

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

CONVENE SPECIAL STUDY SESSION

At 5:10 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting in the Community Meeting Center.

ROLL CALL      PRESENT:      (6)      Council Members Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill, Mayor Jones

ABSENT:      (1)      Council Member Brietigam was absent at Roll Call but joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR STUDY SESSION

Speakers:      Craig Durfey

STUDY SESSION MATTERS

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CONTINUATION BUDGET REVIEW

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by staff reviewing the Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed budget amendment.

ADJOURN STUDY SESSION

At 6:12 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned Closed Session.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 6:36 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the regular meeting with Council Members D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, and Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill present.

## INVOCATION

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Tracy Nguyen, Dakota Hill, Luz Flores, Ariana Arestegui, Amanda Nguyen, Josh Lindsay, Craig Durfey, Nicholas Dibs, Daisy Perez.

Electronic Communications received from: Craig Durfey, Alisha Garcia, Emily Kim, Heather Kim, Chris Desrosiers, Sharon Nguyen, Adrian Huizar, Jacquelyn Do, Nicolas Velasco, Alexa Guerrero, Megan Thurston, Briana Castrejon, Thien Pham, Allen Bram, Allen Duong, Concerned Citizens, David Caldwell, Madison Griffith, Andrew Cory Chenault, Alfredo Garcia, Johnny Tran, Kadisha Aburub, Araceli Kempis, Angelica To, Isabel Ortiz, Carol Calapine, Anh-Tu Lu, Kara Ford, Janelle Agustin, Tracy Dao, David Epps, Michelle Nguyen, Helene Vo, Emily Nguyen, Nancy Bui, Amanda Nguyen, Kathryn Williams, Daniel Jimenez, Laura Castaneda, Jessica Castaneda, Jeanne Ngo, Michael Kramer, Mike Negrete, Tammie Liu, Michelle Salcedo, Nathan Koreie, Charlie Nguyen, Jacqueline Nguyen, Jennifer Schniepp, Inez Cardona-Alvarez, Raina Lopez, Marlene Garcia, Jenny Troung, My Vo Luong, Katherine Friese, Caitlin Rear, Carmen Bravo, Adriana Torres, Melissa Tran, Nathalie Le, Justin Hogate, Rachel Tang, Allyson Hernandez, Amber Reiter, Lisa Dang, Alexis Gonzalez-Corona, Leslie Reed, Vicky Nguyen, Natalie Nguyen, Cera Thompson, Omar Salah, Mariko Takahashi, Brixton McAneny, Annie Dang, Jennifer Rosales, Sabrina Bulla, Mark Jason Ramon, Ori Nguyen, Phuong Lam, Spencer Graham Kimura, Jennifer Brito, Shayla Phung, Kirsten Adams, Stefani Roldan, Kyle Adams, Victoria Truong, Rachel Dean, Dorothy Doan, Thomas Nguyen, Erika Higbee, Peter McMaster, Erin Yarborough, Kimerberly Luu, Darian Manago, Hector Hernandez, Amy Park, Joshua Kramer, Jennifer Do, Ethan Dao, Linh Phung, Aisha Shah, Nicole Mesquit, Vincent Thai, Annie Ngo, Zachary Thammavongsy, Michael Brito, Roser Vee Hong, Vicky Vu, Angela Alonso, Kylee Stoutamyer, Brittany Quach, Krista Natividad, Emily Rittenhouse, Ryan Tran, McKenna Kurz, Kalpa Semasinghe, Sarah Perry, Vanessa Small, Taryn Allen, Meredith G, Itzayana Delgado Tufino, Mindy Nguy, Austin Tran, Veronikah DeLaCruz, Janice Yun, Lindsay Mcnamara, Corinne Van Riper, Christopher Bianco, Lindsey Chou, Yeachan Choi, Isabel Rocha, Matthew Warren, Anna Vu, Jillian Madden, Ivette Arreola, Anthony Kim, Conner Fulps, Sydney Bui, Dana Pizzi, Monica Mendoza, Bailey Disler, Joaquin Anthony Reynoso Jr., Briana Castrejon, Anthony Fulps, Jessica Mendoza, Tanya Judge Serrano, Iliana Pinzon, Eric Tran, Ruth Guevara, Victor Contreras, Sabrina Bulla, Tami Nguyen, Daniel Duarte, Kimberly Ho, Nathan Nguyen, Ariana Arestegui, Joshua Kramer, Julie Rojas, John Griffith, Dakota Hill, Daniel Pantoja, Terence Leung, Jenna Butz, Benson Quang, Susan Martinez, Chi Nguyen, Nancy Ngo, Sara Flores, Rebecca Pasillas, Theresa Phan, Vivian Lopez, Isac Tiburcio, Madison Burga, Vinh Vu, Chris Sewitsky, Jennifer Weyenberg, Corinne Van Riper, Dillon Janocha, Jessica Mendoza,



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION (F: 58.2)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Resolution No. 9629-20 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, be adopted;

Resolution No. 9630-20 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code, be adopted;

Resolution No. 9631-20 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, be adopted.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION EXTENDING FOR ONE YEAR THE EXPIRATION OF DISCRETIONARY LAND USE PERMITS THAT WOULD HAVE EXPIRED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2021 (F: 117) (XR: 80.1)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Resolution No. 9632-20 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove extending for one year the expiration of discretionary land use permits that would have expired between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021, be adopted.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GARDEN GROVE TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD'S 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT, DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, AND SETTING THE TIME AND DATE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT (F: 32.1)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Resolution No. 9633-20 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the annual report of the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District Advisory Board, declaring its intention to levy assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District, fixing the time and place of public hearing thereon and giving notice thereof, be adopted.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH UNION BANK N.A. FOR BANKING SERVICES (F: 55-Union Bank N.A.)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Amendment No. 3 of the existing contract with Union Bank N.A., to extend the City's banking services for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, be approved;

An option to extend the term for an additional year through June 20, 2022 if necessary, be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City and make minor modifications as appropriate.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

AWARD A CONTRACT TO MEEDER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES (F: 55-Meeder Investment Management, Inc.)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

A contract be awarded to Meeder Investment Management, Inc., to provide investment advisory services for a term of three years in the amount of \$72,000 per year;

That two additional option years in the amount of \$75,000 for the fourth year, and \$78,000 for the fifth year, be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the contract and option year contracts, making minor modifications as appropriate, on behalf of the City.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 26, 2020 (F: Vault)

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Minutes from the meeting held on May 26, 2020, be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

WARRANTS

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Regular Warrants 662577 through 662680; 662681 through 662874; Wires W2869 through W2871; Wires W662680 through W662874; be received and filed as presented in the warrant register submitted, and have been audited for accuracy and funds are available for payment thereof by the Finance Director; and

Payroll Warrants 184097 through 184113; Direct Deposits D365541 through D366143; and Wires W2702 through W2705; be received and filed as presented in the warrant register submitted, and have been audited for accuracy and funds are available for payment thereof by the Finance Director.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL TO WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED

It was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Full reading of ordinances listed be waived.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

RECESS

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:44 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE ANNUAL LEVY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 ASSESSMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (F: 31.4)

Following staff's presentation, Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the City Council.

Speakers: Craig Durfey, Nicholas Dibs

There being no further response from the audience, the public hearing was declared closed.





Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account be appropriated for the cost of the agreement in the amount of \$413,066.44; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARAMEDIC TAX OVERRIDE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 (F: 60.11)

Following staff introduction and City Council discussion, it was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Bui that:

Ordinance No. 2916 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove establishing the amount of money for paramedic services that must be raised by an ad valorem tax override and the setting of the tax rate of said override, be passed to second reading.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER

DISCUSSION ON A PROCLAMATION OF GARDEN GROVE SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO PROTEST PEACEFULLY AGAINST INJUSTICE, RACISM AND HATE, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KIM NGUYEN AND PATRICK PHAT BUI (F: 83.1)

This matter was considered later in the meeting.

DISCUSSION ON RECOGNIZING SWORN AND CIVILIAN ESSENTIAL CITY EMPLOYEES FOR COVID-19 SERVICE AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRIETIGAM (F: 117.2A)

Council Member Brietigam recommended a recognition ribbon for sworn and civilian essential employees who worked through the COVID-19 shut down.



stood out to him belonged to Mr. Thomas Watson who was born in 1949 and passed away in 1970, speculating that he passed away in Vietnam. In Garden Grove there are many patriots and many have sacrificed themselves for our country, and we have not done enough to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, and we need to make sure that we remember them. He also spoke with Council Member Brietigam about establishing a War Dog Memorial, noting that Mr. Craig Durfey has championed this cause, and once the COVID crisis is under control, he would like to revisit Mr. Durfey's request, and thought that private fund raising would need to be done in order to establish a War Dog Memorial.

Council Member Brietigam moved to bring this matter for action at the next City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Bui.

Mayor Jones expressed his support noting he has been pursuing active transportation and approves personalizing and naming the trail, thanking Council Members Brietigam and Bui for bringing this forward.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

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Council Member Bui noted that after reading the proclamation adopted by the City of Tustin, and while the Garden Grove Police Department has spoken out condemning behavior leading to the death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, the City needs to speak out on this issue, as well as condemning looting and property destruction during peaceful protests. He commended Council Member K. Nguyen noting that he learned of their simultaneous decision to work with the City Manager to list a proclamation for adoption condemning this behavior. He commented on his shock when seeing video of the Minneapolis police officer lean his knee on Mr. George Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. He stated that we all need to condemn this inexcusable and unforgivable action, and that although police force causing death occurs infrequently overall, it does occur within all minority groups. He hopes that with awareness and focus on this issue that it will not happen again, and he asked for City Council support for the proclamation.

Council Member K. Nguyen thanked Council Member Bui, and condemned the actions of the Minneapolis police officers' actions resulting in the murder of George Floyd, and expressed her disappointment that many chose to prioritize a narrative of looting and rioting over the injustice of George Floyd's death. She further stated

that: “what happened to George Floyd is not the result of a few ‘bad apples,’ but a system of systemic racism – the rot at the root of the tree. Racism is not something you are born with but is taught learned behavior and a choice. When people say ‘Black Lives Matter,’ they are not saying only, they are saying too. Black people in America were kidnapped and brought here as slaves and were lynched, segregated, fed into prisons by a system that redlines, discriminates in employment and education, is perpetuated in the media and in the entertainment industry. Simple truths we should all be able to admit but struggle to do so. I can go birding, jogging, relax in the comfort of my own home, ask for help after being in a car crash, have a cell phone, play loud music, leave a party to get to safety, sleep, walk from the corner store, play in the park, go to church, lawfully carry a firearm, shop at Walmart, read a book in my car, decorate for a party, ask a cop a question, cash a check, take out my wallet, breathe, and if I were to be arrested, I don’t fear being murdered all because I am not black.” She commended the youth from Garden Grove High School who organized and led the peaceful protest in Garden Grove, and she hopes that there can be a Community Spotlight recognizing them. Over 3,000 people showed up in support of Black Lives Matter, which is a movement and not a group. She expressed her pride for her city, for the students, families, and police officers. She noted that when the marching began, she was extremely nervous, walking down an eerily quiet Main Street that was boarded up with some observing, recording, standing behind fences, which compelled her to start praying that nothing would happen. When turning the corner, drivers were honking, business owners came outside to cheer, and residents stood outside their homes, some with signs and some offering water. As a twenty-year old Vietnamese Mexican American attending UC Santa Cruz and dubbed a radical feminist, she noted that she attended numerous protests and this protest was the most impressive she has experienced. She could not have imagined something at this magnitude happening in Garden Grove. She thanked the City of Tustin’s Mayor Pro Tem Leticia Clark for her leadership, expressing admiration and guessing that as Ms. Clark is the only currently elected black official in Orange County, she must feel a tremendous amount of pressure. She is happy for the opportunity to amplify Mayor Pro Tem Leticia Clark’s voice and expressed the need to support her in our communities in Orange County. She stated that she joins Council Member Bui in expressing solidarity and made a motion for approval of the proclamation that was seconded by Council Member Bui.

Council Member D. Nguyen expressed her pride in the young people who marched on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and who marched peacefully without incident. She commended Garden Grove’s youth and encouraged more civic engagement and to be out in the community speaking up against injustice. She thanked the students and she thanked Council Members Bui and K. Nguyen for bringing the proclamation.

Council Member Klopfenstein thanked Council Members Bui and K. Nguyen for bringing this proclamation and that it is needed. She stated that there is a lot of work to do in Garden Grove building love, mercy, and understanding. The biggest actions can come from the smallest opportunities and to get to know and

understand our neighbors better and find ways to build trust. We have to work on our hearts and it begins with teaching our children as they go out into the world, and hopefully, we can change the world and make it a better place. She knows that her fellow council members are willing to do the work it takes to engage and to keep an open mind and an open heart. She asked that Council Member Bui or Council Member K. Nguyen read the proclamation.

Council Member Bui stated that now is the time to bring everyone together, and hopes that by adopting this Proclamation that it is a first step toward this goal, He suggested that both himself and Council Member K. Nguyen alternate reading the Proclamation written as follows:

WHEREAS, Garden Grove residents and businesses support one another when we are hurting, and today is no exception; and

WHEREAS, many of us cannot begin to understand the depths of anguish and pain caused by the inexcusable treatment of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We share in the anger and exhaustion that his death has sparked; and

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WHEREAS, we stand with the African-American members of our community, with all people of color in our community, with all those who have been marginalized and disenfranchised. We stand with the entire Garden Grove community; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove's Police Department operates under a set of values that prioritize the community in public safety and policing efforts. The longstanding Chief Advisory Council is made up of local residents and business leaders, and it operates to engage in candid dialogue with Garden Grove Police Chief Tom DaRè about how to serve the community effectively. Therefore, the men and women of the Garden Grove Police Department will continue to focus on the importance of respecting diversity in all forms and maintaining positive police relationships in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports peaceful protests in Garden Grove that can serve as a critical tool for public awareness. We simultaneously condemn riots and looting, often fueled by outside agitators, that are followed by violence and vandalism that destroy our institution and the very fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's commitment to community policing will not only continue but will be enhanced in response to recent events; and



that the Mayor has the authority to appoint and remove a Commissioner. She stated she has talked with Mr. Lindsay several times this past week, and he has issued an apology and is in attendance to speak. His dedication and love for Garden Grove is not in question, noting people have come to Mr. Lindsay's defense and those same people are ones who have attacked her for statements she has made. While she wishes that these people had compassion and understanding, they oftentimes do not, and she wants to practice what she preaches and treat others the way that she wants to be treated. Therefore, she wants to extend understanding and compassion to Commissioner Lindsay. She noted that what is happening are viewpoints that come from a racialized frame of reference and people are being called out. People of color are choosing not to protect white people's feelings about race anymore, and it takes a lot of emotional labor not to trigger white people. She expressed that she can only imagine what black people go through and although she can sympathize, she will never fully understand what black people go through in America. If people do not think that she feels uncomfortable on the dais the majority of the time, then they do not understand. Her very presence on the dais challenges white authority and now that she is in a position of "power" she also is in these spaces of a majority of white people and she feels like a token who has to be her best all the time because she represents so much more than just the people who reside in her district. She stated that she is the first person of Latin descent elected to the City Council and asked the question why. She stated that white privilege does not mean your life has not been hard, it just means that the color of your skin is not one of the reasons why your life is harder. If you are feeling attacked, ashamed and uncomfortable and feel that it is undeservedly so, then take pause and sit with that, and ask yourself why your knee-jerk reaction is to get defensive and recite your life resume as to why you are not racist. Having family, friends, grandchildren, or a spouse who is a person of color does not make a white person a non-racist and does not excuse one from being complicit. Talking about diversity in Garden Grove drowns out the problem at hand and tries to push a message of universalism that is not okay. We are not all included in that message, and that will not change until we talk about it. White Supremacy exists, maybe not in the more overt or violent nature, but it exists in the space that we center around whiteness, especially in Garden Grove. We cannot change Commissioner Lindsay's personal views, but we can only ask that he do better in spaces he occupies. He has the advantage of being a white man in these white spaces to be heard and respected by others. I hope he chooses the opportunity to learn and grow, which will take a lot of patience and time because he has to unlearn learned behavior. She intends on establishing a council woman book club and would like to work with staff on having zoom meetings to have a wider participation and that they will be reading White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo, and she has been working with OC Human Relations and Mayor Pro Tem Leticia Clark of Tustin to have a convening of elected officials of color and Police Chiefs to open a dialogue on what is happening today and how we can move forward and be better together. She concluded by making a motion to list an action item for the next meeting to require sensitivity and implicit bias training for all City staff with the exception of public safety who already receive training, Mayor and City Council, and Commissioners.

Council Member D. Nguyen seconded the motion.

Council Member Brietigam asked what and how the training would be implemented.

Council Member K. Nguyen responded that it would be an online training similar to the ethics and harassment training the Council and Commissioners take, that she has asked staff to review what would be available and is sure that options will be provided for consideration.

Mayor Jones commented that this type of training definitely needs to be implemented.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

Mayor Jones pointed out that this is an election year, and that Commission appointments will be taking place soon after; noting that with that, as Mayor, he has made it a democratic decision and asks council members their priorities for and within the various commissions. He expressed that they have achieved ethnic diversity and made a conscientious effort for an even district distribution, noting that there is a finite number of people who applied to be a commissioner. He commented that he did not want anyone to think that as Mayor, he has total control and he welcomed any of the council members to bring forward a voting item on adding or removing a commissioner.

Council Member Klopfenstein thanked the people who spoke about their frustration with the extremely insensitive comments made by Mr. Lindsay. She expressed her hope that sensitivity training will help to provide a platform of accountability and transparency and affords the acknowledgement that we are trying to grow and listen. The Proclamation language states that: "The City also intends to engage the community to promote open dialogues about intolerance of racism, implicit bias, and discrimination. We are Garden Grove and we are strong." She stated with conviction that Garden Grove is strong, that we do celebrate diversity, and that we are a compassionate city. There is always room for improvement, and she hopes that she will continue to lead with love, mercy, and empathy. Moving to another topic, she asked when playgrounds will be open and the caution tape removed.

City Manager Stiles stated that he will be meeting with Community Services Director, John Montanez, in the morning and a memo to the City Council will be prepared regarding the next steps in the opening guidelines.

Council Member Klopfenstein assured that Vector Control staffing levels that were down due to COVID-19 are coming back up to meet the demand for mosquito

complaints and abatement. She noted that Vector Control has reported no West Nile virus in Garden Grove.

Council Member Bui thanked the Police Department and City staff for their work on keeping the City free of incidents during the protest, and we have set a very good example. Because of the COVID crisis, many inmates were released early that has resulted in increased crime. It is important that we work together and look out for our neighbors. Now is the time to work together and to realize solutions to move our city forward and to create a better environment for all of us. He thanked the Police for their hard work and that we need to work alongside the Police to keep us safe.

Council Member Brietigam gave a shout out to City staff, Public Works and the Police Department for their work in facilitating the protest, and he thanked the protesters for coming out making their point and conducting a peaceful protest. He recognized the Garden Grove Police Department for their work during the protest and acknowledged their shared mutual aid with other cities protests throughout the county and he thanked the Garden Grove Police Department for stepping up, and putting in the hours. He noted that the County Vector Control does not handle the Base Vector Control that includes canals and ponds that contribute to the mosquito problem, and he asked City staff to prepare a letter addressed to the Base and signed by the Mayor to request that this issue be addressed before it becomes a problem.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill wished Council Member Klopfenstein a Happy Birthday. He gave a shout out to the Orange County Fire Authority noting that the Authority oversees a population of over two million people, 24 cities, and all of the unincorporated cities in the county. They do an outstanding job and have an outstanding board of directors and firefighters. They are heroes out there working everyday through this pandemic and have strategically managed to protect the employees from exposure to the virus to ensure coverage. He noted that this is a very difficult time, and stated he is very proud of the way Garden Grove handled the protest, and of the Police Department working well with the protest organizers.

Council Member D. Nguyen thanked City staff and the Police Department for how the protest march was kept safe. She stated that she is collaborating with the California Public Health Department, state legislators, salon business stakeholders, and the Governor's Office regarding guidelines for reopening small businesses, especially nail salons. Nail salons have been hit very hard economically by the COVID crisis. Everyone is committed to reopen business, however, opening nail salons is more complicated as we are still in a pandemic. The important thing to remember is that we are all in this together; that we have to continue to discuss safety, and adhere to the guidelines of social distancing and wearing masks. She understands that wearing masks is a hot topic in Orange County with the recent resignation of the Public Health Officer over requiring masks be worn in public. However, we are responsible for ourselves and others, and as a person in the medical field, adhering to the guidelines is a priority and she encourages everyone to continue wearing masks. The recent protest in Garden Grove was beautiful and offered a lesson to learn and she thanked

Council Member K. Nguyen for bringing up sensitivity training and thinks it is very necessary. She directed her comments to Mr. Lindsay, and stated that it is easy to resign and it is easy to remove, but it is much harder to stand up and take ownership of what was said. It will take time and hard work to redeem trust from people and to educate yourself. She expressed her pride in Garden Grove and stated that as a community we are much stronger together.

Council Member Bui expressed the importance for offering support to the City's nail salons, small businesses that have been hit very hard because of the COVID crisis that relies on being open to the public in order to survive. He commented that he did not understand how hair salons could reopen, and not nail salons. He asked for support and motioned to bring a resolution to the City Council urging the Governor to allow nail salons to reopen. Council Member Brietigam seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the City Attorney for input on the best approach to advocate for Garden Grove's nail salon businesses.

City Attorney Sandoval advised that the Mayor and City Council can address a letter to the Governor on behalf of nail salon or request staff to prepare a resolution.

City Manager Stiles stated that a letter, signed by the Mayor and City Council, is something that can be done quickly as opposed to waiting for two weeks to adopt a resolution.

City Attorney Sandoval stated that the City Council can direct staff to prepare and send a letter to be sent the next day without the need for the City Council to take action.

Following City Council discussion on the procedures for listing an urgency matter to consider a resolution, Council Member D. Nguyen stated that the guidelines are ready to be drafted and approved by the Governor and recommended sending a letter.

Further discussion ensued and a motion made by Council Member Bui, seconded by Council Member Brietigam to add this matter to the agenda as an urgency measure for directing staff to prepare a letter to send to the Governor, and to prepare a resolution in support of reopening nail salons at the next City Council meeting.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.  
Nguyen, O'Neill, Jones  
Noes: (0) None

Mayor Jones verbalized points for the letter to be included as follows:

We have experienced a global health pandemic that was unexpected and that under lockdown there has been negative economic impact to all of our businesses but especially hard hit was the nail salon industry, a very prominent industry within Garden Grove. The Governor opined that the nail industry was at the epoch center of the spread of COVID-19, and has not allowed the nail industry to reopen as soon as other businesses offering personal services. We are urging the Governor to reconsider and to support our prominent nail industry.

Council Member Bui stated that he would like to emphasize the Governor allowed the reopening of hair salons but not nail salons despite their similarities as a personalized service.

Council Member K. Nguyen noted that the nail industry is not being singled out but that other personal services are also still on lockdown, such as lashing, facials, piercing, waxing, and tattooing. Barber shops are not allowing shaving, and salons are not shampooing to mitigate close contact. She expressed concern that so much time is spent having this discussion as opposed to discussing Commissioner Lindsay's recent behavior.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill stated language to be included would be that this is a high priority in our community for nail salons to reopen.

Mayor Jones recommended staff reach out to Tam Nguyen of Advanced Beauty College, as she has been leading the charge for reopening nail salons and would have insight into their message to the Governor's Office.

Mayor Jones addressed the issue with Commissioner Lindsay, noting that as we are nearing the election and seating of commissioners, this is a probationary period for him and he needs to be a poster child of sensitivity for himself and as a City representative. He needs to help lead the charge on how we evolve as a community, and address certain underlying issues. He commended Council Member Bui for making the statement that now is not the time to blame each other, but is a time to come together. It has been saddening to him to see all the anger and violence and divisiveness, and he loves to kid himself that Garden Grove gets it right. He likes to think that Garden Grove represents a very diverse city with a global economy. However, he understands that we have a lot of work to do, a lot to learn, and a lot of growing to do. He addressed Council Member K. Nguyen to say that his copy of White Fragility is on back order and he may order the audio book, and he commented that he would be the guy in the book who would state "I'm not racist, look at all my friends." He is surrounded by people of all different walks and colors, has travelled a lot and considers himself to have a high EQ – Ethnic Quotient. He kids himself that he is not privileged as he has worked hard, has worked multiple jobs throughout his life, and has worked hard to establish his successes. He has listened to Robin DiAngelo's dissertation on white privilege, and is excited to read the book. In the book, it discusses how we unknowingly enjoy white privilege. He is looking forward to learning and encouraged that we all drop our guard, and as a community, find

ways to come together to understand and work with each other better and become an example.

City Manager Stiles stated that on behalf of the Central Management and City staff, he would like to symbolically join the City Council in their proclamation and support the sentiment stated in the proclamation. City Council provided directives tonight and he looks forward to working with the Council to achieve those directives.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:36 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy, CMC  
City Clerk