MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Jones convened Closed Session in the Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT:	(7)	Council Members Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, K. Nguyen, Mayor Pro Tem Klopfenstein, Mayor Jones
	ABSENT:	(0)	None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Speakers: None

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

At 6:16 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed Closed Session.

RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 6:17 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened Closed Session in the Founders Room to discuss the following Closed Session items with all Council Members present.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6(F)
City designated representative: Laura Stover, Human Resources Director
Employee organization: Police Management.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Guy Brown v. City of Garden Grove, Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case Nos. ADJ11005076; ADJ11057612.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Charles Green v. City of Garden Grove, Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case Nos. ADJ10313931; ADJ10292734.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
John Green v. City of Garden Grove, Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ11213850.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Scott Watson v. City of Garden Grove, Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ11236692.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed Closed Session.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting in the Council Chamber with all Council Members present.

INVOCATION

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

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT IN RECOGNITION OF BILL CATLIN AND ELVIRA RAMIREZ AS THE 2019 STRAWBERRY BALL KING AND QUEEN AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING BILL CATLIN AND ELVIRA RAMIREZ AS THE 2019 STRAWBERRY BALL KING AND QUEEN, AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR (F: 83.1)

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member Klopfenstein that:

A Resolution honoring Bill Catlin and Elvira Ramirez as the 2019 Strawberry Ball King and Queen, and Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

UPCOMING JULY 4TH PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE AS PRESENTED BY THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Acting Fire Chief T.J. McGovern and Police Chief Tom DaRé provided a PowerPoint presentation that was an overview of Public Safety preparations for the upcoming July 4th holiday.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Lan Nguyen, Frank De La Rosa, Dana Saucedo, Dale Soeffner.

Correspondence was submitted by Nicholas Dibs.

APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Following City Manager Stiles introduction, a report provided by Police Captain Ed Leiva, and City Council discussion, it was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

A Cooperative Agreement with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) be approved to establish an enhanced School Resource Officer Program and provide five full-time police officers and a sergeant to service five high schools and seven intermediate schools of the GGUSD in Garden Grove, from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022, with the option for additional biennial terms starting July 1, 2022; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the City, and to make minor modifications as appropriate thereto.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 20, 2019, AS WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Following the introduction of Ms. Rida Hamida, Vice Chair Woman of the Orange County Refugee Forum, and Sara Alshehabi, a Syrian Refugee, it was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

A Proclamation declaring June 20, 2019, as World Refugee Day, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

RECESS

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting in the Council Chamber with all Council Members present.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING BILL CATLIN AND ELVIRA RAMIREZ AS THE 2019 STRAWBERRY BALL KING AND QUEEN, AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR (F: 83.1)

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 20, 2019, AS WORLD REFUGEE DAY

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION, GARDEN GROVE CHAPTER

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Resolution No. 9560-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the Memorandum of Understanding on salaries, wages, and fringe benefits for the Term 2019-2022 by and between the Orange County Employee's Association, Garden Grove Chapter and the City of Garden Grove, be adopted; and

The City Manager be authorized to finalize any last minute language changes that may occur between the parties.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION, GARDEN GROVE EMPLOYEE'S LEAGUE

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Resolution No. 9561-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the Memorandum of Understanding on salaries, wages, and fringe benefits for the Term 2019-2022 by and between the Orange County Employee's Association, Garden Grove Employee's League and the City of Garden Grove, be adopted; and

The City Manager be authorized to finalize any last minute language changes that may occur between the parties.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSITION 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

This item was considered later in the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT NO. 7658 - GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT, GARDEN GROVE SPORTS RECREATION CENTER, AT 13641 DEODARA AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, AS COMPLETE

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Project No. 7658 - Gym Floor Replacement be accepted as complete;

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Notice of Completion of Public Works Improvement and Work; and

The Finance Director be authorized to release the retention payment when appropriate to do so.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GARDEN GROVE TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD'S 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT, DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20, AND SETTING THE TIME AND DATE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Resolution No. 9563-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the Annual Report of the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District Advisory Board, declaring its intention to levy assessments for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District, fixing the time and place of public hearing thereon and giving notice thereof, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC., TO PERFORM AN INVESTMENT GRADE ENERGY AUDIT ON WATER PRODUCTION FACILITIES

This item was considered later in the meeting.

AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH OFFICE DEPOT, AND APPROVAL TO UTILIZE THE CONTRACT ESTABLISHED BY OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN VIA THE AMERICA SAVES PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

An increase be authorized to the current purchase order with Office Depot from $50,000 to $90,000 per year;

The continued use of the Oakland County Michigan contract be approved through September 30, 2021, and future extensions of the contract; and

The City Manager, or his designee, be authorized to sign the purchase order and make any modifications as needed on behalf of the City.

