

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK  
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CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 5:02 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Vaughn presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Berry, Brown, Smith, Vaughn, Swift  
ABSENT: None

Also present were: Jim Vanderpool, City Manager; Isra Shah, Interim City Attorney; and Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor/Police Chaplain Don Harbert, The Way Fellowship.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adria Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Vanderpool reported on the following:

- Announced the art currently displayed in the Council Chamber is from Buena Park students participating in the High School Art Show, and is available for viewing during City Hall normal business hours.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Smith presented a thirty-five year employee service award to Mike McGee of the Public Works Department.

Council Member Swift presented a resolution honoring and commending Dave Steffen, Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief, on his retirement.

Mayor Vaughn and City Clerk Jimenez presented a certificate congratulating Kathleen Hill on receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification.

Superintendent Magnuson, Dr. Yee, and Mayor Pro Tem Brown presented certificates of congratulations to the Buena Park School District Super Saturday "Most Innovative City" winners.

Council Member Berry presented a certificate to Dr. Kenia Cueto, North Orange County Regional Occupational Program, in recognition of Career Technical Education Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Aaron Peardon, Buena Park resident, and Senior Labor Relations Representative, Orange County Employees Association, addressed the City Council regarding Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) proposed unilateral change for 911 Dispatcher shifts from 24 hours to 12 hours. On behalf of the Association's approximately 240 members, Mr. Peardon expressed concerns that the change would result in the loss of experienced dispatchers, cost nearly \$1

million more annually than current costs, and would create a public safety hazard for citizens and first responders. He referenced information from studies commissioned by OCFA, and asked the City Council to consider this information when making their decision.

Jon Dumiton, OCFA 911 Dispatcher, expressed concern regarding OCFA's proposed changes and the affect it would have on emergency response, public safety and taxpayers. He referenced an OCFA study that indicates a 24 hour shift is best for the public, emergencies and saves money compared to the proposed 12 hour shift. He asked that the City Council consider this information when making their decision, and handed the reports to the City Clerk.

Val Sadowinski, Buena Park resident, expressed concern regarding the February 13, 2018, agenda item 12, to return the Study Session to the Main Conference Room. His concerns include public attendance, transparency and minutes that are skimpy and censored, and don't reflect what transpired in the Council Meeting and Study Session. He stated that as the 2010 General Plan evolved, it lacked a paper trail and accurate minutes. Mr. Sadiwinski commented about the perception of the City Council trying to hide actions from public view, and requested the Study Session continue to be televised in the Council Chamber.

Rebecca Kovacs, Buena Park resident, and Buena Park Collaborative member, commented on her advocacy efforts for the homeless and working with the Portola Inn and Coral Motel.

There being no further requests to speak, Mayor Vaughn closed oral communications.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (1 - 9)**

Mayor Vaughn announced that Consent Calendar Items 1 through 9 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 Berry requested separate consideration for Item 9. There being no further requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken:

- MOTION: Smith
- SECOND: Berry
- AYES: Smith, Berry, Brown, Swift, Vaughn
- NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8 be approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (1-9)**

**Minutes**

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Meetings of January 23, 2018, 5 p.m.; February 13, 2018, 3:30 p.m.; and February 13, 2018, 5 p.m.

Recommended Action: Approve.

APPROVED.

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- 2. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Adopt resolutions.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 13745:  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,690,858.49 DEMAND NOS. 389113 THROUGH 389341 CANCELLED NOS. 387281, 388691 AND 388848 VOIDS SEE ATTACHED LIST

**RESOLUTION NO. 13746:**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$14,674.85 DEMAND NOS. 389342 THROUGH 389347

**Boards & Commissions 42**

## 3. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Purpose: Accept the appointments of commissioners as recommended by Mayor Vaughn.

Recommended Action: 1) Confirm the appointment of Jenny Park to the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission for a term that will expire February 27, 2021.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Commendations 65**

## 4. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DAVE STEFFEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

Recommended Action: Adopt resolution.

ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13747:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND COMMENDING DAVID "DAVE" STEFFEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

**Finance 76**

## 5. WATER BILL INSERT FOR THE 2018 SUMMER SEASON RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Purpose: Authorize the City Manager's Office to advertise the 2018 summer recreation activities in the form of a water bill insert to increase awareness about the activities and bolster attendance. There is no impact to the budget with this action.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a water bill insert advertising 2018 summer recreation activities.

APPROVED the recommended action.

## 6. PROPOSED TEMPORARY USE PERMIT WITH THE ARIRANG FESTIVAL FOUNDATION FOR THE 2018 ARIRANG FESTIVAL

Purpose: Authorize the City Manager's Office and the Community Development Department to draft a Temporary Use Permit for the 2018 Arirang Festival. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Direct staff to draft a Temporary Use Permit for the 2018 Arirang Festival.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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## 7. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE (MSRC) 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to submit a grant application to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at City facilities. The grant application will be in the amount of \$231,000. Matching funds in the amount of \$57,750 will be expensed from the City's existing AB 2766 Air Quality Improvement Subvention Funds account.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving an application for the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) 2017 Local Government Partnership Program.

ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13748:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE (MSRC) 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

**Transportation 148**

- 8. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING RESOURCES TO FUND PROJECTS IN THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2018/19 - 2023/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to update the list of projects to be included in the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program to receive future state and federal funding.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution certifying the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program listed in current and future City projects.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13749:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK WHICH CERTIFIES THAT THE CITY OF BUENA PARK HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE FY 2018/19 – 2023/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS IN THE PROGRAM

**Police Dept. 117**

- 9. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2018

Purpose: Authorize the Police Department to support the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

Council Member Berry commented on California cities incarceration, inmate release, and arrest considerations. He stated that the City may receive complaints because of offenses that police can no longer enforce. Chief Sianez stated that Proposition 37, AB 109, and Proposition 57 passed by voters, had significant impacts on communities, and there are not a lot of consequences for misdemeanors as previously allowed. Council Member Berry expressed concern that citizens may feel the City is not doing anything to reduce crime, and asked Chief Sianez when available, to provide updates to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown commented that the League of CA Cities Public Safety Committee supports the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

- MOTION: Berry
- SECOND: Brown
- AYES: Berry, Brown, Smith, Swift, Vaughn
- NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to ADOPT the following titled resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13750:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2018

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS (10-14)

**Contracts 70 C-2986 C-2917 C-2908 C-2909 C-2682 Budgets 47**

- 10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF A LOAN FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (OCWD) TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROSECRANS BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT (RBPS)  
Staff report by Mike Grisso, Utilities Manager

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works and Finance Departments to incur a loan from the OCWD to finance the construction of the RBPS. The total loan amount will be up to \$6,000,000 plus any additional amount for revisions to project costs as approved by the City Council and OCWD.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the incurrence of a loan from the Orange County Water District (OCWD) for the construction of the Rosecrans Booster Pump Station Project (RBPS), in a loan principal amount up to \$6,000,000 plus any additional amount for revisions to project costs as may be approved by the City Council and authorized by the OCWD Board of Directors for inclusion in the loan amount; 2) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,679,849 to fund the project with proceeds from the OCWD loan; 3) Approve a budget amendment in the amount \$6,695,293 to fund the Citywide Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project through the Water Enterprise Fund; 4) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the loan agreement; and 5) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the loan agreement.

MOTION: Swift  
 SECOND: Smith  
 AYES: Swift, Smith, Berry, Brown, Vaughn  
 NOES: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13751:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRENCE OF A LOAN TO FINANCE THE ROSECRANS BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT, APPROVING AS TO FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

**Contracts 70 C-2987**

11. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS U.S., INC. FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2018 SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE  
 Staff report by Francisco Gutierrez, Associate Engineer

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to enter into an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. ("Arcadis") to prepare the 2018 Sewer Master Plan Update. Associated costs in the amount of \$299,045 are included in the approved FY 17-18 Budget and will be funded by the Water Fund (Account No. 52-9806-490024).

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. in the amount of \$299,045 to prepare the 2018 Sewer Master Plan Update; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and 3) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Council Member Swift expressed concern regarding the sewer plan update, and commented that the last sewer plan update didn't show all the laterals, resulting in adding \$60,000 to the project. She asked who will check the master plan update for accuracy. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the sewer master plan is an overview of larger sewer lines, and not necessarily the laterals. For new sewer lines, staff can make an effort to document the lateral locations in the future. The sewer master plan will project future needs, take into account continued growth along the entertainment corridor, and be a tool to determine if the existing sewer system is adequate.

Council Member Smith commented that the last master plan completed was in 2005 and asked if it's mandated. He expressed concerns about spending \$200,000 to \$300,000 every few years to re-confirm the sewer lines are needed, thinks it would better to fix current problems, and not sure of the need for a sewer master plan. He also commented that the City contracts with a company that regularly services the sewers, including photos, sewer lining and pipe installation. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the sewer master plan is not mandated. The hydraulic model of the sewer master plan is a tool to help identify questionable items, such as sewer capacity, age, repair and/or replacement, and system maintenance, and also prioritizes the need by assigning a grade. He also confirmed that the City has a contract with Houston & Harris to provide sewer CCTV services.

MOTION: Swift  
 SECOND: Berry  
 AYES: Swift, Berry, Brown, Vaughn  
 NOES: Smith

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-2988**

12. CONTRACT WITH WESTERN AUDIO VISUAL FOR THE DIGITAL UPGRADE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM  
 Staff report by Doug Brodowski, Sr. Management Analyst

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to hire Western Audio Visual for the digital upgrade of the Council Chamber audio/video system. Associated costs in the amount of \$55,227.93 are included in the FY 17-18 Budget and will be funded by the Government Buildings Maintenance Fund (77-6240-170670).

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a contract with Western Audio Visual for the digital upgrade of various audio/video components in the Council Chamber in the amount of \$55,227.93; 2) Determine that dispensing with competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3.28.080 (H) of the Buena Park Municipal Code is in the best interest of the City because Western Audio Visual has previously designed and engineered the audio/video system and has first-hand working knowledge of how to implement these continuing improvements and services; and 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract; and 4) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

MOTION: Smith  
 SECOND: Berry  
 AYES: Smith, Berry, Brown, Swift, Vaughn  
 NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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13. AGREEMENT WITH G2 CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CATCH BASIN SCREENS  
 Staff report by Doug Brodowski, Sr. Management Analyst

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to execute an agreement in the amount of \$377,707 to purchase and install automatic retractable screens and connecting pipe screens in designated catch basins. Associated costs in the amount of \$377,707 will be allocated from an OCTA grant as well as matching City funds from the Gas Tax Fund.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve an agreement with G2 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$377,707 for the purchase and installation of catch basin screens; 2) Approve separate expenditures in a total amount of \$13,652 to purchase a Faithful Performance Bond and a Payment Bond; 3) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the agreement; 4) Determine that dispensing with competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3.28.080.F of the Buena Park Municipal Code is in the best interest of the City because this contractor was awarded a contract with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) through the competitive bid process (MA 080-1511198); and 5) Approve a budget allocation in the amount of \$377,707 for the FY17-18 project year.

MOTION: Swift  
 SECOND: Berry  
 AYES: Swift, Berry, Brown, Smith, Vaughn  
 NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

**Police Dept. 117**

14. DONATION OF A USED POLICE MOTORCYCLE TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LA HABRA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
Staff report by Aaron France, Deputy City Manager

Purpose: Authorize the Police Department to donate a used police motorcycle to the La Habra Children's Museum. There will be a net loss of approximately \$500 to \$1,000 to City associated with the donation of the motorcycle.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the donation of a used police motorcycle to The Friends of the La Habra Children's Museum pursuant to Buena Park Municipal Code 3.28.150(D).

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Smith  
AYES: Brown, Smith, Berry, Swift, Vaughn  
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

**MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & CALENDAR**

Council Member Berry commented on Mike McGee's career with the City, the Regional Occupation Program (ROP) and moving the Study Session back to the Main Conference Room.

Council Member Smith reported on the following:

- February 16 Orange County Sanitation District Winter Fest
- February 21 ACC-OC Board Meeting
- February 26 Cultural and Fine Arts Commission Interviews

Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported on the following:

- February 16 Buena Park School District 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to City Hall for Super Saturday City Planning
- February 21 Los Angeles/San Diego/San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Meeting
- February 22 Orange County Council of Governments Board Meeting
- February 23 Metrolink Board Meeting
- February 24 Presented a Certificate of Congratulations at the Crescent Little League Opening Day Ceremony

Mayor Vaughn reported on the following:

- February 14 Buena Park Collaborative
- February 17 Baile Folklorico Dance Performance by Gary Ferrer at Knott's Berry Farm
- February 20 Porto's Barista (Coffee Makers) Contest
- February 21 Supervisor Michelle Steele's Mayor's Breakfast
- February 22 Meeting with Esterline
- February 22 Community Meeting for the Butterfly Pavillion
- February 23 Meeting with the Red Cross
- February 24 Legal Secretaries Conference
- February 24 Buena Park Girls Softball Opening Day Ceremony
- February 26 Cultural and Fine Arts Commission Interviews
- February 27 Read Across America Event at Gilbert Elementary School

Mayor Vaughn announced that Council Member Swift's husband Greg is ill and extended prayers and well wishes to the Swift family.

**MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

- One-time projects for CDW funds (Vaughn)
- Korean War Memorial (Vaughn)
- Seongbuk-gu, South Korea Delegation Trip and the City Council Meeting scheduled during that time (Vaughn)

**RECESS**

Mayor Vaughn recessed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened for study session. The meeting was reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION (15-23)**

15. **DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S ONGOING DROUGHT RESPONSE EFFORTS**  
Report by Michael Grisso, Utilities Manager

Mr. Grisso recommended the following options in response to the on-going response to the drought:

Option 1: (Status Quo) Remain under the current Phase 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan conditions, including maintaining a three-day summer/one-day winter outdoor irrigation schedule. Address the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) permanent rule-making through updating the Water Supply Shortage Plan.

Option 2: Adopt a resolution declaring the end of drought conditions in Orange County and return to voluntary local water conservation standards. Address new SWRCB permanent rule-making through updating the Water Supply Shortage Plan.

Council Member Smith commented about some of the medians on Beach Boulevard, near Nutrilite, and he would like to return to watering the main medians at least once per week, or replace the grass with artificial turf. Mr. Grisso stated that it will be difficult to return to watering street medians. As part of their long-term legislation, the Governor and the State Water Board want to eliminate turf in street center medians. Sacramento will vote on legislation in the next couple of weeks, not only to eliminate turf in center medians, but also expand that to include parkways. Instead of turf, they want to see native plants and other landscaping in medians and parkways. Mr. Grisso also mentioned that in the next two-year budget, Public Works will be requesting funds to start turf removal, and to replace with landscaping consistent with the Beach Boulevard Corridor over the next few years.

Mayor Vaughn asked if there is an existing and/or future plan for the medians, or any previous discussion. David Jacobs, Director of Public Works, stated that most of the median projects have been part of the entertainment corridor maintained by the City, in the area of Beach Boulevard, from Crescent Avenue, to Interstate 5. One of the City's long-term goals is to look at replacing the median turf with drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation in other locations.

Following discussion, the City Council agreed on Option 1: (Status Quo) Remain under the current Phase 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan conditions, including maintaining a three-day summer/one-day winter outdoor irrigation schedule. Address the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) permanent rule-making through updating the Water Supply Shortage Plan.

16. **DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S MID-YEAR BUDGET**  
Report by Sung Hyun, Director of Finance

The City Council reviewed the FY16-17 results and the FY17-18 projections for the general fund, self insurance funds, reserve fund, and all other funds. The City Council also considered mid-year budget adjustments for items that were not anticipated during the budget process. Following discussion, the City Council (Swift excused), concurred with the following mid-year budget adjustments as presented:

- Fire Station No. 61 remediation - \$36,000
- Use Oil Recycling Grant - \$18,030
- Beverage Container Recycling Grant - \$21,170
- Economic Development Fund – Commercial Rehabilitation Program - \$479,740
- Traffic Master Plan - \$108,000
- Hydraulic Quick-Connect Coupler System for Backhoe Tractor - \$16,000
- RDA Bond Proceeds (Beach Boulevard Streetscape CIP - \$710,000



Mayor Vaughn took item 17 out of order.

17. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL (FJUHS) AQUATICS FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Report by Jim Vanderpool, City Manager

During previous discussion on October 11, 2016, January 10, 2017, June 27, 2017 and July 25, 2017, the City Council approved the concept of a joint use agreement for the performing arts center and aquatics center. The City would contribute \$4 million paid over a three-year period, with \$2 million to be paid the first full year of use, and \$1 million to be paid each of the following two years, and directed staff to move forward with negotiations on the terms and to start exploring conceptual plans. The costs are estimated at \$1.9 million, and the City Council gave staff \$2 million to negotiate the concept with the School District. The School District said the \$1.9 million is not sufficient, and is asking for an additional \$2 million. Without the City, the School District would pay the entire \$5.5 million, and not build the extra bathrooms serving the non-student public, or the office space or break room that would only serve the City's aquatics staff. If the City partners with the School District, they are asking the City to pay its portion, and contribute to the overall project.

Council Member Swift commented that she and Mayor Vaughn visited the gym at Buena Park Junior High School Gym, on a hot day last summer, and because of the air conditioned gym, students were able to enjoy recreational programs. This is a joint-use project between the City and School District that will allow the City to expand some of the recreational programs. She mentioned that some of benefits include, lap swimming for adults during the day, swim teams for children, well-organized and defined programs with the US Swimming Association, and other untapped ideas that would benefit the City. Council Member Swift also commented that enhancing recreational opportunities for the residents is important, and the City would save money by having another year-round accessible facility it would not have to maintain.

Council Member Berry expressed concerns that the School Board passed a bond to get financing, have begun to receive funds, and is asking the City for \$4 million dollars to be a partner, and even though the School Board will accept the \$4 million over a three-year period, it's a large amount. He asked if the City could apply for assistance or State funding, and said that he doesn't want to make large monetary future commitments for the City. Mr. Vanderpool said the State is circulating another park bond measure for voters, and funds probably wouldn't be available until approximately 2020. Meg Riley, Director of Community Services, said that there is a grant opportunity with the State in the works, however, she doesn't have the date, or when it will be effective. Mr. Vanderpool, suggested working with Senator Newman and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, and talking to the School District regarding cash arrangements and/or payment terms.

Council Member Smith expressed concerns about the City's financial well-being, including, loans for unfunded pension liability, bonds for the new Fire Station 61, repairs to Fire Station 63, and other projects needs within the City, and doesn't think the City can afford this expense right now. He mentioned that Senator Moorlach is reporting on cities, and how much is spent on making their City better, and the amount of money wasted.

Council Member Swift asked Mr. Vanderpool about the one-time money source of approximately \$9 million. He indicated that as of June 30, 2017, the amount was believed to be \$9.2 million, nearing \$11 million, when it will stop. Sung Hyun, Director of Finance concurred and clarified that the total net amount will be from \$11-\$12 million, paid by the beginning of this fiscal year, toward the beginning of next fiscal year. Council Member Swift commented that the students are also residents, and the City has the opportunity to invest in itself, and has the funding for this project. She mentioned the swim teams offered in La Mirada, comments received from parents regarding the lack of a 50 meter swimming pool in the area, this would be another way to bring people to Buena Park, and in addition to economic reasons, doesn't want the City to miss this opportunity.

Mayor Vaughn mentioned a list of potential one-time projects within the City, and asked if the School District would still build the 50 meter without the additional \$2 million from the City. Mr. Vanderpool replied "no", and that with construction costs increasing, the School District is looking at their available bond funds, and leverage bond funds to complete as many projects as possible, and have eliminated all the 50 meter swimming pool concepts district-wide. The initial staff recommendation was to partner with the School District on the Performing Arts Center, and if looking to expand recreational opportunities, focus on the aquatics center to get the most for the money. If the City Council is looking at investing in a partnership, to look at expanding the aquatics programs, and not just for lap swimming. A 50 meter swimming pool would allow an opportunity to work with area hotels and attractions and expanding the destination to include

regional swim meets. Mayor Vaughn clarified that \$1.9 million would be the swimming pool, swim classes program, and lap swimming. Mr. Vanderpool replied "yes", and it would also include a bulk head, which would allow for dual usage (i.e., simultaneous lap swimming and a swimming lessons). Currently the City's swimming pools open around Memorial Day, close shortly after Labor Day and are closed through the winter. This pool would be open year round, as it's heated.

Council Member Swift inquired about the hiring of a full-time Aquatics Coordinator. Ms. Riley confirmed that Maura Toohey is the Aquatics Coordinator, and works on aquatics 75% of the time. During the off-season and the other 25% of the time, she assists the Senior Community Services Coordinator at the Gymnasium. Although the swimming pools don't open until Memorial Day, Ms. Toohey has already started hiring lifeguards for the upcoming season. Council Member Swift commented that we already have a full-time Aquatics Coordinator, and would not have to hire additional staff. She also mentioned that the fees for the programs offered by the City are low and very reasonable, and if needed, the rates could be increased a bit, but not so much that it would be unaffordable.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown commented that the \$11 - \$12 million came from a company that used to be in Buena Park, and there is no guarantee the City will be able to keep the money, so it's spent and it has to be given back, then it will have to come out of the general fund. He also mentioned the upcoming labor negotiations, including the Police Chief and City Manager, and last year's budget deficit. This year may show a \$300,000 surplus, and there is no money to support this project. He would rather have a park in the central area of the City, where it's been needed for over 25 years, than to spend the money on this project, and although not sure of the number of students, he feels that the two existing swimming pools are adequate, and any surplus money should be spent on improvements within the City itself.

Mayor Vaughn requested a list of potential projects within the City that could be completed with one-time funds. She mentioned that the City Council voted to protect a certain amount of funds, since the future of those funds is unknown, and she is not in support of the project.

Council Member Swift asked if the motion is to not partner or contribute any money to the project, and questioned the kind of park facility the City could get for \$2 million. She also mentioned that once completed, the final cost of the Larwin Park project will be approximately \$6 million, and the City owned the land.

Following discussion, a majority of the City Council did not support this item.

Council Member Swift left the dais at 6:58 p.m.

### **Sister City Program 138**

18. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A SISTER CITY TRIP UPDATE  
Report by Aaron France, Deputy City Manager

Mr. France commented that the delegation includes four Buena Park High School students, recommended by Buena Park High School, and a parent chaperone, the Mayor, City Manager and Police Chief will attend on behalf of the City. The tickets for travel have been purchased, and the delegation will depart on March 25, and return on March 31. The district of Seongbuk-gu expressed interest in entering into an agreement to establish a student exchange program with the City. The Sister City Foundation is revising a draft agreement to bring before the City Council on consent calendar at the March 13 meeting. A "Meet and Greet" for the delegation to have a chance to get to know each other before the trip, will be held in the Main Conference Room on Monday, March 5, at 5 p.m.

Council Member Berry commented that the word "consultation" appears and asked if the agreement was written by an attorney. Mr. France clarified that the agreement was written by Seongbuk-gu representatives and may be using "consultation" in the same context as "meeting".

Mayor Vaughn mentioned that Seongbuk-gu brought 12 students to Buena Park last year, and acknowledged the importance of the Sister City program. The interest from parents and students was a success, so much so, that some candidates were declined.

Following discussion, the City Council (Swift excused) supported bringing back an agreement with Seongbuk-gu, South Korea, for the Youth Exchange Program for formal approval at the March 13 council meeting.

19. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE AMERICANA AWARDS  
Report by Aaron France, Deputy City Manager

Mr. France presented statistics from Cypress College, that Buena Park students represent 10% of the Cypress College student body, and were awarded 40 scholarships last year, amounting to approximately 17% funding from the fundraiser.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown commented that Buena Park students received \$17,500 in grants from Cypress College, and this shows the City's support of its residents and education, and supports the City purchasing a table. He stated that in the past, the City purchased a table for the City Council and staff. He would like next year's recipient to be someone from the community who you don't hear about, but goes out of their way and although it's not their job, works really hard for the City and its residents. Mayor Pro Tem Brown encouraged residents to contact him if they have or know of a good candidate for nomination.

Council Member Smith commented that the City used to purchase two tables; one table for five council members and spouses, and the second table for staff selected by the City Council. He stated that the City gets so much from and should support Cypress College, and requested the motion be changed to purchase two tables; one for the City Council, and one for staff.

Council Member Berry asked about the cost. Mr. France stated the price is \$250 per person, and \$2,500 for one table of ten. The City would be reimbursed \$250 by each Council member whose spouse attends. It was confirmed that Cypress College pays for the award recipient and their immediate family.

The majority of the City Council (Swift excused; Berry dissented) approved the sponsorship of two tables for the Cypress College Americana Awards

City Manager Vanderpool commented that at the City Council's direction, this can be incorporated into the budget preparation and brought back as a recommended action.

Mayor Vaughn requested that the City Council would select staff members to attend the Americana Awards.

20. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE STUDY SESSION MEETING FORMAT AND RETURNING THE STUDY SESSION TO THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM  
Report by Aaron France, Deputy City Manager

Mr. France reported that at the February 13, 2018, the City Council requested an estimated cost for recording the Study Session in the Main Conference Room. Western Audio stated that a live broadcast feed (via BPTV and the website) from the Council Chamber to the Main Conference Room costs approximately \$20,000, and to purchase the equipment (camcorder, remote, memory card, audio devices, tri-pod, etc.) to record the Study Session, and post the video online the day after the meeting, costs approximately \$1,500. Staff researched and found that there are remote audio devices that can be placed in the middle of the conference room table that send feed back to the camera to capture the audio.

Mayor Vaughn asked if by law, the City is allowed to edit the video prior to posting it on the website. City Attorney Shah stated, the City is not obligated to record the study session. Comments and feedback received from residents indicates that the formal setting of the Council Chamber changed the atmosphere and interaction. The less formal setting of the Main Conference Room allows for more of a one-on-one type dialogue between the citizens and the City Council, and is not intended to not be transparent.

Council Member Berry asked what happens in the event of a battery failure, lost camera or broken equipment, etc. Mr. France commented that staff would be tasked with set-up, and making sure everything is in working order when the meeting begins. He also mentioned that if the camera fails, an audio version of the meeting would still be available. Council Member Berry asked if the recording of the study session, and regular meeting played back the next day, would be spliced together to watch back-to-back, for future playback. Mr. France stated that he confirmed that the City's video host (Swagit) technology supports additional indexing for the Study Session, as is done for the regular Council Meeting. It was confirmed that the video content would not be edited.

Following discussion, the City Council (Swift excused) agreed to return to the Main Conference Room for Study Session, record the meeting, and post on the City's website the following day.

21. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING KABOOM PARK GRANT APPLICATION  
Report by Aaron France, Deputy City Manager

Mr. France presented information to apply for a KaBOOM Park Grant, and gave an overview of the proposed project at Whitaker School, that would utilize open green space along Dale Avenue, for a new play space and equipment. It is a sweat equity program and requires hundreds of volunteers supervised by the KaBOOM staff. The City would be matched with a funder and required to match 10% - approximately \$9,000. If the City wishes to move forward, the application deadline is March 2. He commented that this one-day project has been successful in other cities, and a project at Portola Park in the City of La Habra was completed in 2013.

Following discussion, the City Council (Swift excused) directed staff to submit a grant application for a KaBOOM Park.

22. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Vanderpool reported on the following:

- In light of recent events, Chief Sianez will hold a roundtable meeting of Superintendents regarding school campus safety.
- Buena Park Little League Opening Day Ceremony at Bellis Park on March 3, at 10 a.m.
- Best Host Inn Grand Re-opening Ceremony, Friday, March 2, at 12 p.m., and a light lunch will be served.

Mayor Vaughn commented about the timing of Chief Sianez's roundtable with the Superintendents, and that during the Read Across America event she previously attended, the students asked how the City is going to protect them.

23. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

The ad hoc committee recommended the appointment of Carmen Koo to the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission, be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. to Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. The regular meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk