

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD MARCH 26, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Pro Tem Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Swift, Traut, Smith,
EXCUSED: Park, Brown

Also present were: Jim Vanderpool, City Manager; Chris Cardinale, City Attorney; Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk and Lucie Cazares, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor James Lee – Jamm Ministry, Thanksgiving Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruben Lopez, Economic Development Administrator.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Vanderpool reported on the following:

- Homeless Shelter Meeting update, April 9, 2019, staff continues to review the site at 6940 Caballero Avenue.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Swift presented a proclamation for National Library Week to Mary McCasland, Library Director; Helen Medina, Public Services Supervisor; and Ruth Cho, Librarian. Ms. McCasland and Ms. Medina announced the following:

- Library Centennial Celebration, Saturday June 15, 2019
- Library programs such as Story time, Teen and Adult activities

Claudia Peña, representative from the office of Assembly Member Quirk-Silva presented a certificate for National Library Week to Mary McCasland, Library Director

Council Member Traut presented Employee Service Award to Dana Patton of the Police Department for 20-years of service.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Dave DeRosa, Buena Park resident, expressed concerns over a study done by ACLU on homeless shelters. Mr. DeRosa expressed support of the proposed Navigation Homeless Shelter at the Caballero location and thanked the City Council for listening to constituents concerns.

Rod P. Williams, Buena Park resident, conveyed concerns with gang problems on the walkway south of Buena Park Mall and stated the Neighborhood is open to solutions to correcting the problem relating to safety and quality of life.

Roger K. Ungos, Buena Park resident, also expressed concerns about the walkway south of Buena Park Mall causing problems such as gang activity, theft and making the area unsafe for the residents.

Claudia Pena, Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva's office, introduced Elsa Cabrera, intern and Political Science student at Cal State Fullerton. Ms. Peña also mentioned that the 2019 Young Legislator Program has started and includes four Buena Park High students.

CONSENT CALENDAR (1 - 7)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith announced that Consent Calendar Items 1 through 7 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 Traut requested separate consideration for Item No. 6. There being no additional requests for separate consideration, the Consent Calendar was approved.

MOTION: Swift
 SECOND: Traut
 AYES: Swift, Traut, Smith
 NOES: None
 EXCUSED: Park, Brown

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 be approved.

Minutes

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of January 8, 2019 and January 22, 2019; and, Special Meetings of January 22, 2019, January 31, 2019, and February 12, 2019.

APPROVED.

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2. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Adopt resolutions.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 13930
 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,679,475.85 DEMAND NOS. 395749 THROUGH 395948 CANCELLED NO. 393266 VOIDS SEE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 13931
 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$9,571.60 DEMAND NOS. 395949 THROUGH 395954

RESOLUTION NO. 13932
 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$ 751,730.75, COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING MARCH 8, 2019

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3. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019
Purpose: Review the Treasurer's Investment Report prepared by the Finance Department for the month of February 2019. There is no fiscal impact in receiving this report.

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED.

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4. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
Recommended Action: Adopt proclamation.

APPROVED.

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5. COMMITTEE RESIGNATION
Purpose: To accept the resignation of a Citizens Advisory Committee Commissioner.

Recommended Action: 1) Accept with regrets the resignation of Harriet Moses from the Citizens Advisory Committee effective March 7, 2019.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Tracts 14.4

6. APPROVAL OF TRACT MAP NO. 18146 FOR 8281 PAGE STREET
Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to allow the subdivision of an existing parcel for condominium purposes. There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Tract Map No. 18146 for 8281 Page Street; and 2) Authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to execute the tract map.

MOTION: Swith
 SECOND: Traut
 AYES: Swift, Traut, Smith
 NOES: None
 EXCUSED: Park, Brown

MOTION CARRIED to approve staff's recommendation.

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7. WATER BILL INSERT FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS
Purpose: Authorize the City Manager's office to inform residents of summer programs in the form of a water bill insert to encourage awareness and attendance. There is no impact to the budget with this action.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a water bill insert informing residents of the City's various summer programs.

APPROVED as amended, adding back side to Water Bill insert.

NEW BUSINESS (8)**Police Dept. 117 Purchasing 127**

8. PURCHASE TWO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Presented by Gary Worrall, Police Captain

Purpose: Approve the purchase of two UAS and related equipment in support of the Police Department UAS program. Asset Forfeiture funds will be used for this purpose.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budgetary action in the amount of \$8,606 for the purchase of two DJI Mavic 2 Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and related equipment; 2) Dispense with competitive bidding pursuant to Buena Park Municipal Code 3.28.08(c) because this item can only be obtained from a sole source vendor.