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

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ORANGE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF LEWIS STREET FROM GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD TO CHAPMAN AVENUE

This item was considered later in the meeting.

AWARD A CONTRACT TO DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP, INC., TO PROVIDE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (UFMP) PROJECT

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

A contract be awarded to Davey Resource Group, Inc., in the amount not to exceed $121,856, to provide urban and community forestry consulting services; and

The City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute the professional services agreement on behalf of the City, and to make minor modifications as appropriate.

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

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes: (0) None

AWARD A CONTRACT TO CALIFORNIA YELLOW CAB FOR THE SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

This item was considered later in the meeting.

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 28, 2019, AND JUNE 4, 2019 (F: VAULT)

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Minutes from the meetings held on May 28, 2019, and June 4, 2019, be received and filed.

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

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes: (0) None

WARRANTS

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that: Regular Warrants 651014 through 651141; 651142 through 651347; 651348 through 651541; Wires W2499 through W2517; W651141 through W651347; W2518 through W2521; be approved 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 183238 through 183320; Direct Deposits D349113 through D349805; and Wires W2597 through W2600; be approved 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, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

WAIVER

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Full reading of ordinances listed be waived.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSITION 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

Following Council Member K. Nguyen's praising staff for seeking grants to improve the City's parks and noting that Woodbury Park is the single park in District 6, it was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Resolution No. 9562-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove approving the application for Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program, be adopted; and

The City Manager and Community Services Director be authorized to execute the grant application.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC., TO PERFORM AN INVESTMENT GRADE ENERGY AUDIT ON WATER PRODUCTION FACILITIES

Council Member Bui requested that staff introduce this item, and following Council Member discussion with Council Member Bui citing concern for an impartial audit, the matter was continued to the next City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ORANGE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF LEWIS STREET FROM GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD TO CHAPMAN AVENUE

Following Council Member K. Nguyen's question and staff response confirming that funding for the rehabilitation is from gas tax, it was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

A Cooperative Agreement with the City of Orange, in the approximate amount of $166,555.80, for the rehabilitation of Lewis Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Chapman Avenue, be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, and make minor modifications as appropriate thereto.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

AWARD A CONTRACT TO CALIFORNIA YELLOW CAB FOR THE SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

Following Council Member Klopfenstein's request for clarification, Council Member discussion, and staff's overview on the transportation program provided through grant funding with a 20 percent match, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

A contract be awarded to California Yellow Cab, in the amount not to exceed $210,000, to provide transportation services for the City's Senior Mobility Program at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City, and to make minor modifications as appropriate.
The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL LEVY OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ASSESSMENTS FOR GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, GARDEN GROVE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1, AND GARDEN GROVE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (F: 69.2)

Following staff's presentation, Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open for Garden Grove Street Lighting District No. 99-1, City of Garden Grove Street Lighting District, and Garden Grove Park Maintenance District, and asked if anyone wished to address the City Council on the matter.

Speakers: Nicholas Dibs

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

The City Clerk announced that no protests were received for the Garden Grove Street Lighting District No. 99-1, nor City of Garden Grove Street Lighting District, nor Garden Grove Park Maintenance District; therefore, there is not a majority protest for any of the three Districts.

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

Resolution No. 9564-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove making determinations and confirming the diagram and assessment for 2019-20 Fiscal Year for the City of Garden Grove Street Lighting District No. 99-1, be adopted;

Resolution No. 9565-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove making determinations for the City of Garden Grove Park Maintenance District and confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2019-20, be adopted; and

Resolution No. 9566-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of

Garden Grove making determinations and confirming the diagram and assessment for 2019-20 Fiscal Year for the City of Garden Grove Street Lighting District, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL LEVY OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ASSESSMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (F: 31.4)

Following staff's presentation, Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the City Council.

Speakers: None.

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

No protests were received for the Downtown Assessment District; therefore, there is not a majority protest.

It was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member T. Nguyen that:

Resolution No. 9567-19 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove making determinations and confirming the diagram and assessments for 2019-20 Fiscal Year for the Garden Grove Downtown Assessment District, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RESIGNATION OF DR. PAULINE MERRY FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF APPEALS

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member T. Nguyen that:

The resignation of Dr. Pauline Merry from the Administrative Board of Appeals be acknowledged with regret.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARAMEDIC TAX OVERRIDE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 (F: 60.11)

(As approved earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen, and approved by a 7-0 vote, that full reading of ordinances listed be waived.)

