



HARBOUR COMMISSION MINUTES

**Thursday, March 28, 2024
Community Service Conference Room
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Chair
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Vice Chair
WILLIAM LARKIN, Board Member
CHRIS NIELSEN, Board Member
MICHAEL VANVOORHIS, Board Member
VAN VU, Board Member
DIANE WOOD, Board Member

COUNCIL LIAISON

PAT BURNS, Councilmember Liaison
GRACEY VAN DER MARK, Councilmember Liaison

STAFF

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief
MARTY ORTIZ, Deputy Fire Chief
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

Schauppner called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Wood.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, Wood

Commissioners Absent: Milligan, Nielsen, Vu

Council Liaison Present: Burns

Staff Present: Haberle, Justen, Ortiz, West

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024

MOTION: A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Schauppner, to approve the February 22, 2024 meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 4-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, Wood

NOES: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner provided a report for the Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee. Haberle explained the process for the Commission's recommendation regarding the licensing, permitting and contracting requirements for businesses that rent kayaks, paddle boards and/or electric boats in Huntington Harbour to be brought to the City Council for consideration. This recommendation is still being evaluated by City staff and policy impacts identified.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner provided a report for the Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee. Haberle reported that he has spoken to Public Works Department staff regarding the proposal for a comprehensive plan for improving water quality in Huntington Harbour and it is still pending. He also explained the City process and timeframe for consideration and approval of capital improvement program projects. Burns asked about the decibel level of noise generated by a water wheel and Justen said that staff would determine this and inform the Commission and Liaisons.

3. *Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no report for the Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

4. *Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no report for the Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee.

STAFF COMMENTS

Justen asked Commissioners to be sure to confirm meeting attendance when they receive their agendas so that whether a quorum will be present can be determined. Haberle reported that the Commission's request for an offsite meeting was reviewed with City Council Liaisons, the City Manager's Office and staff and it was determined that it is best not to do so in order to remain consistent with the large number of boards, committees and commissions which meet at the Civic Center complex. He also mentioned that

the *MYHB* application is a good avenue for residents to provide feedback regarding issues before the City, including those in Huntington Harbour.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Burns mentioned that three (3) members of the South American Crime Group, which has committed burglaries in Huntington Harbour, were arrested by the Irvine Police Department. Nielsen said that he attended the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Restoration Advisory Board meeting on February 20, 2024 and it was very informative about ordinance stored on Base property. He also had a conversation with the Base Commander Captain O'Brien about water quality in the Harbour and she said that much debris accumulates on the Base after rainstorms. She also indicated that she would be supportive of water quality initiatives that would address this problem. Larkin said that the five (5) mile-per-hour buoy in the main channel by the first turning basin is now off center and has moved close to Portofino Cove. West said that he will realign it the following day. Wood said that Assembly Member Diane Dixon requested nominations for non-profit organizations that have done good things in the County to be recognized. She was wondering if the Harbour Commission could nominate the Coast Keepers for this recognition. Haberle said that it would have to be agendaized at a separate meeting, but since the deadline is April 9, 2024, and this deadline would be difficult to meet, Commissioners decided to submit the nomination as individual citizens and Harbour residents instead of as a Commission. Schauppner said that the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Pier Project is nearing completion and a test run will be conducted in May. There will be an open house in the future and the date is yet to be determined. He also asked Captain O'Brien about the possibility of bringing in a ship for a Navy recruiting effort, which would include things like ship tours for high school students. They are still discussing this. Finally, he asked about staff about the possibility of developing an *Adopt A Sailor* program where Navy personnel assigned to the base are hosted by Huntington Beach residents. Haberle said he would look into the possibility of doing this and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Larkin, at 5:41 p.m. to adjourn to the April 25, 2024 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 4-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for April 25, 2024 at a time and location to be announced.