

February 27, 2024
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comment

Jennifer Connally

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Many residents of multifamily dwellings seem to be left out of onsite access to organic waste recycling, electric vehicle chargers and solar energy for their homes, all of which would help to improve our continued air pollution, consistently termed "poor" in weather reports. In addition to improving our air quality, condominium owners have the opportunity to also save on their energy costs with installation of solar energy systems on a shared common area rooftop or adjacent garage or carport, which is legally allowed pursuant to California Civil Code § 714.1. Since the State promotes the use of solar energy systems, homeowners' associations cannot prohibit them, nor impose restrictions that significantly increase their cost or decrease their efficiency. Systems still must meet applicable building codes and receive approval from the HOA, which may require indemnification from installers, and provisions for maintenance, repair or replacement of roofs or other building components.

Residents, businesses and nonprofits can learn about solar energy systems, including battery storage and EV chargers, at a free community solar workshop co-hosted by Chapman University's Office of Sustainability and the Orange Sustainability Group in partnership with nonprofit OC Goes Solar on Saturday, March 2, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the Orange campus at Argyros Forum 208. Solar energy experts and installers will provide information and answer questions about programs including group discounts, available incentives and 30% federal tax credits for clean energy.

We are fortunate that Chapman University is committed to sustainable development, including energy management, and graduating responsible global citizens. One of the majors the university offers is a degree in Environmental Science and Policy which during the last year of the program students collect environmental data for a local company or organization to provide actionable solutions to sustainability issues. On December 12 the city council agreed to accept Chapman's offer to develop a sustainability plan for the City of Orange. City staff were directed to provide the students with the necessary City data by January 29, the start of the current semester, so they could commit to the sustainability plan project. Status updates on that project and others, including the city hall Nature Park concept approved June 13, are eagerly awaited.

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Meeting Time: 02-27-24 18:00

eComments Report

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| 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS At this time, members of the public may address the Council on matters not listed on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5.1. Sale of Taft Branch Library (Tavoularis) | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 7.2. Approval of plans and specifications for the demolition of the Old Fire Station Headquarters as part of the Grand Street Parking Lot Project; authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of CEQA exemption. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 9.1. Investment and Audit Committee's separation and related changes to Orange Municipal Code Title 2. Resolution No. 11522 and Ordinance Nos. 01-24, 02-24, and 03-24. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Agenda Item: eComments for 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Jordan Prell

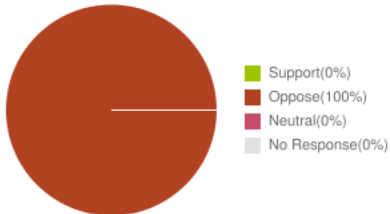
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Submitted At: 9:11pm 02-26-24

On behalf of Olive Pony Baseball, I would like to thank the council and city staff for completion on the purchase and demolition of the abandoned building at 2829 N Glassell, adjacent to Olive Park. The families and residents that comprise our fantastic youth baseball league are anxiously awaiting final completion of the project, so that we may enjoy more onsite parking at Olive Park. Thank you for your dedication and efforts!

Agenda Item: eComments for 5.1. Sale of Taft Branch Library (Tavoularis)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 02-27-24

Libraries are still so very important to encourage reading in young and old alike. Reading expands your vocabulary, broadens your world views, and exposes a person to cultures, places and experiences they otherwise would not. Reading helps a person use his or her imagination in a way television or screens are not able to do. Libraries enable people to find a wide range of books they might not otherwise come across. We should encourage the use of libraries not sell them off.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 02-27-24

As someone who lives close to the library and uses it often, we are not supportive of it being sold. Thank you.

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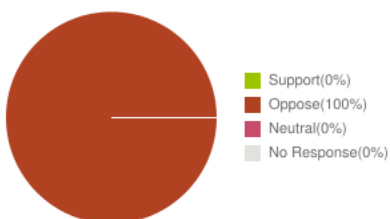
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Submitted At: 4:15pm 02-27-24

Please do not sell the land containing the Taft Library. Thank you.
Emily Weingarth

Agenda Item: eComments for 7.2. Approval of plans and specifications for the demolition of the Old Fire Station Headquarters as part of the Grand Street Parking Lot Project; authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of CEQA exemption.

Overall Sentiment



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Location:

Submitted At: 10:20am 02-27-24

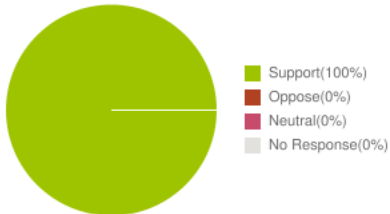
The item is for the demolition of the Old Fire Station Headquarters as part of the Grand Street Parking Lot Project. While understandable that the old building cannot necessarily be used for another use, it's disappointing that the only option that has come up on the City Council agenda is a surface parking lot. Compared to other cities of similar size, such as Costa Mesa, Yorba Linda or Brea, the City of Orange has a small civic center, and a lack of community space. The Old Fire Station property is a great opportunity to create another community space, whether it is a park similar to Pitcher Park, or community facility, to expand the City Hall space. Old Towne has plenty of parking lots, but lacks green space and free, public community spaces. A place for City employees and local business employees to have lunch outside, for the choruses to meet at before the Tree Lighting Ceremony, a space for community groups to meet at.

There is still space to include parking, but even with City employees using the parking lot, the existing parking lot is rarely full, even at peak hours. I'd like to see there be a discussion and community input of other options to use the property, before moving forward and spending money on yet another parking lot in Old Towne.

Thank you,
Ashley Brodtkin

Agenda Item: eComments for 9.1. Investment and Audit Committee's separation and related changes to Orange Municipal Code Title 2. Resolution No. 11522 and Ordinance Nos. 01-24, 02-24, and 03-24.

Overall Sentiment



Jordan Prell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26pm 02-26-24

Can the staff please address this during the council meeting?

1. Will the city Treasurer no longer be a member on either of the new separated committees? Based on reading the proposed new ordinances, it appears this is the case.
2. What will happen to current members of the Investment and Audit Committee? Will they need to re-apply to one of the newly established committees if interested?

Thank you.