

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD JANUARY 27, 2026

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Traut presiding.

1A. CALL TO ORDER

1B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ahn, Franco, Sonne, Hoque, Traut

ABSENT: None

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

1C. INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Priest Balwinder Singh, Sikh Gurdwara Buena Park.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emery Kim, Buena Terra Elementary School.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

- Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña informed the community of the application period for the 2026 Buena Park Community Academy. The Academy is an opportunity for residents and business owners to learn about various aspects of the City's operations, such as Public Safety, Planning and Development, budgeting, Parks and Recreation, and more. Director Vicuña also discussed the requirements to qualify and participate. The application is available on the City's website, and closes January 31, 2026.
- Sustainability Manager Thai demonstrated the new Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Dashboard. The dashboard consists of introductory information, opportunity areas, and highlight programs offered throughout the City. To access the dashboard, the public may visit www.caap.buenapark.com.
- Elementary Art Show Awards Reception, January 29, 2026, 6:00 p.m., in Buena Park City Hall – Council Chamber.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mayor Traut presented a proclamation to Ilana Meirovitch, CEO, Jewish Community Action Network recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Certificates from Assembly Member Quirk-Silva and State Senator Strickland were also presented.

2B. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MINERVA ALMANZA UPON HER RETIREMENT

Council Member Sonne presented a resolution honoring and commending Minerva Almanza upon her retirement. Certificates from Assembly Member Quirk-Silva and State Senator Strickland were also presented.

2C. EMPLOYEE 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO SARA COPPING, VISIT BUENA PARK DIRECTOR

Mayor Traut presented the employee 15-year service award to Visit Buena Park Director Sara Copping. Certificates from Assembly Member Quirk-Silva and State Senator Strickland were also presented.

3A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña acknowledged an email correspondence from Buena Park resident Kristin Woodcox regarding a request for the addition of age-appropriate, specifically for older kids, playground equipment to Peak Park.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4J)

Mayor Traut announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A through 4J 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. 4A – 4J:

Item 4I was amended to request the budget amendment is from Measure R Funds and not the undesignated General Funds as noted in the agenda report.

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

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A – 4J be approved.

Minutes

4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of January 13, 2026.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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4B. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

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

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 15069

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$10,921,496.53 DEMAND NOS. 424231 THROUGH 424546 CANCELLED NOS. 430890, 431089, 431099, 434021, 434115, AND 434154

RESOLUTION NO. 15070

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,159,046.06 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING JANUARY 2, 2026

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- 4C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025
Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 4D. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 4E. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MINERVA ALMANZA UPON HER RETIREMENT
Recommended Action: Adopt the resolution.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15071

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND COMMENDING MINERVA ALMANZA ON HER RETIREMENT

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- 4F. RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SUZANNE DAVIS-VALENTINE UPON HER RETIREMENT
Recommended Action: Adopt the resolution.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15072

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND COMMENDING SUZANNE DAVIS-VALENTINE ON HER RETIREMENT

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- 4G. LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEILLANCE DEVICES (LESD) AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) CAMERAS ON CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY
Recommended Action: 1) Approve an agreement with CalTrans allowing the installation and operation of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras on CalTrans right-of-way for the current requested location at Beach Boulevard and Auto Center Drive and any future locations on state property; 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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- 4H. AUTHORIZE A POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE, MARCH 6-8, 2026, IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Recommended Action: 1) Approve and Authorize the Police Department to send one police manager to attend and present at the 2026 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Officer Safety and Wellness Conference in New Orleans, LA, on March 6-8, 2026.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 4I. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RJM DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR THE FRIENDSHIP PARK IMPROVEMENT PARK PROJECT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE
Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group to increase the budget in the amount of \$29,953; 2) Approve a budget amendment of \$29,953 from Measure R fund for this purpose; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the amendment; 4) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the amendment; and, 5) Authorize the Purchasing Manager to amend the existing purchase order.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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- 4J. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO NOR-CAL PUMP & DRILLING, INC. FOR THE PEAK PARK WATER WELL DRILLING PROJECT
Recommended Action: 1) Approve Change Order No. 1 to Nor-Cal Pump & Well Drilling for the Peak Park Water Well Drilling Project in the amount of \$116,332.65 for changes in construction materials and additional services; 2) Accept the project as complete and approve a final payment to Nor-Cal Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$141,391.02 which includes Change Order No. 1; and, 3) Direct the Public Works Department to file a Notice of Completion.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5E)****Reports & Studies 129 Tourism & Conv. 184**

- 5A. APPROVAL OF THE FY 2025/2026 TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT
Presented by Sara Copping, Visit Buena Park Director

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the FY 2025-2026 Annual Report for the Buena Park Tourism Marketing District.

Visit Buena Park Director Copping presented the FY 2025-26 Tourism Marketing District Annual Marketing and Financial Report. Director Copping discussed hosting over 25 travel and lifestyle media representatives in Fiscal Year 2024-25. As a result of such efforts, media coverage reached over 61 million readers, viewers, and digital consumers; content development and proactive media pitching generated over 13 billion impressions; and, advertising placements appeared in major travel publications, television features, social media platforms, Expedia campaigns and many more. Visit Buena Park Director Copping also highlighted upcoming events and campaigns, and ongoing projects including the America's Favorite Small-Town Contest and a perfume collaboration with Daniel's Truth. The Visit Buena Park team will continue to ensure efforts are flexible, build awareness, and support local tourism economy as marketing conditions evolve.

The City Council commended Visit Buena Park Director Copping and her team for continuously driving the City's tourism economy to great success.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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5B. REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CREATE A NEW PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (PPD) ON CORONET CIRCLE AND SAVOY CIRCLE

Presented by Norm Wray, Senior Engineering Technician

Recommended Action: 1) Consider a request to create a new Preferential Parking District (PPD) on Coronet Circle and Savoy Circle.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray reported on a request from residents on Coronet Circle for a new PPD due to lack of available parking and overflow from nearby apartment complexes. Residents from Savoy Circle also contacted staff to follow up about a previously submitted PPD petition and requested it be brought to the Traffic and Transportation Commission for review. It was indicated, just before the meeting, Victoria Circle residents completed and submitted a valid petition which met the 2/3 majority requirement. Included in this item are two resolutions for City Council consideration. One would create a PPD on Coronet and Savoy Circles only, while the alternative would create the same PPD but would allow Victoria Circle to be included.

The City Council directed staff to proceed with requests that are not self-contained areas, which they will review directly and may later expand to include nearby streets through a similar petition process.

Director Vicuña acknowledged email correspondences received from Buena Park resident Mary Gutierrez who indicated the personal impact of implementing the PPD to her family; and, Buena Park resident Lita Aguilar who expressed the interest of Victoria Circle residents to file a PPD petition.

Brandon Schooner, resident, spoke in support of the PPD and requested the City to address the impact of construction of high-density housing developments to parking on City streets.

Laura Martinez, Buena Park resident, spoke in opposition to the PPD and appealed to the City Council to allow parents to park on the streets especially during school drop-offs and pick-ups.

Maria Moreno, Buena Park resident, spoke in opposition to the PPD and emphasized to allow parking on public streets.

Maria Galvez, Buena Park resident, spoke in opposition to the PPD and advocated for fellow residents who depend on public street parking.

Pamela Kidd, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the PPD and regarding the ongoing parking issues faced by Coronet Circle residents.

Scott Honeyman, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the PPD to allow for residents and their guests to park close to their home.

Han Yoo, Buena Park resident, spoke in opposition to the PPD for reasons that the proposed PPD does not qualify under the City's PPD Policy requirements and urged the City Council to reject the PPD.

Cozette Hanich, Buena Park resident, spoke in support of the PPD and requested the City Council to consider the approval of the PPD for the benefit of the long-term residents.

Mayor Traut requested staff study the parking capacity and peak parking demand at Bellis Park to consider additional parking spaces and report findings in the City Manager's Weekly Report; and, to investigate the complaint about over 30 untagged cars occupying parking spaces in the neighborhood.

Council Member Sonne spoke regarding the ongoing parking issue that comes up all over the City; lack of public transportation options in California; and, a need to address the issue in a more comprehensive way than just through approving PPDs. Moreover, Council Member Sonne expressed support on the item and recommended further study of this issue due to its Citywide prevalence and long-term implications.

Council Member Ahn calendared a discussion on public parking spaces in high density residential areas and the feasibility of allowing overnight parking at City parks.

Council Member Franco supported the PPD and encouraged the community to consider alternative forms of transportation such as walking or cycling.

Vice Mayor Hoque expressed support for the creation of the PPD.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray discussed the recommended use of Bellis Park parking during school drop-offs and pick-ups as mentioned in the Safe Routes to School Plan. As for events, staff has no information at this time and will conduct the study on peak parking as directed by the City Council.

City Manager France confirmed that the Code Enforcement Division staff will be sent to the neighborhood to investigate the reported illegal auto dealership.

MOTION: Traut
SECOND: Sonne

MOTION to approve the proposed PPD to include Cornet Circle, Savoy Circle, Victoria Circle, and 8th Street single-family home addresses between Victoria Circle and Gramercy Street.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the proposed PPD to include Cornet Circle, Savoy Circle, Victoria Circle, and 8th Street single-family home addresses between Victoria Circle and Gramercy Street and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT ON CORONET CIRCLE, SAVOY CIRCLE, AND VICTORIA CIRCLE, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN

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5C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION INCREASING PERMIT FEES FOR "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORK STANDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 12365.5
Presented by Chris Cardinale, City Attorney

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution increasing the permit fees for "safe and sane" firework stands to help offset the City's cost of reviewing and issuing permit applications, public education and awareness of firework safety, enforcement of local firework regulations, and firework related clean-up activities.

City Attorney Cardinale provided a report on a Resolution increasing the permit fees for "safe and sane" firework stands to help offset the City's cost of reviewing and issuing permit applications, public education and awareness of firework safety, enforcement of local firework regulations, and firework related clean-up activities. City Attorney Cardinale explained Chapter 16.08 of the Buena Park Municipal Code pertaining to the sale and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks, and Section 16.08.040 establishing a permit application fee in an amount set by City Council Resolution. If there is a desire to increase firework stand permit fees to fully recover the City's costs, it was recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution increasing the existing fee to \$1,900 which is permitted through Section 12635.5 of the Health & Safety Code. Staff prepared a draft Resolution for City Council's consideration. If adopted, the fee increase would take effect within 30 days of adoption.

Council Member Franco commented on the effect of increasing permit fees to community members who operate businesses during the Fourth of July holiday.

Bhupinder Kaur, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding continuing to make fireworks affordable for families to enjoy the holiday together.

Council Member Sonne asked about the potential maximum charge for the fee.

City Attorney Cardinale explained based on sales tax receipts the maximum charge to recover City fees for services would be approximately \$2,500.

Council Member Sonne discussed the many issues related to the Fourth of July holiday and was supportive of increasing the permit fees for "safe and "sane" firework stands to its maximum possibility. There are other ways for nonprofit organizations to raise money and encouraged them to look for those ways.

MOTION: Sonne
SECOND: Ahn
AYES: Sonne, Ahn, Hoque, Traut
NOES: Franco

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15074

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PERMIT FEES FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS STANDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 12635.5 OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE AND SECTION 16.08.040 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

8. RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Traut recessed the meeting at 6:46 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

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5D. CONSIDERATION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE SISTER CITY AND FRIENDSHIP CITY PROGRAMS
Presented by Eddie Fenton, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources

Recommended Action: 1) Consider a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000 from the undesignated General Fund reserve balance to allocate additional funding for the Sister City and Friendship City programs.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton reported on the consideration to increase the budget appropriated for the Sister City and Friendship City programs. The City Council received a report regarding an invitation to visit Seoungbuk-Gu, South Korea, in March 2026. The trip is scheduled for March 14 – 21, 2026, and that could include a delegation comprised of two City Council Members, three City Staff, 12 Buena Park High School students, two adult administrators/chaperones (male/female), and members of the Buena Park Sister City Foundation. There is \$30,000 budgeted in the FY 2025-26 General Fund budget for this purpose. However, this amount is inadequate to support two reciprocal visits to and from South Korea. Assistant City Manager Fenton explained the typical trip expenses for the visiting city and host city. Due to costs from the most recent delegation visit and higher projected expenses for reciprocal visits, including rising airfare, the City Council directed staff to consider increasing the budget to \$50,000 to support annual hosting and visits with Seoungbuk-Gu and Ansan.

Council Member Sonne expressed interest to discuss and consider the most appropriate time of the year to visit the Sister and Friendship cities for best use of funds rather than scheduling to coincide with the school holiday. It was encouraged that the Buena Park High School students and their chaperones should still proceed with the trip in March. Council Member Sonne recommended staff review the calendar to determine the most economical option that delivers the greatest benefit to the City for a Council Member Visit.

Vice Mayor Hoque spoke about the consideration of visiting the Sister and Friendship cities in the summer or another date; and, voiced support for the students to proceed with the trip scheduled in March as well as the approval of the proposed budget amendment.

Mayor Traut spoke in support of approving the budget increase to allocate additional funding for the Sister City and Friendship City programs, and indicated that the City Council and staff visit South Korea at another date.

Council Member Franco expressed support for the budget amendment of an additional \$20,000 to support the Sister City and Friendship City programs and the visit of the full delegation comprised of City Council, City staff, students, chaperones, and Sister City Foundation in March.

Council Member Ahn spoke in favor of the budget increase and suggested a future discussion on efforts to improve Buena Park businesses during the trip.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action

Following the discussion, the City Council did not support (Ahn, Hoque, Sonne, and Traut dissented) proceeding with the Sister City and Friendship City full delegation's visit to South Korea.

Additionally, the City Council recommended the Buena Park High School students and chaperones accept the invitation for the March 14 – 21, 2026 trip to South Korea; and, directed the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss future dates for the Council Members' and City staff's visit to South Korea.

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5E. RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026- 2028

Presented by Eddie Fenton, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving new City Council priorities and authorizing the implementation of the 2026-28 City Council Goals and Objectives.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton provided a report regarding the approval of the new City Council Priorities and implementation of the City Council Goals and Objectives for Calendar Years 2026-2028. Assistant City Manager Fenton indicated that at its September 15, 2025 and November 17, 2025 meetings, the City Council participated in a goal setting workshop to identify and discuss, together with the City Manager and the Executive Team, priorities that would need to be established as it pertains to the interests and needs of the community for calendar years 2026-2028. In preparation for the goal setting workshop, Ms. Knight conducted individual interviews with each member of the City Council. Each Council Member was asked to share their observations of Buena Park and their perceptions of the City's strengths, challenges, key focus areas, and goals, along with their visions for the future. Ms. Knight also worked with the City Manager and staff in preparing workshop materials. The five Preliminary Key Focus Areas are as follows:

1. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility
2. Advance Strategic Economic Development to Drive Investment, Employment, and Growth
3. Employee Development and Capacity
4. City Beautification, Infrastructure, and Open Space Enhancements
5. Community Engagement and Empowerment

Once approved by the City Council, the Goals and Objectives will be used as a roadmap to guide the City Manager and staff over the next two years. Staff will add these goals to the Master Schedule, incorporate into the City's FY 2026-27 Budget and work plan, and will begin working on the next priorities of the City Council, all while funding sources are identified. These may be incorporated in the Policy Issues brought before the City Council for review during the next budget review cycle.

Vice Mayor Hoque recommended adding an objective for Goal 3: Employee Development and Capacity which is to support a fully-staffed, well-trained Police Department by prioritizing recruitment, retention and success planning to maintain effective and timely public safety services.

Council Member Ahn spoke in support of Vice Mayor Hoque's recommendations and requested to include the language "domestically and internationally" on Goal 2, Objective 3.

Council Member Franco expressed support of Vice Mayor Hoque's recommendations and asked staff about the potential budget impact of the additional goal.

Council Member Sonne indicated interest in adding a goal to explore other ways community programs and policies contribute to increase public safety.

Assistant City Manager Fenton explained that some items have already been incorporated in the current approved budget. However, any outstanding items would be presented to the City Council for budget appropriation.

MOTION: Hoque
SECOND: Ahn

MOTION to add a goal focused on community safety that includes three specific objectives:

1. Conduct a city facility condition assessment master plan for police and fire facilities and other city facilities to improve operational efficiency and guide future capital improvement projects.
2. Enhance public safety emergency responses to reduce response times to emergency calls for service.
3. Support the Police Department's six pillars of 21st Century policing to enhance trust, transparency, and a safer community.

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

MOTION CARRIED to add a goal focused on community safety that includes three specific objectives and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15075

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEW CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026-2028

6. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing items.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONFERENCE REPORTS AND CALENDAR REQUESTS

7A. REPORT

Mayor Traut reported the following:

- January 14 Korean American Day Celebration at OC Faith Christian Church
- January 14 OCFA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
- January 16 OC National Electrical Contractors Association Annual Reception
- January 20 Carl Brenner Park Improvements Workshop
- January 21 EPA Superfund Public Meeting
- January 22 KACCOC New Year Celebration
- January 22 OCFA Board Meeting
- January 23 Metrolink Board Meeting
- January 24 Carl Brenner Park Improvements Workshop

Mayor Traut also stated that the City's contract with OCFA is projected to decrease in cost by 1.5% for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Traut left the meeting.

Council Member Ahn reported the following:

- January 14 Korean American Day Celebration at OC Faith Christian Church
- January 15 Community Services Commission Meeting
- January 22 KACCOC New Year Celebration
- January 22 NOCC Networking Event

Council Member Ahn calendared a discussion on public parking spaces in high density residential areas and the feasibility of allowing overnight parking at City parks. Moreover, Council Member Ahn and Council Member Sonne jointly calendared a Friendship Day celebration on the first Sunday in August at Friendship Park.

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- BP FIT Committee Meeting
- District 2 Business Visit
- January 17 Lightspeed Saber Academy Grand Opening
- January 21 Bridges at Kraemer Meeting
- January 22 NOCC Networking Event
- January 22 KACCOC New Year Celebration
- January 24 Carl Brenner Park Improvements Workshop
- Hilton Buena Park: Rosemary Live Music
- January 24 Touch Grass Event at the District 2 Pocket Park

Council Member Franco calendared a study of the role of Visit Buena Park within the TMD.

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- January 21 EPA Superfund Public Meeting
- January 22 KACCOC New Year Celebration
- January 22 NOCC Networking Event
- January 26 OCPA Special Board Meeting

Council Member Sonne reported that at its January 26, 2026 OCPA Special Meeting, the Board discussed best communication strategies for the 2026 Rate Plan. Additionally, Council Member Sonne and Council Member Ahn jointly calendared a Friendship Day celebration and invite community members to design or paint a tile that will be displayed at Friendship Park; and calendared to create *Sustainabuddies* plushies.

Vice Mayor Hoque reported the following:

- January 15 OCMVCD Board Meeting
- January 20 Carl Brenner Park Improvements Workshop
- January 21 EPA Superfund Public Meeting
- January 22 NOCC Networking Event
- January 24 BP Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Celebration
- January 24 Placentia Centennial Gala
- January 24 Carl Brenner Park Improvements Workshop

9. STUDY SESSION (9A)

Item rescheduled to future meeting

- 9A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A "STORIES OF BUENA PARK" VIDEO SERIES
Presented by Jessica Fewer, Senior Management Analyst

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France announced the Villages at Buena Park Groundbreaking on February 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at 8150 La Palma Avenue, Buena Park.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña had nothing to report.

Council Member Franco acknowledged the City's 73rd year of incorporation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Hoque adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Buena Park City Employee Matthew Lauterio.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

