

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Jones convened closed session.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (7) Council Members O’Neill, Tran, DoVinh,
Klopfenstein, Nguyen-Penaloza, Mayor Pro
Tem Brietigam, Mayor Jones

ABSENT: (0) None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Speakers: None.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, USDC MDL No. 2:18-mm-2873-RMG.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Patricia Medina, et al. vs. City of Garden Grove, et al., USDC Case No. 8:22-cv-00235-HDV-JDEX

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

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

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 6:36 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

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT IN RECOGNITION OF ABIGAIL DINH FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL WITH TEAM USA AT THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PATTAYA, THAILAND (F: 83.1-2023)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Henry Torrez, Tina Vo, Nicholas Dibs

Written Communications: Minh T. Vo

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE KING SHOCKS TECHNOLOGY, INC., FOR A HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE (F: 100.1)

Following staff introduction and City Council discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Closure of City streets for a Holiday Toy Drive on Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., be approved.

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

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

RECESS

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL OF OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEFEASANCE OF THE GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015A (F: P-60.1)

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

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

Resolution No. 9828-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove authorizing the defeasance of the Garden Grove Public Financing

Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, the execution of an escrow agreement and a termination agreement, and approving certain acts in connection therewith and certain other matters, be adopted;

The form be approved and the City Manager/Executive Director be authorized to execute the Escrow Agreement by and among the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, as escrow agent; and

The form be approved and the City Manager/Executive Director be authorized to execute the Termination Agreement by and among the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, as 2015 Trustee.

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 FINANCING AUTHORITY ACTION

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

Resolution No. 15-23 entitled: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority authorizing the defeasance of the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, the execution of an escrow agreement and a termination agreement, and approving certain acts in connection therewith and certain other matters, be adopted; and

The form be approved and the Executive Director/City Manager be authorized to execute the Escrow Agreement by and among the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Financing Authority, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, as escrow agent; and

The form be approved and the Executive Director/City Manager be authorized to execute the Termination Agreement by and among the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, as 2015 Trustee.

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

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

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMMITMENT TO PROJECTS
SUBMITTED IN FISCAL YEARS 2024/25 THROUGH 2029/30 FOR THE FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (F: 24.13)

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

Resolution No. 9829-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove Certifying that resources are available to fund projects in the Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program and affirms its commitment to implement all projects in the program, be adopted.

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

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

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CITY-WIDE PUBLIC RECORDS
RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION MANUAL AND SCHEDULE (F: 45.2E)

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

Resolution No. 9830-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, adopting the records retention and destruction manual for City records as provided by the Government Code of the State of California, and rescinding Resolution No. 9321-15, be adopted.

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

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

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CREDIT UNION OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11390 STANFORD, GARDEN
GROVE (F: 55-Credit Union Southern California)

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

The Seventh Amendment with the Credit Union of Southern California for continued occupancy of 11390 Stanford Avenue in the amount of \$5,984.49 per month, be approved, and

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2022-167 FOR THE PROPERTIES
LOCATED AT 7390 AND 7440 LINCOLN WAY, GARDEN GROVE (F: 118.1)

This matter was pulled.

ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 11277 GARDEN
GROVE NO. 03-2023 AS COMPLETE (F: 55-H.L. Miller Inc.) (XR: 48.15)

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

The Interior Office Improvements Project No. 03-2023, 11277 Garden Grove, be accepted as complete;

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Notice of Completion of Public Works Improvements and Work, and

The Finance Director be authorized to release the retention payment when appropriate to do so.

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT NO. S-3102-A CIVIC CENTER BRIDGE AND LANDSCAPE
RENOVATION LOCATED AT 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, AS
COMPLETE (F: 55-RG General Engineering Inc.) (XR: 48.15)

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

Project No. S-3102-A Civic Center Bridge and landscape Renovation located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, be accepted as complete;

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Notice of Completion of Public Works Improvements and Work, and

The Finance Director be authorized to release the retention payment when appropriate to do so.

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

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

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2023
(F: Vault)

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

Minutes from the meeting held on October 24, 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-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

WARRANTS

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

Demands covered by Wire numbers 00001705 through 00001752, EFT numbers 0039489 through 00039521, and check numbers 00688386 through 00688478 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed;

Demands covered by wires 00001753 through 00001805, EFT numbers 00040712 through 00040748, and check numbers 00689071 through 00689144 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed;

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00040749 through 00041808 and check numbers 00689145 through 00689343 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed;

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00041809 through 00041844, and check numbers 00689344 through 00689450 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed;

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00041845 through 00041897 and check numbers 00689451 through 00689559 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and filed;

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00041898 through 00041930, and check numbers 00689560 through 00689698 inclusive and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures, be received and file; and

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00030444 through 00031085 and check numbers 00185596 through 00185604 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-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

WAIVER

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, 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-Penaloza, Brietigam, Jones
Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH AAA OIL, INC. DBA CALIFORNIA FUELS AND LUBRICANTS (F: 55-AAA Oil, Inc., dba California Fuels and Lubricants)

Following staff introduction, Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open.

Speakers: Nicholas Dibs

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

Following City Council comments, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member Nguyen-Penalosa that:

Resolution No. 9831-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, approving, an amendment to the amended and restated operating covenant agreement between the City of Garden Grove and AAA Oil, Inc., dba California Fuels and Lubricants, be adopted; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Amended 2016 Agreement, including any minor modifications as appropriate, and any other pertinent documents necessary to effectuate and/or implement the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCES APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. A-038-2023(A) AND A-038-2023(B) (F: 115.A-038-2023(A)/A-038-2023(B))

(It was moved earlier in the Meeting by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein, and carried by a 7-0 vote that full reading of ordinances listed be waived.)

Following staff introduction and City Council questions, Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open.

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

Following City Council comments, it was moved by Council Member DoVinh, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

Ordinance No. 2946 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving a zoning text amendment to Chapter 9.52 of Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to retail sale by delivery of medicinal cannabis, be passed to second reading; and

Ordinance No. 2947 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving Amendment No. A-038-2023(b), a zoning text amendment

to portions of Chapters 9.08, 9.12, 9.16, and 9.18 of Title 9 of the City of Garden Grove Municipal Code establishing enhanced standards for the screening of mechanical equipment within an exterior equipment enclosure in residential zones; clarifying how the maximum permitted hardscape coverage in the front yard setback in residential, commercial, industrial, and open space zones is calculated; and updating the standards for artificial turf in all zones, be passed to second reading.

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

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

RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEASURE O CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 (F: 122.90)

Following the presentation by the Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee Chair Sandy Thomas, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

The Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Report, be received and filed.

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO PB LOADER FOR ONE (1) NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND POST (Continued from the October 24, 2023, City Council meeting.)

Following staff introduction, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

The Finance Director be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$1,199,660.40 to PB Loader for the purchase of one (1) new Police Department Command Post.

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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE HARBOR/GARDEN GROVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (F: 36.11) (F: 24.13) (F: 64.1)

Following staff introduction, it was moved by Council Member Nguyen-Penaloza, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Resolution No. 9832-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the submittal of the Harbor/Garden Grove Intersection Improvement Project, Engineering Phase to the Orange County Transportation Authority for funding under the Comprehensive Transportation Program, be adopted; and

That \$3,704,967.50 (65%) in grant funding, and \$1,994,982.50 (35%) from Gas Tax for a total project cost of \$5,699,950, be appropriated upon acceptance of the grant application.

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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY AND CIVIC CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT BY THE GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY (F: 48.11) (F: P-48.11)

Following staff introduction, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

Resolution No. 9833-23 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove directing the City Manager to take actions necessary to finance the Public Safety Facility and Civic Center Park Project through the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds or Certificates of Participation and approving certain acts in connection therewith, 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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS (F: 115)

(It was moved earlier in the Meeting by Council Member O’Neill, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein, and carried by a 7-0 vote that full reading of ordinances listed be waived.)

Following the introduction by City Attorney Sandoval and the reading of the Ordinance title, Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam expressed that specialty flavored vape products should have been included in this amendment.

Following clarification by City Attorney Sandoval, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member Nguyen-Penalzoa that:

Ordinance No. 2945 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove amending Chapter 6.44 of Title 6 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to regulation of the sale of tobacco products, be passed to second reading.

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

Ayes: (6) O’Neill, Tran, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen-Penalzoa, Jones
Noes: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Brietigam

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2944 (F: 82.1A)

(It was moved earlier in the Meeting by Council Member O’Neill, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein, and carried by a 7-0 vote that full reading of ordinances listed be waived.)

Following the reading of the Title of Ordinance No. 2944, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Ordinance No. 2944 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove Police Department Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code 7071 and rescinding Ordinance No. 2935, be adopted.

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

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

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

UPDATE ON THE CIVIC CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER KIM (F: 48.11)

Craig Beck, Project Consultant, stated that with the approved and executed Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Edgemoor Garden Grove Civic Partners LLC, (Edgemoor) the design and development team is assembled to begin Phase 3 of the public safety facility. Brian Dugen and Christina Solomon representing Edgemoor provided an overview and PowerPoint presentation of the technical design and construction update. Brian Dugen announced the components of the development that include Clark Construction to take the lead on the construction; AC Martin, lead designer with Roth Sheppard Architects; HKLA is the landscape designer; Orrick Legal Counsel specializing in technology; Mconsensus specializing in community outreach; and Altura as the commissioning agent to ensure the design meets the environmental specifications. The project groups are broken down into five teams: Design and Construction, Entitlements Permitting and Engagement, Project Financing, Commercial/Legal, and Building Commissioning.

Christina Solomon previewed design principles for the scope of the project that includes a 90,000 square foot public safety building, a 450 stall parking structure, and a 2.3 acre park. The key principles are: Operational Efficiency, Maintainability, Campus-style site, and to create a statement building on the corner of Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street to maximize a connected community, increase productivity within the public safety ranks, ensure retention and recruitment for public safety, and long-term operational affordability. The approach with the design is to keep the entire city block and civic center area in mind for the design. With Garden Grove High School on Stanford Avenue, all egresses will be located off of Acacia Parkway. The team started with massing studies for fit of the project on the site. A large part of the site is the parking structure and the design team is partial to a two bay parking structure to maximize the space needed. Design concepts included the layout on the site, orientation of the building, a green corridor between the building and the library, and inclusion of the police memorial. Also included in the design concept is the building facade and types of building materials. Initial park concepts strive to tie the entire area together with a featured promenade along Acacia Parkway. As the project progresses, thought will be put into the programming for the park. Great feedback and input from the community has been received and will be incorporated into the design for the park.

Council Member DoVinh noted an audio engineer was necessary and the design team confirmed there will be an audio engineer.

Craig Beck noted that community engagement involves numerous forms of engagement with residents that include eleven pop-up events taking place between March and October with approximately 300 comment cards received. The upcoming events will be: Tree Lighting on December 2nd, and an Open House/Town

Hall on December 6th between 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document is available for public review and can be accessed at: <https://ggcity.org/planning/environmental-documents> It is anticipated that the environmental documents will be brought to the Planning Commission by the end of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam thanked everyone for their work and he is excited about seeing the project progress.

Council Member Klopfenstein expressed her excitement for this historic Civic Center project. There are so many families living around the Civic Center area and that she appreciates all of the work to engage the community, as she believes it is important for the residents to feel heard and are part of this project.

Council Member Tran agreed that it is important for the residents to feel involved, and commented that this is a perfect time for the community to provide their input. She expressed that in looking at the design concepts, she would not want the parking structure to overshadow the building and asked that the design team consider options.

Council Member Nguyen-Penaloza commented that the response numbers are still too low by comparison to the number of residents; and she asked that there be outreach to: Library staff, Garden Grove High School student body parents and administrators, and the Main Street business owners. She recommended attendance to a School District Board meeting, and to appoint a liaison to share information at the high school sporting events. In a City this large and a project this big there needs to be every effort to reach as many people as possible.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brietigam wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged people to donate to local food pantries. The Toy Drives are coming up as well, with information where to donate on the City's website and on social media. The Orange County Fire Authority and the Garden Grove Kiwanis are each conducting a toy drive as well, which provides a lot of opportunities to donate toys for the holiday.

Council Member O'Neill noted the ample opportunities for people to donate toys for the holiday and encouraged participation. He reported on the status of the hangar at the Tustin Air Base that recently caught on fire, noting that the property has been turned over to the Navy for remediation. He noted that the Orange County Fire Authority is on stand-by for any flare-ups, however, at this point the structure continues to smolder and is too dangerous for the fire fighters to bring in apparatus. The investigation is ongoing and it is speculated that the fire was caused by a person or persons unknown. He noted that Gloria Lumbus, a long-time resident of Garden Grove, friend, and a 50 year parishioner of St. Columban

recently passed away. Gloria was quite a lady who will be missed; his thoughts and prayers are with her family and her sons Chris and Steve.

Council Member Tran expressed her appreciation for a recent she attended that was held by the Chamber of Commerce. She reported out from the Library Advisory meeting she attended and noted that the Library will be getting a grant; and that the Library will be offering high school courses for adults needing to complete the units needed for a diploma. A non-profit group called Senior Fight Back is working with city staff on an upcoming seminar for seniors and they will be giving out free pepper spray and will demonstrate some martial arts moves. She commented on going on a four hour ride-along where she witnessed the Police in action giving her an appreciation for the work the police are doing to keep the city safe. She encouraged participation with the Fight Hunger Event, noting that last year over 100,000 meals were distributed.

Council Member DoVinh wished all of the people born in November a Happy Birthday, including his wife, Dina Nguyen. He acknowledge Nicholas Dibs' request for the City Council to adopt a resolution to denounce hatred, and recommended that staff prepare a resolution. He expressed how disheartened he is about the current events being broadcast on the news and prays for healing. These events are reminiscent of the 1960's and 1970's during the Vietnam War during his childhood, and it is important to not forget about that people around the world are suffering. He thanked Tina Vo for speaking on the Fight Hunger Event, noting this will be the sixth annual event that helps a lot of people. He thanked city staff Shawn Park, who is always helpful, and Kristy Thai who has acted as a liaison between the Council and the Vietnamese community for the past ten years. He attended the grand opening of the Vien Beauty Spa located in District 4, and congratulated them on their grand opening that took place on November 4th. Also in attendance was former Council Member Phat Bui who is a community leader a Chairman of the Vietnamese American Federation. He expressed his appreciation for everything Mr. Bui did while on council. His leadership is still very much felt in this community and that he appreciates Mr. Bui's support for the local businesses. He commented that the Civic Center project is coming along very nicely, and he encouraged the residents to take advantage of the opportunity to provide their input, as this is a partnership among all of the parties involved.

Council Member Klopfenstein commented on attending the dedication of Zlacket's Market on Main Street and the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the Zlacket Family business. She noted that Zlacket's Market was a family owned and operated business for decades, and the dedication served as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the spirit of our community, and to honor the Zlacket family. She expressed appreciation for seeing a lot of familiar faces and new faces that came out to the dedication, and stated that Main Street is the heartbeat of Garden Grove.

Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza commented on attending the Woodbury Park Rehabilitation meeting, which was well attended with many residents who came out

to voice their concerns. She gave kudos to Community Services staff for their work in writing for the grant enabling the improvements to the park. She commented that she has been proactive on mental health and the homelessness crisis; however, she has received numerous complaints from residents regarding the homeless who are camping on the public right of way and on common areas at private businesses on Harbor Boulevard between Westminster Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard and at Trask Avenue. She urged immediate attention to these areas, especially as this area includes Santiago high school, Doig intermediate and Clinton Elementary schools, as well as the multiple businesses impacted daily by the unhoused individuals who have serious mental health issues. It is not safe for the residents or their children who attend these schools to access public sidewalks and local businesses. She noted that a young teenager was recently attacked in broad daylight, and fortunately multiple people helped the Garden Grove Police Department stop the attacker, and she asked that if possible, the Chief arrange for a community spotlight for those people who helped the young teen, as it is admirable for people to come forward to help, potentially putting themselves in danger. She emphasized her support for the Garden Grove Police Department and all of their partners such as Be Well OC to combat this issue and to make the community safe for the families who live in Garden Grove.

City Manager Kim noted the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and expressed her thankfulness to be serving Garden Grove. She encouraged everyone to participate in the BIGG campaign in support of the City's local businesses and a chance to win cash prizes. More information is available on the City's website at <https://ggcity.org/biggy/blackfriday>

City Attorney Sandoval stated that there were two items discussed during closed session and that there is no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy
City Clerk