

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
5:00 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A video recording of the 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM portions of this meeting is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and archived at www.surfcity-hb.org/government/agendas/

5:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALLED TO ORDER — 5:01 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (3-Minute Time Limit)

Councilmember Bolton acknowledged celebration of Black History Month and thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts in managing current extreme weather conditions; Mayor Pro Tem Burns congratulated all involved in the successful Surf City Marathon with about 18,000 participants; Councilmember Moser acknowledged HB Reads One Book and encouraged people to visit the HB Reads website to learn about the book being recognized in 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Received After Agenda Distribution)

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Robin Estanislau announced supplemental communications that were received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet which were all uploaded to the City's website and Councilmember iPads:

Closed Session Item #5 (1 email communication); and Item #6 (1 letter).

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION (3-Minute Time Limit) — None

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 5:06 PM

Mayor Van Der Mark announced Item Nos. 1 and 2 (Conference with Real Property Negotiators).

A motion was made by Strickland, second Burns, to adjourn to Closed Session for Items 1 – 6.

Councilmember Kalmick announced he would recuse himself from Closed Session Item #1 regarding the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center due to potential financial conflict of interest.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 24-098 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center located at 18381 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (APN: 894-901-96). Agency Negotiators: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager; Chris Cole, Community & Library Services Manager; William Krill, Public Works Real Estate & Project Manager. Negotiating Parties: (Not Present) Mary Behrens, President, National Equestrian Centers, Inc. Under negotiation: Amendment to the current lease extending the terms of the for lease ten (10) years and provide for specific capital improvements.**
2. 24-099 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: Encyclopedia lots: APN 110-182-11 and APN 110-152-23. Agency negotiators: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager; Travis Hopkins, Assistant City Manager; Chu Vu, Public Works Director; Ashley Wysocki, Community and Library Services Director; and William Krill, Public Works Real Estate & Project Manager. Negotiating parties: Richard Bemis, Property owner, Not present. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.**
3. 24-096 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Antounian (Maral) v. Weatherly Bay Homeowner's Association and City of Huntington Beach; OCSC Case No.: 30-2023-01315238.**
4. 24-100 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Segal-Kaloski (Pamela) v. City of Huntington Beach, et al.; OCSC Case No.: 30-2021-01222791.**
5. 24-097 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-LITIGATION. (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4).): Number of matters: One (1) - Confer with City Attorney regarding a request to provide Amicus support with regard to Gloria Johnson, et al. v. City of Grants Pass; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Case Nos. 20-35752;20-35881; United States District Court for the District of Oregon Case No. 1:18-cv-01823-CL.**
6. 24-109 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9). Significant exposure to litigation: One (1).**

6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING — 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Councilmember Strickland

INVOCATION

In permitting a nonsectarian invocation, the City does not intend to proselytize or advance any faith or belief. Neither the City nor the City Council endorses any particular religious belief or form of invocation.

7. 24-102 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain James Pike

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Michael Gates reported in response to Closed Session Item #5, Gloria Johnson, et al. v. City of Grants Pass; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Case Nos. 20-35752;20-35881; United States District Court for the District of Oregon Case No. 1:18-cv-01823-CL, the City Council voted 4 – 3 (Moser, Bolton, and Kalmick — Abstain) to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with filing/joining Amicus Briefing with the current appeal to be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Council Committee Appointment Announcements, Item #8 (1 Councilmember memorandum, 4 email communications); Consent Calendar, Item #9 (1 staff memorandum); #12 (2 email communications); and Councilmember Items #14 (64 email communications).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit due to the number of speakers) — 71 Speakers

The number [hh:mm:ss] following the speakers' comments indicates their approximate starting time in the archived video located at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/agendas>.

Andrew Einhorn, resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated that the elections held by the Orange County Registrar of Voters are fair and honest, and encouraged anyone who thinks otherwise to take an operational tour of the Council facility and see firsthand for themselves. (00:19:00)

Mary Jo Baretich was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measure A on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:21:25)

Shirley Dettloff, former Mayor and Huntington Beach resident since 1964, was called to speak and shared her opinions regarding some recent bad Councilmember decisions. (00:23:07)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B, and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:25:27)

Jeanne Paris, Huntington Beach resident for 28 years, was called to speak and stated her support for Measures A, B, and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. Ms. Paris also stated her support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:27:35)

Ann Palmer was called to speak and stated her support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:29:18)

Deb Janus, 44-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak, shared examples of voter fraud, and stated her support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:31:35)

Kathy Carrick, 49-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and thanked Councilmembers for their many accomplishments and encouraged all residents to learn to communicate cooperatively with compassion and maturity in reaching productive solutions. (00:33:46)

Delaine Bailey, 10-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her support for an end to voting machines and returning to in-person voting with paper ballots hand counted with same-day results. (00:35:39)

Luanne Nichols Shoup, a fourth-generation Huntington Beach property owner, was called to speak and shared that her son who is a Florida homeowner, licensed to drive in Florida for the last four years, still receives voting mailers from the Orange County Registrar of Voters at her address in his name, as well as a recent Jury Summons for Westminster Court. (00:37:33)

Patricia Pappas, 44-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her support for Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:38:56)

Pat Goodman, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:41:37)

Connie Boardman, former Mayor and eight-year former Councilmember was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:43:13)

Barbara Richardson, 51-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:45:28)

David Rynerson, 25-year resident, was called to speak and stated his opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:47:04)

Karen Carroll, 50-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:49:01)

Kathryn Goddard, a resident since the 1980s, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:51:05)

Brenda Glim was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:53:16)

Carol Daus, 29-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak, asked for better Councilmember transparency, and stated her opposition to Measures A and B on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (00:56:16)

Melvyn Sterling, former Chair of Emergency Services at University of California, Irvine (UCI), was called to speak and stated his opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (00:58:30)

Unnamed Guest, a 25-year resident and homeowner, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:00:17)

Unnamed Guest, Huntington Beach homeowner and voter since 1985, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:02:28)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:04:17)

Michael Craigs, seven-year resident, was called to speak and stated his opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:06:26)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated her opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:08:22)

Jimmy Pham, an Immigration Attorney, State Assembly District 70 Candidate and resident of Westminster, was called to speak and stated his opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:10:31)

Dom Jones, State Assembly District 72 Candidate, was called to speak and shared her opinions on Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:12:00)

Linda Moon, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:14:41)

Paula Schaffer, a resident of Huntington Beach since the early 1990s, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:16:50)

Don Kennedy was called to speak and stated support for Measures A and B on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:18:58)

Butch Twining, a 58-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas; and support for Measure C on the March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary ballot. (01:21:10)

Chad Williams was called to speak and stated his support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas; and stated support for City Council Candidates Don Kennedy, Butch Twining and Chad Williams in November 2024. (01:23:21)

Joanne Arvizu, 49-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:26:11)

Diane Bentley, 23-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:29:03)

Paul Horgan, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:30:31)

Jeff Lebow, 38-year homeowner and taxpayer, was called to speak, acknowledged Black History Month and stated opposition to Measure B on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot and opposition to

Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:32:44)

Lynne Deakers, 44-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and shared her concerns related to Council Committee Appointment Announcements Item #8 regarding the unbalanced City Council Liaison representation for citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces; and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:34:57)

Larry Slonin, over 44-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas and opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:37:09)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated support for Measure A on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:39:17)

Kathy McGuire was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:41:29)

Synde, Huntington Beach voter, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:43:40)

Debbie Cook was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (01:46:30)

Tom McGrath, Independent Candidate, U. S. House of Representatives, was called to speak and shared his election platform to address federal debt, climate change and healthcare. (01:48:12)

Ken Inouye, 50-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and shared his opinions regarding the City's financial health crisis. (01:50:22)

Janet Jacobs, 40-year resident homeowner, was called to speak, thanked the Council Majority and City Attorney Michael Gates for their service and stated support for Measures A and B on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:52:05)

Russ Neal, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:54:16)

Unnamed Guest, Huntington Beach youth resident, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:56:10)

Flossie Horgan, long-time Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and asked why the Council Majority wants to spend unnecessary funds to manage Huntington Beach municipal elections. (01:58:22)

Unnamed Guest, resident of Huntington Beach since 1976, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (01:59:13)

Bethany Webb, 45+-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:01:44)

Wendy Rincon, 50-year resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:04:35)

Tim Geddes was called to speak and asked for consistency by providing a policy regarding the time allowed for public speakers. (02:07:11)

Suzanne Hart was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:08:37)

D. Boyce, 10-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:09:40)

John Carser, 54-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:11:54)

Neal was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:14:06)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated support for Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:15:31)

Matthew, 44-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot. (02:17:39)

Amory Hanson was called to speak and shared his experience from participating in the Orange County Homeless In Time Count process and encouraged other residents to volunteer and participate. (02:19:52)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas, and asked that Councilmembers focus on items such as repairing the trail in Shipley Nature Center, ticketing improper use of Downtown parking meters, implementing the plan for vehicular use of Downtown Main Street, and hiring a City Manager. (02:20:27)

Sam Shabot was called to speak and stated support for Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:22:13)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated opposition to Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:24:33)

Michael Selna, 50-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:26:47)

Max Ukropina was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:28:48)

Dawn Crowley was called to speak, thanked the Council Majority and City Attorney Michael Gates for their service, stated support for Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:30:32)

Harry McLachlan, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:32:55)

Joyce Milani, representing OC Roller Derby, was called to speak and shared details describing Derby membership, as well as practice and game locations. (02:34:21)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:36:39)

Thomas Sexton, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:38:46)

Valentina Bankhead, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated support for Measures A, B and C on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary ballot, and support for Councilmember Items #14 regarding Mayor Pro Tem Burns' Statement of Solidarity with Texas. (02:41:00)

Roger Noor was called to speak and shared information related to his court case and an impounded vehicle. (02:42:50)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. 24-112 Approved amendments to Mayor Van Der Mark's 2024 Council Liaison List — January 2024

Mayor Van Der Mark introduced this item and announced she is replacing Councilmember Moser with Mayor Pro Tem Burns as the Downtown Ad Hoc Committee Liaison.

Councilmember Kalmick noted there are a number of conflicts with the current liaison assignments in that it appears there are multiple meetings scheduled at the same time which will require liaisons to pick and choose which meeting they can attend. He added it is unfortunate that three Councilmembers are not being utilized and noted for the record that many of the groups provide a stipend for meeting attendance.

Councilmember Bolton confirmed that there are approximately 30 citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces and noted Mayor Van Der Mark is liaison for 25 of those groups, while Councilmembers Bolton and Moser each represent only two of these groups. She asked the residents in attendance if they feel adequately represented by Mayor Van Der Mark's appointments.

Councilmember Moser expressed appreciation for being assigned to the Parks and Council on Aging committees and shared her disappointment at having been removed from the Homeless Task Force. Councilmember Moser noted there was no prior discussion regarding her removal from the Downtown Ad Hoc Committee, and asked Mayor Van Der Mark why this change is being made. Mayor Van Der Mark responded she is correcting an oversight of not making this change earlier. After further discussion, Councilmember Moser stated her disappointment that there are fewer boards and commissions compared to previous Councils.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns described a conversation, after being newly elected, with an experienced Councilmember who stated that disagreements among Councilmembers "is politics." He also noted that he attended the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency (SARFPA) meeting immediately followed by the Harbor Commission meeting last week with no problems.

Mayor Van Der Mark stated that the only meeting conflict, according to Councilmember Kalmick's list, was the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and West Orange County Water Board which has been resolved. She thanked Councilmember Kalmick for his concern and noted the issue of meeting conflicts is under control.

A motion was made by Strickland, second Burns to, as recommended by the City Council, Public Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency: approve amendments to the 2024 Council Liaison List that includes appointments to citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces as presented by Mayor Van Der Mark. The City Clerk certifies that FPPC Form 806 "Agency Report of Public Official Appointments" which is used to report additional compensation that officials receive when appointing themselves to positions on committees, boards or commissions of a public agency, special district and joint powers agency or authority was posted to the City's website according to law prior to this vote.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, and McKeon
NOES: Moser, Bolton, and Kalmick

AB 1234 REPORTING — None

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES — None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT — None

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 9-13)

Councilmember Kalmick pulled Consent Calendar Items #10 and #12 for further discussion.

City Clerk

9. 24-091 Approved and Adopted Minutes as amended by Supplemental Communication

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2024.

The motion as amended carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
NOES: None

10. 24-090 Received and Filed Monthly Update of Activities for Citizen Boards, Commissions, Committees (BCCs) and Regional Agencies — December 2023 and January 2024

Councilmember Kalmick pulled this item to note that Councilmembers do not currently get Regional Board Liaison updates and noted that board, commission, committee or regional agency minutes do not appear in a timely fashion, especially for those groups that only meet quarterly. He added that Council Liaison reports are critical for being aware of current issues.

Councilmember Bolton clarified for the public that this item concerns the reports on the activities of the citizen boards, commissions, committees and regional agencies which were discussed under Agenda Item #8. She noted that when she used the link provided in this Activity Report for the Orange County Sanitation District, for instance, there was nothing posted there about their January meeting. She asked for a return to the previous policy with timely written reports by the Council Liaison providing a summary for the meetings they attend.

A motion was made by Kalmick, second Strickland to receive and file the Monthly Update of Activities for Citizen Boards, Commissions, Committees (BCCs) and Regional Agencies — December 2023 and January 2024.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
NOES: None

11. 24-037 Received and filed the City Clerk's quarterly listing of professional services contracts filed in the City Clerk's Office between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to receive and file the "List of Professional Services Contracts Approved by Department Heads and Submitted to the Office of the City Clerk during the period of October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
NOES: None

City Manager

12. 24-078 Adopted Resolution No. 2024-06 approving the 2024 Huntington Beach Legislative Platform

Councilmember Kalmick pulled this item to acknowledge the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC) work on this item, and suggested adding items like coastal cleanup, wetlands restoration, broadband and technology service improvements, cybersecurity initiatives, and air quality concerns.

Councilmember Strickland suggested approving this item as presented, and bringing it back in the future for further review and encouraged each Councilmember to add to the list as they become aware of additional federal or state resources.

Councilmember Kalmick suggested the proper procedure should have been presenting this as a Study Session to allow for full Council discussion.

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting the City of Huntington Beach Legislative Platform."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
NOES: None

Community Development

13. 24-069 Approved the Reappointment of Jeffrey Dahl to the Design Review Board for a second term

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve the reappointment of Jeffrey Dahl as an At-Large member of the Design Review Board for a term to expire July 31, 2027.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Moser, Bolton, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Kalmick
NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS

14. 24-101 Approved as amended item submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Burns — Statement of Solidarity with Texas

Councilmember Burns introduced this item by reading his letter of solidarity addressed to Texas Governor Abbott.

Councilmember Bolton stated her alignment with the many public speakers who believe the Huntington Beach City Council has many other higher priorities they should be focused on, this item is not appropriate for Councilmember consideration, and added that Mayor Pro Tem Burns' statement does not represent all residents.

Councilmember Strickland shared his opinion that failed federal border policy affects every U. S. state and noted that a majority of state governors support Governor Abbott of Texas. The failed federal border policies affect all Americans when it comes to the availability of fentanyl and increased crime. He added this is a small way to document that many people throughout Huntington Beach want action on this issue regardless of whether they are Republican, Democratic or Independent.

Councilmember Moser stated her opinion that each individual has a responsibility to advocate on this important issue with their congressional representatives, and this topic is not appropriate for Huntington Beach Councilmembers. She shared her opinion that this item is another divisive distraction from the work the City Council is responsible for: public safety, clean water, infrastructure, parks, beaches,

libraries, conducting an executive search for a City Manager, homelessness, and resident housing needs.

Councilmember McKeon shared his opinion that the invasion of illegal migrants at the Texas border, which is exacerbated and allowed by failed federal policies, has made every town across the U. S. a "border" town and all taxpayers are bearing the cost and burden. He added it is estimated the cost to the U. S. taxpayer for the migrant invasion crisis is \$451B per year. He believes there is nothing wrong with using the Councilmember platform to bring attention to this crisis and how it affects Huntington Beach.

Councilmember Strickland reminded everyone that recently when there were many thefts in the Huntington Harbour and equestrian neighborhoods, District Attorney Todd Spitzer at the time stated many of the break-ins were by a south-of-the-border group. He added this is just one example of how Huntington Beach has been affected by failed federal border policies.

Councilmember Kalmick stated some of these anecdotal stories are interesting, and noted he hasn't heard any solutions to the problem being presented. He shared his opinion that this issue is a non-municipal matter but rather is a "feel good" effort. He stated Councilmembers should be thinking about and preparing for issues that will directly impact Huntington Beach residents. He added he believes time is being wasted on a topic that Huntington Beach has no authority nor any control over, and it is time to get back to governing and addressing issues that Huntington Beach residents are concerned about.

A motion was made by Burns, second Strickland to request the City Council adopt and sign a Statement of Solidarity with Texas, **as amended to send a copy of the Statement of Solidarity to Texas Governor Abbott.**

The motion as amended carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, and McKeon
NOES: Moser, Bolton, and Kalmick

ADJOURNMENT — At 9:27 PM a motion was made by Strickland, with a second by Burns, to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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STAFF REPORT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT
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City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council
of the City of Huntington Beach and Secretary of
the Public Financing Authority of the City of
Huntington Beach, California

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Secretary

Mayor-Chair