

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove was called to order in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) MAYOR DALTON, COUNCIL MEMBERS
BROADWATER, JANET NGUYEN, DINA NGUYEN,
ROSEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Assistant City Manager Les Jones gave the Invocation. Council Member Janet Nguyen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2702 (F: 115.A-129-07)

ORDINANCE NO. 2702 was presented for second reading and adoption and the title read in full, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. A-129-07, AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE

Council Member Dina Nguyen and Council Member Broadwater expressed their concern that an adjourned regular meeting was called for this item.

Council Member Dina Nguyen moved, seconded by Council Member Broadwater, that this matter be continued to the City Council meeting of March 27, 2007.

In answer to Council Member Rosen's question, staff responded that no revisions had been made since the first reading.

The forgoing motion for continuance of this matter failed to carry by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2) BROADWATER, DINA NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (3) JANET NGUYEN, ROSEN,
DALTON
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

Council Member Rosen reiterated his comments made at the first reading of this ordinance on the unconstitutionality of the Federal law, Federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), dictating to local communities what kind of zoning they can have, in particular with regard to religious institutions.

He noted that Council Member Dina Nguyen addressed some of the issues and made good points; however, he will be supporting the passage of this ordinance.

Following the reading of the ordinance title, Council Member Rosen moved, seconded by Council Member Janet Nguyen, that full reading of Ordinance No. 2702 be waived and said ordinance be declared adopted.

Council Member Dina Nguyen reiterated her concerns expressed during the first reading of the ordinance, including permitting religious establishments only in residential zones; citing the Calvary Chapel being allowed in west Garden Grove; and the lawsuit facing the City calling the settlement a meager offer.

Council Member Broadwater agreed with Council Member Dina Nguyen's comments. He is not sure that RLUIPA is unconstitutional, and wants to find out before decisions are made.

After further discussion, upon by following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (3) JANET NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2) BROADWATER, DINA NGUYEN
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

said Ordinance No. 2702 was declared adopted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROADWATER LEFT THE MEETING AT 5:50 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING DOG PARKS, AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR DALTON (F: 73.1)

The Mayor announced that this matter would be continued to the City Council meeting of March 27, 2007.

REPORT CONCERNING RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., BY MAYOR DALTON AND COUNCIL MEMBER DINA NGUYEN (F: 53.1)

The Mayor announced that this matter would be continued to the City Council meeting of March 27, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:51 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

KATHLEEN BAILOR
DEPUTY CITY CLERK