

AGENDA

Adjourned Regular Meeting

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

August 30, 2005

6:40 p.m.

Council Chamber

CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBER KREBS, COUNCIL MEMBER LEYES, COUNCIL MEMBER NGUYEN, MAYOR PRO TEM ROSEN, MAYOR DALTON

All members present.

AGENCY

ROLL CALL: MEMBER DALTON, MEMBER KREBS, MEMBER LEYES, VICE CHAIR ROSEN, CHAIR NGUYEN

All members present.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the City Clerk, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing. Additionally, any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office to arrange for special accommodations. (City Council Manual of Procedures, Section D). Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The City Council may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

COUNCIL MEMBERS: COUNCIL MEMBER KREBS, COUNCIL MEMBER LEYES,
COUNCIL MEMBER NGUYEN, MAYOR PRO TEM ROSEN,
MAYOR DALTON

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1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

- 1.a. Harry Pearce addressed the City Council concerning uncoordinated traffic signals. He suggested the removal of signals at Pavilion Way and Chapman Avenue; and on Gilbert Street at Costco. He also suggested that some traffic signals could be set to flash yellow and then go to red. (F: 53.3) (XR: 24.11)

ACTION: Mayor directed staff to ask the Traffic Engineer to look at this.

- 1.b. David Lautherboren addressed the City Council expressing his support for a casino in Garden Grove, noting that it is an avenue from which to recover financially. He suggested holding a special public meeting with the people involved in gaming establishments to find out what they will give us. He also noted that surrounding cities are also looking at putting in gaming establishments. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)
- 1.c. Nancy O'Shaughnessy addressed the City Council expressing her support for a casino in Garden Grove, noting it will bring a lot of jobs to the city, and the city will prosper. She also commented that casinos have fabulous security, so there should be no problem with crime. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)
- 1.d. Richard Alvarado addressed the City Council, expressing his support for a casino in Garden Grove to help our financial situation. He also spoke about the lack of parking on his street (Medina Drive), noting that people park overlapping his driveway. He requested permission to paint his curb red. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 80.2)

ACTION: Mayor directed staff to look into this complaint.

- 1.e. Verla Lambert addressed the City Council, noting that she was a member of the Financial Working Group. She read from a letter she had previously submitted to the City Council opposing a casino in Garden Grove. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 122.76)

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- 1.f. Wiley Drake of Buena Park addressed the City Council expressing his opposition to having a casino in Garden Grove, commenting that crime will skyrocket. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)
- 1.g. Rafael Torres addressed the City Council, through an interpreter, concerning the Travel Country Recreational Vehicle Park and the problems that have been occurring there. He referenced a petition previously submitted and indicated they are waiting for answers to their issues. He also indicated that there are three law firms helping them, and they will return to the City Council meeting on September 13. (F: 53.3)
- 1.h. Mario Salcedo addressed the City Council, through an interpreter, and expressed his support for the Travel Country RV Park families. (F: 53.3)
- 1.i. Tony Flores addressed the City Council, noting that he was a member of the Financial Working Group. He presented a copy of the District Attorney's report concerning allegations of Agency violation of the Brown Act and a copy of the City's press release. He commented that he is not in favor of a casino in Garden Grove because the taxpayers will end up funding it. He indicated that he has an alternative plan comprised of hotels, a multi sports complex, and a shopping center, and he offered to discuss this with the City Council. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 122.76)

ACTION: Mayor indicated he would like to review the proposal.

- 1.j. Helen Elich addressed the City Council, noting her opposition to a casino in Garden Grove, citing crime, prostitution, and money laundering activities it would bring to the community. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)
- 1.k. Michelle Lemoi addressed the City Council, noting that she lives in the Harbor Corridor and is against the casino because of increased traffic. She also commented that there are schools near the site, and there will be an extra drain on our Police Department. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)

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- 1.l. Janine Fowler addressed the City Council, noting she was a member of the Financial Working Group. She indicated that it is the City Council's job to look to the future. She expressed concern about the justification of spending \$50,000 to join the League of California Cities. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 122.76) (XR: 74.10)
- 1.m. J. Tilman Williams addressed the City Council, expressing his support for a casino in Garden Grove. He also called for the troops to come home from Iraq. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)
- 1.n. Robin Marcario addressed the City Council, noting that she was a member of the Financial Working Group. She praised the Firefighters and Paramedics for their prompt, professional, and personable response to an emergency in her neighborhood. She noted that relative to the Financial Committee report, she is not sure the decisions would have been the same if they had delayed their meetings until after the July financial figures had been released. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 122.76)
- 1.o. Tony Rector addressed the City Council, commenting that if the casino project ever goes forward, special attention should be paid to its appearance, noting that if it is combined with restaurants and other development, it could be good for the city. He also noted that the surrounding area should fall into a parking and business improvement district. (F: 53.3) (XR: 60.12)

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

ACTION: Motion to combine Agenda Item 3.a. with Agenda Item 2.a.
(5 Ayes.)

- 2.a. City Council discussion concerning the recommendations of the Community Financial Working Group. (F: 60.12) (XR: 122.76)

ACTION: Discussed.

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- 3.a. City Council reconsideration of City Council's previous direction to staff to cease discussions with any casino interest and not pursue any casino or gambling interest in the city of Garden Grove, as requested by Council Member Krebs. (F: 122.76) (XR: 60.12) (XR: 121.1)

ACTION: Motion to rescind the restrictions on staff to hold meetings pertaining to a world class destination resort and gaming complex in Garden Grove, with staff reporting all meetings and proposals to the City Council and the public, along with any funding requests for reports, EIR's, or travel, in open meetings to get some affirmative indication before proceeding further.

(3 Ayes. Leyes and Nguyen voted no.)

ACTION: Motion that staff review and distribute a report from the California Research Bureau called "Gambling in California," paying special attention to the chapter on Gambling and Crime. (Motion died for lack of a second.)

ACTION: Motion to reject the Utility Tax proposal.

ACTION: Motion to table previous motion until first City Council meeting in July 2006.

(3 Ayes. Leyes and Nguyen voted no.)

ADJOURN TO FOUNDERS ROOM: 8:45 p.m.

RECONVENE IN FOUNDERS ROOM: 8:58 p.m.

- 2.b. Redevelopment Agency update concerning Site B2 hotel development and other Agency properties on Harbor Boulevard. (F: A-128.1) (XR: A-116.6)

ACTION: Update provided.

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- 2.c. Redevelopment Agency presentation concerning the hotel market in the Garden Grove/Disney area and additional hotel development. (F: A-128.1) (XR: A-116.6)

ACTION: Presentation made.

3. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS:

- 3.b. City Council discussion concerning hiring lobbyists, as requested by Council Member Rosen. (F: 67.1) (XR: 67.2) (XR: A-67.1)

ACTION: Motion to issue an RFP for a lobbyist for Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
(5 yes.)

- 3.c. Request by Council/Agency Member Rosen for information about the Vons Pavilion Site on Chapman Avenue. (F: A-128.1)

ACTION: Update provided by staff.

- 3.d. Request by Mayor Dalton to check on tall weeds growing on the Mugungwha property along the right-of-way in the Vons Pavilion area off of Chapman Avenue. (F: 113.1)

4. ADJOURNMENT: 11:18 p.m.