

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2025

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in a special meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the Main Conference Room of Buena Park City Hall, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Nunes, Buena Park Police Chief.

2A. 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. There being none, Mayor Ahn closed oral communications.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

City Manager France introduced the Strategic Planning Workshop Facilitator, Marie Knight, and noted that this workshop is a continuation of the session held on September 16. During the September 16 workshop, the City Council identified priorities and corresponding objectives. The purpose of the current workshop is to review those objectives in detail and determine whether the City Council wishes to incorporate them into the 2026–2028 two-year strategic plan.

Each Department Director presented goals and objectives and answered questions from the City Council.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the following goals and objectives were supported by the City Council for formal adoption at a future City Council meeting:

Goal #1: Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

Objectives:

1. Review and potentially enhance and/or increase the reserve policy, incorporating Measure R funds, to strengthen future financial resiliency.
2. Implement a transparent reporting process for Measure R funds.
3. Provide the City Council with periodic updates on revenue trends, including sales tax.

Goal #2: Advance Strategic Economic Development To Drive Investment, Employment and Growth

Objectives:

1. Identify underused or vacant commercial and industrial properties for participation in a redevelopment or blight removal program which incentivizes property owners to redevelop their vacant storefronts.
2. Explore strategic partnerships with local schools, major employers, chambers of commerce, trade groups and regional programs to increase local participation in training and workforce development programs.
3. Contract for the development of a business assessment (Market Leakage) report to identify needed and unique businesses and then conduct a focused business attraction effort.
4. Prepare and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of the city-owned property at 7851 Beach Boulevard

Goal #3: Employee Development And Capacity (Human Resources)

Objectives:

1. Create a formal internship program which includes partnering with local schools or apprenticeship programs.
2. Evaluate and implement the recommendations of the citywide staffing needs assessment identified in the MRG report.
3. Prioritize professional development and educational opportunities for all staff, with a particular focus on developing a standardized leadership academy for future supervisors.
4. Research software programs to create efficiencies, improve staff capacity, and enhance services to the public.

Goal #4: City Beautification, Infrastructure, And Open Space Enhancements

Objectives:

1. Improve City Infrastructure and Enhance Green Infrastructure
 - A. Expand Tree Program to increase canopy coverage citywide by more than 1,000 trees per year.
 - B. Improve pavement condition index through additional paving opportunities.
 - C. Improve general open space and active transportation by enhancing streetscapes, bike lanes and medians.
2. Promote Diverse and Inclusive Access to Open Space
 - A. Prioritize Park renovations to improve accessibility and inclusivity.
 - B. Reimagine underutilized parks for multi-use and community-driven programming.
 - C. Add meditation and wellness spaces into parks to promote mental and physical health.
 - D. Identify locations for increased pocket park options to ensure all residents have walkable access to open spaces within their neighborhoods.
3. Advance Cultural and Community Identity
 - A. Implement the Cultural Arts Master Plan to integrate public art and creative expression throughout the city.
 - B. Develop logos, wayfinding, signage standards for each district
 - C. Implement wayfinding and gateway signage programs.
 - D. Establish an Arts/Museum District through cultural asset mapping and partnerships.

Goal #5: Community Engagement and Empowerment

Objectives:

1. Strengthen business and economic partnerships and find opportunities and options for proactive, in-person engagement with the business community.
2. Develop and promote inclusive community and recreational programming, especially in underserved areas.
3. Expand outreach and promotion of community resources and programs, including partnerships with local non-profits and other organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ahn adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk