

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD JANUARY 14, 2025

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Ahn presiding.

1A. CALL TO ORDER

1B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Franco, Hoque, Sonne, Traut, Ahn
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 Eddie Fenton, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported the following:

- Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez informed the community of the application period for the 2025 Buena Park Community Academy. The Academy is an opportunity for residents and business owners to learn about various aspects of the City's operations, such as Public Safety, Planning and Development, budgeting, Parks and Recreation, to name a few. Director Jimenez also discussed the requirements to qualify and participate. The application is available on the City's website, and is due by January 31, 2025.
- Sustainability Manager Thai invited the public to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Community Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It was noted that the Community Meeting would be available via Zoom and the link will be available upon registration. This Community Meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the community to learn about the CAAP, share their ideas, and help make Buena Park a greener place to live, work, and play.
- OCFA Division Chief Matt Scheutz discussed the ongoing LA County fires; OCFA's emergency response plan; strike teams sent out to locations as high wind warning took effect in the OC; and, emergency preparedness tips.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. RECOGNITION OF OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VICE CHAIR DOUG CHAFFEE
KINDNESS AWARD RECIPIENT FOR BUENA PARK, SAM YOON, SEE SAW BEANS
AND COFFEE

Vice Mayor Traut presented the certificate in recognition of OC Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Doug Chaffee Kindness Award recipient for Buena Park See Saw Beans and Coffee Founder Sam Yoon.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented a certificate recognizing Kindness Award recipient Sam Yoon.

2B. 2024 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Community Services Supervisor Saucedo presented awards to the 2024 Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners.

- First Place – 6351 Stanton Avenue
- Second Place – 7475 Mohawk Circle
- Third Place – 6370 San Marcos Way

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates recognizing the 2024 Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners.

2C. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 13, 2025, AS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Mayor Ahn presented a proclamation recognizing January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day to The Source, Sunnyside Mortuary Buena Park, KCS Health Center, and Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates to Korean American organization representatives recognizing January 13, 2025, as Korean American Day.

3A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Fred Jung, City of Fullerton Mayor, thanked the Buena Park Police Department and OCFA for their assistance and prompt response during a plane crash incident that happened at the Fullerton Airport on January 2, 2025.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4H)

Mayor Ahn announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A through 4H 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 – 4H:

MOTION: Traut
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Traut, Sonne, Franco, Hoque, Ahn
NOES: None

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

Minutes**4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 10, 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. 14933

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,748,049.84 DEMAND NOS. 428061 THROUGH 428256 CANCELLED NOS. 424385, 424628, AND 424666

RESOLUTION NO. 14934

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$255,672.71 DEMAND NOS. 428257 THROUGH 428268 CANCELLED NOS. 428114, 428148, 428151, 428158, 428163, 428173, 428176, 428190, 428230, 428247, AND 428257

RESOLUTION NO. 14935

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$6,888,407.79 DEMAND NOS. 428269 THROUGH 428541 CANCELLED NOS. 424635, 424831, 424912, 424936, 425154, 426142, 428090, 428115, 428142, 428177, 428189, AND 428269

RESOLUTION NO. 14936

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,067,530.85 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING DECEMBER 6, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 14937

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,084,227.76 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING DECEMBER 20, 2024

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

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Proclamations 119**4D. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 13, 2025, AS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY**

Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Contracts 70 C-3552 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-961**4E. FINAL PAYMENT TO ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT FOR THE REGIO AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Accept the project as complete and approve a final payment to All American Asphalt in the amount of \$614,371.53 (less 5% retention); and, 2) Direct the Public Works Department to file a Notice of Completion.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Contracts 40 C-3515 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-947 Budgets 47**4F. BUDGET TRANSFER FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from the undesignated General Fund balance for Land Development On-Call Engineering Services.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Streets & Highways 141**4G. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF KOREATOWN FREEWAY SIGNS ON INTERSTATE 5 AND STATE ROUTE 91**

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the installation of Koreatown freeway signs on Interstate 5 and State Route 91; 2) Authorize staff to submit an encroachment application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requesting the sign installations.

Vice Mayor Traut indicated that the installation of the Koreatown freeway sign is an important step in honoring Buena Park's Korean community and businesses.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14938

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF KOREATOWN FREEWAY SIGNS ON INTERSTATE 5 AND STATE ROUTE 91

Successor Agency 600

(Successor Agency)

4H. SUCCESSOR AGENCY RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS 25-26) AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 25-26) for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; 2) Adopt a resolution approving an administrative budget from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and, 3) Forward ROPS 25-26 to the Countywide Oversight Board and State Department of Finance for review and approval.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. SA-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 (ROPS 25-26) PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34177 AND TAKING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. SA-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RECOGNIZED PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, AND TAKING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5B)**Contracts 70 C-3582 Budgets 47****5A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE (PS&E) FOR THE DALE/WHITAKER COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in the amount of \$294,808 for design services for a Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the Dale/Whitaker Complete Streets Project; 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 execute the agreement; and 4) Authorize a budget allocation in the amount of \$300,000 from the undesignated Gas Tax Fund balance for this purpose.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray provided a report regarding the Dale/Whitaker Complete Streets Project. In June 2023, the City was awarded \$4.38 million in grant funding through the 2023 Active Transportation Program (ATP). The grant funds would be dedicated to Dale/Whitaker Complete Streets Project which will cover various phases of the project, including Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED); Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E); Right of Way (R/W); and Construction. Staff is currently working on the PS&E phase of the project. Staff's goal is to develop a comprehensive set of design plans, project specifications, and an engineer's cost estimate for construction, and then solicit bids for project construction. The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the plans, specifications and engineering and received one proposal from Stantec. Stantec worked on the conceptual designs for, and are familiar about the project. It was recommended that the City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the plans, specifications, and estimate for the Dale/Whitaker Complete Streets Project.

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez acknowledged that the City received an email correspondence from Buena Park resident Mike Wilkinson in support of the item.

MOTION: Franco
SECOND: Ahn
AYES: Franco, Ahn, Hoque, Sonne, Traut
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

Contracts 70 C-3583 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-975

5B. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BIG BEN ENGINEERING FOR FIRE HYDRANT AND FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION AT 6591 BEACH BOULEVARD

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the 6591 Beach Boulevard Fire Hydrant and Fire Service Line Installation; 2) Award a contract to Big Ben Engineering in the amount of \$101,500; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$10,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Determine that dispensing with competitive formal bidding pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.28.080(H) is in the best interest of the City; 5) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and, 6) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Assistant Engineer Guzman provided a report regarding plans, specifications, and award of contract with Big Ben Engineering for the fire hydrant and fire service installation at 6591 Beach Boulevard. Mr. Tempo Owner and historic building tenant Arturo Concha submitted designs to completely renovate the interior of the existing building and substantially expand the outdoor seating areas to increase seating capacity at 6591 Beach Boulevard. This expansion included the construction of 900 square feet of new covered patio space and a new restroom building. Permits were issued for such work in July 2024 and construction commenced in September 2024. As a result of the expansion of the building, the Orange County Fire Authority is requiring the property to install a new six-inch fire hydrant assembly along with a new four-inch fire water line along the project frontage on Beach Boulevard. The new hydrant and sprinkler system is necessary to ensure adequate water flow for firefighting, particularly in situations requiring high water volume. The City is sharing the costs associated with the installation of the fire hydrant and fire line with Mr. Tempo, who agreed to reimburse the City for a portion of the costs in the amount of \$38,000. Staff reached out to four contractors for quotes and only received a response from Big Ben Engineering. The firm has successfully completed several previous City projects, and staff considered their quote competitive. Therefore, it was recommended that the City Council award a contract with Big Ben Engineering in the amount of \$101,500, authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$10,000, and adopt a resolution to waive the formal bidding process pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.28.050(H). Project construction is scheduled to begin in late January 2025, and completed by March 2025.

MOTION: Traut
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Traut, Sonne, Franco, Hoque, Ahn
NOES: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14939

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 6591 BEACH BOULEVARD FIRE HYDRANT AND FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION IN SAID CITY

Contracts 70 C-3584 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-976 Budgets 47

5C. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT WITH GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HOLDER WELL PROJECT
Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the Rehabilitation of Holder Well Project; 2) Award a contract to General Pump Company, Inc. in the amount of \$340,600; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$105,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Appropriate \$45,600 from the Undesignated Water Fund to the project account; 5) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, nonmonetary changes to the agreement; and, 6) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Assistant Engineer Lee provided a report regarding approving specifications and contract with General Pump Company, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Holder Well Project. The City's well pumps must be upgraded and maintained regularly to ensure a reliable water supply, prevent mechanical failures, and extend the pump's lifespan. Overhauling the pump improves performance, reduces downtime, and minimizes repair costs, which ultimately safeguards the community's access to clean and safe water. The Holder Well has not received a major overhaul since it was rebuilt in 2008. Improvements will include replacing the discharge head, which is currently oscillating and causing the seal to fail and water to leak; and, repairing the aged electrical motor. These improvements will increase efficiency and the discharge output as well as decrease energy consumption. The project was advertised for competitive bids on November 6, 2024, and one (1) bid was received and publicly opened on November 20, 2024. General Pump Company, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$340,600, possess the necessary licenses, and has successfully completed similar projects for the City in the past. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2025 and completed by April 2025. It was recommended that the City Council award the contract to General Pump Company, Inc., in the amount of \$340,600, approving contingency funds in the amount of \$105,000, and appropriate \$45,600 from the undesignated Water Fund balance to the project account.

MOTION: Hoque
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Hoque, Sonne, Franco, Traut, Ahn
NOES: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14940

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION OF HOLDER WELL PROJECT IN SAID CITY

Contracts 70 C-3451 C-3361 Budgets 47**5D. RESTRICTED PROJECT AGREEMENT (GRANT NO. 2025011) WITH PROVIDENCE ST. JUDE HOSPITAL FOR 2025 GRANT FUNDING**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a restricted project grant agreement with Providence St. Jude Hospital ("Hospital") for 2025; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to and make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement; 4) Appropriate \$97,820 for the construction of three pickleball courts at Heroes Park, which includes the reallocation of \$26,500 from supporting construction of the Community Gardens at Bellis Park and the Ehlers Event Center; 5) Appropriate \$12,000 for the purchase of bike racks at City parks and facilities; and 6) Appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase of Tot Time "Wellness Teaching Corner" supplies at the Buena Park Community Center.

Community Services Supervisor Kurata provided a report regarding the restricted project grant agreement with Providence St. Jude Hospital for the 2025 grant funding. Supervisor Kurata discussed the programs that the 2025 grant funding will be allocated. This includes the construction of three pickleball courts at Heroes Park; purchase of bike racks as part of the implementation of Active Transportation Plan efforts; "Wellness Teaching Corner" resources for Tot Time program; and construction of community gardens at Bellis Park and the Ehlers Event Center. The City will be responsible for entering data and grant progress reporting on the Providence *WizeHive* online platform as instructed by PSJMC. It was recommended that the City Council approve the restricted project grant agreement with Provident St. Jude Hospital for the 2025 grant funding, and appropriate \$97,820 for the construction of three pickleball courts at Heroes Park, which includes the reallocation of \$26,500 from supporting construction of the Community Gardens at Bellis Park and the Ehlers Event Center; \$12,000 for the purchase of bike racks at City parks and facilities; and, \$5,000 for the purchase of Tot Time "Wellness Teaching Corner" supplies at the Buena Park Community Center.

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez acknowledged that the City received an email correspondence from Buena Park resident Mike Wilkinson in support of the item.

Mayor Ahn thanked Providence St. Jude Hospital for awarding the City grant funding to allocate for projects that promote health and wellness.

MOTION: Hoque
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Hoque, Sonne, Franco, Traut, Ahn
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

Budgets 47 Police Dept. 117**5E. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND FOUR (4) NEW FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTEs) IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$208,000 from the undesignated General Fund balance to allocate funding to the Police Department for the remainder of the FY 2024-2025.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton provided a report regarding a budget amendment to fund four (4) new Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in the Police Department. The total compensation for these positions would amount to \$416,000 annually. At this time, the Police Department currently has four (4) vacant Police Officer positions, and the Human Resources and Police Departments continue to recruit to fill those positions. Moreover, *Speak Up Buena Park* community survey responses showed that public safety is a priority for residents. Therefore, it was recommended that the City Council approve a budget amendment for the addition of the four FTEs to provide immediate, direct public safety support to the community.

