### **City of Garden Grove**

### **WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**

August 22, 2024

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City

FROM:

Lisa Kim, City Manager

Council Members

### I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

### A. PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the September 5, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

### B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A memo is attached to inform City Council about the Garden Grove Panthers inaugural season.

### OTHER ITEMS

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
   Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
   Items of interest are included.

Lisa Kim City Manager

### **City of Garden Grove**

### **INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim From: John Montanchez

Dept.: City Manager Dept.: Community Services

Subject: H. Louis Lake Senior Center Date: August 22, 2024

Game Day

### **OBJECTIVE**

To inform the City Council about the H. Louis Lake Senior Center (Center) Game Day event that took place on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **BACKGROUND**

Through the partnership with Meals on Wheels Orange County, the Center has received funding for the purpose of providing intergenerational programming. Participants were given the opportunity to invite guests under 60 years of age. Center staff coordinated the participation of Family Resource Center teen volunteer groups, True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) and Strengthening Our Leadership (SOL), to enjoy special programming funded by this project.

### DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, the Center hosted an intergenerational Game Day at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. Thirty-seven participants and 10 teen volunteers from the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center enjoyed the morning playing board games and socializing. Sixty-five participants and the 10 teens enjoyed appetizers, provided by Bracken's Kitchen and a hot lunch, provided by Meals on Wheels Orange County.

### **SUMMARY**

On Wednesday August 7, 2024, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center held a Game Day event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The highlights of the event included teen volunteers playing board games with participants, appetizers, and a hot lunch for all in attendance.

JOHN MONTANCHEZ

Community Services Director

By: Rene Camarena

Human Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachments: Photos







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Luau Dance

### **OBJECTIVE**

To inform the City Council about the H. Louis Lake Senior Center (Center) Luau Dance that will take place on Thursday, August 29, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Luau Dance has been a long standing event at the Center that culminates our summer season programming. Participants will feel like they have been transported to a tropical island and treated to an evening featuring dinner, dessert, dancing, and entertainment. Participants are encouraged to wear their best Hawaiian attire.

### **DISCUSSION**

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a Luau Dance from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center. Center staff have planned a night filled with music, dancing, and socializing with fellow participants to enjoy the spirit of the islands. Participants are charged a \$15 fee for the Luau Dance, which includes dinner, drinks, dessert, and entertainment featuring a Polynesian dance performance. Center staff will also coordinate a limbo contest with prizes for the winners. The Luau Dance is one of our more popular dances, with an anticipated attendance of 70 to 80 participants.

### **SUMMARY**

The Luau Dance will include dinner, dessert, drinks, a night of dancing, and a special Polynesian dance performance. The event will provide seniors the opportunity to interact with other participants and staff with the spirit of Aloha.

JOHN MONTANCHEZ

Community Services Director

By: Rene Camarena

**Human Services Assistant Supervisor** 



# Post Performance

August 15, 2024 - August 21, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.



### **Included in this Report**

 $\mathbf{X}$  @CityGardenGrove

Garden Grove City Hall

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# **sprout**social



**X @CityGardenGrove** 

Wed 8/21/2024 5:28 pm PDT

In observance of Labor Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday,...



Impressions	111
Potential Reach	4,770
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



**Gardengrovecityhall**Wed 8/21/2024 5:28 pm PDT

In observance of Labor Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday,...



Impressions	780
Reach	780
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Impressions

**Garden Grove City Hall** 

Wed 8/21/2024 5:28 pm PDT

In observance of Labor Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday,...



impressions	010
Reach	616
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



# **X** @CityGardenGrove Wed 8/21/2024 2:54 pm PDT

Receiving reports of individuals going door-2-door falsely claiming there is a water quality issue. GG's water meets all US...



Impressions	119
Potential Reach	4,770
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



### **o** gardengrovecityhall Wed 8/21/2024 2:48 pm PDT

A DOWN Recently, the Garden Grove Public Works Department has received reports of individuals going doo...



Impressions	1,137
Reach	1,056
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



# Garden Grove City Hall Wed 8/21/2024 2:44 pm PDT

A DOME Recently, the Garden Grove Public Works Department has received reports of individuals going doo...



Impressions	662
Reach	642
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



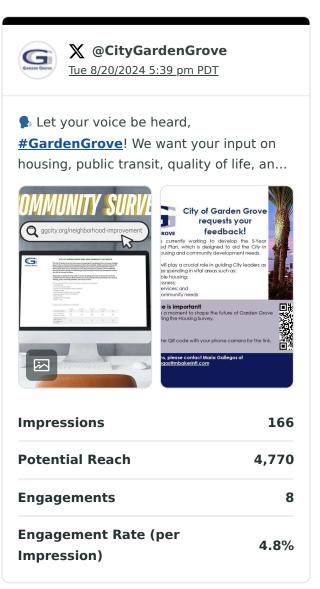
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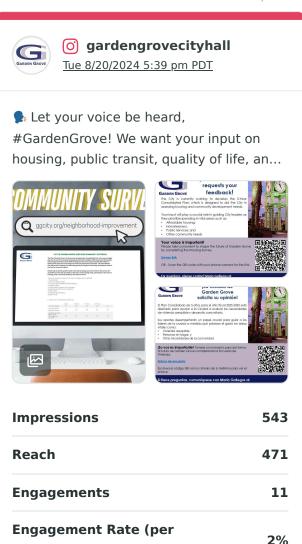
Tue 8/20/2024 5:39 pm PDT

Your feedback will help us better understand local priorities and determine how federal funds will be used in...



Impressions	83
Potential Reach	4,770
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%





Impression)



# Garden Grove City Hall Tue 8/20/2024 5:39 pm PDT

Let your voice be heard, #GardenGrove! We want your input on housing, public transit, quality of life, an...



Impressions	551
Reach	543
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



### **X** @CityGardenGrove Tue 8/20/2024 11:55 am PDT



Impressions	164
Potential Reach	4,771
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



### o gardengrovecityhall

Tue 8/20/2024 11:55 am PDT

 Choose a new career of courage, courtesy, and commitment that makes a difference. #Officer \$7,432.00 -...



Impressions	1,597
Reach	1,512
Engagements	75
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



# Garden Grove City Hall Tue 8/20/2024 11:55 am PDT



Impressions	1,710
Reach	1,659
Engagements	86
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



# Garden Grove City Hall Fri 8/16/2024 12:01 pm PDT

A face to the consequences of a #DUI. On a Sunday evening in July, 5-year-old Jacob Ramirez, his two siblings and parents we...



Video Views	551
Impressions	1,192
Reach	1,150
Engagements	130
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.9%



### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Fri 8/16/2024 12:01 pm PDT

A face to the consequences of a #DUI. On a Sunday evening in July, 5-year-old Jacob Ramirez, his two siblings and parents we...



Impressions	2,347	
Reach	1,227	
Engagements	107	
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.6%	



# Garden Grove City Hall Thu 8/15/2024 1:26 pm PDT

A face to the consequences of a #DUI. #GardenGrove has experienced an increase in traffic fatalities. These are no...



Video Views	255
Impressions	633
Reach	587
Engagements	57
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9%



### o gardengrovecityhall

Thu 8/15/2024 1:25 pm PDT

A face to the consequences of a #DUI. #GardenGrove has experienced an increase in traffic fatalities. These are no...



Impressions	2,166
Reach	1,122
Engagements	89
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



# Post Performance

August 15, 2024 - August 21, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.



### **Included in this Report**

Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...
Tue 8/20/2024 3:30 pm PDT

Looking for a change? #JoinGGPD and work for the best city in Orange County. #GardenGrove has that perfect home-...



Video Views	441	
Impressions	1,190	
Reach	1,159	
Engagements	75	
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%	



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 8/19/2024 2:00 pm PDT



Video Views	787	
Impressions	1,395	
Reach	1,353	
Engagements	249	
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.8%	



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 8/18/2024 8:01 pm PDT

Over the weekend, #GardenGrovePD conducted two #DUIcheckpoints to help raise awareness and educate drivers on...



Impressions	3,449
Reach	3,412
Engagements	806
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	23.4%



### Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 8/15/2024 8:00 pm PDT

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD just opened a Canine Training Facility? This Training Facility is a two-year pilot progra...



Impressions	4,054	
Reach	3,948	
Engagements	638	
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.7%	

# **NEWS ARTICLES**





CONTACT: Ashleigh Anderson Camba Human Resources Department (714) 741-5027/ashleighc@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280 Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, August 19, 2024











# CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GARDEN GROVE POLICE POSITIONS

The City of Garden Grove is now accepting online applications for sworn and non-sworn positions with the Garden Grove Police Department. The deadline to apply is Thursday, August 29, 2024. To apply online, visit gqpd.org/join.

Job openings for full-time and part-time positions include:

- Police Cadet
- Police Recruit
- Police Recruit Academy Enrolled
- Police Officer Academy Trained
- Lateral Police Officer
- Reserve Police Officer Level I

Centrally located in Orange County, Garden Grove is a diverse city that values and relies on a community policing philosophy. The City of Garden Grove offers competitive benefits including contributions toward medical, dental, and vision coverage; Garden Grove Police Association paid percentage of lifetime medical; tuition reimbursement; bilingual pay; military leave with pay; military service buyback through the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS); and flexible job opportunities across the department.

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CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GGPD POSITIONS 2-2-2

For sworn police officers, the Garden Grove Police Department offers in-service training programs and specializations in the areas of canine handling, gang suppression, investigations, juvenile services, motorcycle traffic enforcement, patrol, special weapons and tactics, vice-narcotic enforcement, and more after sufficient experience in the police department.

The Garden Grove Police Cadet Program introduces young men and women to the various aspects of the police department to prepare them for a career in law enforcement.

Visit <u>ggpd.org/join</u> to apply online or for more information, including job details and qualifications, or contact Corporal Jason Johnson from the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5922 or <u>jasonj@ggcity.org</u>.





CONTACT: Karissa Yniguez Public Works Department (714) 741-5382/karissay@ggcity.org FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Wednesday, August 21, 2024











### CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING ON LABOR DAY

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday and will resume the next day. Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. For more information on street sweeping, please call (714) 741-5382.

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### **OC TRIBUNE**

### School meal prices hold steady

August 24, 2024



A lot of Americans have been hit hard by the cost of food. But there's no inflation in the meals for students in the Garden Grove Unified School District.

At Tuesday's meeting of the GGUSD Board of Education, food service prices were approved, and they call for no changes in the student meal program.

For students, in fact, breakfasts, lunches and other meals are free, and there's been no meal price increase for students since 2017-2018.

Adults, however, will be seeing a modest increase in the cost of meals. Breakfasts will remain the same (\$4.50), but lunches for adults will rise a quarter from \$6.25 to \$6.50.

A la carte food items, second meals and specialty meals will range in cost from \$1 to \$15 for students, adults and non-GGUSD students. These are items such as milk, water, juice, chocolate chip cookies, bags of chips, extra breakfast or lunch meals, sandwiches and salads.

Tuesday's meeting was the board's first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. New administrators from the district office level to elementary school vice principals were introduced to the board and the public.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3. The GGUSD serves most of Garden Grove as well as parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.

### **NGUOI-VIET DAILY NEWS**

### Garden Grove khai trương trường đào tạo cảnh khuyển

August 17



Từ giới chức quận hạt đến giới chức tiểu bang cùng có mặt hôm cắt băng khánh thành Trung Tâm Đào Tạo Cảnh Khuyển Garden Grove. (Hình: Garden Grove cung cấp)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Thành phố Garden Grove phối hợp với Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove cắt băng khánh thành Trung Tâm Đào Tạo Cảnh Khuyển Garden Grove, cơ sở đầu tiên tại Orange County, hôm Thứ Ba, 13 Tháng Tám, trong công viên Pioneer Park, 12722 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, phía Bắc tiểu học Warren Elementary.

Trung Tâm Đào Tạo Cảnh Khuyển Garden Grove có chương trình kéo dài hai năm nhằm đào tạo cảnh khuyển truy bắt cũng như cảnh khuyển hỗ trợ cho các cơ quan thực thi pháp luật tại Orange County.

Tại buổi lễ, ông Steve Jones, thị trưởng Garden Grove, ngỏ lời cám ơn những đối tác trong cộng đồng như Học Khu Garden Grove, cư dân quanh vùng đã hỗ trợ thành lập trung tâm.

Từ Tháng Mười, 2023, Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove nhận thấy được sự cần thiết thành lập một cơ sở đào tạo cảnh khuyển trong khu vực.

Vào Tháng Năm, 2024, Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove đã phê duyệt một bản hợp tác (MOU) với Học Khu Garden Grove để thành lập cơ sở này tại công viên Pioneer.

Trang thiết bị cho Trung Tâm Đào Tạo Cảnh Khuyển Garden Grove bao gồm: Thang trèo lên cao, cầu K-9, đường hầm K-9, leo dốc K-9, bàn cân K-9, rào cản K-9.

Để biết thêm thông tin về Trung Tâm Huấn Luyện Cảnh Khuyển tại Garden Grove, liên lac với cảnh sát viên Derek Link qua số (714) 741-5820 hoặc qua email derekl@ggcity.org.

Để xem hình ảnh liên quan đến sự kiện, truy cập tại @gardengrovecityhall trên các mạng xã hội. **(ĐG)** 

### **VIET-BAO ONLINE NEWS**

# Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove Hiện Đang Nhận Đơn Tuyển Nhân Viên August 21, 2024

Thành Phố Garden Grove hiện đang nhận đơn trực tuyến cho các vị trí cảnh sát tuyên thệ (sworn) và không tuyên thệ (non-sworn.) Hạn chót nộp đơn là Thứ Năm, 29 Tháng Tám, 2024. Để ghi danh, xin vào trang ggpd.org/join.

Cơ hội việc làm cho các vị trí toàn thời gian (Full-time) và bán thời gian (Part-time) bao gồm cảnh sát viên (police officer-academy trained), sĩ quan cảnh sát (lateral police officer/Police officer), và học viên cảnh sát.

Garden Grove là một thành phố đa văn hóa với một cộng đồng ngày càng phát triển. Đối với các sĩ quan cảnh sát tuyên thệ, sở cảnh sát Garden Grove cung cấp các chương trình đào tạo chuyên môn xuất sắc trong các lĩnh vực điều tra tai nạn, huấn luyện chó, trấn áp băng đảng, điều tra, dịch vụ vị thành niên, tuần tra đường phố, vũ khí và chiến thuật đặc biệt, thực thi pháp luật, sau khi có đủ kinh nghiệm trong sở cảnh sát.

Garden Grove điều chỉnh những chính sách thích hợp cho cộng đồng. Thành phố cung cấp các phúc lợi bao gồm các khoản đóng góp cho bảo hiểm y tế, nha khoa và bảo hiểm mắt; Hiệp Hội Cảnh Sát Garden Grove trả một phần chi phí y tế suốt đời; chương trình hoàn trả học phí; trả thêm nếu nói được song ngữ; ngày nghỉ có trả lương; phúc lợi khi về hưu thông qua CalPERS; và cơ hội làm việc uyển chuyển trong toàn bộ phận.

