

November 12, 2024  
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

# General Public Comment

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Janice Brownfield  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 5:12 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

Without the increased sales tax of 0.5% that failed to pass in last week's election, we need to continue to look at more ways to eliminate the City's budget deficit while also making our community more livable and sustainable. Four years ago voters in Fullerton rejected a 1.25% sales tax increase measure for infrastructure improvements. Just after that, in November of 2020, the Fullerton City Council voted to join Orange County Power Authority, which can save money on energy with its renewables program.

In December of 2020, Buena Park also voted to join OCPA, which our city could explore by looking into the free feasibility study offer that compares potential savings over So Cal Edison's rates program. Renewable energy can save money and also help to decrease air pollution, which in our community continues to be "poor" and sometimes worse, "unhealthy," especially when, as recently, wildfires are fanned by high winds.

In last week's election Buena Park voters approved a 1% sales tax increase to 8.75% as a way to hire more police officers and to fund street repairs and park maintenance. La Habra voters approved an increase from 8.25% to 8.75% for emergency services, neighborhood safety and community protection. Because San Clemente's 0.5% sales tax increase proposal was exclusively for sand replenishment along its disappearing coastline, a two-thirds supermajority of votes was required, but only a majority approved. Voters in Seal Beach approved a 0.5% sales tax increase, and in 2018 a 1.0% increase to help its budget deficit. At 9.25% it now joins Santa Ana, Westminster and Los Alamitos with the OC's highest tax. In March voters in Westminster approved a 0.5% tax increase to help fund emergency services, maintain public places like parks and prevent future cuts to its police and fire departments.

Some Santa Ana council members are looking to a cigarette litter removal abatement tax to help replenish lost revenue when the 1.5% sales tax increase approved in 2018 ends in five years in 2029. Another revenue-raising source being explored is building an observation deck on Santa Ana's water tower and then charging visitors. Fullerton may have a future ballot measure to raise its bed tax from 10% to 12% to increase annual revenue by \$600,000. Voters in Mission Viejo last week rejected a transient occupancy tax increase from 8% to 12%. Here in Orange we should have no shortage of revenue-raising ideas for the city to consider.

**Item 9.1**  
**Implementation of**  
**Permit Parking on**  
**Both Sides of Fairway**  
**Drive**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Regarding Permit Parking

Dear Mr. Allenbach:

In Mr. Tay's subject letter, he said that our permit parking request will be "considered at the November 12, 2024 meeting of the City Council . . . ."

My understanding was that this permit parking for my neighborhood (Fairway Drive, Young Circle, Greenview) was already approved. Perhaps the consideration of the City Council is just a formality, but since I will not be able to attend this meeting, I would like to comment on the permit parking.

We in this neighborhood have been plagued for years with excessive parking on our streets by cars out of the area. Frequently, cars are parked on the street for many days without being moved; sometimes they are even from out of state. Also, we have experienced a number of "park-and-ride" vehicles, where two cars pull up, one car parks, and the driver of the parked car gets into a second car, after which the second car drives away.

Also, we have many cars parked on our streets by people who live in various apartments across Tustin Avenue and by various people who live farther down Tustin Ave. and live in apartment buildings and even mobile home parks.

Sometimes these unknown people sit in their cars for long periods of time doing "who knows what?" We are concerned that some of the people might be checking our the houses for theft. Several years ago my house was burglarized during the day, and I was gone for only four hours. The burglars were determined to get inside the house since there was evidence of attempts on several doors and sliding glass windows/doors, and other windows. Because the house was so well secured, the burglars broke a back/side window to enter the house. Many valuable items were stolen, and, unfortunately, the value exceeded my coverage. To add insult to injury, an urn with ashes was stolen.

I am writing this to emphasize how strongly I feel that we should have permit parking for this area:

"Fairway Drive from Cambridge Street to Tustin Street;  
Greenview Drive south of Fairway Drive; and  
Young Circle South of Fairway Drive."

Most of us who live on these streets feel strongly that we need permit parking.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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