

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

A 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, May 10, 2005, at 7:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) MAYOR DALTON, COUNCIL MEMBERS KREBS, LEYES, NGUYEN, ROSEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Matthew Fertal; Deputy City Manager, Les Jones; Administrative Services Director, Kathy Porter; Community Development Director, Susan Emery; Community Services Director, Cal Rietzel; Finance Director, Kingsley Okereke; Fire Chief, Keith Osborn; Police Chief, Joe Polisar; Public Works Director, Keith Jones; City Attorney, John Shaw; and City Clerk, Ruth Smith.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Deputy City Manager Les Jones gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Council Member Nguyen.

PRESENTATIONS – COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT (F: 52.3) (XR: 122.1)

Mayor Dalton called forward retired City Commissioners and presented them plaques for their loyalty, dedication, and outstanding service to the community.

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Mayor Dalton called forward Hui Ly, Joe Duong Dinh, Candace Bac-Ha Phan, and Hoang Vu, members of the Little Saigon Foundation and recipients of 2005 Spirits of Volunteerism Awards. Mayor Dalton presented them Certificates of Recognition and gifts for their outstanding service to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

Ernest Weiss addressed the City Council expressing concern that the American flags along Brookhurst Street north of Westminster Avenue are not positioned properly. He expressed frustration that no one seems to know the protocol on how to position the American flag and suggested someone become familiar with this topic, and when a permit is issued, include these instructions. (F: 53.3)

Donna McDonald addressed the City Council about trailers belonging to Strawberry Festival carnival workers already being parked along the Southern Pacific Right-of-Way that abuts the homes of the neighborhood. These people are noisy and are looking across their fences.

Mayor Dalton advised her that staff will look into this and will contact her tomorrow. (F: 53.3) (XR: 42.3)

Verla Lambert addressed the City Council and presented photographs of cars parked illegally at the southwest corner of Euclid and Garden Grove Boulevard and people sleeping in vans and vehicles parked illegally in the area of her neighborhood. She recently attended a MORR conference and heard information that makes her glad she lives in Garden Grove. She also announced that OCTA would be holding a meeting on May 15 at her home regarding the 22 Freeway improvements.

Mayor Dalton noted that the parking situation is being investigated. (F: 53.3) (XR: 75.1) (XR: 62.2)

George Mitchell addressed the City Council concerning the mobile home park issue, suggesting a compromise be worked out, noting the City and the owners share the responsibility for the tenants there. He further suggested that the relocation costs be added to the developer's costs. (F: 53.3)

David Vill, representing the Garden Grove chapter of AARP, addressed the City Council concerning the fireworks issue, requesting that the City Council endorse the banning of the sale of fireworks in Garden Grove. (F: 53.3) (XR: 61.6)

RECESS

At 8:23 p.m., the Mayor declared a recess.

RECONVENE

At 9:08 p.m., the meeting was reconvened with Mayor Dalton and all Council Members in attendance.

PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH (F: 83.1)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that May 2005, be and hereby is designated Mental Health Month.

PROCLAMATION – WATER AWARENESS MONTH (F: 83.1) (XR: 24.12)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that May 2005, be and hereby is designated Water Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (F: 83.1) (XR: 24.1)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that May 16-22, 2005, be and hereby is designated National Public Works Week.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FIRE STATION #5 – FINAL PROGRESS PAYMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT AS COMPLETE (F: 55)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005 was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Final Progress Payment for the Roof Replacement Project at Fire Station # 5, in the amount of \$2,475.00, be and hereby is approved; the Finance Director is authorized to draw warrant to Mapon, Inc., dba Ace Roofing Systems in said amount and release the retention payment when appropriate to do so; and the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Notice of Completion.

AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE ASSOCIATION (F: 78.8B)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

Council Member Leyes expressed a concern about changing patrol assignments to a modified "3/12" work schedule, commenting that this should not come midway through their contract.

Mayor Dalton commented that this change came about not as a benefit, but as a necessity within the department.

Council Member Rosen noted that it is still a 40-hour workweek.

Mayor Dalton moved, seconded by Council Member Rosen, that the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Police Association, be and hereby is approved; and the City Manager is authorized to execute the agreement. Said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) KREBS, NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) LEYES
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GROVE THEATER CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES IN THE GEM THEATER (F: 55)
(XR: 87.3)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

Council Member Nguyen moved that the Amendment to the Agreement with Grove Theater Center for professional theatrical performances in the Gem Theater be and hereby is approved, setting forth a termination date of June 30, 2006, and providing a schedule of performances for 2005-06, but allowing for a substitution of comparable shows with City permission. Further, that staff be directed to find another management company to replace Grove Theater Center.

Council Member Leyes seconded the motion.

Council Member Rosen noted that staff would automatically begin to find another management company to run the theater and it does not need to be a part of the motion.

Council Member Krebs noted that this should be done as soon as possible to enable the replacement to have time to work on the following season.

The foregoing motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) LEYES NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) KREBS
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRO-CARE FOR PARK AND SPORTS FIELD MAINTENANCE
(F: 55) (XR: 24.1)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

Council Member Rosen expressed concern that this amended agreement with Enviro-Care shows an increase of \$16,000. These additional funds have not been budgeted for this purpose; therefore, the staff report is in error, and should have indicated that this amount is over budget. He asked when this increase would take effect. Staff responded that it would take effect in July.

Staff further responded that funds were shifted from those for median landscape.

Council Member Rosen commented that not approving this amendment would provide the General Fund with an additional \$16,000.

Council Member Nguyen thanked the Public Works staff for providing her with a tour of the park facilities. She explained her position relative to efforts to improve the cleanliness and appearance of the rest rooms in the city parks.

Council Member Leyes suggested no change be made in this contract until the new budget is considered.

Council Member Rosen expressed his agreement that this can be discussed again at budget time; however, for the present, the current contract should be adhered to.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Leyes, and carried by unanimous vote, that the current agreement with Enviro-Care continue status quo, with reconsideration at the FY 2005-06 budget session.

AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MAGNOLIA PARK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (F: 55) (XR: 73.8a)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Agreement by and between the City of Garden Grove and the County of Orange for the Provision of Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families for

the operation of the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, be and hereby is approved; and the City Manager is authorized to execute the agreement.

AGREEMENT WITH ECOLOGY CONTROL INDUSTRIES TO INSTALL CATCH BASIN INLET FILTER SYSTEMS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE CITY (F: 55)
(XR: 24.1)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Agreement by and between the City of Garden Grove and Ecology Control Industries to install catch basin inlet filter systems at designated locations in the city, be and hereby is approved; and the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement.

AWARD OF PURCHASE TO FISHER SAFETY FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADING OF SCOTT AIR PACKS AND ACCESSORIES - FIRE DEPARTMENT
(F: 60.4) (XR: 61.1)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that a purchase order for 34 Scott Air Packs and accessories for the Fire Department, be and hereby is awarded to Fisher Safety in the amount of \$54,548.44.

ADVANCED PAY STEP APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSOCIATE ENGINEER TO "F" STEP OF SALARY RANGE (F: 78.1)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the advanced pay step appointment of a new Associate Engineer to "F" step of the salary range for this position, be and hereby is approved.

ADVANCED PAY STEP APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST TO "F" STEP OF SALARY RANGE (F: 78.1)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the advanced

pay step appointment of a new Police Records Specialist to "F" step of the salary range for this position, be and hereby is approved.

MINUTES (Vault)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings held March 8 and March 22, 2005, and Adjourned Regular Meeting held March 29, 2005, be and hereby are approved.

WARRANTS (F: 60.5)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that regular warrants 334361 through 335923 and Wires W190-W194, and payroll warrants 140289 through 140474, Direct Deposits D105204 through D105749, and Wires W970 through W975, which have been audited for accuracy and availability of funds by the Finance Director, be and hereby are approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN THE CITY'S FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (F: 117.10D)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced, along with a copy of the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan. Staff presented background information, noting that this hearing is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the consultant is available to answer any questions the Council Members might have. Staff further indicated that notice of the public hearing was published in the Garden Grove Journal on March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 2005, providing for public review and comment through a 30-day period.

Mayor Dalton declared the public hearing opened and asked if anyone wished to address the Council on this matter.

Ray Littrell addressed the City Council and expressed his pleasure that public notices are now being published for this subject.

There being no further comments from the audience, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that the FY 2005-10

Consolidated Plan be and hereby is approved, along with the One-Year Use of Funds Action Plan for FY 2005-06.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKING AND MAIN STREET COMMISSION
REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY 2005-06 BUDGET FOR MAIN STREET
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (F: 122.6) (XR: A-31.2) (XR: 31.4)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced, indicating that on-going service costs will exceed the revenues collected through the assessment. Thus, carryover reserves will be needed to maintain current level of services provided by the District. The total proposed budget for FY 2005-06 is \$43,632.00.

Council Member Nguyen asked what would happen when the funds are gone. The City Manager indicated there would be a need to scale back. He further commented that the pros and cons of possibly dissolving the District would be scheduled for discussion at a Study Session in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 8637-05

It was moved by Council Member Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that full reading of Resolution No. 8637-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) DESCRIBING ANY PROPOSED NEW IMPROVEMENTS OR ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS IN MAIN STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHAPTER 1 OF THE ACT, be and hereby is adopted, authorizing staff to initiate assessment proceedings.

INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOR LEVYING OF FY 2005-2006
ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STREET LIGHTING
DISTRICT NO. 99-1, AND PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (F: 69.2.FY 2005-
2006) (XR: 31.5)

Staff report dated May 10, 2005, was introduced, indicating there are no proposed additions or significant changes to the improvements for FY 2005-06 as compared to FY 2004-05. Staff noted that the fund balance is being used to cover costs.

Council Member Leyes inquired as to when the last assessment increase occurred for the Districts. Staff responded that it occurred six years ago. Council Member Leyes suggested that it is time to refine the process, commenting that non-profit organizations are hit hard.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Rosen, the City Attorney provided information about what must take place to increase the assessment, noting that a majority vote of the people is needed, and the ballots would be weighted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8638-05

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that full reading of Resolution No. 8638-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 1 OF SAID ACT, be and hereby is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8639-05

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that full reading of Resolution No. 8639-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 1 OF SAID ACT, be and hereby is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8640-05

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that full reading of Resolution No. 8640-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN

GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTION 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 1 OF SAID ACT, be and hereby is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8641-05

Council Member Krebs moved, seconded by Council Member Rosen, that full reading of Resolution No. 8641-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS REGARDING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1, AND THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06, be and hereby is adopted. Upon the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) KREBS NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) LEYES
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

said Resolution No. 8641-05 was declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8642-05

Council Member Krebs moved, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, that full reading of Resolution No. 8642-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTION 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS, setting public hearing date for June 28, 2005, be and hereby is adopted. Upon the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) KREBS NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) LEYES
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

said Resolution No. 8642-05 was declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8643-05

Council Member Krebs moved, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, that full reading of Resolution No. 8643-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTION 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS, setting public hearing date for June 28, 2005, be and hereby is adopted. Upon the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) KREBS NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) LEYES
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

said Resolution No. 8643-05 was declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8644-05

Council Member Krebs moved, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, that full reading of Resolution No. 8644-05 be waived, and said Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 (SECTION 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE) DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS, setting public hearing date for June 28, 2004, be and hereby is adopted. Upon the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) KREBS NGUYEN, ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) LEYES
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

said Resolution No. 8644-05 was declared adopted.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS COMMISSION
(F: 122.70a)

Council Member Leyes moved, seconded by Mayor Dalton, that Tony Flores be appointed to the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission as Council Member Leyes' appointee.

Council Member Rosen suggested the motion be tabled inasmuch as Mr. Flores is currently a member of the City Manager's Community Financial Working Group and consideration of this appointment should be delayed until that Group's business is finished.

Council Member Leyes withdrew his motion, and Mayor Dalton withdrew his second.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES NO. 2659 AND NO. 2660

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that full reading of Ordinances No. 2659 and No. 2660, be and hereby is waived.

ORDINANCE NO. 2659 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-120-05, AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFYING THE LOT COVERAGE AND GARAGE SETBACKS FOR THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE (F: 115.A-120-05) (XR: 50.3)

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Council Member Krebs, and carried by unanimous vote, that Ordinance No. 2659 be and hereby is declared passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2660 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-121-05, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.47, ENTITLED "NOISE CONTROL," OF TITLE 8 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE (F: 115.A-121-05) (XR: 50.2)

It was moved by Council Member Krebs, seconded by Council Member Leyes, and carried by unanimous vote, that Ordinance No. 2660 be and hereby is declared passed.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING REAFFIRMING A PREVIOUS MOTION DIRECTING STAFF TO CEASE DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY CASINO INTEREST AND NOT PURSUE ANY CASINO OR GAMBLING INTEREST, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEYES (F: 53.1)

Council Member Leyes referenced a motion that was made and approved at the August 24, 2004, City Council meeting wherein staff was directed to cease discussions with any casino interest and not pursue any casino or gambling interest in the city of Garden Grove. He noted that there may have been some discussion by the Community Financial Working Group about a casino in Garden Grove, and he further noted his opposition. He suggested that if there is an interest in bringing in a casino, the former City Council action should be rescinded.

Council Member Rosen noted that the Community Financial Working Group was to consider all ideas to generate revenue and not be restricted. He suggested the City Council wait for them to come back with their report.

Mayor Dalton reiterated that this group of individuals was chosen by the City Manager, not the City Council, and removing any option would be a disservice to the committee.

Council Member Leyes noted that he is looking forward to their report.

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

Council Member Leyes indicated that he has filed an appeal to a Planning Commission decision relative to a two-story commercial structure at the southwest corner of Lampson and Manley for review by the City Council on June 14, 2005. He requested that discussion concerning a proposed initiative to establish six City Council districts in Garden Grove be listed on the May 31 City Council workshop agenda. (F: 53.1) (XR: 58.1)

Council Member Rosen commented that Council Districts reduce the representation of the people. He also indicated that OCTA voted to add another \$5 million for landscaping along the SR 22 Freeway. He requested that staff provide department updates at City Council meetings. He also requested that the City Council be advised of upcoming Planning Commission public hearings before they are noticed and that a copy of the Planning reports be provided. (F: 53.1) (XR: 122.10) (XR: 58.1)

Council Member Nguyen also noted that Long Beach has Council Districts, which she is familiar with, and she firmly believes they are limited in representing the people. (F: 53.1)

Council Member Krebs commended the Fire Chief and staff for an excellent Fire Service Day event. He also referenced an article in the Garden Grove Journal last week about an award being given to Tom Bradac honoring Shakespeare Orange County as the top arts group in the country, and he encouraged the citizens to attend this year's program in the Amphitheater. (F: 53.1) (XR: 61.1) (XR: 87.5)

Mayor Dalton spoke about his participation in the Make a Wish Foundation's Boston cream pie eating contest that was held in Costa Mesa. (F: 53.1)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned, and it was announced that there would be no City Council meeting on May 24; however, there will be a Study Session held on May 31, 2005, at 6:15 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center.

RUTH E. SMITH
CITY CLERK