

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 5:40 p.m., Mayor Jones convened closed session.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (6) Council Members O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh,
Klopfenstein, Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam, Mayor
Jones

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Nguyen-Penaloza was absent
at Roll Call, but joined the meeting at 5:45
p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Speakers: None.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing litigation per Government Code 54956.9(a): One case.

Prior to adjourning into closed session, the City Attorney announced that the Council will meet in closed session to discuss existing litigation in the matter of Hernandez vs. Garden Grove, California C.R.D. Case No. 202305-20737419.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned closed session.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 6:37 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting in the Council Chamber with all Council Members present.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOE HAMMER AND ANDREA PEREZ FOR BEING NAMED THE 2023-2024 GARDEN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR (F: 83.1.2023)

Mayor Jones pulled this item forward, and requested City Council action.

It was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

A Proclamation recognizing Joe Hammer and Andrea Perez for being named the 2023-2024 Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year, be adopted.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RED RIBBON WEEK FROM OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 31, 2023 (F: 83.1.2023)

Mayor Jones pulled this item forward, and requested City Council action.

It was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

A Proclamation recognizing Red Ribbon week from October 23 to October 31, 2023, be adopted.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN GARDEN GROVE (F: 83.1.2023)

Mayor Jones pulled this item forward, and requested City Council action.

It was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

A Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Garden Grove, be adopted.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT IN RECOGNITION OF JOE HAMMER AND ANDREA PEREZ FOR BEING NAMED THE 2023-2024 GARDEN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT IN RECOGNITION OF SAMANTHA CABRERA, FROM BE WELL OC IN GARDEN GROVE, FOR RECEIVING A FIRST RESPONDER AWARD FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT 36 CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR JANET NGUYEN

Following the Legislative Update, City Manager Kim introduced and called forward Terese Caiazzo, DAP Chair for Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1962, and "Elroy", Elks Mascot, to be presented the Proclamation recognizing Red Ribbon week from October 23 to October 31, 2023.

Following the presentation of proclamation to the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1962, City Manager Kim introduced and called forward Shakoya Green Long, CEO with Thomas House, and Dr. Nefta Pereda with Radiant Futures, to be presented the proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Garden Grove.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Connor Medina – CalCities Regional Public Affairs Manager, Orange County Division, Marshall Goodman - Mayor Pro Tem, City of La Palma and CalCities Orange County Division President, Nicholas Dibs, Kurt Schurski

Written Communications: Nicholas Dibs

RECESS

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

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This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

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ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 22ND THROUGH OCTOBER 28TH AS CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK IN GARDEN GROVE (F: 83.1.2023)

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

A Proclamation declaring October 23-29, 2023 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Garden Grove, be adopted.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (F: 55-MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.)

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc., be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute Amendment No. 2 on behalf of the City.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR ONE (1) NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRUCK AND TWO (2) NEW SUV'S

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

The Finance Director be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$213,782.70 to National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of one (1) new Public Works Department truck and two (2) new SUV's;

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2023, AND SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 (F: Vault)

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Minutes from the meetings held on August 22, 2023 and September 26, 2023, be received and filed as submitted or amended.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

WARRANTS

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00028516 through 00029158 and check numbers 00185562 through 00185576 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

WAIVER

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza, 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) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. A-037-2023; AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-002-2023 THAT INCLUDES UPDATES TO THE ADOPTED 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT (F: 115.A-037-2023) (XR: 20.GPA-002-2023)

Following staff introduction and PowerPoint presentation, Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

Speaker: Nicholas Dibs, Kurt Schurski

With no further testimony from the audience, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam commended staff for their work on the Housing Element. He stated that these are state-mandated requirements and the City is required to accommodate over nineteen-thousand new homes which includes Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs). Unfortunately, if the City does not meet the requirement, the City could face fines and other ramifications. He expressed his disagreement with such mandates and stated he would not be supporting this action.

