

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, January 28, 2020, at 5:06 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Park, Swift, Traut, Smith
ABSENT: None

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplains Kevin and Dianne Krylo, Buena Park Police Department.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Imani Tolliver, Community Services Supervisor.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Vanderpool reported on the following:

- District 2 Town Hall Meeting, January 29, 6:00 p.m. at Pendleton Elementary School
- State of the City, February 12, 11:30 a.m., Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Jim Box, Community Services Department reported:

- 2020 Elementary Art Show Awards Ceremony, Friday January 31, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

PRESENTATIONS

Alberto Sandoval, University of Irvine Senior Director, Community & Government Affairs Strategic Communications & Public Affairs, provided an overview of the University and its Programs.

Council Member Brown presented a resolution honoring and commending Ruben M. Lopez on his retirement.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor 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.

Val Sadowinski, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding Los Coyotes Drive street improvements.

Luz Trout and Malia Mays, Boys and Girls Club of Buena Park, spoke regarding educational programs, leadership and self-esteem programs for teens and youth in a safe environment.

There being no further request to speak, Mayor Smith closed oral communications.

CONSENT CALENDAR (1 – 5)

Mayor Smith announced that Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 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 Swift requested separate consideration for Item No. 4. There being no additional requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken:

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

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos.1 through 3 and Item No. 5 be approved.

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1. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Approve.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 14080

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,515,703.57 DEMAND NOS. 400712 THROUGH 400940 CANCELLED NOS. 400597 VOIDS

RESOLUTION NO. 14081

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$9,695.33 DEMAND NOS. 400941 THROUGH 400945

RESOLUTION NO. 14082

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$770,808.78 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING JANUARY 10, 2020

Budget 47 Contracts 70 C-3119 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-876

2. FINAL PAYMENT FOR CHARLES A. LINDBERGH PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to issue final payment and file a Notice of Completion for the Charles A. Lindbergh Park Playground Equipment Project. This project was funded by the Park in-Lieu Fund (Account No. 32-9806-290149).

Recommended Action: 1) Accept project as complete and approve final payment to R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,000.05; 2) Direct the Public Works Department to file a Notice of Completion; and 3) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$3,736.90 from undesignated Park-in-Lieu Fund balance for the project.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Budgets 47 Contracts 70 C-3171

- 3. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOSMONT COMPANIES FOR THE CREATION OF A WORK PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) IMPLEMENTATION

Purpose: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement to implement the EIFD at a cost of \$66,000. Associated costs will require a budget amendment of \$66,000 from the undesignated Economic Development Fund balance.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Kosmont Companies for initiation of a work plan for Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) implementation in the amount of \$66,000; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement; 4) Approve a budget amendment from the undesignated Economic Development Fund balance in the amount of \$66,000 for this purpose.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 4. APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS REGARDING ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TIME ALLOWANCE

Purpose: Authorize the City Clerk to make an amendment to the City Council Protocol Guide for Oral Communication time allowance. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve an amendment to the City Council Protocol Guide for Oral Communication.

MOTION: Swift
 SECOND: Brown
 AYES: Swift, Brown, Traut, Smith
 NOES: Park

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action to change the oral communication time allowance from five (5) to three (3) minutes, with discretion by the Mayor to extend the time to five (5) minutes.

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- 5. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING RUBEN M. LOPEZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

Recommended Action: Approve.

ADOPTED the following title resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING RUBEN M. LOPEZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS (6 – 11)

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- 6. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE BUENA PARK TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT (TMD)

Presented by Sara Copping, Executive Director of Visit Buena Park

Purpose: Approve the 2020 BPTMD annual report. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the 2020 Annual Report for the Buena Park Tourism Marketing District (BPTMD).

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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- 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SISTER CITY PROGRAM

Presented by Aaron France, Assistant City Manager

Purpose: Authorize the City Manager's Office to utilize unspent funds from the Sister City program in FY 18-19 for the upcoming Sister City trip to Korea in March 2020.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,383 from the FY 18-19 budget to the FY 19-20 budget for the Sister City Program.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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- 8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE BUENA PARK NAVIGATION CENTER WITH SAUDER MANUFACTURING CO. DBA BUTLER HUMAN SERVICES, AND CORPORATE BUSINESS INTERIORS, INC. (CBI), FOR THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (FF&E); AND APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH HOWARD CDM

Presented by Mark L. Averell, CPPO, Purchasing Manager

Purpose: Authorize the Purchasing Manager to purchase furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for the Buena Park Navigation Center. Associated costs in the estimated aggregate amount of \$441,000 will be allocated from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant funds.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Sauder Manufacturing Co., dba/ Butler Human Services, in the estimated amount of \$80,000 for the purchase and installation of beds and mattresses for the Buena Park Navigation Center; 2) Approve a professional services agreement with Corporate Business Interiors, Inc. (CBI), in the estimated amount of \$235,000 for the purchase and installation of office, dorm and common space furniture for the Buena Park Navigation Center; 3) Determine that dispensing with competitive bidding pursuant to Section 3.28.080.E of the Buena Park Municipal Code is in the best interests of the City because by utilizing a nationally bid cooperative contract for the office and common space furniture, the advantages of large-scale buying will be obtained, resulting in contract savings to the City; 4) Authorize the purchase of startup equipment and miscellaneous outdoor furniture in the estimated aggregate amount of \$126,000 from various vendors; 5) Approve a change order authorizing Howard CDM to purchase and install kitchen equipment in the amount of \$32,948.87; 6) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary changes to the agreements; and 7) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the agreements.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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9. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RABBEN/HERMAN DESIGN OFFICE (R/HDO) FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE BEACH BOULEVARD MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROVE A BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES
 Presented by Mina Mikhael P.E., Assistant City Engineer

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to amend the PSA with (R/Hdo) to provide additional design services for the Beach Boulevard Median Improvements Project. Associated costs in the amount of \$196,500 are proposed to be allocated from One Time General Fund revenues to fund this amendment to the agreement and additional services.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 18-16 with Rabben/Herman Design Office (R/Hdo) in the amount of \$16,480 to provide additional design services; 2) Authorize funds for surveying services in the amount of \$19,764, upgrading shrubs to five-gallons size in the amount of \$30,000, electrical services in the amount of \$25,000, and tree lighting in the amount \$30,000; 4) Authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$196,500 from One Time General Fund revenues; 5) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the amendment; and 6) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the amendment.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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10. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019
 Presented by Sung Hyun, Director of Finance

Purpose: Review the Treasurer's Investment Report prepared by the Finance Department for the month of December 2019. There is no fiscal impact in receiving this report.

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file the reports.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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11. SECOND READING - ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCLUSIONS OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, AND LIMITED SERVICE JOB CLASSIFICATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP
 Presented by Eddie Fenton, Director of Human Resources/Risk Management

Purpose: Adopt an ordinance to amend the contract between the Board of Administration of CalPERS and the City of Buena Park to provide for the exclusion of approved Temporary, Seasonal, and Limited Service job classifications from CalPERS

membership, in addition to the current School Crossing Guard job classification. The proposed contract amendment included in this Ordinance will potentially assist in lowering future staffing costs associated with pension benefits for new Temporary, Seasonal, and Limited Service personnel.

Recommended Action: 1) Waive reading of ordinance in full and approve by reading title only; and 2) Approve second reading and adopt ordinance.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action and ADOPT the following title Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1676

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & CALENDAR

Council Member Swift reported the following:

- January 17 Meeting with representatives of UNIS, new company in Buena Park
- January 17 McDonald's Ribbon Cutting
- January 19 Buena Park Library Board Member Dennis Salts Birthday Party
- January 23 OCFA Board Meeting
- January 25 Boys and Girls Club, Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon
- January 25 BPHS Future Farmers of America, Farm to Fork Fiesta

Council Member Park reported the following:

- January 17 McDonald's Ribbon Cutting
- January 22 -24 Sacramento League of Cities New Councilmembers Training and Policy Committee Meeting
- January 25 Boys and Girls Club, Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

Council Member Park calendared a review of road conditions on Los Coyotes Road.

Council Member Brown reported the following:

- January 17 McDonald's Ribbon Cutting
- January 23 OC Council of Governments Meeting
- January 24 Metrolink Board Meeting
- January 25 Boys and Girls Club, Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon

Council Member Brown calendared an update on Grange 39 and City owned properties on the Mall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Traut reported the following:

- January 7 Police Department Oath of Office Ceremony
- January 15 Cultural and Fine Arts Commission Meeting
- January 22 Planning Commission Meeting
- January 23 Centralia School District, Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting
- January 25 Boys and Girls Club, Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon
- January 28 Visited various City parks to see improvements

Mayor Smith reported the following:

- January 16 Meals on Wheels Meeting
- January 17 McDonald's Ribbon Cutting
- January 18 Los Coyotes Country Club New Year Kickoff
- January 22 OC Sanitation Board Meeting
- January 12 Beautification-Environmental Commission Meeting
- January 28 Boys and Girls Club, Youth of the Year Awards Luncheon
- January 28 City Council Special Study Session

RECESS

Mayor Smith recessed the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

STUDY SESSION (12 – 21) (Reconvene in the Council Chamber)

12. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO MINIMIZE/CLOSE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS INTO AZALEA DRIVE

Report by Deepthi Arabolu P.E., T.E., Principal Engineer

Principal Engineer Arabolu reported, in 2018, a resident and representative of Azalea Drive, approached the City with concerns regarding the safety of the neighborhood. A petition of the neighborhood to enclose a block wall at the eastern end of the street was submitted to the City. The reason stated for this request was a dramatic increase in foot traffic resulting in an increase in criminal activity. Records from the Police Department do not indicate an increase in criminal activity. Hence no action was taken at that time.

In late September 2019, the resident approached Public Works with concerns regarding safety of the neighborhood. He mentioned several incidents occurred in recent months and years that threaten the safety of the residents of Azalea Drive. Mr. Lampkin requested the Public Works Department address the issue from an infrastructure standpoint.

Azalea Drive provides access into the Flower Tract, which consists of a network of several residential streets such as Larkspur Drive, Aster Circle, Cyclamen Way, Heather Circle and Crocus Circle. All these residential roadways are two-lane streets with parking allowed on both sides. They are characterized by heavy residential density with numerous single-family home driveways fronting both sides of the streets. The prima facie speed limit on all these streets is 25 mph. Vehicular access into this neighborhood is provided through Beach Boulevard at Azalea Drive, Stanton Avenue at Cyclamen Way and Stanton Avenue at Crocus Circle.

Public Works contacted the Buena Park Police Department for information on crime statistics on Azalea Drive in an effort to gauge the overall safety of the neighborhood. Data over a period of five years indicated a total of 48 calls on Azalea. 16 out of the 48 calls indicated officers conducting proactive checks on people or cars in the area. 13 out of the 48 indicated resident generated calls. The remaining 19 calls, listed offenses like DUI, parking violations, patrol checks etc.

In response to this request, staff evaluated options to minimize non-resident pedestrian access into Azalea Drive through the existing facility at the eastern cul-de-sac of Azalea Drive. Staff proposes the following alternatives:

Alternative 1:

1. Closing the existing 14-ft. wide drive way on the easterly cul-de-sac by installing a picket (vinyl) fence with red "end-of-roadway markers" with reflectors. This will minimize/partially restrict foot traffic entering the neighborhood through Stanton Avenue and also increase driver awareness that the roadway dead-ends.
2. Installing pedestrian gates with latches on the pedestrian ramps located on the easterly cul-de-sac of Azalea Drive. This will minimize and shield non-resident pedestrian access into the neighborhood through Stanton Avenue.

Alternative 2:

1. Closing the existing 14-ft. wide drive way on the easterly cul-de-sac by installing a 4 ft.-picket (vinyl) fence with red "end-of-roadway markers" with reflectors. This is consistent with the condition on the neighboring street, Aster Circle.

Alternative 3:

1. Closing the existing 24-ft. opening on the easterly cul-de-sac by installing a picket (vinyl) fence with red "end-of-roadway markers" with reflectors. This option will preclude any pedestrian access into Azalea Drive from Stanton Avenue.
2. This option will require modifying the existing sidewalk on the easterly cul-de-sac of Azalea Drive to include new ADA curb ramps.

Following discussion, a majority of the City Council (Brown, Smith dissented) directed staff to move forward with Alternative 2: Closing the existing 14-ft. wide drive way on the easterly cul-de-sac by installing a 4-ft. picket (vinyl) fence with red "end-of-roadway markers" with reflectors.

13. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING USE OF PORTABLE STAGE BY CENTRALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FAMILY EXPO EVENT
Report by Aaron France, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager France reported staff was contacted by Centralia Elementary School District about utilizing the City's portable stage for their Family Expo Event at Walter Knott Elementary School on February 20, 2020, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event provides resources for families and showcases the school district. There will be a variety of student performances that require a stage. In the past, the City Council has been reluctant to loan out the City stage to surrounding agencies. Staff recommends the City Council consider whether staff costs and risks associated with this endeavor be passed along to Centralia. The City Council may also want to consider a formal policy related to the use of City equipment (e.g. the City stage, portable restrooms, etc.) by other agencies or organizations as this may become a more frequent inquiry.

After discussion, a majority of the City Council (Traut dissented) was not supportive of loaning or renting the portable stage due to possible costs and associated risks, and directed staff to draft a policy prohibiting the use of all City-owned equipment by outside persons or organizations and return to City Council for formal adoption.

14. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL
Report by Mark L. Averell, CPPO, Purchasing Manager

Purchasing Manager Averell reported staff was directed to research memorial redesign and work with the Police Officers Association (POA) on replacing the existing water feature memorial with a bronze statue memorial. A final design was selected and brought before City Council at the April 23, 2019, meeting. At that meeting, City Council approved two agreements: 1) Brodin Studios to design and construct bronze art work; 2) agreement with Rabben/Herman to draw plans and specifications for the demolition of the existing memorial; and, 3) approved appropriating \$200,000 from One-Time General Fund revenues for the project.

Per City Council direction, staff and the POA leadership discussed a contribution of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the project. The POA prefers to pay the contribution over a period of a few years. After bid notice, the City received two bids, which were publicly opened. The lowest bidder was from the Zusser Company ('Zusser') of Los Angeles at \$163,630. The entire cost of the project encompasses the bid by Zusser (\$163,630) and project contingency (\$15,000) as well as the agreements with Brodin Studios (\$90,000) and Rabben/Herman (\$15,000).

Should the City award the contract to Zusser, the total cost of the project will be \$283,630. With a budget allocation of \$200,000, and a maximum contribution of \$50,000 from the POA, this leaves a funding gap in the project of approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000.

PROJECT COSTS:

Statues: \$90,000
Design services: \$15,000
Construction cost (lowest bidder): \$163,630
Construction contingency: \$15,000
Total project cost: \$283,630

FUNDING:

POA contribution (If approved): -\$50,000
Council approved funds: -\$200,000
Additional funds required: \$33,630

Given all the bids received exceed the engineers estimate and now present a dilemma, staff is seeking City Council direction on how to proceed.

OPTIONS:

1. Award the project to Zusser Company and explore options for the funding gap of approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000.
2. Reject all bids and rebid the project with the same scope of work in hopes of receiving more bids with lower costs.
3. Reject all bids and rebid the project with a revised scope of work, including the utilization of City crews that could realize a savings upward of \$20,000.

Following discussion, the majority of the City Council (Brown, Smith dissented) support option 1, contingent upon the \$50,000 donation with the POA.

15. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING WHITAKER-JAYNES AND BACON HOUSE RESTROOM ADDITION OPTIONS AND PROJECT UPDATE

Report by Mina Mikhael, P.E., Assistant City Engineer

Council Member Brown recused himself from this discussion and left the dais, as he is a Curator of the Buena Park Historical Society.

Assistant City Engineer Mikhael reported that on November 12, 2019, the City Council approved a contract in the amount of \$370,000 with AID Builders, Inc. for the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate & Bacon House Historical Renovation Project. City Council requested staff provide options for ADA restroom additions to the existing Whitaker-Jaynes Estate & Bacon House. Staff identified three options and obtained cost estimates from Oldham Architects, and Luxury Flush Portable Restrooms.

- Option 1: renovate the existing office area at the rear of the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate for a single-use ADA accessible restroom to be accessed from the rear deck only. The total cost for Option 1 is approximately \$48,000.
- Option 2: build a new stand-alone structure on the property between the Bacon House and the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate. The total cost for this option is approximately \$134,000.
- Option 3: procure an ADA portable restroom from Luxury Flush to serve as a Permanent restroom and provide direct connections to water and sewer utilities. The total cost for this option is approximately \$62,800.

Staff presented the exterior color palette and interior wallpaper selections. Prior to ordering material, staff is presenting wallpaper and exterior color recommendations.

Following discussion, a majority of the City Council (Brown recused) directed staff to move forward with Option 1, to renovate the existing office area at the rear of the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate for a single-use ADA accessible restroom to be accessed from the rear deck. For the wallpaper and exterior color recommendations, the City Council chose option 3 which contains Igloo, Dark and Stormy and Charcoal Smudge paint colors and Farrow & Ball Wallpaper for the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate, and Silver Cloud paint for the Bacon House.

16. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE WHITAKER-JAYNES ESTATE PROGRAMING CONCEPTS

Report by Imani Tolliver, Community Services Supervisor

Council Member Brown recused himself from this discussion and left the dais, as he is a Curator of the Buena Park Historical Society.

Community Services Supervisor Tolliver reported that Council Member Swift requested information on possible programming for the Whitaker-Jaynes Estate. After extensive discussion, staff has several possible uses such as docent-led tours, poetry readings, book signings, tea gatherings and parties, special events, seasonal staged photo opportunities, a gift shop, and a café. Potentially, the property could generate revenue if a retail or food vendor were to utilize the ground floor. Although contractors could be retained to provide tours, most of the aforementioned options require staff supervision and, therefore, would require additional staff funding.

Challenges to the re-envisioning of the Whitaker-Jaynes property include the lack of restroom facilities, the ability to solely program on the ground floor, space limitations, which place limitations on the size and scope of new programming, and the need to protect historical furnishings and artifacts.

Pat Donnelly, La Palma resident, commented that the current use of the historic homes are as museums and reflects the history of Buena Park, tours are available to the public as well as for schools. Using the museum for other purposes would have a negative effect on the historical value of the homes and negate the intent to have an established museum.

Marge Rollins, Buena Park resident, commented that she likes the idea of refurbishment of the Whitaker-Jayne Estate, but is concerned that possible uses of the museum would damage the home and renovations.

Roger Mahaffey, Buena Park resident, commented that renovation means that things will change, there will be a loss of historic quality in the interest of longevity. Utilizing these assets for anything outside of education and history is in opposition of the purpose of the Historical Society.

Chris Brown, Historical Society President and Buena Park resident, commented that the homes have always been a museum. Currently, third graders visit the homes to learn about history. The Society has plans to increase visitor access to showcase the homes and teach visitors about the history of the homes and Buena Park.

Following discussion, the City Council (Brown recused) supports conceptual framework for uses which will preserve the historical nature of the buildings such as small group gatherings. Staff was directed to return with a detailed program proposal.

17. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING WHITAKER SCHOOL PARK DESIGN

Report by Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Director of Community Services Box reported that on September 10, 2019, City Council entered into a professional services agreement with David Volz Design (DVD) to create a master plan for the design of Whitaker School Park. This will be a joint-use facility for the Buena Park School District and the City of Buena Park. Following a series of three community meetings and a meeting as part of the November 2019 Park and Recreation Commission, DVD created a cohesive design and quality park for people of all ages and abilities. At the direction of the City Council, staff was requested to bid and construct this project in two phases. The proposed park master plan includes:

Phase 1: Approximately 1-acre in size, the phase is proposed to include an exercise trail, age-appropriate playground equipment, shade structure, picnic tables, lighted walkways, turf, and exterior tubular steel fencing of the entire proposed park.

Phase 2: Approximately 2.3 acres in size, the phase is proposed to include a multi-use sports court, basketball, pickle ball, blacktop game court, shade structures, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic tables and benches, lighting around the walking paths, seat walls for outdoor school education and large turf areas for baseball and soccer.

Budget Impact:

A preliminary construction budget has been developed, including a 10% contingency and escalation estimate:

- Phase One: Subtotal: \$ 989,146.00
10% Contingency: \$ 98,914.60
Total Estimate: \$1,088,060.60
- Phase Two: Subtotal: \$ 1,180,652.00
10% Contingency: \$ 118,065.20
Total Estimate: \$1,298,717.20

Total Project Cost: \$2,386,777.80

Mr. Gary Vazquez, David Volz Design, provided an overview of the Design. Phase I overview included age-appropriate playground equipment, an exercise trail, shade structure, picnic tables and lighted walkways. Phase II overview included sports court, basketball, pickle ball, blacktop game court, shade structures, benches, lighting around the walking paths, seat walls for outdoor school education and large turf areas for baseball and soccer.

The City Council discussed: possible grant funding, park design, one-time fund balance and the need for a community park in the north side of the City. Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to move forward with both Phase I and Phase II using one-time funds, continue seeking grant funds and report back during formal approval of this project.

