Mayor Ahn reported the following:

- July 10 OC San Operations Committee Meeting
- July 10 Concerts in the Park: Mariachi Divas
- July 11 NOCC – Decal Spec Grand Ribbon Cutting
- July 13 Community Resource Fair at Hunt Branch Library Fullerton
- July 17 Concerts in the Park: K-Pop Night with SHERO
- July 18 McDonald's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- July 19 D'Festa Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at The Source

Mayor Sonne reported the following:

- July 11 OCFA Best and Bravest Awards Dinner
- July 16 OCPA Board Meeting
- July 16 BP Lock and Key Shop Anniversary
- July 17 Concerts in the Park: K-Pop Night with SHERO
- July 18 McDonald's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- July 19 D'Festa Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at The Source
- July 20 P-Nut Baseball Awards Ceremony

Mayor Sonne reported that at its July 16, 2024 OCPA Board meeting, the Board discussed the current customer programs available. Mayor Sonne informed the community about the E-Bike Safety and Incentive Pilot Program and encouraged everyone apply to receive a discount on an e-bike. Moreover, OCPA has established partnership with *OhmConnect* to help customers lower their electricity bill and earn rewards at the same time. By signing up, customers will receive alerts when energy is most expensive. Customers who save electricity during this time will be rewarded gift cards or even cash via PayPal. Lastly, OCPA provides a residential online marketplace that offers home energy products. Through the Residential Marketplace, customers have access and are able to obtain discounts on smart home devices and energy efficient products. For more information on other programs, customers may visit [www.ocpower.org](http://www.ocpower.org).

## 8. RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council did not recess.

## 9. STUDY SESSION (9A)

### 9A. APPOINT A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE FOR CAL CITIES CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk sought City Council direction on designating Council Members to serve as the voting delegate and alternate delegate for the Cal Cities Conference in October.

The City Council appointed Council Member Traut as the City's voting delegate and Council Member Brown as the alternate delegate for the Cal Cities Conference in October.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

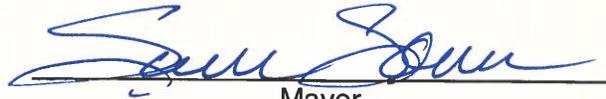
- Hilton Buena Park Anaheim Ribbon Cutting and Open House, Friday, July 26, 2024, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Summer 2024 Concert in the Park, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, New Romantics – Taylor Swift Tribute, 7:00 p.m., at Boisseranc Park
- All Employee Summer Concert and National Night Out, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Boisseranc Park
- City Manager France and Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes will be participating in a Community Broker's Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

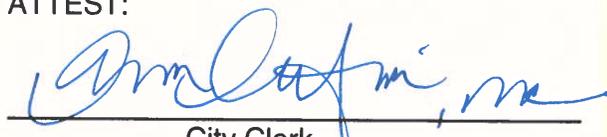
Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez advised the City Council to provide their availability for the Commissioner Recognition event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Sonne adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

