MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Jones convened closed session.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT:	(6)	Council Members Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Klopfenstein, Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen, Mayor Jones
	ABSENT:	(1)	Council Member Bui absent at Roll Call, but joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Speakers: None.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Betanzo, et al. vs. Garden Grove, et al., USDC Case No. 20-CV-1790-JFW

THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Consultation with: Public Works Director and Water Services Manager

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 6:19 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned closed session.

CONVENE MEETING

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor Jones convened the meeting.

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

ABSENT: (0) None

INVOCATION

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

RECESS

At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 6:43 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

GARDEN GROVE'S BE WELL OC PROGRAM LAUNCH UPDATE (F:57.1)

Following an introduction by City Manager Stiles, Marshall Moncrief, CEO of Be Well OC, thanked the City Council and City staff for the remarkable work and support on this program. He also thanked Orange County Supervisor Do for his support for the program in Garden Grove adding that the Be Well OC program works within existing county services like the Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) and Psychiatric Emergency and Response Team (PERT) to create a continuum of mobile response. He shared that a retrofitted Ford Sprinter van was available for the community to view and explained that the van is staffed with two experienced crisis counselors that have been recruited with community cultural and language aspects in mind. He shared that there would be an upcoming community event and would provide more information in the near future and invited the community to participate and provide feedback.

Chief DaRé expressed excitement about the launch of the program. Not only will it provide better outcomes for those in need, but also provide the much needed support for law enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS) so that they can respond to calls where they are needed most urgently. He shared that Community Development, Police Department, Orange County Fire Authority and Be Well OC have collaborated to develop this program to ensure a safe and beneficial service to the residents of Garden Grove. Currently, the van teams are undergoing a comprehensive two week training program which includes classroom and field exercises. Additionally, they will also be conducting a live, hands-on scenario training at Gutosky Park on October 1st. He thanked the City Council for their support in the launch of the mobile response team and would be reporting back in a few months with a program update.

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Lisa Kim, reported that one of the key components of the program is that it is evidence based and data

driven. The City will launch a dashboard on the city's website that will share this data in real time and provide information about the calls responded to, clients served, and the overall benefits to the community. The Be Well OC team is organizing a series of in-person community conversation and workshops in the month of October, where translation services will be provided. A roadmap for the Garden Grove Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (CSPAH), where the Be Well OC is a key component of the program, will be presented later in the meeting. Lastly, she expressed excitement for the program and thanked the City Council for their continued support and leadership.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Maureen Blackmun, Tom Raber, Jason Kindell, Debra Kindell, Mike Hoxsworth, D'Anna Zamora, Beau Jojima, Kalani Akui, audience member

Written Communications: Ameera Basmadji.

Following Oral Communications, Mark Lowry of Community Action Partnership of Orange County, accepted the Proclamation presented by Mayor Jones, which was previously adopted at the August 24, 2021, City Council meeting, recognizing September 2021 as Hunger Action Month in the City of Garden Grove.

Immediately following, Mayor Jones pulled item 3.b. from the Consent Calendar for City Council action:

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION HONORING OCTOBER 11, 2021, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN GARDEN GROVE (F: 83.1)

Following Mayor Jones comments, it was moved by Council Member Bui, seconded by Council Member Kim Nguyen that:

A proclamation honoring October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Garden Grove be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

Following the Proclamation presentation, members of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians of Acjachemen Nation, expressed appreciation for the City's recognition of Indigenous Peoples' of Garden Grove.

RECESS

At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Jones recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH THE 9TH, 2021, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (F: 83.1)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

A proclamation declaring October 3rd through October 9th, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week be adopted.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION HONORING OCTOBER 11, 2021, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN GARDEN GROVE (F: 83.1)

This matter was heard earlier in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC ART DONATION POLICY (F: 127.3)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Resolution No. 9709-21 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California adopting a Public Art Donation Policy, be approved;

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

ACCEPTANCE OF CITY PROJECT NOS. CP-1157000, CP-1176000, AND CP-1177000 AS COMPLETE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION, TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AND SPEED RADAR FEEDBACK SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
(F: 96.PROJ.CP-1177000, CP-1176000, CP-1157000)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Project No. CP-1177000 Traffic Signal Installation at Trask Avenue/Roxey Drive, Project No. CP-1176000 Traffic Signal Modifications at Trask Avenue/Newland Street, and Project No. CP-1157000 Speed Radar Feedback Signs at 21 School Crossing Locations 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 7-0-0 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10101 CROSBY AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE (F: 84.1)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Acceptance of the easement for public street and highway purposes for a portion of the property located at 10101 Crosby Avenue, Garden Grove, be approved; and

The City Clerk be authorized to accept the offer of grant of easement by Street Deed on behalf of the City.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

AWARD CONTRACTS TO: KEYSER MARSTON ASSOCIATES INC.; TIERRA WEST ADVISORS, INC.; AND HARRIS & ASSOCIATES INC., TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS (F: 55-Keyser Marston Associates Inc; 55-Tierra West Advisors, Inc.; 55-Harris Associates, Inc.)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

A contract for financial feasibility services be awarded to Keyser Marston Associates, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $100,000 per year, for a total performance period of up to three (3) years;

A contract for financial feasibility services be awarded to Tierra West Advisors, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $100,000 per year, for a total performance period of up to three (3) years;

A contract for financial feasibility services be awarded to Harris & Associates Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $100,000 per year, for a total performance period of up to three (3) years;

The City Manager, or his designee, be authorized to execute the contracts referenced above, and make minor modifications as appropriate thereto, on behalf of the City; and

The City Manager, or his designee, be authorized to exercise option year terms and sign the option year amendments.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

APPROVAL OF A 2021 JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE SHERIFF-CORONER FOR USE OF THE 800MHZ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (F: 55-County of Orange)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

The 2021 Joint Agreement for 800MHz Emergency Communications System be approved; and

The City Manager be authorized to execute the Agreement and approve any minor modifications deemed necessary.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

AWARD CONTRACTS TO BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC.; SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.; VCA CODE; AND CSG CONSULTANTS INC., FOR ON-CALL PLAN REVIEW AND/OR BUILDING CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
(F: 55-BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC.; 55-SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.; 55-VCA CODE; 55-CSG CONSULTANTS, INC.)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Contracts for on-call Plan Review Services be awarded to 1) Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., 2) Scott Fazekas & Associates, Inc., and 3) VCA Code in the not-to-exceed amount of $250,000 per contract per year, with the option to extend the agreement in one (1) year increments, for a total performance period of five (5) years, on an "as-needed" basis;

Contracts for on-call Building Contractual Services be awarded to 1) Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., 2) VCA Code, and 3) CSG Consultants Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $250,000 per contract per year, with the option to extend the agreement in one (1) year increments, for a total performance period of five (5) years, on an "as-needed" basis;

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

The City Manager, or his designee, to exercise option year terms and sign the option year amendments.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR FIVE (5) NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRUCKS

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

The Finance Director be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of $233,561.33 to National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of five (5) new Public Works Department utility body trucks.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 (F: Vault)

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:

Minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2021, be received and filed.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

WARRANTS

It was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member Brietigam that:
Demands covered by Wire numbers 00000661 through 00000670, EFT numbers 00013907 through 00013915, and check numbers 00673158 through 00673240 inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Demands covered by Wire numbers 00000671 through 00000682, EFT numbers 00013916 through 00013931, and check numbers 00673241 through 00673338 inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Demands covered by Wire numbers 00000683 through 00000697, EFT numbers 00013932 through 00013949, and check numbers 00673339 through 00673427

inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Demands covered by Wire numbers 00000698 through 000000716, EFT Numbers 00013950 through 00013961, and check numbers 00673428 through 00673507 inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Demands covered by EFT numbers 00013962 through 00014927, and check numbers 00673508 through 00673706 inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Demands covered by Wire numbers 00000717 through 00000726, EFT numbers 00014928 through 00014940, and check numbers 00673707 through 00673805 inclusive as listed on this register and have been verified by the Finance Division as properly issued and bear all proper signatures;

Payroll Checks 184644 through 184663; Direct Deposits D384820 through D385429; and Wires W2830 through W2833 have been audited for accuracy and have been verified by the Finance Director for payment;

Payroll Checks 184682 through 184698; Direct Deposits D386036 through D386639; and Wires W2838 through W2841 have been audited for accuracy and have been verified by the Finance Director for payment, be received and filed.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

<u>ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT</u> (F: 117.10D)

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

Speakers: None.

With no response from the audience, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

Following City Council comments, it was moved by Council Member O'Neill, seconded by Council Member K. Nguyen that:

The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report be accepted; and

Staff be directed to transmit the report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

ACCEPTANCE OF BRANDON CHAVIRA'S RESIGNATION FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (F:122.4A)

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member O'Neill that:

Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioner Brandon Chavira's resignation be accepted with regret.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

APPROVAL OF THE FINAL COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS (F:57.1)

Staff provided an introduction and overview of the Final Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (CSPAH), and presented the City's Homeless Data Dashboard posted to the City's website (https://ggcity.org/endhomelessness/dashboard).

Following staff introduction, Assistant City Manager/Director of Community and Economic Development, Lisa Kim, commended staff of the Community and Economic Development Department, Information Technology, and the Office of Community Relations, for their collaborative work on the 2021 CSPAH and the data dashboard.

Council Member Bui expressed appreciation of the work that staff has put into the CSPAH, but inquired how the City is addressing remaining issues throughout the community that are of concern to the citizens of Garden Grove.

In response, Assistant City Manager, Lisa Kim, highlighted the establishment of the Homelessness Hotline, where inquiries from the general public can be directed, or individuals seeking assistance will be referred to available resources. She also noted that several of the strategic goals of the plan are nimble and additional alternative programs will be adjusted as necessary following the deployment of the Be Well OC mobile response unit. Additionally, Assistant City Manager Lisa Kim, noted two in-person outreach engagement activities scheduled in October relating to the deployment of the mobile response unit and is looking forward to community participation and feedback.

City Manager Stiles provided additional comments and highlights noting the continued availability of the Special Resource Team (SRT) to assist with community concerns; the consideration and exploration of a potential low-barrier shelter in Garden Grove; the construction of a Be Well OC facility in the City of Irvine which will help Garden Grove in providing resources to homeless individuals through the Be Well OC contract; consideration and exploration of potential partnerships for motel conversions for properties with a chronic history of police response and calls for service, potentially funded by the state's Project Homekey or Project Roomkey.

Following additional City Council comments commending staff for their extensive work and expressing unanimous support of the CSPAH, it was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member T. Nguyen that:

The final 2021 Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness be approved.

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

<u>AWARD A CONTRACT TO KASA CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT IFB NO. S-1279-A - WEST HAVEN PARK RENOVATION</u> (F: 73.12)

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

A contract be awarded to KASA Construction Inc. in the amount of $634,835, for the construction of Project IFB No. S-1279-A – Renovation of West Haven Park; and

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

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

Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, O'Neill, D. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

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

DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DIEDRE THU-HA NGUYEN (F: 83.1)

Following Council Member D. Nguyen's introduction and request for support, Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen expressed support of the resolution.

Council Member Brietigam expressed support for Afghan refugees that have served the American cause in Afghanistan, but also expressed his view that the City of Garden Grove does not have jurisdiction over federal matters.

Council Member Klopfenstein expressed sympathy for the plight of Afghan refugees, but noted that there are local issues in the community that need primary focus, thus she would be abstaining her vote on this resolution.

Council Member Bui expressed sympathy for the Afghan refugees and noted that he has asked the Vietnamese community to support them in any way they can, just as American communities supported Vietnamese refugees following the fall of Saigon in 1975. However, he also expressed that this issue is not in the purview of the City Council and thus could not support this resolution.

Council Member O'Neill stated that he strongly supports a resolution that supports refugees, but expressed concern with divisive language in the resolution as currently drafted. He reiterated that he would support a resolution supporting all refugees, but could not support the resolution as currently drafted, and one that he had no input in.

Council Member D. Nguyen stated that she brought this resolution forward in an effort to demonstrate compassion and support for Afghan refugees noting that the City Council annually adopts the World Refugee Day proclamation. She also noted the Islamic center located in District 4, and highlighted recent Census data demonstrating that Garden Grove is a community of immigrants and refugees, adding that refugees come from different situations and as such expressed the current need to make Afghan refugees feel welcome.

Council Member O'Neill further stated his support for a resolution in support of refugees, but expressed concern with language he felt was unnecessarily included in the current draft resolution, one that he had no input in, and thus could not support it.

Council Member D. Nguyen invited Council Member O'Neill to share his input to revise the resolution and garner his support.

Council Member Bui expressed concern for a resolution addressing one group of refugees. He further expressed his view that the existing city resolution promoting Garden Grove as an inclusive and harmonious city is sufficient to say that Garden Grove welcomes all immigrants and refugees.

Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen introduced a substitute motion, seconded by Mayor Jones that:

Council Member D. Nguyen work with Council Member O'Neill to revise language in the resolution and bring come back to the next meeting.

The motion carried by a 4-2-1 vote as follows:

Ayes:	(4)	O'Neill, D. Nguyen, K. Nguyen, Jones
Noes:	(2)	Brietigam, Bui
Abstain:	(1)	Klopfenstein

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE AS REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER STILES</u>

Community Services Director, John Montanchez, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Department highlights included:

- Garden Grove Park improvement project – Completion in December 2021
  - Replacement of three picnic shelters and large picnic pavilion
  - Electrical improvements
  - New ADA walkway
- Grant Opportunities - Prop 68
  - Woodbury Park Improvement project (Round 2) grant submittal with cost reduction of $1.5 million through redesign
  - Per Capita Program funds of $284,822 allocated to the City; improvement plans submitted for Magnolia Park
- Summer Events and Summer Programs
  - Movies in the Park were held at Garden Grove Park; good turnout with 400 attendees
  - Concerts in the Park hosted at Eastgate and Garden Grove Parks were well attended; each location hosted two concerts
  - Day Camp was held at Atlantis Play Center this year to allow for social distancing

- 6-week aquatics program offered at Woodbury and Eastgate Park pools were sold out
- 30 contract classes were offered and operated at full capacity

❖ Social Services
- Services for seniors continued; average of 269 meals distributed weekly
- Senior Center has re-opened and in-person programs have resumed; some virtual services continue to be offered
- Buena Clinton/Magnolia Park Family Resource Centers
  - Resumed indoor classes and outdoor movie nights
  - Back to School Drive served 210 youth
  - Bracken's Kitchen distributed 1,162 meals
  - Boys & Girls Club collaboration to offer youth summer day camps
- COVID clinic testing sites: Senior Center and Magnolia Park

❖ Parks and facilities
- Field rentals have resumed for youth and adult sports games and tournaments
- Shelter rentals in high demand for outdoor use due to the pandemic.
- Theaters resumed in-person performances
- Community Meeting Center and Courtyard Center booked through the end of year

❖ Fall and winter events
- Jack O'Lantern Jamboree – October 30, 2021 at Atlantis Park
- Winter in the Grove – December 4, 2021 at Village Green

Following the presentation, Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen thanked staff for their work in organizing great summer events. She also shared that a past donor is interested in sponsoring a movie night for Día de los Muertos. She inquired about showcasing the Disney movie "Coco" to promote the Latino culture and possibly combining this event with the Buena Clinton Día de los Muertos event.

Council Member Klopfenstein commended staff for their work and dedication to improving the quality of life for Garden Grove community amid a pandemic.

Mayor Jones commended staff for their work and adaptability given the pandemic dynamics.

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

Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen thanked the Information Technology Department for the work and updates to the City's website. She shared that she, along with City Manager Scott Stiles and Council Member D. Nguyen, recently attended the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) annual conference held in Sacramento. There she attended sessions regarding housing, cannabis, bridging the digital divide, and equity. Additionally, she shared that she was sworn in as the league's Orange County Division President for the incoming year. She expressed excitement to work with the

First and Second Vice Presidents John Taylor, Mayor of City of San Juan Capistrano, and Marshall Goodman, Council Member of City of La Palma. Lastly, she also highlighted the robust amount of public artwork in Sacramento. She further noted the City Council's timely approval of a Public Art Donation Policy and community input about public art and she recollected previous discussions about designating the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission and Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission to implement an artwork/mural program. A list of available locations, whether city property or private property would be inventoried and documented by City. The program would then allow local artists, usually local high school students, an opportunity to submit proposed artwork or murals to be considered for approval by the City Council. The program would be a great addition to Garden Grove considering its diverse community.

Council Member Klopfenstein thanked the residents of Cathy Lane that came to the meeting to express their frustrations and concerns. She stated that she would reach out to Code Enforcement to discuss their situation. She also provided a Vector Control update and shared that mosquitos also affect pets; mosquitos can give dogs heartworm disease which can be treated with medication prescribed by a veterinarian. She reminded residents that mosquitos are still active this time of year, and although there have been no current cases of West Nile virus reported in Garden Grove, neighboring cities are being affected. She reminded residents to "dump and drain" water, check screens, check potted plants and wear repellent when outdoors. Additionally she thanked Coach Beau and Coach Tanya for the Pickellball demonstration earlier in the meeting. She would like to see this program brought to Garden Grove as it would be a fun addition for kids and residents. Lastly, she mentioned October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, and being that this cause is very personal to her, she requested, with unanimous support from City Council, that staff be directed to light the Clock Tower pink for the month of October.

Council Member Bui thanked Council Member Klopfenstein for highlighting Breast Cancer Awareness month stating he is empathetic to the cause since he is a cancer survivor himself. He further reiterated Council Member Klopfenstein's advice regarding precautionary measures against mosquitoes, as the Asian tiger mosquitoes carry numerous diseases that can affect humans and pets.

Council Member D. Nguyen mentioned her participation in the Cal Cities annual conference. She congratulated Mayor Pro Tem K. Nguyen on her new position as President for the Orange County Division. She also shared that she has been elected to the Board of Directors, as Director At-Large for the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Caucus. She noted that the API community is the fastest growing community and Garden Grove is home to 43% of that population. She is looking forward to working with the community and would like to emphasize public art. She would like to reach out to businesses across the city for any available space to promote and beautify Garden Grove. She also mentioned the upcoming Annual Elvis Festival on Main Street on October 10th.

Council Member O'Neill commented that the issues that the residents from Cathy Lane are dealing with is happening everywhere in Garden Grove. He expressed frustration with the issue of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and noted that control over regulations of single-family lots has been taken away from local government by Sacramento and San Francisco legislators. He urged residents to contact their state representatives and voice their concerns.

Council Member Brietigam echoed Council Member O'Neill's sentiments on the issue of ADUs and parking. He noted that the recent passage of Senate Bill 9 (SB9) does not consider traffic impacts to neighborhoods, nor does it address how schools or city infrastructure would be affected. Council Member Brietigam also mentioned the issue of coyote nuisance as coyote populations have recently increased. He advised residents to take precautions like not leaving pets and pet food outdoors, especially at night. He shared that residents can call the coyote hotline to report a coyote citing, but residents must also be educated on how to co-exist with coyotes. Additionally he noted that many coyote dens are located on school district properties and urged the city to reach out to the school district to assist with the funding of the trapper. He wants to make residents aware that there is an active coyote abatement program in place, with most of the activities primarily taking place at night.

City Attorney Sandoval stated that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

City Manager Stiles shared that the City had a recent credit review by Standard and Poor's and the City's underlying credit rating has been upgraded from AA to A+ with a stable outlook. This accomplishment is due to the City Council's approval of various financial policies like the Reserve Policy, 115 Trust, and Internal Service Funds reviews. The increased credit rating will save the city a significant amount money on bond financing for future projects like public safety facilities or water projects. He commended Finance Director, Patricia Song and the Finance Department for their work on establishing this financial roadmap.

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Lizabeth Vasquez
Deputy City Clerk