MOTION: Hoque
SECOND: Traut
AYES: Hoque, Traut, Franco, Sonne, Ahn
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

6. PUBLIC HEARING (6A)

Contracts 70 C-1667

- 6A. ORDINANCE APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-24-2 SECOND AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-27 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BY FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THREE EXISTING BILLBOARD SIGNS LOCATED AT 7312 WALNUT AVENUE AND 8301 ORANGETHORPE AVENUE
Recommended Action: 1) Adopt an Ordinance approving Development Agreement No. DA-24-2 Second Amendment to Development Agreement No. DA-27 to extend the term of the Development Agreement by five (5) years and set the expiration date of Development Agreement No. DA-27 to February 24, 2040; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

Mayor Ahn stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider to adopt an Ordinance approving Development Agreement No. DA-24-2 Second Amendment to Development Agreement No. DA-27 to extend the term of the Development Agreement by five (5) years and set the expiration date of Development Agreement No. DA-27 to February 24, 2040 for three existing billboard signs located at 7312 Walnut Avenue and 8301 Orangethorpe Avenue.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes provided a report regarding a requested amendment will affect the three existing billboards located at 7312 Walnut Avenue and 8301 Orangethorpe Avenue. Each of the billboard sites have a General Plan Land Use Designation of Light Industrial and are within the ML (Light Industrial) and BOZ (Billboard Overlay Zone) zoning district. The applicant requested a second amendment to DA-27 to extend the term of the Development Agreement by five (5) years due to unforeseen permitting difficulties with the Union Pacific Railroad and Caltrans for the conversion of one of the billboards to a digital display which delayed the project by 12 years. The requested amendment does not change the existing billboard signs and the development standards created under DA-27, and DA-27 Mod. No. 1 will remain in effect. It was recommended that the City Council adopt the Ordinance approving Development Agreement No. DA-24-2 Second Amendment to Development Agreement No. DA-27 to extend the term of the Development Agreement by five (5) years and set the expiration date of Development Agreement No. DA-27 to February 24, 2040.

Mayor Ahn opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present desired to speak.

Robyn Barrios, Clear Channel Outdoor, spoke regarding the reason for the requested extension of the agreement term.

There being no additional requests to speak, Mayor Ahn closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Sonne
SECOND: Franco
AYES: Sonne, Franco, Hoque, Traut, Ahn
NOES: None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1745

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THAT DOCUMENT ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-24-2 SECOND AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-27 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY FIVE (5) YEARS AND SET THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-27 EXPIRATION DATE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2040, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK

7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR

7A. REPORT

Council Member Hoque reported the following:

- December 14 Candy Caneland and Craft Fair 2024

Council Member Hoque congratulated the Community Services Department for a successful Candy Caneland and Craft Fair 2024, and thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with the setup of the event. Moreover, Council Member Hoque calendared a flag tribute program for veterans.

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- December 11 All Employee Christmas Luncheon
- December 12 NOCC Biggest Brightest Brunch
- December 17 OCPA Board Meeting
- December 18 Senior Grinchmas Luncheon
- December 19 OCFA Division Chief Steve Dohman's Retirement Celebration

Council Member Sonne informed the community about OCPA's *Picturing a Better Tomorrow* art contest open to all K-6 students of member cities. Students are encouraged to use their creativity to imagine and illustrate ways we can protect our planet, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and embrace renewable energy for a cleaner tomorrow. Council Member Sonne stated that a link is available on the OCPA website to download the contest flyer and entry form to include with submission. Entries will be accepted until Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager France indicated that the information about OCPA's *Picturing a Better Tomorrow* art contest will be available on the City's website.

Council Member Franco stated that NOCC whose office is located at Stage Stop Hotel is accepting donations for the LA County fire victims; announced his interest in running to represent the City of Buena Park on SCAG; and, invited the community to a townhall meeting he is holding on Saturday, January 25, 2025, 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 354.

Vice Mayor Traut reported the following:

- December 11 BP Library District Board of Trustees Oath of Office
- December 12 Keynote Speaker at Western States Carpenters Journeymen Graduation Ceremony

Vice Mayor Traut announced attending the December 11, 2024 BP Library District Board of Trustees Oath of Office wherein his wife Cheyenne Traut was appointed as Board President. Additionally, Vice Mayor Traut and Council Member Hoque jointly calendared a Public Arts and Culture Master Plan.

Mayor Ahn reported the following:

- December 11 KACCOC 2024 Gala and Installation of New President Youn Man
- December 12 NOCC Biggest Brightest Brunch
- December 12 Council Member Art Brown's Retirement Celebration
- December 13 Korean American Senior Day Celebration
- December 14 Candy Caneland and Craft Fair 2024
- December 14 District 1 Kimchi Festival
- December 14 Korean American Marines Veterans Association Year-End Event
- December 17 Buena Park Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- December 19 OCFA Division Chief Steve Dohman's Retirement Celebration
- December 19 OCMVCD Trustee Board Meeting

Mayor Ahn calendared a consideration of MOU with California Kukkiwon; and, consideration of a crosswalk at Los Coyotes Drive and Beach Boulevard.

8. RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Ahn recessed the meeting at 6:16 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

9. STUDY SESSION (9A – 9D)

9A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE FRIENDSHIP PARK IMPROVEMENT MASTER PLAN AND KOREAN PAVILION

Assistant Engineer Lee provided a report regarding the Friendship Park Improvement Master Plan and Korean pavilion. An improvement planned for Friendship Park included a Korean-themed Pavilion to create a distinctive landmark representative of the many Korean-Americans in the community. Staff collaborated with Mr. Steven Sohn of Sohn Architects to develop a preliminary conceptual design for the pavilion. Assistant Engineer Lee discussed the three options and estimated costs to improve the park: 1) Construct a Korean Pavilion, Garden and Sundial as a Stand-Alone Project; 2) Develop a Comprehensive Master Plan and Multi-Year Improvements for Friendship Park; and, 3) Multi-Phased Development Approach. It was noted that staff and Sohn Architects have been in contact with engineers and contractors that build original pavilions in Korea, and received feedback that having the pavilion designed and manufactured in Korea would provide authenticity to the park and project. Once fabricated, the pavilion would be shipped to America and assembled by the manufacturer in Buena Park. It was noted that there are no current funds allocated for this purpose. Staff sought further direction from the City Council on the preferred course of action.

Steven Sohn, Sohn Architects, explained the conceptual plan and construction of the Korean Pavilion, Garden and Sundial at Friendship Park.

The City Council discussed the options for the Friendship Park improvement; the feasibility of incorporating exercise equipment for use of older kids and seniors; and, to select Option 1 and obtain feedback from the community prior to proceeding with the next steps. The City Council also asked about the community outreach conducted for the Whitaker Park improvements and its difference to developing a master plan for Friendship Park.

Director of Community Services Box indicated that there was no master plan developed for Whitaker Park. Instead, the consultant conducted five community workshops to obtain residents' feedback.

City Manager France elaborated the difference of a park master plan as oppose to a simple conceptual plan in terms of cost and timeframe, and improvements done at Whitaker Park and Larwin Park.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mikhael explained the components of a park master plan and how it is incorporated to its surroundings. Director Mikhael also recommended to retain a consultant to assist with the community outreach and develop a conceptual plan for Friendship Park.

Council Member Franco suggested to seek options for sponsorship to fund the improvements at Friendship Park.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the construction of the Korean Pavilion, Garden and Sundial at Friendship Park, and retain a consultant to assist with community outreach and development of a conceptual plan for Friendship Park.

9B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY 2025

Director Box provided a report regarding Youth in Government Day 2025 and is intended for local sixth grade students in the Fall of 2025. The City has previously hosted the Youth in Government event, and students from local schools were educated on functions of local government, increased civic engagement, and inspired future leadership in the community. Director Box discussed that students from elementary and middle schools in Buena Park will be invited to participate. Staff also received request from teachers and counselors at Buena Park High School to restart the Youth in Government Day for high school students, and provide an opportunity for older youth to gain a deeper understanding of local governance as well as job opportunities that exist within the career tract of local government. Director Box explained the proposed logistics, timeline, session topics, next steps, and budget for the event. Staff sought City Council direction to offer events to both elementary and high school students. Furthermore, staff will work to revise the curriculum to make them age-appropriate for both grade levels and schedule dates that would work for both students, schools and City staff.

The City Council discussed extending the invitation to residents who attend high schools within Buena Park; and, distributing promotional items such as shirts and notebooks to attendees of Youth in Government Day 2025.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to hold the Youth in Government Day 2025 for Buena Park elementary and high school students in the Fall of 2025.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER AGENCY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The City Council considered appointments to outside boards and committees. City Council approved the appointment of the following City Council representatives to outside committees and gave the following direction.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	OTHER AGENCY BOARD/COMMITTEE
Council Member Franco	Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board OC Mosquito and Vector Control District (Alt.)
Council Member Hoque	OC Mosquito and Vector Control District Orange County Power Authority (Alt.) Orange County Sanitation District (Alt.)
Council Member Sonne	Orange County Power Authority
Vice Mayor Traut	Orange County Fire Authority
Mayor Ahn	Orange County Sanitation District

9D. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AS LIAISONS TO CITY COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez provided a report that per City Council Policy Statement No. 28, the City Council must appoint on Council Member to each of the City's Commissions to serve as a liaison. The liaison's role is to attend Commission meetings on a periodic basis; assist in keeping the City Council fully informed of Commission activities; ensure Commission activities align with the City Council's goals and objectives; confer with the City Council if questions arise as to duties, responsibility, functionality, authority; and, participate in the screening and application process for appointments/renewals. Director Jimenez then requested for appointments as liaisons to City Commissions and appointments to City Council Ad Hoc Committees.

The City Council selected the following City Commissions:

Climate Action	Council Member Franco
Community Development Block Grant	Mayor Ahn
Community Services	Council Member Hoque
Cultural Engagement	Vice Mayor Traut
Planning	Council Member Sonne
Traffic and Transportation	Council Member Sonne

Following the discussion, the City Council selected the following City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

Deferred Compensation Advisory	Vice Mayor Traut Council Member Sonne
Myrna Holmquist Communications Scholarship Review	Mayor Ahn Council Member Franco
Education Commission	Council Member Franco Council Member Hoque
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Mayor Ahn and Council Member Sonne

9E. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A DRAFT CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON SELECTING VOTING DELEGATES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez provided a report regarding a draft City Council Policy establishing the selection and responsibilities of voting delegates and alternate voting delegates, who represent the City Council at meetings or conferences, such as Cal Cities, City Selection Committee, and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Director Jimenez explained the policy's requirement for selection of delegates, pre-meeting Council direction, and post-meeting reporting. Director Jimenez sought the City Council review the Policy and provide direction. If approved, the Policy will return for formal approval at the City Council meeting of January 28, 2025.

The City Council directed staff to return for formal approval of the City Council Policy selecting voting delegates at the January 28, 2025 Regular City Council meeting.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported about the ongoing preparation for the Sister City visit to Korea in March.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez indicated that Council Members conducted interviews for their Commission appointments, and applicants who were appointed to Commissions have been notified.

Council Member Hoque announced the following appointments: Dominic Bendinelli (Climate Action Commission), Juanita Martinez (Cultural Engagement Commission), Jerry Frutos (Community Services), and Pradip Desai (Traffic and Transportation Commission). Council Member Hoque indicated that additional appointments will be announced at a future City Council meeting.

Council Member Franco indicated that he is still holding interviews and will be appointing individuals in the coming days.

Mayor Ahn announced the following appointments: Mirvette Judeh (Planning Commission), and Hyewon Yun (Cultural Engagement Commission). Additional appointments will be made soon.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ahn adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. in memory of former President and Navy Veteran Jimmy Carter; and, OCFA Fire Apparatus Engineer Kevin Skinner.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk