

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD APRIL 22, 2025

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 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 Anna Almquist, Assistant City Clerk.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported the following:

- Love Buena Park, April 26, 2025, 7:30 a.m. Event begins at Buena Park City Hall.
- Senior Volunteer Lunch, April 23, 2025, 12:00 p.m., at Ehlers Senior Activity Center.
- Older Americans Month Breakfast, May 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Ehlers Event Center – Legacy Hall.
- E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event, April 26, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the City's Entertainment Corridor Parking Lot. There will be compost and mulch given away while supplies last.

Sustainability Manager Thai informed the community regarding the City of Buena Park's Electric Law Equipment Rebate Program wherein participants may replace old, gas landscaping equipment with electric models and receive rebates from AQMD and the City. To learn more, visit www.buenapark.com/lawnrebate. Sustainability Manager Thai also announced the call for nominations for the Buena Park Sustainability Champion. Nominations of residents or local businesses who go above and beyond to make the community greener may be made at www.buenapark.com/sustainabilitychampion. Nominations close on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Office Aide/Passport Agent Pham provided information regarding the 2025 Passport Walk-ins that is being offered until August 28, 2025. Passport walk-ins are available every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Buena Park City Hall. For passport-related questions, please contact the Passport Services Division at (714) 562-3758.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT JEET PAREKH, BOY SCOUT TROOP 650

Council Member Sonne presented a certificate recognizing Eagle Scout Jeet Parek, Boy Scout Troop 650.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented a certificate recognizing Eagle Scout Jeet Parekh, Boy Scout Troop 650.

2B. 2024-2025 BUENA PARK HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Council Member Franco presented a certificate recognizing Maroun Nehme, 2024-2025 Buena Park High School Teacher of the Year and 2024-2025 District Teacher of the Year.

Council Member Franco presented a certificate recognizing Paulina Lugo, 2024-2025 Buena Park High School Classified Employee of the Year.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates recognizing Maroun Nehme, 2024-2025 Buena Park High School Teacher of the Year and 2024-2025 District Teacher of the Year, and Paulina Lugo, 2024-2025 Buena Park High School Classified Employee of the Year.

2C. RECOGNITION OF 2024 AND 2025 KOREAN RESOURCE FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Community Services Supervisor Hurtado introduced the 2024 and 2025 Korean Resource Fair volunteers.

Mayor Ahn presented certificates to the volunteers from *Christians 2 Change* (C2C).

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented certificates recognizing the volunteers from *Christians 2 Change* (C2C).

2D. ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY (OCPA) ART COMPETITION WINNER PRESENTATION

OCPA External Affairs Manager Gabe Dima-Smith introduced fifth grade art competition winner Chloe Hayi Kim and discussed the meaning behind Chloe's winning artwork.

Council Member Hoque presented a certificate recognizing OCPA Art Competition Winner Chloe Hayi Kim.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented a certificate recognizing OCPA Art Competition Winner Chloe Hayi Kim.

2E. RECOGNITION OF BUENA PARK LIEUTENANT JUDY WILLIAMS FOR HER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AND HONORING AND COMMENDING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT

Mayor Ahn presented a certificate recognizing Buena Park Lieutenant Judy Williams for her 30 years of service, and honoring and commending her upon her retirement.

Lieutenant Judy Williams thanked everyone who mentored her throughout her 30-year journey, and shared words of encouragement to the men and women of the Buena Park Police Department.

Senior Field Representative Joe Pak, on behalf of Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, presented a certificate recognizing Buena Park Lieutenant Judy Williams for her 30 years of service, and honoring and commending her upon her retirement.

Police Chief Nunes commended Lieutenant Judy Williams for her hard work, dedication, and contributions to the department and to the Buena Park community.

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.

James Carver, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the creation of a pocket park at Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court.

Brad Jones, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding his concern on semitrucks parking in restricted red zones at the intersection of Oriole Drive and Orangethorpe Avenue as a visibility issue and sought City Council action to address such matter.

Jeff Korenberg, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding the consideration in increasing Council Members' monthly salary.

Stacey Coveny, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding her concerns on current road conditions in the City, particularly along La Palma Avenue and Valley View Street.

Bill McGinness, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding the proposed parking improvements on the vicinity of Grand Avenue.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4G)

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

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

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

Minutes**4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of April 8, 2025.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions approving Claims and Demands.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 14968

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$2,069,377.50 DEMAND NOS. 429916 THROUGH 430141 CANCELLED NOS. 426344, 426415, 426688 AND 429830

RESOLUTION NO. 14969

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$18,347.47 COVERING RETIREE PAYROLL ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

Reports & Studies 129**4C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025**

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Commendations 85**4D. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING BUENA PARK LIEUTENANT JUDY WILLIAMS ON HER RETIREMENT**

Recommended Action: Adopt resolution.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14970

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING JUDY WILLIAMS ON HER RETIREMENT

Contracts 70 C-3318 C-2824 Emergency Services 188**4E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE ALERTOC EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

To approve the MOU issued by the OCSD relating to the City's use of the new implementation of the AlertOC emergency notification system through December 30, 2029.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) agreeing to use the new version of the AlertOC emergency notification system according to the specified terms; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make necessary, non-monetary changes to the MOU; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the MOU and any other necessary documents related to approval of the MOU.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14971

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE ALERTOC EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Master Plan/General Plan 14.2**4F. APPROVAL OF THE BUENA PARK GENERAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (APR) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD)**

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) and the Housing Element Annual Report; 2) Authorize the Community and Economic Development Department to transmit the reports to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) as required by state law; and, 3) Authorize the Community and Economic Development Department to make any changes to the report in response to comments received from HCD or OPR.

Council Member Franco asked for a summary of the City of Buena Park Housing Element; and the City's plans to meet the housing requirements established by the state.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes explained that the Housing Element is a component of the General Plan. The purpose of the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) is to provide the City Council with an update of the City's progress in implementing its General Plan goals and policies. Every eight years, every city in California has to go through an update on its Housing Element and identify locations where future housing could be developed; the Plan is adopted by the City Council; and, certified by the state. This annual assessment is intended to provide the City Council an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the General Plan policies or approach to implementation to ensure that the City continues to meet its stated vision. Specific to the General Plan Housing Element, HCD requires cities to prepare and submit an annual progress report (APR) on the jurisdiction's status and progress in implementing its housing element using forms and definitions adopted by the HCD. Furthermore, the City is moving towards compliance to the housing requirement set by the state as more housing development projects are being approved and permitted.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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4G. APPROVAL OF ANTI-TOBACCO AND VAPING WATER BILL INSERT

Recommended Action: 1) Approve an anti-tobacco and anti-vaping water bill insert.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5D)

Contracts 70 C-3603 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-980

5A. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ONYX PAVING COMPANY FOR THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications for the 2024-2025 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project; 2) Award a contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,133,000; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$115,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Authorize construction engineering in the amount of \$60,000; 5) Authorize a purchase order for The Solis Group in the amount of \$4,140 for administration of the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA); 6) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$1,380 for the CWA administration; 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.

Assistant Engineer Tran provided a report regarding the plans, specifications, and contract for the 2024-2025 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The Project will include removing and replacing street pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, cross gutters, curb ramps, striping, and traffic loops in the area near Stanton Avenue and Crescent Avenue. Work limits include Maple Drive, Mulberry Avenue, Mango Way, Lime Circle, Larch Circle, Locust Drive, Linden Circle, Lemon Circle, Grand Avenue Frontage Road, Adams Way, Jackson Way, and the alley parallel to Mulberry Avenue. Staff issued an RFP on March 27, 2025, and received five bids on April 10, 2025. The lowest, responsible bid was determined to have been submitted by Onyx Paving Company, Inc. of Anaheim, CA, in the amount of \$1,133,000. The contractor possesses the required license and has completed similar projects for other cities such as Dana Point, Eastvale, and Arcadia. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2025 and be completed by July 2025. It was recommended that the City Council award the contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,133,000, approve a contingency fund in the amount of \$115,000, and authorize construction engineering funds in the amount of \$60,000.

Vice Mayor Traut asked about the possibility of including the Grand Avenue Frontage Road in the 2024-2025 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Assistant Engineer Tran indicated that if approved by the City Council, the Grand Avenue Frontage Road will be included in the 2024-2025 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14972

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2024-2025 ANNUAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT IN SAID CITY

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5B. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 WATER MASTER PLAN

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution implementing the 2024 Water Master Plan.

Assistant Engineer Tran and Associate Engineer Miller provided a report regarding a resolution adopting the 2024 Water Master Plan. The purpose of the Water Master Plan is to understand the current water supply and demand. It aims to identify possible efficiencies and promote best practices for managing water supply, improving water use efficiency, and conserving water. The Water Master Plan will also serve as a basis for reviewing the water demands for new developments at an earlier stage of the process and strategically enhancing water systems at locations where new developments are anticipated through the Buena Park Housing Element. The City's previous Master Plan was developed in 2019, and needed to be updated to incorporate changing conditions. It was explained that the 2024 Water Master Plan serves as a road map for planning and development of the City's water system, and be used as a guideline for the City to prioritize its water CIP projects over the next several years and to operate and maintain its water system, identify improvements and deficiencies.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14973

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2024 WATER MASTER PLAN IN SAID CITY

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5C. PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AUTO CENTER DRIVE, EAST OF WESTERN AVENUE

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Simpson & Simpson Holdings, LLC for the sale of the properties located on the south side of Auto Center Drive, east of Western Avenue; 2) Find the transaction exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15332, and authorize staff to file a notice of exemption; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and 4) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement and take various actions in connection therewith.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes provided a report regarding the purchase and sale agreement of the City-owned property on the south side of Auto Center Drive, east of Western Avenue. In December 2022, Simpson & Simpson Holdings, LLC ("Developer") submitted a Conditional Use Permit and Variance application for a new 28,825-sq. ft., 36-foot high, two-story automobile dealership (Simpson Cadillac) with a roof parking deck and an attached service garage. Moreover, Director Foulkes explained the details of the purchase and sale agreement; the City's Surplus Lands Act (SLA) compliance; and, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. It was recommended that the City Council approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Simpson & Simpson Holdings, LLC for the sale and development of the property with a Cadillac dealership.

Vice Mayor Traut thanked Simpson & Simpson Holdings, LLC for investing in the City; and, asked staff about the estimated revenue expected from a dealership the size of Simpson Cadillac.

Director Foulkes indicated that based on the size of such dealership, the annual estimated revenue is about one million dollars in sales tax.

David Simpson, Simpson Cadillac President, thanked the City of Buena Park for their support in moving the project forward.

Council Member Hoque advised, based on advice from City Attorney Cardinale, that she is recusing herself from voting on this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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5D. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.08 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE FINE AMOUNTS FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS AND APPROVAL OF A 4TH OF JULY/FIREWORKS WATER BILL INSERT

The City Council will consider amending Chapter 16.08 of the Buena Park Municipal Code to increase the fines for illegal fireworks.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt (by 4/5 vote) or introduce (by a majority vote) an Ordinance amending Chapter 16.08 of the Buena Park Municipal Code to increase penalties associated with illegal fireworks; and 2) Approval of a 4th of July/Fireworks water bill insert.

City Attorney Cardinale provided a report regarding the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 16.08 of the Buena Park Municipal Code to increase fine amounts for illegal fireworks, and approval of a Fourth of July/Fireworks water bill insert. City Attorney Cardinale discussed previous City Council actions, including recent direction for staff to prepare and return with a draft ordinance that increases fines for violations of the Buena Park Municipal Code's prohibition on illegal fireworks. Consistent with the City Council's discussion and direction at the March 25, 2025 study session, staff has prepared and now presents an ordinance that would increase these penalties as follows: fines for the possession or discharge of illegal fireworks would be increased from \$1,000 per violation, to \$1,000 for a first violation, \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$3,000 for a third and each subsequent violation within a 36-month period; and fines for any "social host" that allows the discharge of illegal fireworks on their property would be increased from \$1,000 per violation, to \$2,000 for a first violation, \$4,000 for a second violation, and \$6,000 for a third and each subsequent violation within a 36-month period. Additionally, the updated fine amounts are comparable with those enacted in other California communities with a goal of deterring and combating the negative impacts of unlawful fireworks activities. City Attorney Cardinale emphasized that staff is prepared to initiate outreach efforts to ensure the community is aware of the new fines together with education about the dangers of illegal fireworks through the proposed water bill insert that would publicize the dangers of fireworks and inform the public of the new fine structure prior to the holiday. If approved by the City Council, the ordinance would become effective in 30 days and be enforceable as of the upcoming summer holiday season.

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. 1751

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16.08 (FIREWORKS SALES) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 16.08.120 (SOCIAL HOST LIABILITY) AND 16.08.130 (PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION)

6. PUBLIC HEARING

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6A. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2029 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN/FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Recommended Action: 1) Hold a public hearing to review and receive public comments for the draft FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan (ConPlan)/FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan (AP); 2) Adopt a resolution to approve the ConPlan/AP; 3) Authorize the City Manager to approve any necessary changes to the ConPlan/AP and submit the final ConPlan/AP to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and, 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents, certifications, contracts, or other instruments as may be required to carry out the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mayor Ahn stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider the approval of the FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan and FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Housing and CDBG Analyst Suarez provided a report regarding the draft FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan (AP). As a recipient of CDBG funds, the City is required to prepare a five-year ConPlan which is intended to identify a jurisdiction's overall needs for affordable and supportive housing, community development, public services, and economic opportunities. Housing and CDBG Analyst Suarez explained that the ConPlan outlines a five-year strategy for addressing those needs and identifies resources and programs which might assist in meeting these goals. The City conducted a combined citizen participation process to develop the draft ConPlan as well as engaged in various methods of outreach to obtain meaningful feedback from residents, service providers, and other members of the public. The AP, on the other hand, outlines the programs and activities that will be funded for FY 2025-2026 to address the first year of the 2025-2029 ConPlan priorities and goals. The City has completed an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) in collaboration with other Orange County cities to identify fair housing issues, contributing factors, and actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing. The FY 2025-2029 AFH is included in the ConPlan/AP is attached to the agenda report for review. On January 14, 2025, HUD issued a notice providing guidance on preparing and submitting the ConPlan/AP. HUD advised grantees to submit their plans after they receive their CDBG allocation, but no later than August 16, 2025. Additionally, a waiver is available if HUD does not award CDBG allocations by the May 15, 2025, deadline. As of the preparation of this report, the City has not received its CDBG allocation from HUD. Once the CDBG allocation is received, the City will proportionally adjust funding amounts to match its CDBG allocation prior to submission of the plans to HUD.

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.

Vice Mayor Traut asked about staff's recommendation in the event that the CDBG allocation is reduced by fifty percent.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes explained that staff will make adjustments on allocations within 10% of the estimated value. An increase or decrease of more than 10% would return to the City Council for review and approval.

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. 14974

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2029 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN / FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR

7A. REPORT

Council Member Hoque reported the following:

- April 11 Annual Arbor Day
- April 16 OC Sanitation Strategy Board Meeting
- April 17 Giving Children Hope Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- April 19 Spring Eggstravaganza and Sustainability Fair
- April 22 Yamaha Corporation of America Grand Opening

Council Member Hoque calendared a feasibility of creating a food distribution program in the City to be operated by the Friendly Center.

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- April 11 Annual Arbor Day
- April 14 OCPA Board Meeting
- April 15 Special City Council Meeting
- April 17 Giving Children Hope Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
- April 17 Recognition of 80th Wedding Anniversary of Ignacio "Nick" Sanchez and Mercedes "Mercy" Vargas-Sanchez
- April 21 OCPA Risk Oversight Committee Meeting
- April 22 Yamaha Corporation of America Grand Opening

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- April 19 Spring Eggstravaganza and Sustainability Fair
- April 17 Giving Children Hope Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Council Member Franco encouraged the community to join and volunteer for a local service organization.

Vice Mayor Traut reported the following:

- April 15 Special City Council Meeting
- April 17 Fullerton College Student Interview
- April 17 Recognition of 80th Wedding Anniversary of Ignacio "Nick" Sanchez and Mercedes "Mercy" Vargas-Sanchez
- April 22 Yamaha Corporation of America Grand Opening

Mayor Ahn reported the following:

- April 17 Recognition of 80th Wedding Anniversary of Ignacio "Nick" Sanchez and Mercedes "Mercy" Vargas-Sanchez
- April 22 Yamaha Corporation of America Grand Opening

8. RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Ahn recessed the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

9. STUDY SESSION (9A – 9E)

9A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF GRAND AVENUE

Senior Engineering Technician Wray provided a report regarding parking in the vicinity of Grand Avenue. At its November 12, 2024 meeting, the City Council directed staff to investigate ways to increase the overall amount of on-street parking particularly on Grand Avenue and the Grand Avenue Frontage Road; feasibility of implementing angled parking on Grand Avenue; remove some of the red curb on Grand Avenue; and, shift parking on the Grand Avenue Frontage Road from the east side to the west side of the street. Senior Engineering Technician Wray explained options developed by staff that incorporate one or more of the strategies aforementioned. Staff mailed bilingual notices to residents on Adams Way and Jackson Way about options for angled parking and reconfiguring red curbs. The letter included a link to a webpage with a survey for parking changes and possibility of a PPD. Seventy-seven percent of the responses were not in favor of anything requiring a one-way street; 78% of the responses supported a PPD; and, several suggested one-way street and angled parking on Fillmore and Jackson. In response to residents' suggestions, staff reevaluated potential parking enhancements along Fillmore Drive and Jackson Way (between Western Avenue and Grand Avenue), which was previously reviewed by the City Council during a March 2016 study session. After reevaluating potential modifications on Fillmore Drive and Jackson Way between Western Avenue and Grand Avenue, staff recommended designating one-way streets: Fillmore Drive as eastbound and Adams Way as westbound. This would help manage neighborhood traffic more efficiently while minimizing impacts on adjacent streets. Moreover, Fillmore Drive and Jackson way have unique design features wherein neither street runs straight and each has one or more "jogs" along its alignment. These "jogs" create challenges for implementing angled parking, as the curved curbs in these areas make it difficult to properly align parking stalls. Ultimately, all options for adding angled parking configurations for Fillmore Drive and Jackson Way resulted in a net loss of parking spaces. Staff sought City Council direction on how to proceed with the item.

Council Member Sonne spoke regarding the concerns raised by residents, and the intent to address such concerns pertaining to the parking situation in the vicinity of Grand Avenue.

The following individuals spoke regarding various concerns including illegal parking, parking congestion, and public safety; potential solutions to alleviate parking congestion in their neighborhood; and, in opposition to the proposed parking options in the vicinity of Grand Avenue: Francisco, Maria Abal, Pete North, Venise Rosa, Kris McClory, Bill McGinness, Darrell Andalon, Jessica, Yoseph Buitrago, Norma Campos, Laura, and Teresa Guzman.

Venise Rosa, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding the petition she circulated to her neighbors, and indicated that no solution was implemented since that time.

City Manager France explained the steps that occurred after the City received the petition from the residents. Public Works staff surveyed the neighborhood to confirm the desire of the residents for a PPD. Unfortunately, staff found that such petition did not meet the required threshold to move forward with a PPD.

Vice Mayor Traut spoke in favor of the option to add 47 new parking spaces and to require parking permits in the neighborhood.

The City Council asked about parking permit costs; code enforcement efforts on the parking issue; requirements to move forward with a PPD; number of permanent parking permits issued per household; and, the City's PPD policy requirement wherein the request must be made by at least two-thirds of the residents on the subject street.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray discussed the policy requirements which is 1) two-thirds of residents in the area must sign the petition, and 2) the area must be reasonably self-contained. As for costs for parking permits, overnight parking permit costs one dollar. Each household is allowed to obtain up to two permanent parking permits. There is a petition process to request additional permanent parking permits, but the property owners are required to prove that the two previously issued are being used.

Director of Community and Economic Development Foulkes discussed code enforcement's ongoing effort, and if individuals are found to be in violation, staff would respond appropriately and promptly. However, even with such effort, this is a recurring issue that requires consistent enforcement.

Council Member Hoque expressed her concerns about the impact of the parking options for emergency response in the subject area, and suggested an increase in police patrols along Jackson Way and Adams Way due to the public safety concerns expressed by the residents. Furthermore, Council Member Hoque spoke in support of permit parking in the area to allow for residents to park in their neighborhood.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray explained that as for the emergency vehicles driving through the area, staff would not recommend parking on both sides due to the street being too narrow. Therefore, a no parking zone on the east side would allow emergency vehicles to access the street.

Police Chief Nunes confirmed extra police patrols will be sent to the area in the next couple of weeks. Moreover, it was noted that extra police patrols are being focused on Grand Avenue and Western Avenue because of the issues that occur in those areas.

Council Member Franco suggested the City partner with the Orange County Apartment Association to find solutions to address issues in the apartment complexes within the vicinity of Grand Avenue; and, spoke in favor of the PPD if two-thirds of the residents in the area are supportive. In addition, Council Member Franco encouraged residents to consider alternative forms of transportation to alleviate parking congestion in the area.

Mayor Ahn proposed to place a sign restricting parking to residents only along the Grand Avenue frontage road.

Mayor Ahn reopened public comment.

The following individuals provided additional comments to the proposed parking solutions in the vicinity of Grand Avenue, and their preferences: Bill McGinness, Yoseph Buitrago, Vincent Chavez, Kris McClory, and Venise Rosa.

City Manager France explained that there are costs associated with the process and implementing a PPD. It is a methodology established and used for various PPDs. Nevertheless, the City Council has the discretion to make changes to the PPD policy if desired.

Following the discussion, a majority of the City Council (Hoque dissented) directed staff to proceed with the parking solution of restricting parking on the east side of the frontage road; and encouraged the residents to start the petition process for a PPD.

Mayor Ahn recessed the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

9B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF BRENNER PARK

Community Services Supervisor Kurata provided a report regarding the proposed renovations for Brenner Park; and, discussed its current features and amenities, activities enjoyed by residents, and park improvements. In 2023, pickleball court lines appeared on all four basketball courts, and people were seen bringing portable nets to play pickleball. Additional safety concerns were raised by community members such as people regularly cutting holes in the fence line and insufficient park security lighting. Therefore, in 2024, Parks Maintenance staff began leaving the basketball court lights on overnight to provide additional lighting in the park. Also, an overgrown ficus tree was found to be obstructing the security light pole nearest the basketball courts. Limbs have been trimmed back but the large tree canopy continues to hinder security lighting. Brenner Park improvements have been identified as a high priority in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The park has significant potential for modernization and beautification to create a safe, welcoming, and attractive community space. Staff sought City Council direction to the proposed renovation budget for Brenner Park that would be allocated for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. The project construction is to be budgeted in FY 2027-228.

The City Council spoke in support of the proposed renovations for Brenner Park.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the renovations for Brenner Park that would be allocated in the FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 budgets.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING CREATION OF A POCKET PARK AT STANTON AVENUE AND PINCHOT COURT

Director of Community Services Box provided a report regarding the creation of a pocket park at Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court. The City Council directed staff to explore open space options for the City-owned property located at the corner of Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court. Council Member Franco also proposed the idea of repurposing the property into a "passive" pocket park. Director Box explained that a passive park is a public park designed to accommodate low-intensity, unstructured recreational activities such as walking, picnicking, and enjoying nature; and, requires minimal development and maintenance, making it a sustainable and accessible option for communities looking to enhance green space without significant infrastructure investment. Director Box discussed the pocket park's alignment with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as the park deficiency within District 2. Therefore, staff sought City Council direction to proceed with the potential development of the Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court property. Should the City Council move forward with the construction of a passive pocket park on this site, staff will work with the Public Works Department on the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a conceptual design and costs. The RFP will also include a community outreach component to gather feedback from the community in preparation for project construction.

Council Member Franco sought City Council support to proceed with the creation of a pocket park at Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court for the benefit of the members of the community and employees of the City.

City Manager France sought City Council direction with allocating funds for the conceptual design of the pocket park, through Measure R, in the FY 2025-26 or FY 2026-27 budget.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the development of a pocket park at Stanton Avenue and Pinchot Court beginning with the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a conceptual design and costs as well as to gather input from residents and stakeholders in preparation for project construction; and allocate funds for the construction of the pocket park in the FY 2026-27 budget.

9D. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A CITYWIDE SPEED HUMP/CUSHION POLICY

Assistant City Engineer Arabolu provided a background of the discussion regarding the Bel Air Street Traffic Calming options as well as traffic concerns, ideas for improvements, and plans for a grant application to secure funding for planning and implementation of possible solutions. Staff then retained a consultant to develop the Citywide policy for speed humps/cushions. Moreover, staff proposes the following Speed Hump/Cushion Traffic Calming Policy implementation criteria and process for City Council consideration

Stephen Decker, Mark Thomas & Co., provided a report regarding the development of a Citywide speed hump/cushion policy as well as conducting an inventory of speed hump/cushion policies of Orange County and other California municipal agencies, as well as guidelines from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Institute for Transportation Engineers (ITE), which included a review of the criteria and process for implementation. Mr. Decker discussed the program overview; provided examples of speed humps and speed cushions and defined its differences; and, explained the overview of the installation petition process and requirements, implementation screening criteria, and removal consideration petition process. Furthermore, based on research involving other cities that have an established speed cushion policy, staff estimated the cost for installation to be approximately between \$7,500 to \$11,000 per speed cushion, which includes staff time, data collection, construction, and construction inspection; ongoing maintenance costs are estimated at an additional \$500 per cushion per year; cost for removal to be approximately \$2,500 to \$7,500 per speed cushion. It was noted that there will be no removal cost if the removal is a part of a programmed pavement maintenance project, and there is no current account allocated specifically for speed cushion installation/removal. Staff sought City Council direction on next steps to proceed with approving the Citywide speed hump/cushion policy.

Council Member Sonne asked about the success of speed cushions with slowing down traffic; variations to the petition process and criteria; and, City Council's involvement in defining the criteria for the speed cushion policy.

Council Member Franco expressed his concern on public safety on City streets, and asked about alternatives for traffic calming other than speed cushions.

Mr. Decker discussed the effectiveness of speed humps in slowing down traffic. Moreover, Mr. Decker indicated that they will work with the city regarding desired process and criteria with the consideration of other cities policy programs and lessons learned.

Assistant City Engineer Arabolu explained the City Council's involvement in defining the criteria for the speed cushion policy. Additionally, Assistant City Engineer Arabolu discussed that the effectiveness of a traffic calming policy is associated with the implementation of the three Es – Engineering, Enforcement and Education. As for alternative solutions for traffic calming, examples of such include centerline stripe, edge line stripe, parking line stripe, traffic circles, and bulb outs to name a few.

Council Member Sonne suggested staff propose a few traffic calming alternatives, and survey neighborhoods on what works best for them.

Council Member Hoque spoke about her concerns on the potential impact of speed cushion on first responders' response time.

Vice Mayor Traut spoke in support of the implementation of a Citywide speed cushion policy, and to explore traffic calming alternatives appropriate for certain neighborhoods.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the formal approval of the Citywide speed cushion policy.

9E. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE MAY 8, 2025, CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING APPOINTMENTS

Senior Management Analyst Fewer provided a report regarding appointments being considered and voted on for the Orange County City Selection Committee for District 4, and announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025. Staff requested that the City Council select a voting delegate and alternate delegate to vote at the City Selection Committee meeting. Traditionally, the Mayor is automatically appointed as the voting member. Therefore, staff sought City Council confirmation of Mayor Ahn as the voting delegate and selection of an alternate delegate, should Mayor Ahn be unable to attend.

The City Council selected Mayor Ahn as voting delegate and Vice Mayor Traut as alternate delegate for the District 4 City Select Committee meeting that will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France had nothing to report.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ahn adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