Để nộp đơn trực tuyến hoặc để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết và yêu cầu trong công việc, hãy truy cập ggpd.org/join, hoặc liên lạc ông Jason Johnson ở sở cảnh sát Garden Grove tại (714) 741-5922 hoặc jasonj@ggcity.org.



### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### August 22, 2024

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. League of California Cities articles, August 16-21, 2024
- 3. Administrative Board of Appeals, minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting
- 4. Planning Commission, minutes from the July 18, 2024 meeting



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 22, 2024 – October 3, 2024

Thursday	August 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	August 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 29		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Monday	September 2		City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
		11:30a.m 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon CMC, AB Room
Friday	September 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 12	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	September 20		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 3		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day



# Here are the bills that survived the suspense file carnage

Aug 21, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

Last Thursday was a busy day for the state's appropriations committees, which had to chop through 830 bills as part of the twice-annual suspense file process. For cities at least, it was a fairly positive — although not completely injury-free — affair. Well over half of all priority bill decisions went in Cal Cities' favor.

This includes measures aimed at increasing transparency around sales tax-sharing agreements, speeding up local wildfire preparedness, and providing flexibility for the state's Advance Clean Fleet regulation. Legislators also significantly improved some bills, including one that would add new categories to the state-mandated housing planning process.

In the end, legislators axed a few more bills <u>than usual</u>. And since Gov. Gavin Newsom has repeatedly stressed the need for fiscal responsibility this year, the fight is hardly over. In fact, he has already vetoed one high-profile environmental bill, citing a <u>lack of funding</u>. It's far from guaranteed that all the surviving bills will make it past the Governor's desk.

-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

#### Revenue and Taxation

Cal Cities' revenue and taxation portfolio fared well during last week's suspense file hearings. The Senate Appropriations Committee passed AB 2854 (Irwin) by a 6-1 vote. The bill would increase transparency around sales tax-sharing agreements. After productive conversations between Cal Cities and Asm. Jacqui Irwin, the author amended the bill to reduce penalties for noncompliance, allowing Cal Cities to adopt a support position. Other priority bills include:

- AB 2061 (Wilson) Sales and Use Tax: exemptions: zero-emission public transportation ferries
  - Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- <u>AB 2564 (Boerner)</u> Property tax postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement FundCal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- Ben Triffo, legislative affairs lobbyist

### **Public Safety**

Lawmakers held most remaining public safety bills in both appropriations committees, including the last fentanyl bills, a measure that would regulate intoxicating hemp, and a ban on some types of drones. The two committees did pass measures related to cannabis, police canines, and traffic safety.

Cal Cities supported many of the held bills. However, the blow was lessened by the Governor's recent <u>signature</u> of a package of bills broadly supported by Cal Cities that <u>seeks to reduce retail</u> <u>theft</u>. Other priority bills include:

- AB 1725 (McCarty) Law Enforcement Settlements and judgments: reporting Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- AB 2223 (Aguiar-Curry) Cannabis: industrial hemp

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)

- AB 2309 (Muratsuchi) City attorney: state law: misdemeanor Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- AB 3241 (Pacheco) Law enforcement: police canines
   Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as Amended)
- <u>SB 99 (Umberg)</u> Law enforcement agencies: military equipment Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- <u>SB 1262 (Archuleta)</u> Crimes: supervised release Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- SB 226 (Alvarado-Gil) Controlled substances: armed possession: fentanyl Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- Jolena Voorhis, legislative affairs lobbyist

### **Community Services**

Unsurprisingly, the Governor-sponsored <u>AB 3093 (Ward)</u> passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would add new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment framework. Cal Cities has had an oppose unless amended position on AB 3093 but has been in ongoing conversations with the author's office.

Sen. Chris Ward adopted clarifying amendments that went into print this week. While the bill still lacks ongoing funding — as requested by Cal Cities — these new changes are a significant improvement.

### Other priority bills include:

- AB 1961 (Wicks) End Hunger in California Act of 2024
   Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- AB 1967 (Jackson) Food Insecurity Officer Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- AB 2207 (Reyes) State Boards and Commissions: Representatives of Older Adults Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- AB 2410 (Wallis) Meal Program: Senior Citizens Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- AB 2498 (Zbur) Housing: The California Housing Security Act Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- Caroline Grinder, legislative affairs lobbyist

### Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Apart from a measure originally aimed at boosting housing on the coast — more on that in the next section — the biggest development in the housing space last week was <u>AB 1893 (Wicks)</u>. The measure would prohibit cities from requiring objective standards on builder's remedy projects and limit their ability to reject some development projects.

AB 1893 passed on a 5-1 vote, with Sen. Aisha Wahab voting no and Republicans abstaining. The measure is intended to clarify how the builder's remedy works and includes some guardrails around where such projects can occur. However, the proposal lacks specifics over what cities could or could not do, opening the door to litigation if a city has not certified its housing element per the Department of Housing and Community Development's recommendations.

### Other priority bills include:

- AB 1889 (Friedman) Conservation element: wildlife and habitat connectivity
   Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)
- AB 2149 (Connolly) Gates: standards: inspection
   Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Held)
- AB 2243 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Roads Jobs Act of 2022: objective standards and affordability and site criteria Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Pass)
- AB 2485 (Juan Carrillo) Regional housing need: determination Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- Brady Guertin, legislative affairs lobbyist

### **Environmental Quality**

Cal Cities' environmental quality bills sailed through the seas of suspense, with problematic bills held and positive bills surviving to see another day. <u>AB 2330 (Holden)</u>, a Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would speed up local wildfire preparedness efforts, passed by a 7-0 vote. Another sponsored measure, <u>SB 972 (Min)</u>, moved out of appropriations but with some changes. The measure would still improve technical assistance for local organic waste diversion programs, but no longer includes CalRecycle's reporting requirement.

Lawmakers also held a late-breaking wildfire hazard mapping measure, <u>SB 610 (Wiener)</u>. The bill drew immediate concerns from Cal Cities, as it proposed significant changes in the final weeks of session that would impact the current fire hazard mapping process. Cal Cities negotiated closely with the author on amendments that never made it into print but anticipates it will return next year.

<u>AB 2560 (Alvarez)</u> also failed to advance. The unfunded mandate would have eroded local housing authority on the coast. Previous committees included amendments to the bill that would have restored housing oversight to the California Coastal Commission. AB 2560 would have forced cities to incorporate Density Bonus Law in local coastal programs, mired cities in duplicative housing planning efforts, and imposed conflicting standards. Cal Cities opposed the measure.

Other priority bills include:

- <u>SB 1461 (Allen)</u> State of emergency and local emergency: landslides Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- <u>AB 2320 (Irwin)</u> Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act of 2024: wildlife corridors: fish passage
  - Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- AB 2346 (Lee) Regulations: procurement of recovered organic waste products Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- AB 3121 (Hart) Urban retail water supplier: informational orders written notice: conservation order: water use efficiency standards and water use reporting: dates Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- SB 1045 (Blakespear) Composting facilities: zoning Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- SB 1046 (Laird) Organic waste reduction: program environmental impact report: small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- SB 1280 (Laird) Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- <u>SB 1330 (Archuleta)</u> Urban retail water supplier: water use Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative affairs lobbyist

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Lawmakers held two priority labor relations bills last week — both opposed by Cal Cities. <u>AB 2557 (Ortega)</u> would have disincentivized contractors from doing business with cities through burdensome new reporting requirements. <u>AB 2421 (Low)</u> would have restricted an employer's ability to conduct internal investigations into allegations of involving misconduct and created a broad, undefined privilege between public employees and their unions.

The most notable bill to make it out of suspense was <u>AB 2561 (McKinnor)</u>. This bill would impose expensive and unnecessary burdens on local agencies that would detract from efforts to recruit and retain the public workforce. Cal Cities opposes the bill. Other priority measures include:

- SB 399 (Wahab) Employer communications: intimidation Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed)
- Johnnie Pina, legislative affairs lobbyist, and Betsy Montiel, policy and legislative affairs analyst

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Two Cal Cities-supported measures that would provide flexibility when complying with the state's Advance Clean Fleet regulation moved off the suspense file. AB 3179 (Carrillo) would allow more emergency vehicles to qualify for an exemption from the rule. AB 637 (Jackson) would let rented zero-emission vehicles count towards the requirement. In another bright note for cities, AB 2286 (Aguiar-Curry) advanced to the Senate Floor. Also supported by Cal Cities, this measure would require heavy-duty autonomous vehicles to have a human operator before driving on public roads. This is critical, as driverless vehicles cannot recognize risk as quickly as humans and integrating autonomous vehicles into roadways is a complex process.

Unfortunately, lawmakers resurrected a previously held bill opposed by Cal Cities — albeit with significant changes. <u>AB 1082 (Kalra)</u> would prevent cities from towing vehicles that violate parking rules. This latest iteration would still complicate cities' efforts to manage traffic and public safety.

Other priority bills include:

- SB 689 (Blakespear) Local Coastal Permitting Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- SB 1418 (Archuleta) Permitting: Hydrogen-Fueling Stations
   Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)
- AB 2290 (Friedman) Transportation: Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program
  - Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Held)
- AB 2583 (Berman) School zones: speed limits Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Held)
- AB 3061 (Haney) Vehicles: autonomous vehicle incident reporting Cal Cities Position: Support in Concept (Status: Passed)
- Damon Conklin, legislative affairs lobbyist, and Waleed Hojeij, policy and legislative affairs analyst

### Next steps

City leaders have about a month left to make their voices heard in the Capitol. Lawmakers have until Aug. 31 to get their bills passed and onto Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk. He then has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto any measures.

To learn more about which measures to consider advocating for or against, subscribe to *Cal Cities Advocate* or contact your <u>regional public affairs manager</u>. Action alerts can happen quickly and often, so make sure to stay informed.



# Help others build for success at the 2025

## Planning Commissioners Academy

Aug 21, 2024

By Cal Cities Education Staff

The League of California Cities is seeking session proposals for the Planning Commissioners Academy, taking place March 5-7, in Santa Rosa. The academy will offer sessions for both commissioners fresh in their roles and seasoned planning commissioners who need a refresher course or new strategies.

Cal Cities is seeking thorough, thoughtful, and complete proposals that tell how your session can help planning commissioners improve their communities, leadership abilities, and knowledge within their roles.

Noncommercial submissions from any individual, group, business, or organization on any topic are welcome. Session proposals must be submitted online by Monday, Sept. 23. This conference offers panel discussions, speed sessions, facilitated discussions, and opportunities for keynote speakers. This year, members have indicated an interest in the following topics:

- How to update a general plan.
- Planning in small/rural cities.
- How to be an effective chair and chair a meeting.
- Public conduct.
- Working with county supervisors.
- Addressing defamation/libel toward a commissioner or planning staff.
- How commissioners can support staff.
- Marketing trends in development projects.
- Development review/entitlement process.
- Evaluating how a project will age.
- Density bonus applications.

Member-driven and member-led programming is a cornerstone of Cal Cities' educational activities. More than 95% of all programming comes directly from our open calls for proposals. For more information contact Associate Manager, Event Program, Kayla Boutros.



# Find the calm in the storm with Friday's annual conference keynote

Aug 21, 2024

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Captain Sandy Yawn, philanthropist and star of Bravo's "Below Deck," will close out the <u>Annual Conference and Expo</u> on Friday, Oct. 18. Yawn has over 30 years of international maritime experience. She earned a reputation and international recognition as an elite captain for steering her ship and crew to safety in 2004 after a catastrophic engine fire and pirate threat off the coast of Yemen.

Yawn will draw on her career to show how self-discipline, persistence, humility, adaptability, and gratitude can help city leaders sail through challenges both nautical and municipal. She'll share how her inner work shaped her leadership and how city leaders can reach deep inside to find the strength, compassion, and tenacity to lead even during stormy seas.

Fellow keynote speakers this year include award-winning journalist <u>Celeste Headlee</u> and economist <u>Christopher Thornberg</u>, <u>Ph.D.</u> A <u>full list of sessions</u> is available online.

### Registration filling fast!

Conference registration closes on Oct. 4 or when the conference sells out — whichever happens first. Full conference registration is \$700 for <u>member city officials</u> and includes access to all general and concurrent sessions, the expo, CitiPAC and diversity caucus receptions, and Wednesday's host city reception.

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. For accommodation or accessibility inquiries, please contact Conference Registrar Megan Dunn. Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted.

Scammers may contact you claiming to be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities has contracted with LiveCon as the official housing bureau/service for the 2024 Annual Conference and Expo. Official conference emails will come from addresses ending in @calcities.org or @live-con.com or the actual hotel. Neither party will call you directly without prior communication.

# GARDEN GROVE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF APPEALS (ABOA) Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 27, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioner Brady Commissioner Knight Commissioner Ladd Commissioner Nguyen Commissioner Tackney

Absent: None.

<u>STAFF PRESENT:</u> Omar Sandoval, City Attorney; David Dent, Chief Building Official/Executive Secretary to the Board; Sam Kim, Public Works Deputy Director; Les Ruitenschild, Public Works Supervisor; Tina Ngo, Revenue Manager; Judith Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Knight

### SELECTION OF CHAIR:

Action: Member Knight nominated self for Chair with a second from

Member Tackney.

Action: Motion approved with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

### SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Action: Member Knight nominated Member Tackney for Vice Chair, with

a second from Member Knight.

Action: Motion approved with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

Member Knight assumed the duties of Chair.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC - None.

### RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES - June 28, 2023

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Brady Second: Ladd

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

<u>CODE OF ETHICS:</u> City Attorney Sandoval provided an overview of the Code of Ethics. A hand-out and PowerPoint presentation were provided.

<u>OVERVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT:</u> City Attorney Sandoval provided an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act), noting the purpose and importance of adhering to the law. A PowerPoint presentation was provided.

### HEARING F.1. - WATER BILLING APPEAL FOR 11632 ANABEL AVENUE

Appellant: HOANG VIET VAN Date: March 27, 2024

Request:

Appellant requested that the Administrative Board of Appeals approve his water billing appeal, filed on November 7, 2023, for one billing period from May 23, 2023 to July 21, 2023, for property located at 11632 Anabel Avenue. The appeal sought reduction of the amount of this billing period.

The Administrative Board of Appeals of the City of Garden Grove hereby made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The City was formally informed of a high water bill from Hoang Viet Van on August 30, 2023 regarding a higher than normal water use after receiving a bill for the period of May 23, 2023 to July 21, 2023, in the amount of \$532.22 for the use of 111 units (approximately 1.88 units per day).
- 2. On July 26, 2023, City staff had read the meter before the subject water bill was generated. At the time, the meter was inspected and verified that there was no leak from and around the meter.
- 3. On August 29, 2024, Appellant's independent investigation of the water meter revealed 4 inches of mud surrounding the meter.
- 4. On September 6, 2023, after being notified of the high water bill by Appellant, the City performed an in-ground meter test for meter accuracy and it passed.

- 5. On February 7, 2024, City staff removed the old water meter and replaced it permanently with a new water meter. The backside of the connection, which is not metered, was noted to have a leak, which was repaired at that time.
- 6. The old water meter was tested by Westerly on February 8, 2024. The test results passed, according to the American Water Works Association standards.
- 7. The Appellant did not provide evidence that he or a third-party professional conducted an investigation or evaluation showing the nonexistence of water leaks on the water facilities on Appellant's property, or that the Machine Shop operated at the property did not experience increased usage of water for the subject billing period.
- 8. The Public Works Director correctly denied the Appellant's request to adjust and reduce its water bills.

Staff noted that once it is determined that the City facility is not at fault in regard to a leak or a faulty meter, the burden of proof goes to the property owner, whose obligation it is to regularly maintain the property. The City cannot go on private properties, they can only confirm conditions on the City-side of the meter connection.

The Hearing was opened and with no proof of an investigation from the Apellant in regard to the two-month spike in his water bill, and with the old water meter passing the third-party testing, the hearing was closed.

Action: Resolution No. 001-2024 was approved to deny the Appeal.

Motion: Brady Second: Ladd

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

### HEARING F.2. - WATER BILLING APPEAL FOR 12001 WEST STREET

Appellant: EDGAR ROJAS Date: March 27, 2024

Request: Appellant requested that the Administrative Board of Appeals approve

his water billing appeal, filed on January 4, 2024, for one billing period from March 23, 2023 to May 18, 2023, for property located at 12001 West Street. The appeal sought reduction of the amount of this billing

period.

The Administrative Board of Appeals of the City of Garden Grove hereby made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The City was formally informed of a high water bill from Appellant on May 26, 2023 regarding a higher than normal water use after receiving a bill for the period of March 23, 2023 to May 18, 2023, in the amount of \$928.05 for the use of 191 units (approximately 3.41 units per day).
- 2. On January 23, 2023, City staff read the meter and verified that the low-flow indicator was moving, indicating a leak at Appellant's property. A water-wise brochure and door hanger was placed that references "low-flow indicator is moving" and the current read.
- 3. On March 28, 2023, City staff was conducting routine meter reading and noticed the low-flow indicator was moving indicating a continuing leak.
- 4. The bill was inadvertently generated at 2 units, in which it should have been at 109 units billed during the period from January 17, 2023 to March 23, 2023. The previous billing units of 109 were combined with the billing units of 82 within the billing period from March 23, 2023 to May 18, 2023, for a total of 191 units for a four month period.
- 5. City staff performed a re-read of the meter on May 23, 2023 and confirmed a high water usage.
- 6. On May 26, 2023, Mr. Rojas made initial contact with the City requesting a re-read of the water meter due to a higher than normal water use after receiving a bill for the period of March 23, 2023 to May 18, 2023, in the amount of \$928.05 for the use of 191 units (approximately 3.41 units per day).
- 7. City staff responded on May 26, 2023 and confirmed that there was no leak from and around the meter.
- 8. On June 6, 2023, City staff informed Mr. Rojas of the billing cycle error and the account correction took place, as outlined above.
- 9. On September 15, 2023, the City performed an in-ground meter test for meter accuracy and it passed.
- 10. On December 8, 2023, City staff removed the old water meter and replaced it permanently with a new water meter. The old water meter was tested by Westerly on December 11, 2023. The test results showed that the old meter was under-registering water flow to the customer's benefit.

- 11. The Appellant did not provide evidence that he or a third-party professional conducted an investigation or evaluation showing the nonexistence of water leaks on the water facilities on Appellant's property.
- 12. The Public Works Director correctly denied the Appellant's request to adjust and reduce its water bills.

The Hearing was opened. Staff stated that the customer was responsible for monitoring water consumption, and as a water meters get old, the accuracy deteriorates and water consumption is under-registered. With no proof of an investigation or evidence from the Apellant in regard to the spike in his water bill, and with the old water meter passing the third-party testing, the hearing was closed.

Action: Resolution No. 002-2024 was approved to deny the Appeal.

Motion: Brady Second: Ladd

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

### HEARING F.3. - WATER BILLING APPEAL FOR 13349 RAMONA DRIVE

Appellant: NGAN NGUYEN Date: March 27, 2024

Request:

Apellant requested that the Administrative Board of Appeals approve his water billing appeal, filed on February 1, 2024, for one billing period from November 13, 2023 to January 17, 2024 for property located at 13349 Ramona Drive. The appeal sought reduction of the amount of this billing period.

The Administrative Board of Appeals of the City of Garden Grove hereby made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The City was formally informed of a high water bill from Appellant on February 1, 2024 regarding a higher than normal water use after receiving a bill for the period of November 13, 2023 to January 17, 2024, in the amount of \$5,122.29 for the use of 967 units (approximately 14.88 units per day).
- 2. On January 22, 2024, City was conducting routine meter reading and noticed the low-flow indicator was moving, which indicated a possible leak at Appellant's property. City staff verbally notified the resident of potential leak in English and translated in Vietnamese over the phone.

- 3. City staff re-read the meter and confirmed low-flow indicator was moving. City staff spoke with occupant and was informed two toilets had been leaking last month and had recently been fixed.
- 4. On January 29, 2024, Appellant made initial contact with the City to inform the City of a higher than normal water use after receiving a bill for the period of November 13, 2023 to January 17, 2024, in the amount of \$5,122.29 for the use of 967 units (approximately 14.88 units per day).
- 5. Appellant provided two plumber's invoice inspection reports showing no leak. One inspection report was received from Joseph's Plumbing & Rooter, dated January 29, 2024. The second inspection report was received on January 31, 2024, invoice #138676591.
- 6. City staff scheduled an in-ground meter test to be performed on January 31, 2024 at 9:57 a.m. On that day, City staff was unable to perform the test due to the low-flow indicator moving. City staff verbally notified the resident of a potential leak.
- 7. On February 7, 2024, City staff removed the old water meter and replaced it permanently with a new water meter.
- 8. The old water meter was tested by Westerly on February 8, 2024. The test results passed, according to the American Water Works Association standards.
- 9. The property's occupant communicated to the City "good faith" efforts on their part in regard to informing the City of two leaking toilets that were repaired.
- 10. Appellant communicated to the City "good faith" efforts on their part in regard to performing independent investigations and repairs. However, the plumber reports only confirm Appellant's responsibility for the leaks due to the inspections and repairs taking place after the billing period from November 13, 2023 to January 17, 2024.
- 11. The Public Works Director correctly denied the Appellant's request to adjust and reduce its water bills.

The Hearing was opened. The Apellant provided a handout showing a breakdown of his billing statistics. Staff stated they were told of the two leaking toilets by the occupants of the home. In addition, the Apellant/property owner stated that he was aware of the two leaking toilets during the billing period as he visited the family property every day. In regard to the spike in water meter reading, staff notified the

occupants via a door-hanger, with a water-wise City brochure attached, advising the residents to have the system checked by a professional as the City cannot go on property. The City also goes through a protocol to show there is no problem with the billing and tests only the City-side of the meter connections for possible leaks or mis-readings. It was noted that though City staff have different levels of certifications, meter readers are not required to be certified, therefore, meters are sent to a third party to be tested at no charge to the property owner.

With no proof of an investigation or evidence from the Apellant in regard to the spike in his water bill, other than two leaking toilets, and confirmation of leaks that were repaired after the billing, and with the old water meter passing the third-party testing, the hearing was closed.

Action: Resolution No. 003-2024 was approved to deny the Appeal

with the suggestion that the Apellant seek a payment plan,

if desired.

Motion: Brady Second: Tackney

Ayes: (5) Brady, Knight, Ladd, Nguyen, Tackney

Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM BOARD: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:53 p.m.

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Judith Moore Recording Secretary

# GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

### Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Beard
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</u> Led by Commissioner Cunningham

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC - None

### June 20, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Cueva

Ayes: (3) Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (3) Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez

Abstain: (1) Beard

PUBLIC HEARING - SITE PLAN NO. SP-138-2024 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-19314 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BUARO STREET, BETWEEN LAMPSON AVENUE AND HARBOR BOULEVARD, AT 12701 BUARO STREET.

Applicant: ASHTON 3 Date: July 18, 2024

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct thirty-five (35) three-story,

"for-sale" residential condominium units and associated site improvements on an approximately 1.4-acre lot. The proposal includes two (2) affordable housing units for "very-low income" households. Inclusion of the two (2) "very low-income" units qualifies the project for

a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. Also, a Tentative Tract Map to create a one-lot subdivision for the purpose of selling each dwelling unit as a condominium. The site is in the R-2 (Limited Multiple-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action:

Resolution No. 6093-24 was approved. One letter of opposition was submitted in regard to parking issues, increased traffic, and safety. Six people spoke in regard to current overcrowded parking conditions, child safety, vehicle speeds, and the need for proper street lighting in the neighborhood. The Developer stated they would work with staff to try and lessen the impact of the new development, while the City would look into different methods for improving traffic safety in the area. Two Conditions of Approval were amended to read:

- 73a. All one-bedroom units shall maintain the ability to park one car within the garages at all times. All other units shall maintain the ability to park two cars within the garages at all times. Unless otherwise permitted by State Law, garages shall not be converted to any other use.
- 76. All units shall be equipped with space for the collection and storage of refuse, organic material, and recyclable material. The area for each container shall be a minimum of twenty-seven inches (2'-3") by thirty-one inches (2'-7") to accommodate 65gallon carts. Trash containers shall be stored within designated storage areas only within the garage parking area. Trash containers shall not encroach into the minimum required interior clearances, as depicted in the floor plan. The placement of trash containers for pick-up, and the duration of time prior to and after trash collection of trash containers, is subject to requirements of Republic Services and the City of Garden Grove, Environmental Services.

Motion: Cunningham Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (4) Beard, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (3) Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez

<u>MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:</u> Commissioner Beard thanked staff for the opportunity to Chair the meeting.

<u>MATTERS FROM STAFF:</u> Staff stated the August  $1^{\text{st}}$  meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief overview of the August  $15^{\text{th}}$  agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 p.m.

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Judith Moore Recording Secretary