MOTION: Swift
 SECOND: Traut
 AYES: Swift, Traut, Smith
 NOES: None
 EXCUSED: Park, Brown

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND CALENDAR

Council Member Traut reported the following:

- March 13 Spoke to high school and college students about serving in public office
- March 14 Tour of Buena Park, Public Works City Yard
- March 14 St. Patrick's Day Employee Potluck
- March 15 High School Art Show Awards Ceremony
- March 16 Community Meeting Civic Engagement
- March 17 Walk Your Way with Speech and Language Development Center (SLDC)
- March 18-19 ACC-OC Sacramento Advocacy Trip
- March 20 Cultural and Fine Arts Committee Meeting
- March 21 Tour of Caballero site

Calendared execution of Joint Powers Authority agreement with Housing Finance Trust

Council Member Swift reported the following:

- March 14 St. Patrick's Day Employee Potluck
- March 15 High School Art Show Awards Ceremony
- March 21 Tour of Caballero Site
- March 23 Oxford Academy Patriot Fest

Calendared to discuss options for selling ownership of walkway south of Buena Park Mall

Mayor Pro Tem Smith reported the following:

- March 14 St. Patrick's Day Employee Potluck
- March 15 High School Art Show Awards Ceremony
- March 21 Tour of Caballero Site

STUDY SESSION (9-13)**9. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING NAMING THE CITY'S NEWEST PARK AFTER FORMER LONG-TIME PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONER RICK GOMEZ**

Report by: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem, staff brought this item forward for City Council consideration. The Council will consider naming the new Western Avenue/8th Street park, or potentially another of their choice, after former Commissioner Rick Gomez, who passed away on January 2, 2019.

The current policy related to naming of new and existing structures and facilities be reserved for exceptional circumstances. The policy also states the naming process comply with the guidelines set forth in the policy adopted by City Council.

Criteria: In considering any proposal to name or rename a structure or facility, the following shall be considered:

- The name shall have a historical, cultural or significance for generations to come.
- The name shall engender a strong and positive image.
- The name shall commemorate people, places or events that are of enduring importance to the community.

Eligibility: Naming a structure or facility in the memory of a deceased person cannot be considered until at least 12-months after the date of death. The person memorialized shall have made extraordinary accomplishments towards the overall quality of life to the community.

After discussion, the City Council agreed (Brown, Park Excused) to waive the 12-month waiting period and name the City's newest park in memory of former Commissioner Rick Gomez.

10. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY OF BUENA PARK'S HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Report by: Ruben Lopez, Economic Development Administrator

The City of Buena Park's Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs. The program allows for Housing Rehabilitation to assist Buena Park homeowners whose income is below 80% of the current Orange County Median Income, per HUD income guidelines. Homeowners are able to refurbish and renovate their homes with a 30-year deferred payment loan with three percent (3%) interest for households under the age of 55 years, and zero percent (0%) interest for those households 55 years and older.

The HIP provides Buena Park residents who are unable to afford a conventional loan to upgrade and/or provide deferred maintenance to their home. Examples of repairs/renovations include kitchen and bathroom renovations; ADA/handicap accommodations; roofing, energy efficiency windows; interior/exterior painting; re-stucco; carpet and flooring; HVAC replacement; electrical and plumbing upgrades; and, driveways. All homes must be brought up to federal health and safety code standards, as well as Buena Park Building and Planning regulations.

The maximum loan amount is \$60,000. An emergency grant in the amount of \$15,000 may be available for seniors 55 years and older. Repayment of the loan principal and accrued interest is required upon sale or transfer of title on the property, or if the owner no longer occupies the residence. All paid off loans become Program Income, as defined by HUD, and are recycled back to augment the loan program.

City Council discussed the Home Improvement Program, guidelines, terms and conditions as well as the possibility of implementing a new zero percent loan pilot program.

After City Council discussion, direction was given to staff to return at a later date with options and costs for a new zero percent loan program for low and moderate income homeowners to help maintain and upgrade their homes.

11. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR BLOCK WALLS ALONG SILVERADO TRAIL

Report by: Jim Vanderpool, City Manager

The Silverado Trail project opened in December 2017. The project helped the City in its status towards a 'Fit City' designation through the League of California Cities' program to improve wellness across the State. Staff is working on Phase 2 of the Silverado Trail Project and will be bringing a design to Council in the near future. Phase 2 of the project will stretch from Knott Avenue to Western Avenue.

During the course of Phase 1, there were inquiries from the public about the status of the fencing that delineates the Southern California Edison right-of-way land boundary from the adjacent homeowners' property line. Most of the fencing in this area is chain link, cylinder block, or slatted wood fencing. There is no uniformity to the fencing and the conditions vary. Inquiries from the public were related to safety or a feeling of insecurity given the increase in activity that will take place along the Silverado Trail. Homeowners inquired about the City paying for a new or improved fence along the trail.

There are no funds allocated in the current General Fund budget to facilitate for this purpose. If the Council would like to offer a program, staff would recommend the use of one-time revenues for this purpose. If funding is approved, the program could be administered similar to the home improvement program.

City Council discussed fence options for homeowners adjacent to the Silverado Trail due to the increased activity in the area. Council Member Traut inquired about the possibility of a block wall program to assist homeowners to upgrade existing fencing. Council Member Swift suggested landscape options instead of a block wall. Mayor Pro Tem Smith inquired about the option of building a block wall along the trail instead of building walls on private properties.

After City Council discussion, direction was given to staff to return with additional information and possible funding options.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Vanderpool had no report.

13. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

City Clerk Jimenez had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk