

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 5:10 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: Aaron France, City Manager; Chris Cardinale, City Attorney; and Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor Matthew Agosto, The City Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

- Blackouts in the community over the weekend. The City is working with Edison to address the issues.
- Caltrans Storm Drain Upgrade Project along Beach Blvd between Commonwealth Avenue and Cascade Way, will result in detours and lane closures on Beach Blvd until December 2020.
- The Beautification-Environmental Commission announced its new Halloween Decorations Award Program. Submit Nominations topw@buenapark.com, or 714-562-3655. Winners will be announced on November 10, 2020.

City Clerk Jimenez reported on the following:

- 2020 Census Update - City of Buena Park had a self-response rate of 77%, ranked 108 out of 482 cities in California, and a higher response rate than the County of Orange average of 75.2%.
- Voter Registration Update - Orange County Registrar of Voters sent out a green voter registration postcard to verify registered voters. If voters received this postcard, please review, complete and return to the Registrar of Voters. Also, Vote-by-Mail Ballots will be mailed out October 5, 2020. For voters' convenience, Buena Park has three ballot drop off boxes located at The Source, the Metrolink Station and the Senior Center at Ehlers Event Center.

Community Services Director Box reported on the following:

- The Community is invited to the Annual Food Truck Festival, Thursday, September 17, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Ehlers Event Center. Face masks and social distancing required.
- Buena Park Youth Theatre announced the Fall production of Spelling Bee, has been canceled due to COVID-19.
- Cops and Goblins Annual Event, Friday, October 30, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Police Dept. and Community Services will host a joint Halloween special event featuring two drive through haunted houses, in front of City Hall.

PRESENTATIONS

Buena Park Police Chief Sianez presented Employee of the Year Awards to: Art Brice, Reserve Officer of the Year, accepted by son Kevin Brice; Nancy O' Dette, Civilian of the Year; Lisa Barr, Supervisor of the Year; and Oscar Munoz, Officer of the Year. Assembly Member Quirk Silva's Office presented Certificates of Appreciation to each recipient.

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 minutes of the Council Meeting of August 25, 2020. He stated there is an inaccuracy in the minutes of the oral report provided by Mr. France on the field inspection on the condition of Los Coyotes Drive and requested the minutes be corrected.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (1 – 4)

Mayor Smith announced that Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 would be acted upon by one motion affirming the actions as recommended on the agenda and agenda bills submitted and inquired if anyone present desired to have any item removed for separate consideration. There being no requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken:

MOTION to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 with the stipulation that the August 25, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes accurately reflect the oral report by Assistant City Manager France on the field inspection on the condition of Los Coyotes Drive.

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

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 be approved with the stipulation that the August 25, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes accurately reflect the oral report by Assistant City Manager France on the field inspection on the condition of Los Coyotes Drive.

Minutes

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of August 25, 2020.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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2. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: Adopt resolutions.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 14196

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$797,168.67 DEMAND NOS. 404372 THROUGH 404568 CANCELLED NOS. 403843 AND 404269

RESOLUTION NO. 14197

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$49,481.80 DEMAND NOS. 404569 THROUGH 404580 CANCELLED NOS. 403398, 403841, 404127 AND 404407

RESOLUTION NO. 14198

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA
ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$ 731,599.70 COVERING
REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING AUGUST 21, 2020

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3. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Purpose: Accept the appointment of commissioners to the Planning Commission, Traffic and Transportation Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Beautification Commission. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution: 1) Confirming the appointment of Sam Lee to the Planning Commission, District 1 seat for a term that will expire September 8, 2023; 2) Confirming the appointment of Mark Eades to the Planning Commission, District 3 seat for a term that will expire September 8, 2023; 3) Confirming the appointment of Bruce Johnson to the Traffic and Transportation Commission, District 1 representing District 2 seat for a term that will expire September 8, 2023; 4) Confirming the appointment of Paul Rodriguez to the Citizens Advisory Committee District 5 seat for a term that will expire March 8, 2023; and 5) Confirming the appointment of Susan Sonne to the Beautification Commission District 3 seat for a term that will expire August 9, 2023.

ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAM LEE, DISTRICT 1, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION; APPOINTMENT OF MARK EADES, DISTRICT 3, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION; APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE JOHNSON, DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2, TO THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; APPOINTMENT OF PAUL RODRIGUEZ, DISTRICT 5, TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN SONNE, DISTRICT 3, TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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4. A REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS
Purpose: Receive and file a report regarding the City's actions regarding COVID-19. There is no direct budget impact with the receipt of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file report from staff.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING (5)

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5. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF BUENA PARK FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET
Presented by Finance Department

Purpose: Approve the budget for fiscal year 2020-21.

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution adopting the City of Buena Park budget for fiscal year 2020-21.

Mr. Hyun presented information regarding the 2020-21 budget and summarized the staff report. He noted the City received an additional grant from St. Jude and a Proposition 68 grant, both can be used for Rick Gomez Park. He noted the following highlights:

\$900,000 - All employees' cost of living and salary adjustments deferred for one year.

\$1 million - All departments reduced or deferred non-essential items.

\$1.6 million - Implemented hiring freeze of non-essential vacant positions.

\$1.7 million - Utilization of Coronavirus Relief Funds for Public Safety expenditures.

\$1.6 million - Allocate 100% of residual property tax revenues to the General Fund.

\$2 million - General Fund reserve for economic uncertainties.

\$2.4 million - General Fund one-time revenues.

\$11.2 million - Total

Mayor Smith stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider a resolution adopting the City of Buena Park Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present desired to speak. There being no one desiring to speak, Mayor Smith closed the public hearing.

The City Council thanked staff for their diligence and hard work, and employees for agreeing to concessions with the City.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

NEW BUSINESS (6 – 9)

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6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT FOR THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL PROJECT
Presented by Public Works Department

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to hire a contractor to apply slurry seal coating on the designated streets for the 2019-2020 Annual Slurry Seal Project. Associated costs in the amount of \$289,780.66 are available in the previously allocated project budget and will be funded by the Gas Tax Fund (Account No. 24-9806-590010).

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications; 2) Award a contract to All American Asphalt in the amount of \$262,780.66; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$27,000 in the same purchase order; and 4) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the contract.

Assistant Engineer Alqam summarized the staff report noting, the 2019-2020 Annual Slurry Seal Project will include slurry sealing of existing streets and replacing striping along residential streets in two areas: 1) west of Dale Street to Mercury Drive and north of Crescent Avenue to Buena Park Downtown and 2) west of Knott Avenue to Emerson Drive and north of Orangethorpe Avenue to the Fullerton Creek. The engineer's estimate is \$316,000. All American Asphalt is the lowest, responsible bidder at \$262,780.66. Construction is scheduled to begin September 2020 and be completed by October 2020.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2019-2020 ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL PROJECT IN SAID CITY.

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7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE DALE STREET COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 5 APPLICATION

Presented by Public Works Department

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to apply for grant funding from the CTC to install Class IV and Class II bicycle infrastructure, marked crosswalks, functional landscaping, pavement markings, and raised medians for the Dale Street Complete Streets project between Commonwealth Avenue and Auto Center Drive. The estimated cost of this project is \$810,275. The proposed ATP grant could provide \$610,867 in assistance with the remaining City funding of \$199,408 coming from a mixture of Measure M2 and Gas Tax funds.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the submission of the Dale Street Complete Streets project to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding under the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant application; 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the application; and 3) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the application.

Associate Engineer Townsend summarized the staff report noting, on May 12, 2020, the City Council approved an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Stantec for additional design services needed to complete the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application in the amount of \$13,719. ATP Program guidelines require cities to provide funds for ineligible items funded by the program. The City is requesting \$610,867 in ATP grant funds.

The City would be required to provide funds for ineligible items in the amount of \$199,408 for a total cost of \$810,275 for the project. If this application is successful, staff could revise the City's seven-year Capital Improvement Program to prioritize the project and accommodate the City's cost for the project. If the application is successful, staff proposes to use \$810,275 from Measure M2 and Gas Tax for this purpose, with \$610,867 being reimbursed by the grant.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR DALE STREET COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

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8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DAVID VOLZ DESIGN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RICK GOMEZ PARK PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Presented by Public Works Department

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to hire a design firm to perform final design services needed to complete the plans and specifications for the Rick Gomez Park Project and allocate project budget funds. Project costs amount of \$609,076 for land acquisition and \$155,065 for final design will be funded by the Park-in-Lieu fund, while \$782,094 for land acquisition will be paid by the one-time General Fund balance.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$155,065 for design services to complete the final plans and specifications for the Rick Gomez Park Project; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement; 4) Appropriate \$609,076 from the undesignated Park in-Lieu fund balance for the acquisition of 7505 8th Street property; and 5) Appropriate \$782,094 from the one-time General Fund balance for the acquisition of the 7511 8th Street property.

Associate Engineer Townsend summarized the staff report noting on September 24, 2019, the City Council was presented with a conceptual design for the Rick Gomez Park during study session. The City Council agreed to move forward with staff's recommendation. On January 28, 2020, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the acquisition of the 7511 8th Street property, expanding the footprint of the park. On March 10, 2020, the City Council approved a contract amendment with David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to provide additional conceptual design services to design the additional park area. On July 14, 2020, the final conceptual plan was approved by the City Council that included the additional park area. Staff is requesting authorization for the Public Works Department to hire a design firm to perform final design services needed to complete the plans and specifications for the Rick Gomez Park Project and allocate project budget funds. Project costs amount of \$609,076 for land acquisition and \$155,065 for final design will be funded by the Park-in-Lieu fund, while \$782,094 for land acquisition will be paid by the one-time General Fund balance.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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- 9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID CRABTREE AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 Presented by Human Resources/Risk Management Department

Purpose: Adopt a resolution to appoint David Crabtree as Interim Director of Community Development. This proposal will cost approximately \$6,000 per pay period during any overlapping period of orientation and training until the retirement of the current director. There are sufficient salary savings within the Community Development Department from staff vacancies to cover this cost.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution temporarily appointing David Crabtree as Interim Director of Community Development.

Assistant City Manager Fenton summarized the report noting that after more than 13 years of excellence in service to the City of Buena Park, Community Development Director Joel Rosen announced he will be retiring effective September 30, 2020. Staff is recommending that the services of David Crabtree be retained as Interim Director of Community Development until Mr. Rosen's replacement is hired. In order to continue the Community Development operations, staff believes it is necessary to overlap the two directors for roughly two weeks to integrate Mr. Crabtree into the organization and get him up to speed on some of the complicated planning projects currently underway.

This appointment is limited to 960 hours per each fiscal year and the compensation paid to retirees cannot be less than the minimum, nor more than the maximum monthly base salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties. In addition, this appointment is expected to last no later than September 10, 2021. This position is categorized as Interim Director of Community Development and does not include any other benefit, incentive, or compensation in lieu of benefits or other form of compensation in addition to the \$87.72 hourly rate, with the exception of statutorily required Medicare.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14203
 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING DAVID CRABTREE AS AN INTERIM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 & 21221(h) MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & CALENDAR

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & CALENDAR

Council Member Brown reported:

- August 26 Concerts in the Park, Dolly Parton Tribute Band
- August 27 OC Council of Governments Board Meeting
- September 2 Beautification-Environmental Commission Interviews
- September 3 SCAG Virtual Meeting
- September 4 Family Movies Under the Stars, Aladdin

Mayor Pro Tem Traut reported:

- September 1 Citizens Advisory Committee Interviews
- September 2 Concerts in the Park, FlashPants
- September 3 Going Away Celebration for Former City Manager Vanderpool

Mayor Pro Tem Traut calendared a discussion to consider the City's threshold standard for opening Cooling Centers, including options to lower the threshold to 95-degrees and allow for exceptions, including widespread power outages.

Council Member Park reported the following:

- August 31 Planning Commission Interviews
- September 3 SCAG Virtual Meeting
- September 3 Going Away Celebration for Former City Manager Vanderpool
- September 8 Buena Park Cable Foundation Meeting

Council Member Park calendared a report on the condition of Los Coyotes Country Club Drive as well as a full report on the condition and current plan for Los Coyotes Country Club Development.

Council Member Swift reported the following:

- August 27 League of CA Cities Virtual Webinar, Advancing Racial Equity
- September 1 Citizens Advisory Committee Interviews
- September 3 Going Away Celebration for Former City Manager Vanderpool

Mayor Smith reported the following:

- August 26 OCSD Board Meeting
- August 26 Concerts in the Park, FlashPants
- August 28 OC Mayors Meeting with OC CEO Kim
- August 31 Planning Commissioner Interviews
- August 31 Video Filming for Orange County
- September 1 Traffic & Transportation Commission Interviews
- September 2 Beautification-Environmental Commission Interviews
- September 2 Concerts in the Park, FlashPants
- September 3 Orange County filming for COVID-19
- September 3 Going Away Celebration for Former City Manager Vanderpool
- September 4 Meeting with OC CEO Kim
- September 4 Family Movies Under the Stars, Aladdin

RECESS

Mayor Smith recessed the meeting at 6:16 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

STUDY SESSION (10 – 17) (Reconvene in the Council Chamber)

10. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY
Report by Public Works Department

Operations Manager Brodowski reported the City last conducted a Water Rate Study in 2015 which established annual water rates through 2020. The Water Rate Study considers all aspects of providing potable water to the City's customers, including the cost to produce and purchase water, maintain and operate the water system infrastructure, and determine funding needs for future capital improvements. Staff proposes contracting with Tuckfield & Associates to conduct a new Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

Tuckfield is an expert in the field and also completed the City's Water Business Plan as well as several water rate studies in the past. The study will differ this year in that it will remove the costs associated with operating the City's sewer and wastewater systems from the Water Rate and will develop a new Wastewater Rate for those services. Tuckfield's proposal for the new study is approximately \$39,000 and will be funded by the Water Enterprise Fund.

The City Council discussed water quality, how the rate study is conducted and rate increases. Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to move forward with the Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

11. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING PROPOSED BICYCLE CROSSING OPTIONS ALONG STAGE ROAD AS PART OF THE ORANGE COUNTY (OC) LOOP PROJECT
Report by Public Works Department

Principal Engineer Arabolu summarized the staff report noting the Orange County (OC) Loop is an envisioned 66-mile seamless pathway allowing for bicycle and pedestrian access to some of California's most scenic beaches and inland reaches. Multiple agencies throughout Orange County are working to close gaps along the OC Loop. Segments O, P, & Q fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Buena Park. This project will involve the design and construction of several segments. Under specific review is Segment Q, which includes a bicycle trail crossing on Stage Road. The segment of Stage Road between Beach Boulevard and the City of La Mirada is a secondary arterial highway with two travel lanes and a bike lane in each direction. After a thorough analysis of the existing conditions of the roadway, geometric considerations, and traffic data, staff provides the following two proposals for bicyclists to safely and efficiently cross Stage Road.

Option 1: Parallel Path Crossing

Parallel path crossings occur when a trail closely parallels a roadway (Stage Road) and crosses the roadway near an existing intersection (Stage Road at McComber Road). This option involves signaling the intersection of Stage Road at McComber Road and installing Class IV, two-way, on road bike lanes along Stage Road between the trail exit point and McComber Road. This option requires re-stripping the segment of Stage Road to eliminate a travel lane in each direction and stripe for Class IV bike lanes.

Option 1: The County of Orange will apply for additional grant funds needed to implement this option. The results of the grant application will be available by the end of 2020. If implemented, the City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of this signal. Typically, the cost incurred for routine maintenance of this type of traffic signal would be approximately \$75 monthly.

Pros

- This is the most restrictive and safest type of control for crossing
- This not only addresses the bicycle crossing issue, but also enhances the safety of the intersection of Stage Road at McComber Road
- It serves as an excellent traffic calming strategy due to the reduction in travel lanes

Cons

- Less comfortable and less convenient for trail users due to additional travel distance and the delay involved in crossing at the signal
- Vehicle delay as a result of a signalized intersection
- Jay-walking possibility
- Higher cost

Option 2: Midblock crossing

Midblock crossings occur when a trail crosses a roadway (Stage Road) far enough from any other junction that there are no close proximity or unexpected motor vehicle turning movements that the trail user may encounter. This midblock crossing option is approximately 850 ft. west of Beach Boulevard and 350 ft. east of McComber Road. This option would install a marked crosswalk at the crossing in conjunction with Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB).

Option 2: The County of Orange will implement this option with available grant funds. If implemented, the City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of this crossing. Typically, the cost incurred for routine maintenance of this type of traffic signal would be approximately \$30 monthly.

Pros

- Creates a low-stress crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Provides an extra crossing opportunity between intersections
- Acts as natural traffic calming by stopping traffic when the crossing is active
- Relatively less expensive alternative

Cons

- Motorists typically gain speed at midblock locations
- Low motorist yielding rate to bicyclists and pedestrians could create a false sense of security
- Bicyclists failing to activate the RRFBs could lead to unsafe crossing incidents
- Bicyclists could fail to look for adequate gaps in traffic

The City Council discussed possibility of tunnel access, signal on McComber Road and safety concerns. Following discussion, the majority of the City Council (Brown, Smith dissented) to support staff's recommendation of Option 1, Parallel Path Crossing.

12. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Report by City Clerk's Office

The City Council selected Mayor Pro Tem Traut as the Voting Delegate and Council Member Park as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities 2020 Annual Conference.

13. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND SOCIETAL INEQUALITIES IN BUENA PARK
Report by City Clerk's Office

At the City Council Meeting of July 28, 2020, Council Member Brown requested the City Council consider adopting a resolution addressing racial inequalities in Buena Park. Many cities throughout the state of California and country have adopted similar proclamations and/or resolutions. For City Council's consideration is a draft resolution that includes the following provisions:

- Buena Park will continue to oppose racism and oppression by building an equitable and inclusive culture.
- Buena Park will continue to focus on equality within our institution, policies, and programs.
- Buena Park will work with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve communities of color.
- Buena Park will continue to promote an environment that encourages continuous improvement and innovation; be leaders in modern policing; act on input and feedback from our communities and colleagues; implement best practices and explore alternative solutions to current issues.
- Buena Park will analyze all City policies and practices within the organization that may contribute to an unequal, unfair, or disparate experience in Buena Park.
- Buena Park's Core Values would be amended to incorporate, 'Equality: Aiming to promote equality in status, rights, and opportunities for all residents of Buena Park.'

Council Member Brown commented that he has seen racism in the City against the Sikhs and the Korean community. He believes it is important for the City to state that we are against

racism, implement policies to address and review all city policies to make sure there is no racism.

The City Council recommended the resolution Opposing Systemic Racism and Societal Inequalities in Buena Park be discussed in conjunction to the Human Relations Committee, Item No. 14.

14. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Report by Community Services Department

Mayor Smith opened Item No. 14 simultaneously for discussion.

Community Services Director Box reported that at the July 14, 2020, meeting, Council Member Park calendared a discussion regarding a Human Relations (HR) Committee. Staff conducted preliminary research on Human Relations Commissions in and around Orange County. At the July 28, 2020, meeting, staff reported their research findings to the City Council. In response, the City Council created an ad hoc committee, led by Council Members Swift and Park, to investigate the need for this commission and its benefit to the City. The City Council directed the ad hoc committee to report back on their findings in 60 days.

The ad hoc committee decided that the creation of a survey was the most effective tool to collect data. Over 1200 surveys were submitted consisting of responses from Buena Park residents, businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations, school leaders, and other individuals. Survey results showed 89% of respondents answered yes when asked if there was a need for this committee.

Proposed Human Relations Committee Framework

Duties/Functions

- Create awareness and promote cultural diversity within the Buena Park community through education and understanding
- Discuss preventative actions and develop programs to encourage community education, interaction, and relationship building
- Develop city-wide core values reaffirming Buena Park's commitment to an inclusive community
- Celebrate community heroes, who have demonstrated the City's core values through their life's work
- Receive and hear specific complaints and problems of discrimination; discuss each with the appropriate public or private agency for their action; investigate when appropriate, make findings, and report those findings
- Prepare reports of Committee events and activities to be delivered to City Council

Membership

- Proposed Committee membership would consist of seven voting members, all appointed by the City Council
- Committee membership could also include non-voting community partners: such as residents, businesses, public safety, education, faith-based and non-profit communities

Don Han, Operation Manager, Orange County Human Relations Committee, thanked Council Member Brown for bringing the resolution forward. He also commented that a great city will stand behind the statement by action and mentioned that the City Council is setting a fine example of what it means to embrace diversity.

The majority of the City Council (Brown, Traut dissented) to move forward with creation of the Human Relations Committee. The City Council directed the ad hoc committee to determine the details for the Human Relations Committee (meeting schedule, plan for the year, etc.). The HR Committee's first two tasks are to decide their purpose and "take on" the resolution.

The make-up of the Committee is seven voting members (1 from each district; 2 at-large), appointed in accordance with City Council's policy. Non-voting members may include Buena Park business owners, school district and police department representatives. Council Member Park was appointed as the Council Liaison for this committee. The Committee formation should return at the next Council Meeting. Council Member Brown requested copies of the draft resolutions by Council Member Swift.

15. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING AMENDING THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO 1) RECLASSIFY POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS FROM EMPLOYEES TO UNPAID VOLUNTEERS; AND 2) CONSIDER OPENING PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL CURRENT CITY OF BUENA PARK EMPLOYEES

Report by Assistant City Manager/Human Resources/Risk Management

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton summarized the report noting, that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative effects on the City's budget, each department was tasked with reducing expenditures to help balance the budget. For the Police Department, this included reducing the Police Reserve Program. Police Reserve Officers are a significant resource to the Department and to the full-time Police Officers. Staff is recommending that the City Council establish a monthly stipend of \$200 per month to cover their costs for cleaning, repairing, and replacing their uniforms and equipment.

In addition to the budgetary impacts, the COVID-19 pandemic has also changed the way the Human Resources Department meets its recruitment and retention objectives to hire the most qualified individuals to fill critical full-time positions. With a hiring freeze on non-essential positions, there remains a demand to fill mission-critical positions, such as full-time Police Officer positions. Staff is proposing to change the requirement to allow for any current City of Buena Park employee, regular or non-regular, part-time or full-time, to compete in closed promotional examinations. This proposal allows the City to post a job announcement for a "Promotional Only" opportunity open to current City of Buena Park employees only when it is in the best interest of the City. To achieve this, the City Council must adopt amended Personnel Rules and Regulations at a future City Council meeting.

The City Council authorized moving forward with staff's recommendations.

16. CITY MANAGER REPORT

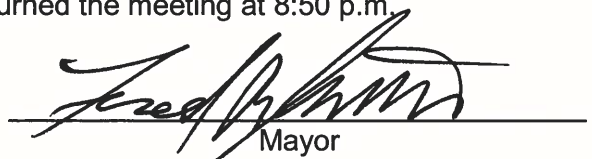
City Manager France presented the City Council with his vision for the next six months and beyond. His objectives include, monitoring City revenues and financial position; provide routine updates to City Council; and Fee Study Completion by October 2020. Future opportunities include, Renewed Business Attraction/Retention Program; Development of another themed attraction; Community event celebrating Latino heritage; and Boys & Girls Club/School District/City program collaboration.

17. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

City Clerk Jimenez reminded the City Council of the Commissioner Recognition Drive Thru Event, Friday, September 11, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Front Parking Lot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