Council Member O'Neill clarified that the City is not building structures specifically, but the City is required to plan and approve Zoning and Overlay Maps to accommodate the mandated nineteen-thousand RHNA units.

Council Member Tran reiterated that the City worked vigorously to appeal the RHNA allocated units requirement and she thanked staff for their hard work. She also shared that the City has received praise for how it is handling Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Council Member DoVinh expressed support for approving the Housing Element which meets the RHNA requirements.

Council Member Klopfenstein asked the community to reach out to the City Council or City staff for more detailed information on the history and process of the current Housing Element. She thanked staff for all their hard work in the very complex process.

Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza noted the significant impact to District 6, but also highlighted the benefit of increased housing units so that younger generations are afforded an opportunity of future home ownership. She thanked staff for their hard work in this process.

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penalosa, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

Resolution No. 9825-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving General Plan Amendment No. GPA-002-2023 to update the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element and to amend the General Plan Land Use Designation of a property located at 13621 Harbor Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel No. 100-123-01), from Industrial (I) to International West Mixed Use (IW), be adopted.

Ordinance No. 2943 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving Zoning Map Amendment No. A-037-2023 to revise the City's official Zoning Map to implement the updates to the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element and to clarify the sites intended to be included in the International West Mixed Use Overlay and the Industrial/Residential Mixed Use 1 Overlay pursuant to Ordinance No. 2925, be adopted.

The motion carried by a 6-1-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (6) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalosa, Jones
Noes: (1) Brietigam
Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CT&T CONCRETE PAVING, INC., FOR ON-CALL CONCRETE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT
(F: CT&T CONCRETE PAVING, INC.)

Following staff introduction, Council Member Tran highlighted that Public Works was able to complete a project with approximately a one-million dollar savings from the original quoted cost; she commended staff for achieving this cost-savings for the City.

With no further comments, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement with CT&T Concrete Paving, Inc., for a one-time increase of \$984,000 to the current annual contract amount of \$900,000, for a total of \$1,884,000 to cover the costs of the Valley View, Belgrave, and Emerald Flood Control Channel Improvements, be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute Amendment No. 6 to the contract with CT&T Concrete Paving, Inc., and make minor modifications as necessary.

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

Ayes: (7) O'Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penalosa, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

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

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
(FISCAL YEARS 2021-22 AND 2022-23) AS REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KIM
(F: 117.15) (XR: 57.1)

Following an introduction by Economic Development Director, Luna-Reynosa, Christy Le, Homeless Liaison Analyst, provided an overview of the City's updated Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (CSPAH).

The CSPAH outlines the City's ongoing initiatives, accomplishments, prioritized objectives and strategic actions for addressing homelessness. The strategic plan has since served as the City's 5-year roadmap to address the growing demand for homeless services and the rising homeless population in Garden Grove.

The CSPAH delineates five (5) key goals and associated strategic actions:

- Goal 1: Enhance community engagement efforts regarding homelessness, and raise awareness around available resources and best practices.
- Goal 2: Improve and expand homelessness prevention efforts.
- Goal 3: Enhance data tracking and homeless outreach activities among city staff and service providers.
- Goal 4: Explore options to enhance emergency housing solutions.
- Goal 5: Increase production of and access to affordable and supportive housing.

During Fiscal Year 2022-23, the City provided assistance to a total of 12,228 homeless individuals. Out of the 12,228 individuals served:

- The Garden Grove Police Department Special Resource Team (SRT) made contact with 5,989 individuals;
- BeWell OC Mobile Response Unit assisted 4,509 individuals;
- 170 of the 532 emergency shelter bed referrals successfully achieved permanent housing;
- 380 individuals received support through rapid rehousing; and
- A total of 590 housing vouchers were offered.

Furthermore, several notable program management accomplishments include:

- BeWell OC Mobile Response Unit: On July 25, 2023, Council approved an extension for the service agreement for FY 2023-24 through FY 2027-28.
- The launch of the *CalOptima Health Street Medicine Program*, Orange County's first street medicine program, which has enrolled 85 individuals, including plans for a Street Medicine Support Center currently underway.
- Partnered with *Caltrans* for the Fencing Improvement Project to address aesthetics and security within Caltrans right-of-way and provide access to SRT for more effective street outreach enhancement.

- Construction of the *Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)* is 35% complete with the operator selected and providing input on the design/construction.
- *Jobs 1st Program* successfully assisted 15 Garden Grove businesses resulting in the creation or retention of 47 low-income jobs.
- City awarded \$1.9 million Encampment Grant funds.

It should be noted that accomplished strategic actions are updated to maintain relevancy and effectiveness in meeting the present demand for homeless services.

Lastly, staff shared that the updated CSPAH can be found on the City website at: <https://ggcity.org/addressing-homelessness>

A REPORT OF THE RECENT ANYANG SISTER CITY 50TH ANNIVERSARY VISIT AND TOURISM PROGRAM REPORT THAT TOOK PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2023
(F: 102.3)

Deputy Director of Economic Development, Greg Blodgett, provided an introduction and update as follows:

To commemorate the Anyang City 50th anniversary, the City delegation took part in the Opening Ceremony along with various events, media interviews and symposiums. The City delegation also incorporated Tourism Program in partnership with Visit Anaheim to actively promote the Grove District as a premier tourism destination. The Grove District continues to be a critical driver of economic development in Garden Grove, contributing significantly to the City's revenue, which reached \$28.5 million by the end of FY 22-23, and providing employment opportunities for over 3,500 individuals.

Key Activities in Seoul, Korea

The delegation comprised of Garden Grove city leaders, and Orange County partners, including The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, Hilton Hampton and Homewood Suites, and Visit Anaheim (which included representatives from the Westin South Hotel, South Coast Plaza, Disneyland, and the Richard Nixon Library) conducted the tourism mission in Seoul, Korea. The delegation participated in market briefings that highlighted key travel and tourism trends. Garden Grove representatives also presented the Grove District to over 75 Korean travel trade partners and key media companies, including: Biz World News, CBS, Digital Conversion, Discovery News, Asiana Airlines, Korean Travel Times, Maeil Business Newspaper, Open News, Tour Korea, Travel Daily, and TTL (Travel and Tourism Leader). Further tourism outreach was achieved through a well-attended influencer event that attracted the top 25 lifestyle and foodie influencers in Korea, significantly enhancing the visibility of the Orange County and Garden Grove market.

Key Sister City Activities with Anyang

For the past four decades, the City of Garden Grove has nurtured a strong bond of friendship, understanding, and cooperation with Anyang. This enduring relationship has been cultivated through the steadfast support of the Sister City Association, an annual student exchange program, various business meetings, and active participation in a public employee exchange program. In 2023, Anyang City celebrated its 50th

anniversary. To mark this occasion, Anyang City extended a warm invitation to the Mayor and City Council resulting in a City delegation attending a commemorative ceremony along with a diverse array of events and seminars that occurred from September 19th to September 22nd, 2023.

Key Activities in Tokyo, Japan

Garden Grove's Deputy Director of Economic Development, in collaboration with partners such as The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, Hilton Hampton and Homewood Suites, and Visit Anaheim (including representatives from the Westin South Hotel, South Coast Plaza, Disneyland, and the Richard Nixon Library) conducted a dynamic sales mission in Tokyo, Japan. During the sales mission, the delegation participated in a marketing briefing that included updates on travel trends for Japan. Garden Grove also presented the Grove District to major Japanese travel trade companies, included: Disney Tokyo, Brand USA, JTB, HIS, IBJ, USA Embassy Tokyo, Delta Air Lines Korea, Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA).

In addition, presentations were made to top Japan travel media companies, resulting in a significant social media postings.

Lastly, City Manager Kim also announced that during the tourism program from September 17-19, 2023, no majority of City Council attended the City related tourism activities, while the City Council majority participated in the ceremonial activity in Anyang, South Korea.

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER (Continued)

Council Member Nguyen-Penalosa shared the recent grand opening of Home2Suites Hotel located in District 6, and first Vietnamese-owned hotel in the City. She also highlighted the recently adopted Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation, as well as the Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Awareness Proclamation, noting the personal significance and urged the community to demonstrate care and compassion.

Council Member Klopfenstein shared that she attended the Gala for John Reynolds Youth K-9 Support Team which was fun and well attended. She thanked the Garden Grove Police Department Motors team for visiting various schools and handing out stickers on Walk-to-School Day, which was on October 4, 2023. Lastly, she highlighted the importance of the Special Resources Team (SRT) and Public Works teams that are constantly handling community clean-up throughout the City and commended their hard work. She noted the importance of recognizing their dedication and hard work by continually and formally highlighting their efforts, which also serves as an opportunity to inform the community about what they do.

Council Member DoVinh shared that the recent visit to Anyang, South Korea was a great experience and is looking forward to all the great things to come. He noted and invited the public to attend the upcoming 2023 World Korean Business Convention scheduled from October 11, 2023 through October 14, 2023 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Council Member Tran shared that she spoke at Bolsa Grande High School regarding career paths and how students can get involved in the community. She thanked a resident that informed her of the homelessness issue at the 99 Cent Store located at Brookhurst Street and Westminster Avenue. She shared that she met the homeless individual and Be Well OC also responded. She urged the public to report issues like these to the Police Department even when they are located on private property. Council Member Tran stated that she did a ride-along with the Police Department's Special Resources Team (SRT) where she learned about the arduous work they handle on a daily basis. This includes daily removal of loads of trash and responding to trespass complaints where the offenders are subsequently released two hours later. She expressed the need for changing the current laws in order to mitigate ongoing issues. Additionally, she met a group of residents on Trask Avenue and Mickey Street regarding homelessness issues with increased crime like assaults and robberies. These residents have filed code enforcement complaints and are expecting a response by the City. She also shared that on October 1st she attended the Mooncake Festival on Historic Main Street where she was accompanied by Council Member DoVinh and City Manager Lisa Kim. Council Member Tran thanked the Economic Development staff for their work in issuing a fifty-thousand dollar loan for the JOBS 1st Program that assists local businesses with growth and job creation. She urged Garden Grove businesses to reach out to City staff for more information regarding this and other available City programs. On October 24, 2023, she will be attending a senior health fair hosted by Moving Forward. Additionally, Council Member Tran stated that she is spearheading an event making fifty thousand instant meal packages to address hunger and offered other Council Members an invitation to support her cause. Lastly, she wished Mayor Jones a happy birthday.

Council Member O'Neill shared that the Shredding and Community Cleanup event that was held at the Louis Lake Senior Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023 was a success. He also noted that Brookhurst Street from Katella Avenue to Chapman Avenue has been re-stripped to include bicycle lanes. Lastly, Council Member O'Neill encouraged the public to report issues like graffiti using the new City App.

Council Member Brietigam wished Mayor Jones a happy birthday. In response to a public comment regarding city infrastructure deficits, he shared that this year City Council priorities are focused on infrastructure, and therefore various infrastructure projects are currently underway throughout the City. Lastly, with the upcoming Halloween holiday, he urged caution and advised parents to check candy noting Senator Janet Nguyen's report on fentanyl poisoning.

City Manager Kim announced that the Asian Pacific Festival, previously known as the Arirang Festival, will be taking place at Garden Grove Park located at 9301 Westminster Boulevard from October 12-15, 2023. She also shared that she and Council Member O'Neill attended the 23rd Annual Elvis Festival on Main Street on Sunday, October 8, 2023. It was a fun event with good music and lots of "Elvis" look-alikes.

City Attorney Sandoval stated that there is no reportable action on the Closed Session item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Lizabeth Vasquez
Deputy City Clerk