Following staff presentation, it was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member T. Nguyen that:

Ordinance No. 2906 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove establishing the amount of money for paramedic services that must be raised by an ad valorem tax override and the setting of the tax rate of said override, be passed to second reading.

APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

AWARD A CONTRACT TO WEST YOST ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE 2019 WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Following staff introduction and City Council discussion, it was moved by Council Member Klopfenstein, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

A contract be awarded to West Yost Associates, in the amount of $1,019,287, to provide professional engineering services for the 2019 Water Master Plan Update; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, and make minor modifications as appropriate thereto.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2905

(As approved earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen, and approved by a 7-0 vote, that full reading of ordinances listed be waived.)

Following the City Clerk reading the title, it was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Ordinance No. 2905 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove establishing a nepotism policy for boards, committees and commissions, be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None

RECESS

At 8:34 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting in the Council Chamber with all Council Members present.

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

DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO ESTABLISH A COMMEMORATIVE FLAG POLICY AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jones noted the numerous people wanting to speak on this item, and asked that each person limit their comments to three minutes.

Speakers: Rida Hamid, Tien Cao, Abel Sanchez, Cheyenne Yen, Nicholas Dibs, Allison Vo, Peterson Pham, Celia Serrato, Karen Rodriquez, My Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Stevie Vu, Justine Banal, Sean Thomas, Tom Raber, Dustin Nguyen, John Araujo, Bob Tucker, Julie Herrick, Carlos Perea, Tracy La, Lena Tran, Gary Webb, Mark Parades, Danielle Serio, Uyen Hoang, Michelle Salcedo, Lucy Ngo, Jared Wallace, Moc Le Nguyen, Cheyenne Hassett, Jeff LeTourneau.

Tracy La submitted a petition in support of the LGBT pride flag.

In response to the numerous speakers supporting the LGBT pride flag, Council Member Bui extended his understanding of the bullying and intimidation experienced by the LGBT community. He stated his expressed support through his involvement with the TET Festival organizers and inclusion of the LGBT community in the Lunar New Year parade.

Council Member K. Nguyen thanked everyone in attendance for speaking out, and expressed difficult and life altering personal experiences that gives her perspective on the struggles experienced within the LGBT community. She questioned comments that were made by Council Members from previous meetings, and felt that displaying the pride flag is an important gesture that is in line with the City's stated mission. She suggested alternatives such as placing commemorative flags in other areas or lighting up the City's clock tower with rainbow lights.

Council Member Klopfenstein expressed her empathy with the stories of personal struggle and murder because of LGBT orientation. She expressed that this is a necessary conversation that is beyond displaying the flag in City Hall, and indicated the need to do the right thing for Garden Grove residents. She stated her appreciation for Council Member K. Nguyen's alternative ideas. She expressed the need to broaden the conversation beyond the flag to address suicide prevention within the LGBT community.

Council Member T. Nguyen thanked everyone for attending the last three City Council meetings, for speaking from the heart and showing a concern for others. She suggested displaying the LGBT pride flag at the Community Meeting Center where people gather for community events. She expressed that a reason for being is to care for and accept one another. She expressed her support for a commemorative flag policy, but that there are other options that can be considered.

Council Member O'Neill expressed the need to focus on whether they would establish a commemorative flag policy. He commented that he has made his position clear that under the American flag, everyone has the freedom to choose. He expressed that he would like to reach a solution without creating any further division within the community.

Council Member Brietigam expressed that as a veteran, the American flag is important to him, and there have been many veterans who have died protecting the American flag, which represents freedom for every American. Commemorative flags diminish the meaning of the American flag, and his motion would be to not allow any commemorative flag, and to have only governmental flags on city property.

Mayor Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted that Garden Grove takes pride in diversity, is welcoming to people of all walks of life, and that he strives for harmony and establishing cohesiveness amongst the City Council. He asked for a creative alternative to show support for the LGBT community.

Following further City Council discussion and consensus, staff was directed to obtain the necessary equipment to light up the City's Clock Tower in rainbow colors in support of Gay Pride Month through the month of June; and that lighting the City's Clock Tower occur for notable days that have identified with specific colors.

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

City Manager Stiles reported that a fire had occurred at 13119 Cypress Street that displaced the residents. The City is working with the American Red Cross to assist displaced residents.

RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 11:10 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened Closed Session in the Founders Room with all Council Members present.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 11:19 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned Closed Session.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 11:20 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting in the Council Chamber with all Council Members present.

Mayor Jones announced that no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:21 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy, CMC
City Clerk