AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.a.

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew Fertal

From:

Kevin J. Raney

Dept:

City Manager

Dept:

Police Department

Subject:

APPROVAL TO RENAME THE POLICE

Date:

November 25, 2014

DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE

CENTER TO "BRUCE BEAUCHAMP JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER"

OBJECTIVE

To obtain City Council approval to rename the Garden Grove Police Department Juvenile Justice Center (Center) in memory of Former Police Sergeant Bruce Beauchamp (deceased).

BACKGROUND

Sergeant Beauchamp served the community of Garden Grove as a Police Officer and Police Sergeant for nearly 30 years. He was hired as a Police Officer on September 1, 1957; he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1964; and continued to serve in a variety of assignments as a Sergeant until his retirement in January 1987.

Beauchamp, although born in Michigan, moved to Garden Grove as a 3-month-old infant. He attended elementary school and middle school in Garden Grove and graduated from Garden Grove High School. His roots were established in Garden Grove and he served the community as not only a Police Officer, but also as a member of many community service clubs. He was a member of the Garden Grove Elks and Strawberry Festival Committee, and served as a member and President of the Garden Grove Lions Club and Garden Grove Historical Society. He was also a long time board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove and was Board President at the time of his death in July 2014. Beauchamp and his wife Lollie donated literally thousands of hours dedicated to improve Garden Grove and were very committed to assisting in implementing numerous programs to benefit the youth of our community. Beauchamp had also been recognized as Garden Grove's "Man of the Year" for his leadership and volunteerism in working to make Garden Grove a better community.

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DISCUSSION

The Center is a collaborative program between the City and the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove. The Center opened in 1998 and has provided services to over 7,000 children and their families, and provides a variety of services for at-risk youth and their parents. Services are provided regardless of the client's ability to pay. Over 90% of youths serviced at the Center experience successful outcomes.

Beauchamp dedicated his life, first as a Police Officer then, in retirement as a tireless volunteer, working with the youth of our community. He was an advocate for improving services to Garden Grove's youth population and his decade's long involvement resulted in the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove being recognized as a model organization. The renaming of the Center in memory of Bruce Beauchamp will honor his legacy of service to this community.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

• Approve the renaming of the Garden Grove Police Department Juvenile Justice Center to the "Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center" in memory of Bruce Beauchamp.

KEVIN J. RANEY

Chief of Police

Recommended for Approval

Matthew J. Fertal

City Manager