

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD JANUARY 28, 2025

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 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 Reverend Dr. Joel Van Soelen, Anaheim Christian Reformed Church.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Box, Director of Community Services.

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 a program for residents and business owners designed to connect, educate, and empower community members through engaging workshops and discussions. 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. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 562-3750.
- 49th Annual Elementary Art Show Awards Reception, Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber.

Vice Mayor Traut inquired about the Buena Park Police Department's participation or collaboration with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ('ICE') in the implementation of the current administration's immigration-related policies and actions.

Police Chief Nunes explained that the Buena Park Police Department is a law enforcement agency that upholds the law to keep citizens safe, and has built a strong relationship with the community through the years. Police Chief Nunes also explained SB 54 or the California Values Act which limits California Law Enforcement resources for federal immigration enforcement. Police Officers are prohibited from asking an individual's immigration status. Buena Park City Jail does not share personal information of arrestees with ICE and does not work directly with ICE agents. Police Chief Nunes expressed understanding of the community's concerns, and assured that the Buena Park Police Department will continue to protect and serve all residents without regard of immigration status.

2. PRESENTATIONS**2A. BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS COMMENDATION PRESENTED TO DON HUNT AND TEAGAN HUNT**

Police Chief Nunes presented certificates of Citizens Commendation to Buena Park residents Don Hunt and Teagan Hunt.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates of Citizens Commendation to Buena Park residents Don Hunt and Teagan Hunt.

2B. BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT LIFESAVING AWARDS PRESENTED TO CORPORAL JONATHON CHOI AND OFFICER SERGIO CERDA

Police Chief Nunes presented lifesaving awards certificates to Corporal Jonathan Choi and Officer Sergio Cerda.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates of recognition to Corporal Jonathan Choi and Officer Sergio Cerda.

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.

Teddy Lloyd, Cerritos resident, thanked the City Council for the approval of additional pickleball courts in the City; and, offered assistance to members of the community interested in applying to UCLA and to the City in preparation of the budget.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4F)

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

MOTION: Franco
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Franco, Sonne, Hoque, Traut, 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 January 14, 2025.

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. 14941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$854,832.44 DEMAND NOS. 428542 THROUGH 428616 CANCELLED NOS. 424847, 428041, 428122, 428123, 428136, 428162, 428171, 428192, 428193, 428194, 428217, 428229, 428252, AND 428604

RESOLUTION NO. 14942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$5,390,721.92 DEMAND NOS. 428617 THROUGH 428819 CANCELLED NOS. 428098 AND 428156

RESOLUTION NO. 14943

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,048,300.81 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING JANUARY 3, 2025

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

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Reports & Studies 129 Taxation 144 Tourism & Conv. 184**4D. TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT (TMD) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2024-2025**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve and file FY 2024-2025 Annual Report for the Buena Park Tourism Marketing District (TMD).

APPROVED the recommended action.

City Council 55 Policies 186**4E. APPROVE CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT NO. 52 SELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve City Council Policy Statement No. 52 Selection of Voting Delegates.

APPROVED the recommended action.

City Council 55 Policies 186**4F. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 48 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve amended City Council Policy No. 48: Electronic Signatures, disallowing the use of secure electronic signatures in filing an original Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 in electronic format through DocuSign; and, 2) Prohibit the use of electronic signatures on vital City records, including but not limited to Resolutions, Ordinances, and Minutes, as determined by the City Clerk of her/his designee.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5C)

Codes 64 Ordinance 450**5A. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.64 (SIDEWALK VENDING) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD REGULATIONS ALLOWING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ILLEGAL SIDEWALK VENDING FACILITIES AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE IMPOUNDMENT FEE AMOUNT**

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.64 (Sidewalk Vending) of the Buena Park Municipal Code to add regulations allowing the impoundment of illegal sidewalk vending facilities; and 2) Adopt a Resolution establishing impound fees for sidewalk vending facilities.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes provided a report regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 5.64 (Sidewalk Vending) of the Buena Park Municipal Code in compliance with the provisions of the California Safe Sidewalk Vending Act, Senate Bill 946 (SB 946), which became effective in January 2019. SB 946 balanced the economic needs of vendors with the interests of local communities and businesses. It also allowed local agencies to impose reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of sidewalk vending activities, but prohibited local agencies from banning all sidewalk vending or criminalizing such activity. The proposed ordinance would create a permitting and regulatory program for sidewalk vending, while preserving public parks, rights-of-way, and other public places for the use and enjoyment of the community. The program would require sidewalk vendors to obtain a Sidewalk Vending Permit from the City, a City business license, regulates the size of "sidewalk vending facilities," and impose generally acceptable operating requirements. Both Chapter 5.64 of the BPMC and the County of Orange require vendors obtain applicable licenses and certifications from the OC Health Care Agency to ensure that food is prepared, stored, and served in a safe and hygienic manner. Moreover, Director Foulkes explained SB that 946 prevents the City from criminalizing violations of Chapter 5.64, and only allows the City to issue administrative citations or revoke a vendor's Sidewalk Vending Permit (if a permit was applied for and issued).

Vice Mayor Traut asked about the City's experience with the operators of sidewalk vending businesses and the current enforcement in place.

Council Member Franco suggested for the City to provide an educational opportunity to the vendors regarding permitting and regulatory program for sidewalk vending in the City.

Council Member Hoque inquired about the length of time the City has educated sidewalk food vendors about a pathway to operate as required by the City and the OC Health Care Agency.

Director Foulkes explained the City's experience with large-scale sidewalk food vendors and efforts to assist operators to obtain the permit required by the City and the OC Health Care Agency. Staff has verbally informed sidewalk food vendors of the City's requirements as well as obtaining applicable licenses and certifications from the OC Health Care Agency. Additionally, staff would create and distribute written materials, available in multiple languages, in an effort to further educate the vendors about lawful sidewalk vending activities in areas that are allowed. The adoption of the proposed Ordinance would support the City's efforts to impose unlicensed sidewalk vendor enforcement without having to rely on the OCHCA to impound food, merchandise, or equipment.

Mayor Ahn requested City staff inform sidewalk vendors, especially those in food-related sidewalk vending, regarding the amendment to Chapter 5.64 (Sidewalk Vending) of the Buena Park Municipal Code, regulations allowing the impoundment of illegal sidewalk vending facilities, that will take into effect in 30 days.

MOTION: Hoque
SECOND: Sonne
AYES: Hoque, Sonne, Traut, Ahn
NOES: Franco

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

ORDINANCE NO.1746

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.64 (SIDEWALK VENDING) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOUNDING OF UNLAWFUL SIDEWALK VENDING FACILITIES BY CITY CODE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

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.14944

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND STORAGE OF SIDEWALK VENDING FACILITIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 5.64 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

Econ. Dev. 191

5B. CONSIDERATION OF A VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND BUENA PARK AUTO CENTER DEALERSHIPS

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Vehicle Incentive Program and the associated Government Code Section 53083 Report; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the Program Guidelines and make any non-monetary changes to the Program as necessary.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes provided a report regarding a vehicle rebate program by and among the City of Buena Park and Buena Park Auto Center dealerships. California Government Code Section 53083 requires cities to provide information to the public regarding the details of any proposed economic development subsidy prior to adoption by the City Council. Moreover, the proposed economic development program will incentivize residents and businesses to purchase or lease vehicles locally from franchised dealerships at the Buena Park Auto Mall by offering a \$500 rebate to a resident or business owner for each vehicle purchased or leased. Vehicles purchased locally generate immediate sales tax revenue for the City, and increase the likelihood of those vehicles receiving future services and repairs at the local dealership producing further economic benefits to the City and the dealerships in the form of sales tax and increases employment opportunities. Director Foulkes explained the program summary, costs, and projected economic impacts. If approved with a program start date of April 1, 2025, staff requested a budget allocation in the amount of \$150,000 from the FY 2024-25 budget towards program reimbursements.

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

John Sackrison, representative for participating Buena Park Auto Center dealerships, spoke regarding the proposed vehicle rebate program, and sought City Council's support to adopt the program.

The City Council spoke in support of the vehicle rebate program with a start date of April 1, 2025 in alignment with the date of effect of the new local sales tax, and encouraged residents to purchase or lease vehicles in the City. The City Council also discussed the approval of the budget allocation in the amount of \$150,000 from the FY 2024-25 budget towards program reimbursements.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

Orange County Power Authority 122.10

5C. ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY (OCPA) UPDATE AND RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY DESIGNATE THE CITY'S DEFAULT ENERGY RATE TO SMART CHOICE FOR CITY FACILITIES, RESIDENTS, AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file an update by Buena Park's default energy provider, Orange County Power Authority (OCPA); and 2) Consider a resolution updating the default renewable energy plan for Buena Park residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from the highest tier of renewable energy, 100% Renewable Choice, to the Smart Choice mid-tier option.

Assistant City Manager Fenton provided a report regarding a resolution to temporarily designate the City's default energy rate to smart choice for City facilities, residents, and business customers. Updating the default renewable energy plan for Buena Park's municipal accounts from the highest tier, OCPA 100% Renewable Choice, to the mid-tier OCPA Smart Choice option will result in annual saving of approximately \$55,000 for all City accounts. Assistant City Manager Fenton also noted that customers who already opted to Smart Choice will not be affected by the change.

Joe Mosca, OCPA CEO, provided an update and review of the OCPA State of the Agency. Mr. Mosca discussed the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and how CCAs work; the new renewable energy generation; OCPA's 2025 rate design; energy market challenges and rising costs; SCE generation rate reductions; and, OCPA's proposal to temporary opt-down to the Smart Choice rate for Buena Park customers.

Jacque Henderson, Director of Communications & External Affairs, explained OCPA's efforts to support the community; and, current programs offered to customers. Ms. Henderson indicated their planned efforts to notify Buena Park OCPA customers of the change in default rate product with key information twice via mail. Mailings will go out in February and March 2025.

Council Member Franco indicated that most of Buena Park's residents are on less flexible income, and inquired about the potential savings for residents under the basic choice.

Council Member Sonne discussed the customers option to opt-up or opt-down of OCPA's rate tiers and the resources that would financially assist residents pay their bills.

Vice Mayor Traut spoke in favor of the proposal to temporary opt-down to the Smart Choice rate for Buena Park customers in an effort to keep the rates low while still advancing clean energy goals for the community.

Mayor Ahn requested informational mailings be available in multiple languages.

Council Member Hoque requested that a statement be added on the flyer regarding contacting the City Council for any inquiries, and that a response template be provided to the City Council to address residents' concerns.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

RESOLUTION NO.14945

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE ENERGY RATE PRODUCT SELECTIONS FOR CITY FACILITIES, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE SERVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

6. PUBLIC HEARING (6A)

Codes 64 Ordinances 450 Reports & Studies 129

6A. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT ADDING CHAPTER 3.60 TO TITLE 3 ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR WATER FACILITIES, SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AND PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES; ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEXUS FEE STUDY; AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FEE AMOUNTS FOR EACH OF THE RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Recommended Action: 1) Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving a nexus study for development impact fees pertaining to water, sewer collection and treatment, transportation, and parks and recreation facilities, and affordable housing in-lieu fees; 2) Adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 3.60 (Development Impact Fees) to Title 3 of the Buena Park Municipal Code establishing development impact fees for water facilities, sewer collection and treatment facilities, transportation facilities and parks and recreation facilities; and 3) Adopt a resolution establishing the fee amounts for each of the foregoing development impact fees.

Mayor Ahn stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider a resolution approving a Nexus Study for development impact fees pertaining to water, sewer collection and treatment, transportation, and parks and recreation facilities, and affordable housing in-lieu fees; an ordinance adding Chapter 3.60 (Development Impact Fees) to Title 3 of the Buena Park Municipal Code, and a resolution establishing the fee amounts for each of the foregoing development impact fees.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes provided a report regarding existing development impact fees, which includes the park-in-lieu fee adopted under the Quimby Act in 1991 and later updated in 2002, and a traffic impact fee which was adopted in 1993 and has never been updated. The City utilizes its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to identify and plan for improvements and expansions to park and transportation facilities that will be needed to serve future development, and these existing development impact fees are levied on new developments to fund these projects. Director Foulkes also explained the addition of the new Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee, new Water and Sewer Impact Fees, and new Parks In-Lieu Fees, and summarized the proposed Development Impact Fees and amounts. It was noted that the item was duly-noticed, and the Nexus Study and associated resolutions and ordinances have been prepared in compliance with applicable statutory requirements. Director Foulkes outlined the actions needed to implement the new Development Impact Fees, if the City Council desires to adopt and implement the development impact fees outlined in the Nexus Study.

Council Member Franco indicated that the policy presented is an update to what has already been in place for many years, and sought clarification regarding the applicability of the development impact fees to new construction projects.

Council Member Sonne asked about other cities implementation of a Fee Deferral Ordinance, and the feasibility of decreasing some of the fees for those building affordable, lower-income housing for sale.

Director Foulkes explained that the new development impact fees are only applicable to the new, additional square footage. Moreover, a Fee Deferral Ordinance serves as a bond and allows developers defer payment of development fees prior to completion of the project. Many cities in Orange County offer fee deferrals and pose more value on larger projects.

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

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez acknowledged that the City received an email correspondence from the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc. requesting to consider further review of the development impact fees prior to approval.

Vice Mayor Traut asked about the consideration of incentivizing affordable, low-income housing developers by lowering the development impact fees specifically for this reason.

Director Foulkes discussed the approach many legislative bodies consider is that for new mixed housing developments, wherein deed restricted, affordable units would not be subject to the park-in-lieu fee. If this is the approach the City Council would want to proceed, staff would incorporate it into the resolution. On another note, Director Foulkes discussed that revenue collected from development impact fees would be used to subsidize other projects. The City would have the flexibility on how the funds would be expended.

Mayor Ahn indicated the desire for future developments in the City for economic growth. Also, Mayor Ahn expressed needing additional time to review the options presented, and suggested to table the item for future discussion.

City Manager France explained that if the City Council decides to approve the fees as presented and results in a stagnation of development in Buena Park, the City Council could return at a subsequent meeting to revise the fees.

Council Member Sonne recommended providing a 50% fee waiver for affordable for sale housing unit developments.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO.14946

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEXUS STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES PERTAINING TO WATER FACILITIES, SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN-LIEU

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1747

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 3.60 (DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES) TO TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR WATER FACILITIES, SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AND PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

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

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

RESOLUTION NO.14947

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND STORAGE OF SIDEWALK VENDING FACILITIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 5.64 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR

7A. REPORT

Council Member Hoque reported the following:

- January 11 Keynote Speaker at Centralia Elementary School District's Annual GATE Conference
- January 16 OCMVCD Board Meeting
- January 21 Realtor and Community Partner Open House at Centralia Elementary School District
- January 23 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Meeting
- January 25 Buena Park Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

Council Member Hoque calendared to incorporate a resource fair to the 2025 Veterans Honor Lunch. Council Member Hoque also requested to receive an update on the proposed federal funding and its impact on City operations.

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- January 22 OCPA Board Meeting
- January 23 Oath of Office Ceremony for BPPD Officers
- January 23 CivicWell Board Meeting
- January 23 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Meeting

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- January 22 Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board Meeting

Council Member Franco requested a copy of the TMD report, and calendared a discussion on the progress of the residential construction at 7962 Pinchot Court.

Vice Mayor Traut reported the following:

- January 15 OCFA Legislation and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
- January 23 OCFA Board Meeting
- January 23 OCFA EMS Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- January 25 Nobibi Buena Park Grand Opening

Vice Mayor Traut announced the appointments of Chair Phil Bacerra, City of Santa Ana Council Member, and Vice Chair Joe Kalmick, City of Seal Beach Council Member, to the OCFA Board during the January 23, 2024 meeting. Additionally, Vice Mayor Traut and Council Member Franco jointly calendared a subcontractor disclosure ordinance.

Mayor Ahn reported the following:

- January 15 Reception for Choongchungnam-Do, South Korea Delegation
- January 15 OC Sanitation District Board Meeting
- January 18 Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Roundtable for Veterans
- January 22 OC Sanitation District Trustee Board Meeting
- January 23 OCCOG District 21 Election
- January 23 WE LEAD BP Workshop
- January 23 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Meeting
- January 25 Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Community Conversation
- January 25 Buena Park Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

Mayor Ahn calendared Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

8. RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Ahn recessed the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

9. STUDY SESSION (9A – 9D)

9A. REPORT FROM NAVIGATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREATION

Community Services Supervisor Nielsen provided a report from the Navigation Oversight Commission Ad Hoc Committee on homelessness prevention and affordable housing creation. The Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of three Commissioners, three City staff, and three residents, was created in 2023 and was tasked with developing recommendations to the Navigation Center Oversight Commission that focuses on homelessness prevention or reduction through affordable housing creation. Supervisor Nielsen discussed the pathways to address housing shortage; key facts and statistics around housing affordability; current and future affordable housing developments; and, the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations. Staff sought City Council direction on whether or not to pursue the recommendations presented. City staff will develop the details of the program or policy, and agendize such action for future City Council consideration and formal adoption.

Carol McCann, Navigation Center Oversight Commission Chair and Buena Park resident, spoke regarding reducing homelessness and the demand of getting people into shelters. Ms. McCann also thanked the City Council for their support.

The City Council thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for a job well done on developing recommendations that would focus on homelessness prevention or reduction through affordable housing creation.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed the Ad Hoc Committee to return with costs and an in-depth explanation of each recommendation at a subsequent City Council meeting.

9B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE DEDICATION OF THE BUENA PARK METROLINK STATION TO FORMER MAYOR ART BROWN

Management Analyst Capistrano provided a report regarding the dedication of the Buena Park Metrolink Station to former Mayor and Council Member Arthur "Art" Brown. Dedicating landmarks or buildings to individuals is a symbolic gesture that recognizes their contributions, achievements, and significance to the community. As such, Mr. Brown has provided exemplary service to the City of Buena Park, and dedicated over three decades to civic leadership and community involvement. Management Analyst Capistrano acknowledged Mr. Brown's service in multiple branches of the United States military; as a Deputy Sheriff in Los Angeles; as a Buena Park Council Member, with eight terms as Mayor; as a curator of the Buena Park Historical Society; as an active member of the Buena Park Cable Foundation and the Buena Park Noon Lions Club; as Chair of the OC Transportation Authority; as a member of the Southern California Association of Governments wherein he served as the President in 2023. Currently, there is an existing dedication plaque honoring Mr. Brown at the Buena Park Metrolink Station. However, to further commemorate his contributions, additional options for informal dedications or naming within and around the station could be considered. Management Analyst Capistrano explained the five options for City Council's consideration, and sought City Council direction on whether to proceed with any type of commemoration for former Buena Park Mayor and Council Member Brown at or near the Buena Park Metrolink Station.

The City Council discussed the options to commemorate former Buena Park Mayor and Council Member Brown at or near the Buena Park Metrolink Station.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with Option 1, installing an informal station name along the northern elevator tower, and Option 2, installing a commemorative sign at the station's entrance.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING COUNCIL DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Senior Management Analyst Fewer provided a report regarding Council district community meetings. Community meetings would be held on an annual basis with an aim to provide district residents with an update on City projects, services, and programs, especially matters specific to their district, and to increase community engagement and promote the positive things happening in Buena Park. Residents will be given an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions to appropriate department staff at the conclusion of the meeting. Additionally, other governmental agencies, such as local school officials or school district officials, would be invited to provide updates, and City Commissioners would be encouraged to attend their district meeting. Marketing staff within the City Manager's Office would advertise each meeting to community members through social media platforms, signs within neighborhoods, e-mail blasts, and text messages in order to hopefully garner a wide audience. Staff sought City Council direction to proceed with the Council district community meetings, and work with each Council Member interested in hosting a meeting in their respective district to select a date, time, and location to hold the meeting.

The City Council discussed the potential benefits of holding Council district community meetings; the success of the District 2 community meeting held by Council Member Franco; and expenses associated with holding Council district community meetings.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to work with each Council Member interested in hosting a meeting in their respective district either every quarter or every month.

9D. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND KUKKIWON CALIFORNIA BRANCH, LLC

Item taken out of order.

Assistant City Manager Fenton provided a report regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Buena Park and Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC. Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC, a local branch of Kukkiwon corporation, aims to strengthen the global influence of Taekwondo and promote collaboration through its California branch by fostering the development of Taekwondo instructors in the state. Kukkiwon plays a central role in training Taekwondo instructors and issuing official certifications, known as Dan certificates. The California Branch also provides Kukkiwon-certified Taekwondo programs and instructor training; host Taekwondo seminars, events, and international certification programs; and strengthen collaboration with local Taekwondo schools. Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC expressed interest in working with the City to promote Taekwondo culture and its educational value within the community; support the growth and activation of Taekwondo programs in Buena Park; enhance regional publicity through international Taekwondo events and cultural exchanges; and consider Taekwondo education in Buena Park's local elementary and middle schools. In exchange, Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC requested that the City provide City facilities, at no cost, to be used for Taekwondo events, and that the City advertise the Taekwondo programs within the community and encourage community participation. Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC suggested that the MOU be effective for five (5) years, with the possibility of extension upon mutual agreement by both parties. Staff sought City Council direction regarding negotiating an agreement with Kukkiwon California Branch and return at a future City Council meeting for formal approval.

The City Council asked about the events and classes Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC would hold in the City; the organization's vision on programs to offer in Buena Park; Kukkiwon's connection with the larger Taekwondo community; existing Taekwondo classes being offered by the Community Services Department; availability of City facilities to accommodate Kukkiwon Taekwondo classes; consideration of skill set and age for Taekwondo classes; and request for taxpayers-subsidized use of City facilities by certain organizations.

Al Sim, Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC Executive Director, indicated that at least one event a month will be held in the City. This event is intended for Dan certificate examinations and issuance. Mr. Sim explained that Kukkiwon is an organization that does Taekwondo academic research and establishes the world standards for Taekwondo. Kukkiwon aims to teach individuals discipline and a more peaceful way of interacting with one another. In addition, the organization plans to offer Taekwondo classes free of charge to Buena Park residents, if a facility is to be provided.

Director of Community Services Box indicated that Taekwondo classes are currently being offered year-round to Buena Park residents for a fee. At this time, the City has a full schedule of events and classes at all City facilities. However, Director Box offered to check the calendar and see when a space would be available. As for requests from organizations regarding use of City facilities, this only applies to City-sponsored programs. Some of the organizations include the churches within the Buena Park jurisdiction, the OC Chamber of Commerce and the Buena Park Boys and Girls Club. The City also has MOUs with school districts for use of City facilities at no cost.

Vice Mayor Traut suggested the City enter into an MOU with Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC for a term not to exceed two years, including use of up to five event spaces per year pending availability.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with an MOU with Kukkiwon California Branch, LLC for a term not to exceed two years, including use of up to five event spaces per year pending availability, and return at a future City Council meeting for formal approval.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France had nothing to report.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez thanked the City Council for appointing members to the City Commissions and Committees.

Council Member Sonne announced the following appointments: Annie Singhal (Climate Action Commission), Tanya Massed (Community Development Block Grant Committee), Alicia De La Luz (Community Engagement Commission), Colette Chencinski (Community Services Commission), Monique Davis (Planning Commission), and Pete Arellano (Traffic and Transportation Commission).

Mayor Ahn announced the appointment of Art Brown as the District 1 representative to the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ahn adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. in memory of Buena Park resident, and founding family member and third generation CEO of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach Kenneth G. Walker.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk