

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 26, 2021, at 5:04 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Traut presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Park, Sonne, Swift, Traut
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 Don Harbert, Buena Park Police Dept. Chaplain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deepthi Arabolu, Principal Engineer.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

- Stay-at-home order lifted by Governor Newsom on January 25. Businesses with questions please contact Community Development Department.
- Assistant City Manager Fenton provided an update on COVID-19 testing. The City of Buena Park, the County of Orange and 360Clinic are partnering to provide COVID-19 testing to the City and community at the Senior Center, 8150 Knott Avenue, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jimenez provided information on a published report from the Orange County Registrar of Voters pertaining to voter behaviors of the November 2020 Presidential General Election, and the upcoming March Election for Orange County Supervisorial District 2, on March 9, 2021.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Traut 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 about a development agreement between the City of Buena Park and Stanford Hotel discussed at the November 24, 2020 City Council meeting. Mr. Sadowinski expressed disagreement with City Council's direction to continue the hearing.

Baron Night, Buena Park resident, asked if individual Council Members support or oppose defunding the police department, and requests this information be placed on the City's website.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (1 – 7)

Mayor Traut 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 Swift requested separate consideration for Item No. 4. There being no additional requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken:

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

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 through 3, and Item Nos. 5 through 7, be approved.

Minutes

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of January 12, 2021.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 2. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 14267

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$739,268.05 DEMAND NOS. 406681 THROUGH 406807 CANCELLED NO. 404823 AND 406464 VOIDS

RESOLUTION NO. 14268

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$7,476.79 DEMAND NOS. 406808 THROUGH 406810

RESOLUTION NO. 14269

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$711,910.50 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING JANUARY 08, 2021

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- 3. APPROVE THE WATER BILL INSERT TO PROMOTE WATERSMART TEXTING SERVICE FOR CITY COMMUNICATIONS
Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to distribute a water bill insert promoting the WaterSmart text alert program. Associated printing costs in the amount of \$1,000 will be funded by the Water Enterprise Fund (52-6240-352363).

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a water bill insert encouraging residents to activate a WaterSmart Account and enter their cell phone number to receive text communications from the City.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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4. RESTRICTED PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT (GRANT NO. 202105) WITH ST. JUDE HOSPITAL FOR 2021 GRANT FUNDING

Purpose: Approve a grant agreement with St. Jude Hospital for 2021 fiscal year that will include the purchase of playground equipment at Images Park, grant writing services, and the purchase of garden beds for the Senior Center. Additionally, authorize the purchase of the outdoor fitness equipment for Images Park. Grant funds in the amount of \$53,740 will be used for these purposes.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a grant agreement with St. Jude Hospital for 2021; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Accept grant funds in the amount of \$53,740; 3) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,740 for the purchase of Images Park Fitness Equipment; 4) Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a purchase order for the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment; and 5) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Council Member Swift highlighted St. Jude's participation and grant funding in the Buena Park community and thanked them for their efforts and support.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUNNY YOUNGSUN PARK AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (OCFA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Purpose: Designate Council Member Park as the City's representative to the OCFA Board of Directors. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution appointing Council Member Park as the City of Buena Park's representative to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 14270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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6. APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AND OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO USE THE SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SAP)

Purpose: Authorize the Community Development Department to establish a formal relationship with the State mutual aid system for requesting SAP evaluators to assist the City's damage assessment operations following a disaster. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the Director of Community Development to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to join the State's Safety Assessment Program (SAP); 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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7. 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

NEW BUSINESS (8 – 13)

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8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUNSAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR THE CERRITOS AVENUE STORM DRAIN STUDY PROJECT
Presented by Public Works Department

Purpose: Authorize the Public Works Department to enter into an agreement with Hunsaker & Associates, Inc. for the Cerritos Avenue Storm Drain Study Project. Associated costs in the amount of \$37,900 will be funded by the Gas Tax Fund (Account No. 24-9806-590168).

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Hunsaker & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$37,900 for the Cerritos Avenue Storm Drain Study Project; 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.

Assistant City Engineer Mikhael summarized the staff report noting residents and staff identified significant water-related erosion and flooding on Cerritos Frontage Road from Lorinda Avenue to Carlotta Avenue. Heavy rainfall events, combined with an inadequate storm water drainage system, create flooding along this road, which deteriorates the street conditions at an irregular pace. Staff recommends approval of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Hunsaker & Associates, Inc for the Cerritos Avenue Storm Drain Study Project. The scope of work will include project management, data gathering, analysis, and preparation of reports. They will assess the conditions of existing storm facilities, and gather data from neighboring cities and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) prior to creating a summary report of the findings, recommend improvements, and possible solutions.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND A CONTRACT WITH HYM ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE STANTON AVENUE AT GOLDENROD CIRCLE OFFSET CROSSWALK PROJECT
Presented by Public Works Department

Purpose: Approve plans and specifications and authorize the Public Works Department to execute a contract to install an offset crosswalk on Stanton Avenue north of Goldenrod Circle for the Stanton Avenue at Goldenrod Circle Offset Crosswalk Project. Associated costs in the amount of \$138,910 will be allocated from the Gas Tax Fund. Staff is recommending a budget transfer from the Gas Tax Fund Traffic Signal Improvements account to fund the balance of the project.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications; 2) Award a contract to HYM Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$125,910; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$13,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$68,910 from the Gas Tax Fund Traffic Signal Improvements account (Account 24-9806-590025) for this purpose; and 5) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the contract.

Assistant Engineer Alqam summarized the staff report noting the Stanton Avenue at Goldenrod Circle Offset Crosswalk Project includes the installation of a median refuge island with a raised curb, new sets of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB) in the parkway and in the median refuge area, removal and relocation of the existing ADA curb ramps on the east and west sides of Stanton Avenue, and updating of roadway striping to reflect the new roadway features. On December 2, 2020, three bids were received and publicly opened. HYM Engineering, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder at \$125,910. The engineer's estimate is \$115,000. The contractor possesses the required license and has performed similar projects for the City. Staff recommends awarding a contract to HYM Engineering, Inc. of Fullerton, California, in the amount of \$125,910, and approving contingency funds in the amount of \$13,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2021 and be completed by May 2021.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STANTON AVENUE AT GOLDENROD CIRCLE OFFSET CROSSWALK PROJECT IN SAID CITY.

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10. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
Presented by Finance Department

Purpose: Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). There is no budget impact with the approval of this item.

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Received and filed.

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11. REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE BUENA PARK MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION PLAN REVISING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Presented by Human Resources / Risk Management Department

Purpose: Adopt a revised job classification specification and amend the Buena Park Management Unit to reorganize the City Manager’s Office (CMO) and Community Development Department. There is no budget impact with the approval of this item as the salary range for the Community Development Director remains the same.

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution amending the Buena Park Management Unit Compensation Plan to revise the Director of Community Development job classification and delete the vacant Economic Development Administrator classification and salary range; 2) Approve the revised job classification specification; and 3) Approve the reorganization plan for the City Manager’s Office and Community Development Department.

Assistant City Manager Fenton summarized the report noting the opportunity to review the future of economic development within the City and reorganize the City Manager’s Office and Community Development Departments for staffing adjustments due to the recent retirement of two directors. The revised Director of Community Development job classification will be responsible for continuing to support a business-friendly environment, and provide residents with enhanced shopping and dining options through its economic development programs and goals. This revised position will also plan, manage, and coordinate economic development, community redevelopment, and housing development and rehabilitation projects and programs, in accordance with goals and Successor Agency implementation plans. This plan does not reduce critical service levels or eliminate core programs.

After review, Human Resources staff recommends the reorganization plan and requests approval of the revised Director of Community Development classification within the Buena Park Management Unit. This proposed plan includes elimination of the Economic Development Administrator and the addition of some of those functions to the Director of Community Development. This structure streamlines economic development and housing programs, and provides for direct involvement in advanced planning for the community. Based on the results of the classification and compensation study, the Human Resources Department recommends that the City’s Classification Plan be amended to incorporate the revised position.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14272
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY CLASSIFICATION PLAN REVISING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOB CLASSIFICATION

Emergency Services 188 Loan Programs 191.7**12. APPROVAL OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES (CDBG-CV3 FUNDING)**

Presented by City Manager's Office

Purpose: Approve Rental Assistance Program and Utility Assistance Program guidelines to assist low-income Buena Park residents directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic pay their rent or utilities. Associated program funds in the amount of \$645,000 have previously been allocated for this purpose from Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) round 3 funds.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Rental Assistance Program and Utility Assistance Program Guidelines; and 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary changes or augmentations to the Rental Assistance Program and Utility Assistance Program Guidelines in order to expedite the distribution of funds to residents.

Assistant City Manager Fenton summarized the report noting staff has developed the Rental Assistance Program and Utility Assistance Program Guidelines to assist more families experiencing financial hardship due to job loss and/or reduction in wages from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rental Assistance Program and Utility Assistance Program are based on the availability of funds, program guidelines, and submission of all required information and documentation. Both programs have income qualification requirements and are available to those at 80% or below the Orange County Area Median Income. The Rental Assistance Program provides up to \$1,500 per month for up to three months of rent per household (max: \$4,500). The Utility Assistance Program provides up to \$1,000 of grant assistance to pay eligible utility bills (e.g. water, electricity, gas, refuse). In an effort to assist the greatest number of residents in need, staff recommends that applicants may not receive assistance from both the Rental and Utility Assistance programs. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis that is fair to all residents. The goal for both the Rental Assistance Program and the Utility Assistance Program is to maintain housing and/or reduce rental or utility delinquency in arrears as a result of the economic downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: Swift
 SECOND: Park
 AYES: Swift, Park, Brown, Park, Sonne
 NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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Presented by City Manager's Office

Purpose: Authorize the City Manager's Office to accept grant funds from County of Orange, and approve program guidelines. Funds in the amount of \$112,000 will assist small businesses within the Second Supervisorial District.

Recommended Action: 1) Review and ratify the City of Buena Park COVID-19 Related Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program guidelines ("Guidelines") for the administration of grant funds to provide assistance to small businesses, as such funding was made available by Orange County Board of Supervisors; 2) Ratify the City Manager's execution of the Subrecipient Agreement with the County for the grant funds; 3) Accept grant funds in the amount of \$112,000; and 4) Allocate funds in the amount of \$112,000 to be used for a small business grant program within the Second Supervisorial District.

Assistant City Manager Fenton reported that in June 2020, the County of Orange distributed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds directly to all Orange County cities for small business relief. The City received \$817,326 for the Second Supervisorial District. A total of 79 businesses were assisted with grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$10 million from the County's General Fund reserves to be distributed to local cities for continued small business relief related to COVID-19. This second round of funding will be in the amount of \$112,000 and be distributed by the City to small businesses within the Second Supervisorial District. As a condition to the City's receipt of the Grant Funds from the County for the Second

Supervisory District, it is required to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement which details restrictions on the Grant Funds and the City's obligations relative to administering them. Given timing restrictions associated with accepting the funding, the City Manager has executed the Subrecipient Agreement on the City's behalf, but it is appropriate for the City Council to ratify this approval and formally accept the Grant Funds. Staff recommends the City Council review and ratify the agreement.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS & CALENDAR

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- January 14 Buena Park Collaborative Meeting
- January 14 ACC-OC Newly Elected Official's Virtual Training
- January 19 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Orientation
- January 20 Navigation Center Advisory Committee
- January 20 League of CA. Cities, Internet Service Provider Partnering with Cities Webinar
- January 21 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board Meeting
- January 21 Park and Recreation Commission
- January 21-22 New Mayor and Council Members Academy
- January 26 Orange County Power Authority Meeting

Council Member Swift reported the following:

- January 14 St. Jude Hospital Community Benefit Committee Virtual Meeting
- January 19 Dennis Salts, Longtime Buena Park Resident, Drive-by Birthday Party
- January 21 State Treasurer's Office Virtual Meeting
- January 21 Buena Park VOLT Meeting
- January 27 Planning Commission Meeting
- January 28 Orange County Fire Authority Last Meeting

Council Member Swift calendared a 529 student savings plan presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Park reported the following:

- January 20 Los Coyotes Country Club Development Meeting, Curt Pringle and Associates
- January 20 Cultural & Fine Arts Commission
- January 25 SG Safety Corporation Mask Donation Event

Mayor Pro Tem Park calendared imposing a cap on service charges for third party food delivery services.

Council Member Brown had nothing to report.

Mayor Traut reported the following:

- January 14 City Selection Committee Meeting
- January 14 Orange County Mayors Weekly Meetings
- January 15 Orange County Health Care Agency Conference Call
- January 19 Buena Park VOLT Leadership Committee Meeting
- January 21 Veteran's Assistance Oversight Committee Meeting
- January 21 Orange County Mayors Weekly Meetings
- January 21 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting
- January 22 Orange County Health Care Agency Conference Call
- January 25 Los Coyotes Country Club Development Meeting

Mayor Traut commented that he administered the attorney oath of office to six people, including Buena Park residents.

Mayor Traut calendared a community benefits for local and veteran preference hiring on capital improvement projects.

RECESS

Mayor Traut recessed the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

STUDY SESSION (14 – 17)

14. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING BUENA PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 Presented by City Manager's Office

City Manager France provided an overview of the presentation regarding projects and economic recovery forecast. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a challenging environment for economic development with delays to development, disruption to hospitality and entertainment, and overall revenue loss to the City. With the assistance of Kosmont Companies, the City Manager's Office has been working on furthering a number of long-standing economic development projects throughout the City. While efforts in this regard have been challenging during this COVID-19 pandemic, staff has made progress on a number of fronts. In order to continue moving these projects and others forward, the workshop this evening will seek City Council direction and priorities. The presentation will be broken up into four areas:

1. General economic development post-COVID-19 scenario
2. Projects overview and future direction
3. Opportunities
4. Questions from City Council

Larry J. Kosmont, CEO, and Darrell George, Kosmont Companies, provided a presentation to the City Council regarding an overview of Buena Park - Approach to Economic Development: Resetting the Local Economy in a Post-COVID-19 World. Mr. Kosmont provided an overview of economic and land use trends that are impacting Buena Park and the region, review of key projects and development opportunities, and the ongoing discussion of priorities, goals, strategic next steps, and economic development tools. Mr. Kosmont and Mr. George reviewed Buena Park developments: Kim property, public-private hotel project, new auto dealership, The Source (M&D Properties); blended use development, Butterfly (formerly Movieland site), Hotel Stanford, and Buena Park Downtown Mall.

The City Council discussed outdoor dining, community input for the Buena Park Mall, local tourism, being cautious and planning boldly for the future of Buena Park. Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to return at a later meeting to further discuss key projects and development opportunities.

15. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
Presented by City Manager's Office

Assistant City Manager Fenton reported at the December 8, 2020, City Council meeting, Council Member Sonne formally requested a Public Health Commission item be agendaized for discussion. Staff conducted a preliminary research on this type of commission in and around Orange County, and expanded the search to find at least six California cities that have their own health commissions. These cities include: Berkeley, Beverly Hills, Chula Vista, Huntington Park, Lancaster, and Los Angeles. Of these six cities, Berkeley, Beverly Hills, Chula Vista, and Los Angeles have the most detailed, comprehensive, and online-accessible Commission framework for City Council's review. While Public Health Boards and Commissions vary in size, make-up, staff support, and scope, board members are typically comprising of representatives from the public health fields, such as Physician, Nursing, Education, Dentistry, and Community Health Clinics. It is expected that this Commission would advise the City Council on matters designed to protect and promote the public health of Buena Park. For example, this Commission could advise the City Council on health issues related to mental health, addiction, smoking cessation, vaping, healthy eating, safe walking and outdoor activities, COVID-19, poverty, health equity and racial disparities in public health, and the effects the environment has on public health.

Council Member Sonne stated this idea was due to the politicization of COVID-19, the response and how frustrating it has been to residents. In addition, COVID-19 has identified inequities in health care, and the mental health of the community has been tested and impacted by the pandemic. It's her opinion that having a public health commission that serves as an advisory board and provides recommendations to the City Council ensures the community a local voice.

The City Council discussed the County of Orange Health Department's resources, budget constraints due to Covid-19, lack of resources for this type of commission, and the possibility of creating a Public Health task force or ad hoc committee to consider proposals or policies to come forward that act like a commission. Following discussion, Council Member Sonne withdrew her proposal.

16. CITY MANAGER REPORT

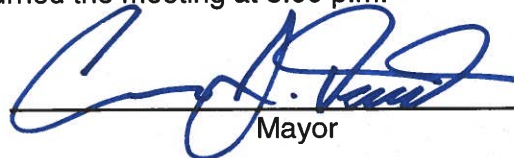
City Manager France requested feedback about the City Council Chamber upgrades to allow for virtual meetings. City Council stated they were pleased with the temporary upgrades and look forward to additional permanent upgrades to provide accessibility and virtual meeting capabilities.

17. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

City Clerk Jimenez had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Traut adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk