

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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

CONVENE MEETING

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting.

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

ABSENT: (0) None

INVOCATION

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

INFORMATION ON THE 49TH ANNUAL AMERICANA AWARDS AS PRESENTED BY
HOWARD KUMMERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CYPRESS COLLEGE
FOUNDATION (F: 90.3)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker: Aaron Leal

RECESS

At 6:46 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 6:52 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all City Council Members present.

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2024
(F: Vault)

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

The minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2024, be received and filed.

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

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

APPROVAL TO WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED

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

WARRANTS

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00034922 through 00035557 and check numbers 00185657 through 00185667 inclusive as listed 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) Brietigam, O'Neill, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen-Penaloza, Tran, Jones
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EUCLID STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT (CP1325000)
(F: 100.PROJ.CP1325000) (F: 55-City of La Habra)

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

The Cooperative Agreement, with an estimated cost of \$286,377, with the City of La Habra as the lead agency and to include the cities of Fullerton, Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Fountain Valley for the Euclid Street Corridor Traffic Signal Synchronization Project (CP1325000), be approved; and

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

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

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

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2952 (F: 128.5A)
(F: 20.GPA-001-2023)

(It was moved earlier in the meeting by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein and approved unanimously that full reading of the ordinances listed be waived.)

Following introduction by City Attorney Sandoval, it was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Nguyen-Penalozza that:

Ordinance No. 2952 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving Zoning Amendment No. A-036-2023 to amend the City's official zoning map to change the zoning designation of properties located at 13252 Brookhurst Street and 10052 Central Avenue and identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 099-031-01, 099-031-02, 099-031-008, and 099-031-09 from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and R-2 (Limited Multiple Residential) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential), be adopted.

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

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, O'Neill, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen-Penalozza, Tran, 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)

Consultants Craig Beck and the Edgemore Team provided a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the current progress for the Public Safety Building. Phase 1 and Phase 2 for the project have been completed, and Phase 3 is scheduled to be completed in March and is in process with finalizing the design, entering negotiations to select a developer, and financing the project; the construction phase will start in April 2024 through December 2025 with the operational move in to begin in January 2026.

The Design Principles have been identified for the Police Building, Parking Structure, and the Park with the Key Principles to include: Operational Efficiency, Maintainability, Campus-Style Site and a Statement Building; with the outcomes to foster a connected community, increased productivity, retention and recruitment, and long term affordability.

The Building concept selection and upcoming design advancement is in progress and includes the refinement of an architectural statement; the material selection, the building height confirmation, and the public entry design.

Programming Advancement leverages diagramming tools, established weekly representatives with the Garden Grove Police Department to refine building layout and operation, and includes a full department summit to ensure a wide range of feedback. The public access areas will be easily accessible from Acacia Parkway and will have a lobby, the Emergency Operation Command and community room, the Police Memorial and public parking. The park design is circular with an outer promenade and central green space.

The Environmental Quality Act, the Conditional Use Permit, the onboarding of Dudek to address the pond and a Wildlife Management plan is complete. There were eleven community engagement events between March 2023 through December 2023 with approximately 2000 people in attendance and approximately 300 comment cards were received. The December outreach summary included the Tree Lighting Event and Pop Up Booth held December 2, 2023; and the Open House – Town Hall event was held on December 6, 2023. The Upcoming events include the Small Business Outreach Event on March 5, 2024, the March 7, 2024, Clementine Trolley display, and the March 9, 2024 Art in the Park at the Village Green Park.

Project Financing is primarily from the Lease Revenue Bonds approved jointly by the City Council and Public Financing Authority. Fieldman Rolapp & Associates were hired as primary advisors for project financing; the project funding is projected at \$152 million; the preliminary project estimate was not within the affordability limit, however, a value engineering exercise reduced costs by \$10 million to achieve

affordability. The pricing trends indicate construction labor wages have increased by 4.3 percent over the past 12 months with prices remaining high for disrupted materials, and prices for select materials declined in recent months due to overstocking with metals and glass prices holding.

Council Member DoVinh suggested using AI construction management software to stay on top of project costs, and that bollards be installed to prevent anyone from driving onto the public safety grounds.

Council Member Klopfenstein is pleased with the progress to date and appreciates the continuing community outreach that is crucial for residents to feel they have a seat at the table for this very historic project for our downtown area. She commented that this Public Safety Building will be an anchor for the entire Civic Center, which is very exciting. She asked for the community events coming up be published on social media that can be shared with all stakeholders. She expressed importance of touch points throughout the city for this project to bring awareness and an opportunity for residents to provide feedback.

Council Member O'Neill expressed his thanks for the presentation and his confidence in the financing and design of the project. He stressed the importance for the subcontractors to be held accountable for the timeline and that they order materials immediately upon entering into a construction contract.

Council Member Brietigam expressed his excitement to see this project come to fruition after these many years in need of a new Public Safety facility. He stressed the importance for including a catwalk in the roof design for officers' safety.

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

Council Member Brietigam noted the opening day parade for baseball was held over the weekend, and the grand opening for Animalia Pet Supplies on Valley View that offers discount brands for pets.

Council Member O'Neill cautioned drivers to drive at safe speeds especially around schools and parks, noting that baseball season for kids has started. He encouraged changing batteries on smoke detectors. He noted that the playground equipment is being installed at Magnolia Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Tran praised the students from the Garden Grove Unified School District who were recently recognized for their achievements. She noted, for the benefit of the residents, that the City Council recently held a retreat study session to discuss council priorities, with one of the main priorities identified as infrastructure. She thanked Shawn Park for following up on a resident complaint regarding a code enforcement violation. She announced the one year anniversary

of the Uni Japanese Restaurant coming up on Saturday and encouraged everyone to come by for a free drink.

Council Member DoVinh noted that he attended the Garden Grove Unified School District's State of the District, which was an impressive event with many performances by the students. He noted that the council reaffirmed the priorities at the recent retreat study session from last year and that the priorities identified as Tier 1 and Tier 2 were condensed as each of the priorities are equally important with many of the goals stated in last year's study session were achieved. He is happy that cultural events are a priority with events coming up in the near future.

Council Member Klopfenstein noted the opening day baseball parades, one for Youth Baseball on the west side of Garden Grove, and Pony Baseball in District 5 held over the weekend; and the Garden Grove Unified School District State of the Unified with Superintendent Dr. Mafi, the teachers, and hundreds of students being recognized for their accomplishments, which aligns with the City's motto of "Youth and Ambition." She stated that the future is bright here in Garden Grove. She reminded those who wish to participate in having a Trespass Letter notarized, to come to Coastline Community College on Euclid Street on Thursday, February 29, 2024; more information can be found on the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce website and on Council Member Klopfenstein's facebook page.

Council Member Nguyen-Penalosa appealed to the public for donations through a Go Fund Me Account for five year old Luna Bui, a District 6 resident who is fighting liver cancer. She noted that we are a week away from the primaries and is concerned that there is not enough public awareness; she asked that the City work with the Registrar of Voters to ensure equity by having a vote center in every district for future elections.

City Manager Kim announced that the City of Garden Grove is one of 1800 cities, under Finance Director Song's leadership, that received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 biennial budget. The award recognizes budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and best practices.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:36 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy
City Clerk