

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

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

CONVENE MEETING

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting telephonically.

ROLL CALL      PRESENT:      (7)      Council Members Brietigam, D. Nguyen, Bui,  
Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Mayor Pro Tem  
O'Neill, Mayor Jones

ABSENT:      (0)      None

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

PRESENTATION ON THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY OPERATION COMMAND  
UPDATE AS PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER STILES INCLUDING EOC/PD UPDATE BY  
POLICE CHIEF TOM DARÉ; FINANCIAL UPDATE BY PATRICIA SONG, FINANCE  
DIRECTOR; RESOURCE AND RESILIENCY PLAN BY LISA KIM, ASSISTANT CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (F: 117.2A)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers:      Nicholas Dibs.

Electronic Communications received from:      Willowick Rise Coalition

RECESS

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting telephonically with all Council Members present.

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH  
(F: 83.1)

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

A Proclamation officially recognizing April 2020 as "DMV/Donate Life Month," 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 THE GARDEN GROVE BUSINESS RESOURCE AND RESILIENCY PLAN  
AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN (F: 117.2A)  
(XR: 127.5)

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

That the Garden Grove Business Resource and Resiliency Plan be approved;

The City Manager be authorized to defer penalties, fines, and enforcement actions against businesses that collect and pay Transient Occupancy Tax to the City; and

The City Manager be authorized to implement a variety of programs, policies, and practices designed to incentivize development and business activity on behalf of the City, including but not limited to extending time frames as necessary to facilitate commercial development; defer, reduce or waive fees; consider regulatory relief measures from processes and standards contained in the Garden Grove Municipal Code, including Title 9 (Land Use), as deemed necessary to facilitate ongoing business activities and development activities.

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 DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR  
OBTAINING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (F: 117.2A

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Bui that: Resolution No. 9614-20: Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies, to designate the Finance Director and Assistant City Manager as authorized agents for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance



Minutes from the meeting held on March 24, 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 Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Bui that:

Regular Warrants 660365 through 660561; 660564 through 660689, 660700 through 660904; Wires W2806 through W2809; W2810 through W2814; and W660699 through W660904; 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 184005 through 184027; 184028 through 184044; Direct Deposits D362535 through D363147; D363146 through D363742; and Wires W2682 through W2685; and W2686 through W2689; 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

#### WAIVER

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member Bui 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



Council Member Bui noted that letters have been sent to national and local government leadership requesting support for residents and cities that have been economically impacted by the Coronavirus.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS SELF-RESPONSE RATE IN GARDEN GROVE, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KIM NGUYEN

Council Member K. Nguyen noted that the California Census response rate is at 49.2 percent, with Orange County at 55 percent and Garden Grove at 56.1 percent. She asked that staff focus on outreach for Garden Grove residents living on the east side and work closely with the school district to ensure that multi-language flyers are being sent to the parents. She encouraged outreach to Buena Clinton's teen program and distributing flyers to the school district while the district is distributing meals during COVID-19 shutdown. She asked for virtual services to share census information, to appeal to local businesses to post flyers, and that her fellow council members post census links on their social media pages.

City Manager Stiles noted that staff is working on promoting the census and will incorporate all suggestions.

Mayor Jones commented that Garden Grove is doing a good job on census outreach, and to continue promoting the Census.

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

Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill encouraged everyone to stay safe and to continue to practice social distancing, and stated that if you are fortunate to be an essential worker, to protect yourself and your colleagues. He noted that in California, by practicing social distancing and continuing the shutdown, we have saved lives. He looks forward to getting back to some normalcy, but we have to move forward with precaution to continue to save lives.

Council Member D. Nguyen recognized Wells Fargo Bank President and Tam's Beauty College for donating personal protective equipment with more than 120,000 masks and nearly 300,000 gloves to the front line workers including the Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley police departments and local hospitals. She thanked Mayor Jones for accompanying her while distributing the donated equipment. On behalf of "Nailing It For Health Care Workers," she thanked the Mayor, Council Members, and the Garden Grove Police Chief and Officers and read their statement: "The true heroes are those front line workers – healthcare workers, law enforcement officers, grocery store workers, and other essential workers performing their duties to protect and serve during this COVID-19 crisis. We want to thank all those who have sacrificed so much during this tumultuous time and to let them know that we are contributing a small part to a bigger picture.

Together, we will get through this and emerge even stronger as a people, as a city, and as a country.”

Council Member Klopfenstein asked that everyone support our small businesses and local restaurants. She recognized the Ralphs Grocery Store on Euclid Street at Chapman Avenue, the Store Manager, Kevin, and the store employees who are doing a great job putting themselves at risk every day keeping the store organized and clean.

Council Member Bui stated that he has been touched by Garden Grove’s small businesses who have donated personal protective equipment. He noted that a small business located on Chapman Avenue, Chapman Corporation, has been donating thousands of masks to local hospitals in Orange County and in Los Angeles County, and the business owner would like to donate masks to Public Works and to City Hall.

City Manager Stiles stated that the COVID-19 updates and PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded to the City’s website.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting in memory of the Reverend Dr. Lawrence Wilkes, who recently passed away, a victim of COVID-19. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy, CMC  
City Clerk