

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL  
JOINT STUDY SESSION OF THE  
CITIES OF GARDEN GROVE AND SANTA ANA**

**DECEMBER 4, 2017**

**MEETING CONVENED:**

SANTA ANA CITY HALL, ROSS ANNEX  
20 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, ROOM 1600  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA  
5:43 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

MICHELE MARTINEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM

**ROLL CALL:**

SANTA ANA COUNCILMEMBERS Present:  
MIGUEL A. PULIDO, Mayor  
MICHELE MARTINEZ, Mayor Pro Tem  
VICENTE SARMIENTO  
JOSE SOLORIO  
SAL TINAJERO  
JUAN VILLEGAS

COUNCILMEMBER Absent:  
P. DAVID BENAVIDES

GARDEN GROVE COUNCILMEMBERS Present:  
STEVEN JONES; Mayor  
PHAT BUI, Mayor Pro Tem - District 4 (5:54 p.m.)  
KRIS BEARD, District 1;  
JOHN O'NEILL, District 2;  
THU-HA NGUYEN, District 3;  
STEPHANIE KLOPFENSTEIN, District 5;  
KIM NGUYEN, District 6

STAFF Present:  
RAUL GODINEZ II, Santa Ana City Manager  
SCOTT C. STILES, Garden Grove City Manager  
SONIA R. CARVALHO, Santa Ana City Attorney  
OMAR SANDOVAL, Garden Grove City Attorney  
MARIA D. HUIZAR, Santa Ana Clerk of the Council  
TERESA POMEROY, Garden Grove City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Peter Katz, President of Comlink in the City of Santa Ana, urged all to consider upgrading golf course and maintain as open space.
- Wally Gonzalez, resident of Santa Anita Neighborhood, commented on need to consider schools and other impacts to area residents; also requested community engagement.

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME BY MAYOR PULIDO AND MAYOR JONES**

**1. STUDY SESSION: DISCUSSION ON THE GARDEN GROVE OWNED WILLOWICK GOLF COURSE LOCATED AT 3017 W. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA**

Staff presentation by City of Garden Grove’s Community and Economic Development Director Lisa Kim and City of Santa Ana’s Acting Planning Manager, Vince Fregoso.

Study Session Overview

- History of Willowick Golf Course
- Willowick Current Conditions
- Council Discussion
- Next Steps

Willowick Golf Course

- Property Information
  - Acquired in 1955
  - +102 acres
- Property Lease
  - Term began in 2001
  - Term expires in 2020



Willowick Current Conditions

- Zoning and Land Use
- Santa Ana General Plan Update
- OC Streetcar

## Willowick Current Conditions Zoning and Land Use

The subject site has a Zoning designation of Open Space (O). Permitted uses include:

- Open air recreational uses
- Government buildings
- Quasi-public and service facilities
- Other uses whose purpose is to provide open space

## Willowick Current Conditions Current General Plan

The site has a General Plan designation of Open Space (OS). Compatible uses include:

- Park land
- Golf Courses
- Other similar opportunities for active/passive open spaces

## Willowick Current Conditions General Plan Update

PBA currently preparing a comprehensive update to the General Plan.

Been working with an advisory group during update process/generated list of potential uses.

Ideal opportunity to reexamine potential uses of the site.

## OC Streetcar



## Discussion Items

- Community Outreach
  - New General Plan Process
  - Community Outreach Meeting
- Consulting
  - Scope of Work
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Facilitator
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Next Steps

Council discussion ensued.

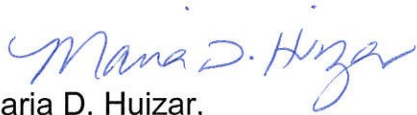
City Councils' discussion included: Consideration of impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and school sites; long term goals and suitable project to benefit both cities; revenue generation to be considered; evaluate other projects of this magnitude to consider; maintain momentum; extensive community outreach and participation paramount; consider hiring consultant; developer needs to have experience with large scale project, as this. Also,

consider forming ad hoc committees and/or joint powers authority; ensure open communication with all stakeholders including City officials. Consensus amongst all members that grand vision needed for one of the largest open areas remaining in central Orange County.

COUNCIL MEMBERS BUI, SOLORIO, AND TINAJERO LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBER SARMIENTO LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:09 P.M. SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

Final comments by remaining members of the City Council concluded at 7:12 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar,  
Clerk of the Council