

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD DECEMBER 9, 2025

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Ahn presiding.

1A. CALL TO ORDER

1B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Franco, Hoque, Sonne, Traut, Ahn

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Aaron France, City Manager; Chris Cardinale, City Attorney; and Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk.

1C. INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Rabbi Lawrence Goldmark.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aaron France, City Manager.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported the following:

- District 2 Pocket Park Workshop, December 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m., at Community Center – Ballroom.
- Annual Candy Caneland and Crafts Fair, December 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Ehlers Event Center. The event will consist of craft booths, snow slides, food and entertainment. Additionally, a free shuttle will be available at Peak Park Pool starting at 10:00 a.m.
- John Beat Park Design Workshop, January 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and January 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 6660 Mt. Shasta Circle, Buena Park.
- Vote for Buena Park for America's Favorite Small Town. Buena Park has been nominated for America's favorite small towns, a national contest presented by Parade.com and Steller celebrating standout communities. Participants can vote daily using the QR code available on the flyer.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO RAYMOND TEMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2025 NATIONAL CENTER FOR URBAN SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION AWARD
WINNER

Council Member Hoque presented the certificate of recognition to Superintendent Martinez, on behalf of Raymond Temple Elementary School, for winning the 2025 National Center for Urban School Transformation Award. Certificates of recognition from State Senator Umberg and State Senator Strickland were also presented.

3A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ahn announced the public may at this time address the members of the City Council on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Dominic Moonheart, Fullerton resident, spoke regarding an appeal to the City Council to contact LA Metro for possible alternatives for LA Metro Bus 460.

Andrew Gregson, NOCC CEO and President, spoke regarding NOCC's new 12-part workshop series 'Real Steps to Starting a Business' in partnership with Buena Park Council Member Franco and Fullerton Council Member Valencia. The program is designed for high school seniors to prepare them on starting and operating a business. The Mexican Consulate has also offered to assist students and their families, for those of Mexican heritage, with documentation and support services.

There being no additional requests to speak, Mayor Ahn closed oral communications.

4. NEW BUSINESS (4A – 4D)

4A. COMMENDATIONS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AHN

Vice Mayor Traut thanked outgoing Mayor Ahn for her service, leadership, and dedication as Mayor and presented her with a Mayor's plaque.

State Senator Umberg, OC Board of Supervisors Chair Chaffee, NOCC President and CEO Gregson, KACCOC President Youn, and legislative representatives, on behalf of federal, state, county, and local legislators, presented commendations to outgoing Mayor Ahn.

4B. COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MAYOR AHN

Outgoing Mayor Ahn thanked the City Council, City staff, and all community stakeholders for taking part in the success of her mayoral year. She highlighted all accomplishments achieved in the year 2025 including the revitalization of City parks; implementation of Parks and Recreation of Master Plan; advanced housing projects and developments; launched Peak Park Water Well project; secured federal and state grant fundings; expansion of the Police Department and development of a Drone as First Responder Program (DFR); and, flourished civic engagement through implementation of new programs and initiatives. Outgoing Mayor Ahn expressed excitement about upcoming projects that would aid Buena Park in its continued growth, new job opportunities, and for a thriving local economy.

4C. SELECTION OF MAYOR

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Jimenez explained the process for the selection of Mayor and opened nominations.

Mayor Ahn nominated Vice Mayor Traut for the position of Mayor. There being no further nominations, Vice Mayor Traut was appointed as Mayor.

Director Jimenez turned over the meeting to Mayor Traut.

Mayor Traut thanked his family and friends for their support. Additionally, Mayor Traut outlined proposed changes to the City Council meeting – 1) invitation of elementary school students to lead the meeting's Pledge of Allegiance; 2) extend invitation to all faith-based leaders in Buena Park to lead the meeting's Invocation; 3) formalize regional elected officials and public agencies updates; and, 4) formalize Council reports and calendaring. Additionally, Mayor Traut discussed initiatives for his mayoral year including resident roundtables with the Mayor, youth microgrant program, neighborhood action day program, and stories of Buena Park.

4D. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Traut opened the nomination for the position of Vice Mayor.

Mayor Traut nominated Council Member Hoque for the position of Vice Mayor. There being no further nominations, Council Member Hoque was appointed as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Traut recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:11 p.m.

Dominic Moonheart, Fullerton resident, congratulated Mayor Traut and Vice Mayor Hoque on their recent appointments and expressed excitement towards their leadership in the coming year.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (5A – 5J)

Mayor Traut announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5J would be acted upon by one motion affirming the actions as recommended on the agenda and agenda bills submitted and inquired if anyone present desired to have any item removed for separate consideration. There being no requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken on Item Nos. 5A – 5J:

- MOTION: Hoque
- SECOND: Ahn
- AYES: Hoque, Ahn, Franco, Sonne, Traut
- NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A – 5J be approved.

Minutes

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of November 12, 2025; and, Special City Council Meeting of November 17, 2025.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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5B. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt Resolutions approving the Claims and Demands.

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 15052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$2,167,766.66 DEMAND NOS. 433351 THROUGH 433551 CANCELLED NOS. 432752, 432854 AND 433250

RESOLUTION NO. 15053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,174,491.76 DEMAND NOS. 433552 THROUGH 433784 CANCELLED NOS. 432724, 432782, 433364 AND 433425

RESOLUTION NO. 15054

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,199,501.54 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 15055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,203,174.01 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 2025

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5C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 5D. ADOPT RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING BUENA PARK POLICE CHIEF FRANK NUNES UPON HIS RETIREMENT
Recommended Action: Adopt the Resolution.

The City Council thanked Buena Park Police Chief Frank Nunes for his leadership and service to the Buena Park community, and recognized his retirement after 28 years of service in the City.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15056

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND COMMENDING FRANK NUNES ON HIS RETIREMENT

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- 5E. APPROVE A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES WITH AMERICAN RAMP COMPANY FOR THE PEAK PARK ASPHALT PUMP TRACK PROJECT
Recommended Action: 1) Approve a design-build services public works contract with American Ramp Company without a guaranteed minimum and a not-to-exceed amount of \$800,000 for the Peak Park Asphalt Pump Track project; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 5F. BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,250 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (ELOP)
Recommended Action: Approve a budget allocation in the amount of \$65,250 for FY 25-26 and FY 26-27 to implement the Centralia School District Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP).

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 5G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN BANKS TO HONOR ALL CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND WARRANTS WHEN BEARING CERTAIN SIGNATURES AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES OF CITY OFFICIALS AND RESCINDING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS
Recommended Action: Adopt the Resolution.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15057

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN BANKS TO HONOR ALL CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND WARRANTS WHEN BEARING CERTAIN SIGNATURES AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES OF CITY OFFICIALS AND RESCINDING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

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- 5H. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEASURE M2 EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the annual Measure M2 Expenditure Report.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE MEASURE M2 (M2) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE CITY OF BUENA PARK

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- 5I. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TIME, DATES, AND PLACE FOR CONDUCT OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT SUCH REGULAR MEETINGS
Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution establishing the time, date, and place for conduct of regular meetings of the Buena Park City Council and establishing the order of business to be conducted at such regular meetings.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE TIME, DATES, AND PLACE FOR CONDUCT OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT SUCH REGULAR MEETINGS

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- 5J. ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S CERTIFICATE, COMMENDATION, AND RECOGNITION POLICY NO. 21
Recommended Action: Adopt the amendments to the City Council's Certificate, Commendation, and Recognition Policy No. 21.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC HEARING (6A)

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- 6A. ADOPT ORDINANCES ADOPTING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING, FIRE, AND RELATED CODES WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS
Recommended Action: 1) Approve second reading and adopt an ordinance amending Title 15 of the Buena Park City Code pertaining to Building and Construction Safety; and 2) Approve a second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Title 16 of the Buena Park City Code pertaining to Fire Safety.

Mayor Traut stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to adopt Ordinances amending Title 15 of the Buena Park City Code pertaining to Building and Construction Safety, and Title 16 of the Buena Park City Code pertaining to Fire Safety.

Mayor Traut opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present desired to speak. There being none, Mayor Traut closed the public hearing.

Senior Building Inspector Lester discussed the proposed Ordinance that amends the existing building code and fire code to align with the 2025 California Building Standards Code which becomes effective statewide on January 1, 2026. The City's Community Development Department and the Orange County Fire Department (OCFA) also proposed additional local amendments to the State building codes to include the following: 1) Minimum Class B Fire Rating for Roofs; and, 2) Single Family Fire Sprinklers. Staff also recommended the adoption by reference of the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code which would govern the use, maintenance, and occupancy of existing structures and premises, as well as administration and enforcement. Even though the State does not adopt a property maintenance code statewide, the City has previously adopted the International Property Maintenance Code as a minimum standard for properties in Buena Park.

MOTION: Ahn
SECOND: Franco
AYES: Ahn, Franco, Hoque, Sonne, Traut
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 1764

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING THE "INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE" 2024 EDITION; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING THE "UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE," 2024 EDITION; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, INCORPORATING THE "UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE," 2024 EDITION; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING THE "NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE," 2023 EDITION; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE; AND THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND EXCEPTIONS, AND AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE BUENA PARK CITY CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 1765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, INCORPORATING THE "INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE", 2024 EDITION, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, AND PENALTIES, AND AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

7. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONFERENCE REPORTS AND CALENDAR REQUESTS

Council Member Ahn reported the following:

- November 13 City Selection Committee Meeting
- November 14 Ride-Along with OCFA Station 62 Crew
- November 17 Special City Council Meeting
- November 18 Employee Canned Food Drive
- November 18 Ad-Hoc Committee Sister City Meeting
- November 19 ACC-OC Annual Business Meeting
- November 19 City of Hope OC Cancer Specialty Hospital Unveiling
- November 20 Senior Center Turkey Distribution
- November 20 Annual Pie Party
- November 20 OC Loop Project Community Meeting
- December 2 Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva Holiday Open House
- December 3 OCSD Operations Committee Meeting
- December 4 All Employee Christmas Reception
- December 5 Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 8 NOCC Board Christmas Party

Council Member Ahn also reported meeting with local businesses for their grand opening, discussed building issues, and plans for future expansion.

Vice Mayor Hoque reported the following:

- November 20 Buena Park Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- November 20 Senior Center Turkey Distribution
- November 25 Coffee with a Cop
- November 25 Friendly Mart Grand Opening
- December 5 Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 7 Soroptimist Fifth Annual Holiday Tea "Celebrating with Songs"

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- November 17 Special City Council Meeting
- December 2 Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- December 4 OCPA Legislative and Regulatory Committee Meeting
- December 4 All Employee Christmas Reception
- December 5 Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 8 OCPA Board Meeting

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- November 22 Street Clean-Up of Stanton Avenue by BPHS Interact Club

Council Member Franco invited the community to attend the December 11, 2026, District 2 Pocket Park Project Workshop, 5:00 p.m., at Buena Park Community Center – Ballroom.

Mayor Traut reported the following:

- November 12 OCFA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
- November 13 OC Fourth District Annual Kindness Awards
- November 17 Special City Council Meeting
- November 18 Veteran Flag Distribution
- November 20 OCFA Board Meeting
- November 21 Speaker at State Assembly Hearing Supporting OC Veterans Cemetery
- November 25 Friendly Mart Grand Opening
- November 25 Coffee with a Cop
- December 4 NOCC Business of the Year Award Presentation to West Coast Sand and Gravel
- December 4 All Employee Christmas Reception
- December 5 Christmas Tree Lighting

Mayor Traut agendized the following items: 1) youth microgrant program; 2) neighborhood action day program; and 3) stories of Buena Park. Additionally, Mayor Traut announced the departure of OCFA Chief Brian Fennessy who accepted a position as Director of the United State Wildland Fire Services.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France congratulated Mayor Traut and Vice Mayor Hoque for their appointments; congratulated outgoing Mayor Ahn for successful mayoral year; and, wished Buena Park residents a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

9. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Director Jimenez congratulated Mayor Traut and Vice Mayor Hoque for their appointments; and, announced Council Member Sonne’s appointment of Rashid Gilanpour as Community Development Block Grant Commissioner for District 3.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Traut adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk