

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK
HELD JUNE 9, 2026

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1. GENERAL

The City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 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 Pastor Ed Choi, Buena Park Police Department Chaplain.

1D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chi Nguyen, Beatty Middle School.

1E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

- Tip-A-Cop, June 10, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Rock and Brews Buena Park.
- Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom, June 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Boisseranc Park.
- 250th Anniversary Celebration, July 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Knott's Berry Farm Independence Hall. This celebration will feature the classic sounds of the '50s and '60s performed by the ACME Time Machine.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. PRESENTATION OF 2026 TRASH CART CONTEST WINNERS

Sustainability Manager Thai presented awards to the following Trash cART contest winners:

- 1st Place – Camille Greene and Raina Park
- 2nd Place – Mason Lee and Adonia Lee
- 3rd Place – Ellie Son
- Honorable Mention – Anabelle Shin

Mark Perumean, EDCO General Manager and Trash cART Contest Sponsor, recognized and presented prizes to the Trash cART contest winners.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Traut recessed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and announced the meeting would be reconvened in the City Council Chamber. The meeting was reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

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.

Art Brown, Buena Park resident and Americana Awards for Buena Park Chair, spoke regarding the opening of nominations for the 2027 Americana Awards.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (4A – 4F)

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

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

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

Minutes**4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of May 26, 2026.

APPROVED the recommended action.

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

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

ADOPTED the following titled resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 15115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$912,669.92 DEMAND NOS., 435972 THROUGH 436198 CANCELLED NOS 432211, 432454, 432650, 432655, 433119, 433268, 433287, AND 435555

RESOLUTION NO. 15116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$17,401.41 COVERING RETIREE PAYROLL ENDING MAY 31, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 15117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,217,790.63 COVERING REGULAR PAYROLL ENDING MAY 22, 2026

Proclamations 119**4C. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2026, AS JUNETEENTH**

Recommended Action: Receive and file the reports.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Contracts 70 C-3300**4D. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VAN LANT & FANKHANEL, LLP FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP (VLF) to extend audit services for the City of Buena Park for a period of three years, with an option to extend for an additional two; 2) Authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the amendment; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Contracts 70 C-3443**4E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CODE GROUP (DBA VCA CODE) FOR BUILDING INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with The Code Group (dba VCA Code) to increase the total contract compensation amount from \$150,000 to \$190,000; 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) Authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from salary savings within the existing Building Division budget.

APPROVED the recommended action.

Transportation 148**4F. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PROJECTS TO SUBMIT TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT (RMRA) AND INCORPORATING THE DESIGNATED PROJECTS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution designating projects to submit to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding under the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and incorporating the designated projects into the FY 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program budget.

APPROVED the recommended action and ADOPTED the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 TO SUBMIT TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. NEW BUSINESS (5A – 5C)**Contracts 70 C-3683****5A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE STANTON AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING STUDY
Presented by Nader Alqam, Principal Engineer**

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$346,835.61 for the Stanton Avenue Complete Streets Planning Study; 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, 4) Authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$346,835.61 from the Gas Tax Fund balance for this purpose.

Principal Engineer Alqam reported on the Stanton Avenue Complete Streets Planning Study which is a project funded through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Project aims to develop a comprehensive plan for serving multi-modal travel needs along the Stanton Avenue corridor from Beach Boulevard to Malvern Avenue within Buena Park. Its focus areas include, but not limited to, development of new bikeways; implementation of traffic calming measures and new traffic controls; upgrades to enhanced pedestrian facilities and transit stops; improved access to destinations such as schools, major retail centers, and employment hubs; and, enhanced connectivity to existing and future housing developments. Moreover, the grant will fund up to \$308,000 of the project costs, supplemented by a required City-funded local match of \$42,000. On April 8, 2026, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain a consultant to provide professional services for the project, and three (3) proposals were received on May 6, 2026. Following a thorough evaluation, staff determined that Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is the most qualified consultant to support the City's needs, based on its demonstrated understanding of the project scope, proposed approach, schedule, and relevant experiences having previously worked with the City on several projects as well as successfully completed similar projects for other agencies.

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

MOTION CARRIED to approve the recommended action.

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5B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.68 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LIMITS ON THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY FEES
Presented by Chris Cardinale, City Attorney

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council review this report and adopt an ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 5.68 (Limits On Third-Party Food Delivery Fees) of the Buena Park Municipal Code.

City Attorney Cardinale discussed the proposed Ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 5.68 (Limits on Third-Party Delivery Fees) of the Buena Park Municipal Code. On January 16, 2023, the City Council added Chapter 5.68 to the Buena Park Municipal Code which prohibits third-party food delivery services from charging a retail food establishment a delivery fee exceeding 15% of the total purchase price of each order, and caps any other service fees to not more than an additional 5% of the order. Chapter 5.68 was largely consistent with regulations that had been adopted and implemented in other jurisdictions. Since its adoption, staff has continued to monitor policy and legal developments in this area, as well as emerging best practices from other jurisdictions. Based on this review, staff recommended that the City Council consider amendments to Chapter 5.68 to align more closely with the regulatory approaches currently being utilized elsewhere. The proposed amendment would retain the current 15% cap on fees for basic delivery and listing services but would allow food delivery platforms to offer and charge for enhanced marketing, advertising, and other business-related services. This would require delivery platforms to offer the 15% "core delivery service" option to all retail food establishments and any other enhanced services would be optional. The ordinance requires written disclosure of service plan choices and pricing and clearly defines what qualifies as a "core delivery service." If approved by the City Council, the ordinance would be effective in 30 days and phased in over the following two months to give time for local restaurants to opt into their desired service model. Staff believes this approach preserves public access to food delivery service platforms while avoiding unintended restrictions on the services those platforms may offer.

Director of Government and Community Relations/City Clerk Vicuña acknowledged that the City received an email correspondence from the Orange County Business Council regarding a letter in support of a balanced framework that protects consumers and allows businesses to grow.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1766
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5.68 (LIMITS ON THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY FEES) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

Transportation 148

5C. APPROVE THE 2026-2027 MEASURE M2 SEVEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP) AND THE LOCAL SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PLAN (LSSP) FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM
Presented by Hysun Lee, Associate Engineer

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP); 2) Adopt a resolution concerning the status and update of the Pavement Management Plan (PMP) and Local Signal Synchronization Plan (LSSP) for the Measure M (M2) Program; 3) Authorize the City Clerk to certify the Resolution adoption; and, 4) Authorize staff to submit the necessary documentation to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Associate Engineer Lee presented information regarding the 2026-2027 Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program. Measure M2 provides significant funding to Orange County cities for key transportation infrastructure projects such as road maintenance, highway expansion, and public transit improvements. These investments help ease congestion, improve safety, and support economic growth by enhancing mobility and attracting businesses. Measure M2 also supports environmental goals by promoting greener transportation options and reducing emissions, while funding local street repairs and beautification projects. As it is required to receive Measure M2 sales tax revenue from OCTA, the City is required to submit annual documentation on its transportation-related programs. Associate Engineer Lee explained this year's submittal requires the following components: M2 Seven-Year CIP for FY 2026-27 through FY 2032-33; Pavement Management Plan (PMP); and, Local Signal Synchronization Plan (LSSP). Adoption of a Seven-Year CIP does not require the City to complete any listed projects, except those already funded through Measure M2. The City's PMP is in full compliance and requires a resolution to be adopted every two years attesting to the plan. The last resolution was adopted on June 11, 2024, and is now due for re-adoption. Finally, the LSSP must be adopted every three years. The City Council adopted the 2023 LSSP on June 6, 2023, and it is now due for re-adoption.

Mayor Traut asked regarding long-term plans concerning repairs along Crescent Avenue between Knott Avenue and Western Avenue.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mikhael discussed the approach to executing the projects outlined in the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Work on some streets may be combined if staff determines that doing so would result in cost savings and when the budget becomes available. After completion of Valley View Street repair in FY 2026-27, Crescent Avenue and La Palma Avenue pavement rehabilitations will be prioritized in FY 2027-28.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15119
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M2 (M2) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 15120
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE UPDATE OF THE LOCAL SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Water 153**6A. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) AND THE 2025 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN (WSCP), AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 CHAPTER 28 OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PROGRAM**

Presented by Joe Hunt, Public Works Manager

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt a resolution approving the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan; 2) Adopt a resolution approving the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; and, 3) Adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 13.28 (Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Program) of the Buena Park Municipal Code.

Mayor Traut stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to consider the adoption of resolutions approving the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan; approving the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; and an ordinance amending Chapter 13.28 (Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Program) of the Buena Park Municipal Code.

Public Works Manager Hunt provided a report regarding the City's requirement to submit an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years, pursuant to the Urban Water Management Plan Act of 1983 (Act). The final draft of the 2025 UWMP contains all elements to be compliant with the new requirements of the Act, as amended in 2020; evaluates current and projected water supply sources and water demands within the City's service area, including water resource needs, water-use efficiency programs, water reliability assessment, and strategies to mitigate water shortage conditions; and, presents an updated 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) designed to prepare for and respond to water shortages. Public Works Manager Hunt discussed that the WSCP outlines the actions and response measures to be implemented during water shortage conditions as well as its required elements. It was noted that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires the WSCP be treated as a stand-alone document with its own public hearing and adoption, and shall be adopted prior to the UWMP to be included within the adopted UWMP. To ensure the WSCP is legally enforceable, staff proposed amending Chapter 13.28 (Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Program) of the Buena Park Municipal Code to enact water conservation and water shortage contingency rules and regulations to ensure and maximize the reasonable, efficient, and beneficial use of the City's water supply. The City opted to utilize a Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)-led consultant team to assist with the preparation of the 2025 UWMP, WSCP, and associated ordinance amendments alongside other MWDOC member agencies. This regional approach ensured that all statutory requirements were satisfied and that the City's planning documents remained consistent with those of other Orange County water suppliers. Notices of preparation were sent to surrounding agencies notifying them that the City was in the process of updating its UWMP and WSCP. Additionally, prior to this public hearing, copies of the 2025 UWMP, 2025 WSCP, and proposed ordinance amendments were made available for review in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website. It was recommended that the City Council approve the resolutions approving the final draft of the City's 2025 UWMP and the 2025 WSCP, as well as the adopted of the ordinance amending Chapter 13.28.

Pam Makino, Buena Park resident, spoke regarding water shortage and asked about potential enforcement on implementing measures to prepare for and respond to water shortages.

Public Works Manager Hunt discussed the water conservation measures outlined in the Buena Park Municipal Code and explained how the Water Enterprise Fund supports the delivery of water services to residents. He also noted that enforcement efforts begin with education and helping residents comply with conservation requirements. More stringent enforcement actions are pursued only when non-compliance with water conservation regulations continues under the Buena Park Municipal Code.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BUENA PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 15122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2025 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BUENA PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 1767

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.28 (WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PROGRAM) OF THE BUENA PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

7. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONFERENCE REPORTS AND CALENDAR REQUESTS

7A. REPORT

Council Member Sonne reported the following:

- May 28 OCPA Budget Briefing
- May 29 18th Annual OCFA Best and Bravest Awards
- June 1 CivicWell Board Committee Meeting
- June 1 Pride Flag Raising
- June 2 OCPA Legislative and Regulatory Committee Meeting
- June 4 7-Eleven Ribbon Cutting
- June 8 OCPA Board Meeting

Council Member Sonne indicated that the OCPA Board approved the FY 2026–27 budget at its June 8, 2026 Board Meeting. The OCPA continues to demonstrate fiscal responsibility and maintain a strong financial position. The agency is projected to close the current fiscal year with a positive financial outlook and increased reserves, while forecasting continued financial growth through June 2027 as well as higher revenues and reserve levels. Additionally, OCPA will maintain stable rates throughout 2026 while planning for 2027 to ensure its rates and programs continue to prioritize affordability, stability, and competitiveness.

Council Member Franco reported the following:

- 67th BP High School Graduation Celebration
- BP Youth Theater Scholarship Interviews
- BPPD Open House
- May 27 OCCOG Annual Conference
- June 4 7-Eleven Ribbon Cutting

Council Member Franco reported attending the May 27, 2026 OCCOG Annual Conference wherein they highlighted the fire zones in Orange County and how insurance companies' function. Council Member Franco gained valuable insights and partnerships that will advance Buena Park's priorities and ensure the City remains engaged in shaping the region's future in safety, transportation, infrastructure, and economic development.

Council Member Ahn reported the following:

- May 27 Local Business Merger Celebration
- May 27 OC Sanitation District Trustee Board Meeting
- May 28 District 1 Development Briefing
- June 3 OC Sanitation District Operations Board Meeting
- June 4 7-Eleven Ribbon Cutting
- June 6 Art Exhibition K-ART US

Council Member Ahn announced the appointment of new OC Sanitation District Board Chair Jon Dimitru, City of Orange Council Member. Additionally, Council Member Ahn calendared a discussion of the summer concert series and potential opportunities for local businesses to participate during concerts.

Vice Mayor Hoque reported the following:

- May 29 18th Annual OCFA Best and Bravest Awards
- June 1 Pride Flag Raising
- June 4 7-Eleven Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Traut reported the following:

- May 28 OCFA Board Meeting
- May 29 18th Annual OCFA Best and Bravest Awards
- June 1 Pride Flag Raising

Mayor Traut informed residents affected by the recent evacuation order due to the incident in the City of Garden Grove about the available emergency relief assistance and the claim filing process.

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 – 9C)

9A. VISIT BUENA PARK UPDATE

Presented by Sara Copping, Visit Buena Park Director

Visit Buena Park Director Copping provided an update on Visit Buena Park's travel outlook; January through May 2026 Marketing Programs including advertising placements in major travel publications; recently attended travel trades; significant broadcast and media exposure in 2026 which reached millions of potential visitors across key markets; recent launch of "Home Game," a baseball-focused social media campaign targeting key feeder markets in January; and, expansion of its digital reach through connected TV (CTV) platforms, including Hulu and Disney+, with evergreen "Land of Yes" video campaigns strategically targeted to high-intent travel audiences. Director Copping highlighted that in May, Buena Park received national recognition with a two-page spread in *Parade Magazine's* "America's Favorite Small Towns" issue, highlighting 40 finalist destinations from across the country. Buena Park was one of only three California cities nominated, alongside Lodi and Crescent City. Furthermore, Visit Buena Park staff remained actively engaged in key travel trade and industry events in 2026 to build valuable partnerships. Some efforts included a virtual presentation at the Visit California Japan Seminar in Osaka, which attracted 86 attendees; participation in a virtual Visit California Canada event that engaged more than 60 travel trade professionals; and, attendance at the Go West Summit in Las Vegas, where they conducted over 36 one-on-one appointments with qualified buyers. Additionally, a travel trade training contest held in February generated strong participation, with more than 350 tour operators, travel agents, and meeting planners completing the Buena Park training module. Staff also introduced participation in the Small Market Meetings Conference, a new initiative focused on attracting smaller-scale meetings and events that can be accommodated within six of the City's hotel properties.

The City Council commended the Visit Buena Park team for their hard work and efforts in keeping Buena Park as one of the most traveled cities in California.

Council Member Franco asked about tracking local hotel reservations to assess advertising return on investment.

Visit Buena Park Director Copping explained that due to not having a booking search engine available on the Visit Buena Park website, local hotel bookings could not be tracked. However, conversions could be tracked through Online Travel Agencies such as Expedia or Booking.com.

Following the discussion, a majority of the City Council (Franco dissented) directed staff to continue with the twice a year City Council meeting and regular City Manager Weekly updates on Visit Buena Park.

9B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING EXISTING PARKING CONDITIONS AND STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PARKING CAPACITY RELATED TO THE EXPANSION OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS (PPDs)
Presented by Norm Wray, Senior Engineering Technician

Senior Engineering Technician Wray reported on the existing parking conditions and strategies to increase parking capacity related to the expansion of Preferential Parking Districts (PPDs). Staff first addressed Citywide public parking concerns associated with the expansion of PPDs and strategies to increase public parking availability. There are currently 15 PPDs through the City, five of which were established within the last five years. Nevertheless, PPDs reduced the number of unrestricted public on-street parking available to visitors, service providers, and residents in nearby areas and has caused concerns on parking displacements and increased competition for available on-street parking spaces. Staff evaluated potential strategies that could increase public parking in residential neighborhoods. Senior Engineering Technician Wray discussed potential strategies such as angled parking, re-evaluation of no parking zones, City-owned parking opportunities, public parking lots, parking structures, parking lifts, zoning flexibility, garage parking enforcement, and illegal business enforcement.

Staff also focused on parking conditions and opportunities to increase parking capacity on 8th Street, specifically between Knott Avenue and Western Avenue. The number of multi-family developments along with the establishment of the PPD on several nearby streets has resulted in the limited availability of on-street. Based on the existing right-of-way (ROW) width and constrained cross-sections along 8th Street, there are limited opportunities to implement improvements that would increase on-street parking. Staff evaluated multiple scenarios; however, most alternatives were eliminated due to ROW constraints, driveway access conflicts, and traffic safety considerations. Staff also reviewed the option to utilize public parking facilities at George Bellis Park by designating a limited number of parking stalls for overnight residential parking. Spaces would be clearly marked with signage and pavement striping to ensure enforceability and minimize conflicts with daytime park users. Moreover, residents have identified home-based vehicle-related businesses, including vehicle repair activities, as contributing to parking congestion. Increased Code Enforcement has helped improve parking availability.

The City Council discussed options to accommodate parking at parks between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; allow overnight parking permit at parks; concerns about converting park parking spaces for residential use; replicate the parking reconfiguration efforts previously implemented in apartment complexes along 9th Street to address public parking concerns along 8th Street; and existing PPD enforcement activities.

Mayor Traut recommended staff work with 8th Street apartment complex managers and owners to assess whether parking spaces could be reconfigured to increase capacity.

Senior Engineering Technician Wray stated that staff could administer parking passes for 8th Street residents, but eligibility requirements and boundaries would need to be established through City Council direction at a subsequent City Council meeting.

Director of Community Services Box noted that parking at Bellis Park becomes particularly busy during sports events.

City Manager France indicated that staff has addressed the issues concerning PPD enforcement due to resident complaints. The new Lieutenant is effectively leading the parking division and ensuring enforcement through citations to non-compliant violators. A plan is being developed to contract out street-sweeping enforcement, allowing parking enforcement officers to focus on PPD enforcement and other concerns.

Interim Police Chief Geyer stated that the parking division is experiencing challenges with late-afternoon and nighttime enforcement due to staffing limitations. Nevertheless, the Police Department is seeking to recruit additional staff to support PPD enforcement operations.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to work with 8th Street apartment complex managers and owners to assess whether parking spaces could be reconfigured to increase capacity; and, increase PPD enforcement in City neighborhoods.

9C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THREE POTENTIAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Presented by Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager

Sustainability Manager Thai presented information regarding three potential sustainability grant opportunities. In April 2026, three projects were identified for initial consideration to include in the application portfolio: 1) Beach Boulevard Bus System, 2) Sustainability Education Center, and 3) Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency and Decarb Projects. Sustainability Manager Thai explained the portfolio of projects for initial consideration and its potential partners. Staff sought City Council direction on whether to pursue this grant opportunity; the three projects referenced in the application portfolio; or additional or alternative projects that should be considered.

Staff also sought City Council direction on applying to the Urban Greening Grant Program for Coyote Park. Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) funds local projects that improve community resilience by protecting drinking water, reducing wildfire and flood risks, restoring natural areas, and expanding access to parks and open space. It includes about \$100 million for the Urban Greening Program, which supports projects such as tree planting for shade, expanded green spaces for heat relief, and green infrastructure like streets and alleys that capture and filter stormwater. Eligible projects include the development of passive parks, green stormwater infrastructure (e.g., bioswales), urban tree canopy expansion, community gardens, etc. Non-construction activities, including project design and community engagement, are limited to 25% of total grant funds. Staff submitted a concept proposal for Coyote Park due to the project's strong alignment with the program's scoring criteria. Submission of the June 4 proposal does not commit the City to participate in the program. Projects deemed competitive and aligned with State priorities will be invited to submit full applications beginning in July 2026. Completed applications will be due in August 2026, and grant awards are expected to be announced in December 2026.

Staff sought City Council direction on applying to the Charge Ready Transport Program. The Program provides the infrastructure to support the installation of EV charging equipment at little to no cost to the City. The number of EV fast chargers required is based on the number of electric vehicles (EVs) purchased and must maintain a one-to-one ratio, with one EV charging port provided for each EV acquired. There are two program options available: SCE-Built Infrastructure or the Customer-Built Infrastructure (also referred to as the Make-Ready Rebate). Sustainability Manager Thai explained the two program options and requirements; the benefits of the SCE Charge Ready Transport Program; and considerations of SCE Charge Ready Transport Program. Staff has identified up to 20 fleet vehicles over 6,000 pounds that could potentially be replaced with EVs. Under the program requirements, this would allow for up to 10 dual-port fast chargers which is approximately \$30,000 each after applying the disadvantaged community rebates. The application deadline for the program is June 30, 2026. The City must specify the proposed site location(s), the number of EV chargers and electric vehicles, and the preferred implementation approach, either SCE-Built or Customer-Built.

The City Council discussed interest in the Beach Boulevard Bus System as a potential solution to parking issues; concerns regarding the long-term financial viability of a locally operated transit system; allocate grant funds for replacement of HVAC for commercial customers; allocation of grant funds among multiple project concepts if the grant were awarded; minimize reliance on City General Fund dollars and maximize external funding sources if future TCC implementation grants are unavailable; potential use of Prop 4 grant funds to install a shade structure and signage identifying various plant species at Coyote Park; concerns regarding long-term repair and maintenance of EV chargers; and, proposed site locations for installation of EV chargers at City Hall and City Yard.

Sustainability Manager Thai explained the purpose of the project development, is the funds are used to explore opportunities rather than fund the implementation. The distribution of grant funds among project ideas would be determined during the application process. The application could be developed with City Council feedback and brought back at a future meeting for formal approval prior to submission. As for Urban Greening Grant Program for Coyote Park, the Climate Action Commission recommended the shade structure and plaques and has been integrated into the conceptual design. With regards to the application for the Charge Ready Transport Program, participation in this opportunity would allow the City to acquire electric fleet vehicles and in return receive grant funds for the installation of EV chargers with minimal or no cost to the City.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mikhael elaborated on the consultant option of the Charge Ready Transport Program grant. It was encouraged that the City Council approve to retain the consultant for their services in completing and submitting the application for the grant. The grant provides flexibility in how the chargers are used, allowing access for both City staff and the public. The primary requirement of SCE's program is the electrification of the City's fleet. Through the Charge Ready Transport Program, the City can install infrastructure to support a fleet of medium- and heavy-duty EVs at little to no cost.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to proceed with application to the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Grant – Beach Boulevard Bus System (Ahn dissented); Sustainability Education Center; and Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency and Decarb Projects; to pursue opportunity for Urban Greening Grant Program for Coyote Park; and to retain a consultant to assist with the application for the Charge Ready Transport Program grant (Franco dissented).

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager France reported on the following:

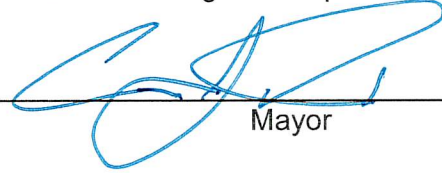
- BP Capital Campaign Committee Event, June 11, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., at Boys and Girls Club of Buena Park.
- Radio Korea FIFA World Cup Viewing Event, June 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Source.
- Domo Cafe Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Celebration, June 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m. at Buena Park Mall.

11. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Traut adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk