

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK  
HELD APRIL 28, 2026

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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 Anna Almquist, CMC, Assistant City Clerk.

1C. INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Judy Tomlinson, Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kinley Rogers, San Marino Elementary School.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

- Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña provided information regarding the June 2, 2026 Direct Primary Election. Voters could return their ballot by mail, at one of the three ballot drop box locations in Buena Park, or any Orange County ballot drop box beginning May 4, 2026. Voters could also cast their votes at a vote center. Director Vicuña discussed the dates and times vote centers in Buena Park are open for early voting. All vote centers will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. More Election information is available on the City's website. All Orange County voters are encouraged to sign up for *OC Ballot Express* to track their vote-by-mail ballot and receive notifications via text or email. For any election-related questions, residents may contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 562-3750 or [cityclerk@buenapark.com](mailto:cityclerk@buenapark.com), or the OC Registrar of Voters at [www.ocvote.gov](http://www.ocvote.gov).
- Arbor Day Event, May 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at Bellis Park.
- Happy Birthday to Interim Police Chief Geyer.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH OROSCO, WW2 VETERAN AND BUENA PARK RESIDENT, UPON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Council Member Franco presented a certificate recognizing Joseph Orosco, WW2 Veteran and Buena Park resident, upon his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Legislative representatives from Senator Umberg's Office and Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Office presented certificates recognizing Joseph Orosco, WW2 Veteran and Buena Park resident, upon his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

2B. RECOGNITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' 2026 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR, SUPERINTENDENT NORMA E. MARTINEZ

Mayor Traut presented the certificate recognizing the Association of California School Administrators' 2026 Administrator of the Year, Superintendent Norma E. Martinez.

Legislative representatives from Senator Umberg's Office and Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Office presented certificates recognizing Association of California School Administrators' 2026 Administrator of the Year, Superintendent Norma E. Martinez.

2C. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Vice Mayor Hoque presented the Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to the Council on American-Islamic Relations California, Islamic Society of Orange County, CAIR-LA, Islamic Shura Council of Southern California, Sabil USA, Arab American Caucus, ICNA Relief, Shia Muslim Council of Southern California, Uplift Charity, and former Buena Park School Board Member Tharwa Ahmad.

Legislative representatives from Senator Umberg's Office and Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Office presented certificates recognizing April 2026 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

2D. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 24, 2026, AS ARBOR DAY

Council Member Sonne presented the Proclamation recognizing April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day to the Climate Action Commission.

Legislative representatives from Senator Umberg's Office and Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Office presented certificates recognizing April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day to the Climate Action Commission.

2E. 2026 BUENA PARK COMMUNITY ACADEMY GRADUATION

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña presented certificates recognizing the 2026 Buena Park Community Academy graduates.

Legislative representatives from Senator Umberg's Office and Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Office presented certificates recognizing the 2026 Buena Park Community Academy graduates.

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

Council Member Ahn left the dais at 5:50 p.m. and returned at 5:57 p.m.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4K)**

Mayor Traut announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A through 4K 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. Council Member Franco requested separate discussion on Item No. 4H. There being no additional requests for separate consideration, the following action was taken on Item Nos. 4A – 4G and 4I – 4K:

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

MOTION CARRIED that all actions recommended on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4A – 4G and 4I – 4K be approved.

**Finance 75****4A. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS**

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

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15100**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,597,086.79 DEMAND NOS. 435309 THROUGH 435527

**RESOLUTION NO. 15101**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,189,936.20 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING APRIL 10, 2026

**Reports & Studies 129****4B. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026**

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119****4C. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 24, 2026, AS ARBOR DAY**

Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Proclamations 119****4D. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

Recommended Action: Approve proclamation.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3607****4E. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BKF ENGINEERS FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE KNOTT AVENUE STORM DRAIN UPSIZE PROJECT**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement No. 25-09 with BKF Engineers in the amount of \$73,764; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the Amendment; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Amendment.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-2854****4F. AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 19-01 WITH YUNEX, LLC FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 8 to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Number 19- 01 with Yunex, LLC, for traffic signal maintenance services; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the Amendment; 3.) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Amendment; and, 4) Determine that dispensing with competitive bidding pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.28.080 (H) is in the best interest of the City due to the proposed contract rates being lower than comparable rates in similar current bids.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Contracts 70 C-3673 Grants 185 Energy Conservation 180.1 Budgets 47****4G. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC) FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA AUTOMATED PERMIT PROCESSING (CalAPP) PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED GRANT AGREEMENT**

Recommended Action: 1) Accept a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC) for participation in the California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program in the amount of \$60,000; 2) Approve the grant agreement and ratify the City Manager's signature on said grant agreement; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; and, 4) Allocate \$60,000 from the undesignated General Fund balance for this purpose.

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Grants 185 Environmental Program (Sustainability) 180 Budgets 47****4H. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE MICROGRID INCENTIVE PROGRAM (MIP) GRANT**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 application fee for the MIP Grant.

Sustainability Manager Thai discussed that City staff worked with Clean Coalition to apply for the Buena Park microgrid project which would include all buildings within the Civic Center. Clean Coalition charges a \$25,000 fee to prepare and submit the Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP) grant application. The application development costs are reimbursable through the grant program. On April 1, 2026, SCE issued a remittance check to the City in the amount of \$25,000, which will be used to pay Clean Coalition for grant application services.

Council Member Franco requested clarification on the MIP Grant application process.

Council Member Sonne indicated knowledge about the MIP Grant and introduced City staff to Clean Coalition for a potential collaboration to prepare and submit a grant application.

Sustainability Manager Thai explained that City staff and Clean Coalition worked together on the preparation of the MIP Grant application. Clean Coalition then proceeded with the MIP Grant application submission on behalf of the City. SCE awarded the City of Buena Park the MIP Application Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000 which will be used to reimburse Clean Coalition for application development costs. At a later date, the MIP grant award, in the approximate amount of \$16.5 million, will be presented to the City Council for direction and consideration of next steps.

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

APPROVED the recommended action.

**Property 120**

- 4I. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6591 BEACH BOULEVARD TO BE SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54220-54234

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution declaring the City-owned real property located at 6591 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park CA (the "Property") to be "surplus land" pursuant to the California Surplus Land Act (California Government Code § 54220 et seq., the "SLA").

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY TO BE "SURPLUS LAND" UNDER THE CALIFORNIA SURPLUS LAND ACT – 6591 BEACH BOULEVARD, BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA

**Records Retention 171**

- 4J. RESOLUTION UPDATING THE CITYWIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt the resolution updating the Citywide Records Retention Schedule.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE CITYWIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

**Awards 168**

- 4K. SELECTION OF THE 2026 MYRNA HOLMQUIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES AND APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

Recommended Action: 1) Award Bri Lynn Martin a 2026 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000; 2) Award Natalie Stark a 2026 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500; 3) Award Kenneth Roman a 2026 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500; 4) Award Liam Gallego a 2026 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000; and, 5) Award Jose Ramirez a 2026 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## 5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5D)

**Contracts 70 C-3674 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-996****5A. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ONYX PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL PROJECT**

Presented by Aaron Esparza-Almaraz, Assistant Engineer

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution approving the plans and specifications for the 2025-2026 Annual Slurry Seal Project; 2) Award a contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$488,000; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$50,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Authorize construction engineering funds in the amount of \$60,000; 5) Authorize a purchase order for the Solis Group in the amount of \$5,380 for administration of the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA); 6) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$2,690 for CWA administration; 7) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract; and, 8) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Assistant Engineer Esparza-Almaraz provided a report regarding the plans, specifications, and contract for the 2025-2026 Annual Slurry Seal Project. The Project will include the slurry seal of existing residential streets, replacing traffic striping, replacing curb and gutter, replacing sidewalk, replacing cross gutters, replacing oversize parkway trees, fog seal, and repaving curved roads (knuckled road & cul-de-sac). The Project was advertised for competitive bids on March 30, 2026, and two (2) bids were received and publicly opened on April 16, 2026. The lowest, responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Onyx Paving Company, Inc., of Yorba Linda, California, in the amount of \$488,000. Onyx Paving Company, Inc. possesses the required contractor's license to complete the project and has successfully completed similar projects for other cities as well as previously completed projects for the City of Buena Park. It was recommended that the City Council award a contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$488,000, approving contingency funds in the amount of \$50,000 construction engineering funds in the amount of \$60,000, and CWA services in the amount of \$8,070, for a total project amount of \$606,070.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15104**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2025-2026 ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL PROJECT IN SAID CITY**

**Contracts 70 C-3675 Public Works Proj. 125 PW-997****5B. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH HARDY & HARPER, INC. FOR THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Presented by Hysun Lee, Associate Engineer

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications for the 2025-2026 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project; 2) Award a contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$1,809,000; 3) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$200,000 in the same purchase order; 4) Authorize construction engineering in the amount of \$100,000; 5) Authorize a purchase order for the Solis Group in the amount of \$6,000 for administration of the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA); 6) Authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$2,000 for the CWA administration; 7) Appropriate an amount of \$617,000 from the Undesignated RMRA Fund to the Annual Pavement Rehabilitation account; 8) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract; and 9) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Associate Engineer Lee provided a report regarding the plans, specifications, and contract for the 2025-2026 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The Project will include the removal and replacement of street pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, cross gutters, and striping in the areas near Knott Avenue and Thelma Avenue, along Whitman Drive, and on 8th Street between Knott Avenue and Western Avenue. The Project was advertised for competitive bids on March 26, 2026, and six (6) bids were received and publicly opened on April 16, 2026. The lowest, responsible bid was determined to have been submitted by Hardy & Harper, Inc. of Lake Forest, CA, in the amount of \$1,809,000. Hardy & Harper, Inc. possesses the required license and has completed similar projects for other cities as well as successfully completed several City of Buena Park projects. It was recommended that the City Council award the contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$1,809,000, approving contingency funds in the amount of \$200,000, and authorizing construction engineering funds in the amount of \$100,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2026 and be completed by July 2026.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15105**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, 2025-2026 ANNUAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT IN SAID CITY**

**User Fees 204 Garbage & Refuse 83**

5C. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, AND APPROVAL OF A UTILITY BILL INSERT REGARDING THE NEW RESIDENTIAL REFUSE RATES  
Presented by Joe Hunt, Public Works Manager

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a Resolution establishing new rates for the collection, recycling, and disposal of refuse; and, 2) Approve a utility bill insert notifying residential customers of a refuse rate adjustment effective July 1, 2026.

Public Works Manager Hunt discussed the new rates for the collection, recycling, and disposal of refuse, and its corresponding refuse collection franchise agreement with EDCO. The Agreement allows for increases in refuse rates when factors beyond the Contractor's control lead to higher operating costs. In this instance, rising landfill disposal fees and increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) have significantly impacted EDCO's costs for collection, recycling, and disposal. Cost increases mostly consist of tipping fees at county landfills increasing by \$23.24/ton (42%), increased cost of fuel for vehicles, compensation for employees, and the price of trucks and other equipment necessary to operate. On the commercial side, EDCO is proposing an overall rate increase of 13.1%, or \$24.48, for waste disposal and recycling services. Of this increase, \$20.00 is attributed to higher disposal costs associated with the WISE Agreement. The resulting monthly cost for a three-cubic yard trash bin with a separate 96-gallon recycling container would be \$211. On the other hand, residential customers will have an overall increase of 14.5%, or \$3.79 a month for service including waste, recycling, and organics processing. The residential rate increase includes \$3.19 attributed to higher disposal costs under the WISE Agreement, with EDCO proposing a deferred 0.5% service index and a 3.01% CPI adjustment, resulting in a typical monthly bill of \$29.90. It was noted that although the proposed fee increases are limited to pass-thru costs from Orange County Waste and Recycling and the CPI, a public hearing and extended notice period are not required for implementation. If approved, the Finance Department will include the notice in utility bills prior to the implementation of the fee.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15106**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, TRASH, RUBBISH, OR OTHER FORMS OF SOLID WASTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTION 8.12.040 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

**Contracts 70 C-3676 Budgets 47**

- 5D. PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO HOST CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORPS FELLOWS  
Presented by Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Placement Agreement with Bay Area Community Resources to host California Climate Action Corps fellows; 2) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the agreement; 3) Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement and other related documents as necessary; and, 4) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 for this purpose.

Sustainability Manager Thai presented information about a placement agreement with Bay Area Community Resources for the City to host two (2) California Climate Action Corps fellows starting September 2026. The fellows will work 40 hours per week for 11 months to support the City's implementation of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) goals, including waste reduction and green workforce development. More importantly, the fellows will collaborate with Buena Park schools to support SB 1383 compliance; work with the City's Sustainability Manager, SB 1383 consultant, and school staff to ensure schools are connected to organics recycling services and have accessible three-bin systems in cafeterias; create and lead interactive educational activities such as the City's annual Trash cART Contest, school assemblies, and workshops; and, recruit and mobilize students, parents, educators, college volunteers, and community members to serve as Waste Sorting Ambassadors, Green Team members, and event volunteers.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

6. PUBLIC HEARING (6A)

**Block Grants 1913**

- 6A. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
Presented by Sarabeth Suarez, Housing and CDBG Analyst

Recommended Action: 1) Hold a public hearing to review and receive comments for the FY 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan; 2) Adopt a resolution approving the Annual Action Plan; and, 3) Authorize submission of the Annual Action Plan and all certifications and assurances contained therein to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mayor Traut stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider a resolution approving the FY 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and to authorize submission of the Annual Action Plan and all certifications and assurances contained therein to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Housing and CDBG Analyst Suarez discussed the FY 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan which is an element of the City's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all grantees receiving federal funds to prepare an Action Plan outlining how CDBG, local, and private funds will be used to address the City's housing and community development priorities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for Buena Park residents. On April 10, 2026, the City received its FY 2026-2027 CDBG allocation from HUD in the amount of \$767,323 which was a 2.12% increase from the City's FY 2025-2026 allocation. For this reason, all program sub-allocations were increase proportionally. Additionally, the City will utilize \$277,325 of prior years' unspent funds for a total amount of \$1,044,648. The final CDBG budget for FY 2026-2027 was incorporated into the Action Plan. It was noted that two public meetings, two public hearings, and a 30-day comment period were conducted as required by federal regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. All comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing will be incorporated into the final Action Plan before it is submitted to HUD.

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

Council Member Franco recused himself from participating in the discussion and voting on the item due to a conflict of interest.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

7. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONFERENCE REPORTS AND CALENDAR REQUESTS

7A. REPORT

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- April 21 Silverado Days Grant Dinner
- April 22 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 22 Arts and Culture Master Plan Visioning Session

Council Member Ahn reported the following:

- April 16 Citywide Parking Meeting
- April 20 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship Interviews
- April 21 Myrna Holmquist Scholarship Interviews
- April 21 Silverado Days Grant Dinner
- April 22 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 22 Friendship Day Meeting
- April 22 OC Sanitation District Trustee Board Meeting
- April 23 Police Appreciation Luncheon
- April 23 Arts and Culture Master Plan Visioning Session
- April 23 BOLT Commercial and Residential Meeting
- April 25 Love Buena Park
- April 25 Acacia Quilt Guild Luncheon

Council Member Ahn and Vice Mayor Hoque jointly calendared a discussion for additional scholarship funds.

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- April 22 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 22 Arts and Culture Master Plan Visioning Session
- April 23 Police Appreciation Luncheon
- April 25 Acacia Quilt Guild Luncheon

Council Member Sonne and Vice Mayor Hoque jointly calendared to expedite the repair of Crescent Avenue.

Vice Mayor Hoque reported the following:

- April 22 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 23 Police Appreciation Luncheon
- April 23 Arts and Culture Master Plan Visioning Session
- April 25 Love Buena Park

Vice Mayor Hoque provided District 4 updates, particularly newly planted trees in the District.

Mayor Traut reported the following:

- April 15 OCTA Mayors Forum
- April 17 North OC EID Celebration
- April 22 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 22 Retirement Celebration for Former City Manager Jim Vanderpool
- April 23 BP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- April 23 Arts and Culture Master Plan Visioning Session
- April 23 OCFA Board Meeting
- April 25 Love Buena Park

#### 8. RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Traut recessed the meeting at 6:41 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

#### 9. STUDY SESSION (9A – 9D)

##### 9A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS FOR THE CONVERSION OF SAN ANTONIO PARK FROM A SINGLE-USE FACILITY TO A MULTI-USE PARK

Presented by Alex Alarcon, Community Services Coordinator

Community Services Coordinator Alarcon presented a feasibility analysis for the conversion of San Antonio Park from a single-use softball facility to a multi-use park that better serves the broader community. The Buena Park Girls Softball League has utilized the field for many years, contributing to recreational opportunities for youth in the community. Participation in the league has steadily declined in recent years, with only three teams and approximately 52 participants this season, resulting in significantly reduced use of the park. In addition, surrounding residents expressed concerns regarding the park's limited use, and perceive the park as underutilized and inaccessible, especially during non-game hours. Community Services Coordinator Alarcon proposed conducting a feasibility analysis to explore potential park improvements and funding opportunities for such. Pursuit of funding opportunities could significantly offset capital improvement costs associated with park redevelopment. Staff sought City Council direction to proceed to initiate a feasibility study that includes a community engagement process; coordinate with the Girls Softball League to better understand future needs and potential accommodations; develop conceptual design options along with preliminary cost estimates; identify and pursue potential grant funding opportunities; and, return to City Council with findings and recommendations for further consideration.

Mayor Traut announced that the City received comments from the April 14, 2026 Regular City Council meeting and staff included all comments in the agenda report.

Vice Mayor Hoque spoke regarding the intent to prepare for a significant funding opportunity to support the conversion of San Antonio Park from a single-use facility softball facility to a multi-use park that better serves the broader community; and, recommended staff consider the comments and perspectives received from residents via email in pursuing the project.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the next steps as outlined and in consideration of comments received from residents.

**9B. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE KUKKIWON CALIFORNIA TAEKWONDO UPDATE**

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

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton updated the City Council regarding Kukkiwon California Branch's programs and events over the past year. During its first year of partnership with the City, the Kukkiwon California branch focused on overseeing Dan certification exams and issuance, supporting international instructor qualifications, providing guidance for operating Taekwondo academies, and promoting an integrated management system for Taekwondo facilities. They promoted Taekwondo culture and education in the community, and provided Taekwondo classes to 70 students at Holder Elementary School. In return, the City provided its banquet facilities on five occasions at no cost for Taekwondo events and ceremonies. Additionally, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Fenton discussed the economic impact Kukkiwon California Branch brought to Buena Park through lodging, dining, and other local services. Kukkiwon California Branch expressed its interest to continue operating under the terms of the second year of the MOU.

Council Member Ahn highlighted the core learnings from participating in Kukkiwon California Branch's taekwondo programs and classes.

Vice Mayor Hoque asked about the April 2025 through January 2026 economic impact brought by Kukkiwon to Buena Park; and, their office relocation.

Jinseob Kim and Charles Kim, Kukkiwon California Branch representatives, provided an update on Kukkiwon California Branch's activities for 2025 and 2026, as well as upcoming partnerships for programs and classes with Buena Park schools by June 2026. As for the economic impact, Kukkiwon expects a number of people to visit Buena Park to participate in Kukkiwon promotions tests, training programs, and related events. Mr. Kim also stated that their office moved to Fullerton due to choosing to terminate their lease at The Source; nevertheless, they are actively looking for a new office space in Buena Park, and will continue to host Dan examinations, after-school Taekwondo programs, and events in the City.

Received and filed.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING DECORATIVE TILE  
MARKERS/STENCILS ON CURBS FOR DESIGNATING DAYLIGHTING ZONES  
Presented by Deepthi Arabolu, Assistant City Engineer

Assistant City Engineer Arabolu provided a report regarding designating daylighting zones. The Daylighting Law was enacted in California through the passage of Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413), and amended the California Vehicle Code to prohibit parking within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and within 15 feet of a curb extension (bulb-out), unless otherwise indicated by signage or red curb markings. This allows for improved visibility and safety at intersections by ensuring that parked vehicles do not obstruct the line of sight between drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It was noted that the law is self-enforcing, meaning compliance is required even if curb markings or signage are not present. Its purpose is to establish a uniform statewide standard that does not depend on field markings for enforcement. The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) emphasizes uniformity, consistency, and clarity in the application of traffic control devices. Introducing non-standard markings or treatments at only select locations could create inconsistent conditions and lead roadway users to incorrectly assume that unmarked areas are exempt from the law, potentially reducing overall compliance. Assistant City Engineer Arabolu explained the key considerations and constraints for utilizing tile markers as traffic control devices; and, emphasized that staff is not aware of any widespread or standardized use of tile markers or stencils by other jurisdictions for daylighting implementation. Most agencies rely on law-based compliance without markings or use traditional treatments such as red curb paint or signage. It was also stated that the City has undertaken initial enforcement and public outreach efforts to support implementation of the Daylighting Law, and Engineering staff developed a bilingual informational flyer and plans to share it through the City's social media platforms to increase public awareness of the new law. Staff is currently pursuing a phased approach to address compliance with the Daylighting Law, which is comprised of continued education and enforcement followed by targeted improvements if necessary. Another option presented for City Council consideration was the installation of daylighting-specific signage beneath existing street sweeping signs at neighborhood entrances to provide additional education and awareness about the new law. Staff sought City Council direction on whether to proceed with the phased approach; authorize targeted pilot program using standard treatments if compliance issues persist; or proceed with decorative tiles or stencils.

Council Member Franco asked about the possibility of heavier enforcement of the Daylighting Law in the areas of concern located within the northern portion of the City; and stated the importance of strengthening enforcement measures and issuing more citations to improve compliance with the Daylighting Law.

Interim Police Chief Geyer agreed to better enforcement, with emphasis on night time enforcement.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with a phased strategy for Daylighting Law compliance as recommended by staff; and, authorized a targeted pilot program using standard treatments if compliance issues persist.

9D. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING A PROPOSED FRIENDSHIP  
DAY EVENT AT FRIENDSHIP PARK  
Presented by Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor

Community Services Supervisor Saucedo discussed the proposed Friendship Day Event at Friendship Park. The celebration is designed to bring community members together through meaningful and interactive experiences that foster connection and community pride. Attendees will have the opportunity to create personalized tiles with a friend in honor of International Day of Friendship. The tiles will then be incorporated into the park's design and will be displayed into seat benches and other areas in the park. This would serve as a lasting and visible representation of community connections. International Day of Friendship is observed on July 30; however, the event is tentatively scheduled on August 7, 2027, to maximize community participation and coincide with the completion of park renovations. The tile component is estimated to cost \$3,500, with the total cost of the one-day event estimated at \$4,000. It was stated that there is no budget allocated for the event at this time. Staff sought City Council direction on whether to proceed with the event, and include costs in the FY 27-28 budget next year when the FY 27-28 and FY 28-29 budgets are drafted.

The City Council discussed suitable tile size and its associated costs; participation options for tile creation with or without a fee; and, to evaluate event turnout before considering making it an annual event.

Director of Community Services Box indicated that staff could organize advance registration for the tile creation activity and establish a maximum of 150–200 participants.

Kaylie Ramirez, Buena Park resident, noted that charging a fee may discourage participation and suggested that the City Council consider reducing the cost to encourage broader community involvement.

Following the discussion, the City Council supported (Ahn and Sonne dissented) proceeding with the use of 4x4 tiles; supported (Hoque and Traut dissented) charging \$15 for creation of personalized tiles with a friend in honor of International Day of Friendship; and, supported implementing the event as a pilot program prior to formalizing it as an annual event.

#### 10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reminded the City Council about an invitation to meet with NOCC President; and, thanked Buena Park faith-based organizations, City staff, and the Police Department for a successful 2026 Love Buena Park.

#### 11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Assistant City Clerk Almquist had nothing to report.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Traut adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk