

Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council/Public Financing Authority
City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
3:30 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A video recording of the 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM portions of this meeting
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<https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

3:30 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER — 3:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
Absent: Gruel (*absent for Roll Call; arrived at 3:33 pm*)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION
(Received After Agenda Distribution) — None

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS — None

Mayor McKeon read the titles for Closed Session Items #2 (26-541), #3 (26-540), #4 (26-539) and #5 (26-538) Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding Employee Organizations: Huntington Beach Fire Management Association (HBFMA); Firefighters' Association (HBFA); Police Management Association (PMA), and Police Officers' Association (POA).

A motion was made by Burns, with a second by Van Der Mark, to recess to Closed Session.

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 3:31 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. 26-542 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). People of the State of California/Bonta v. City of Huntington Beach, et al.; Case No. 30-2023-01312235-CU-WM-CJC.
2. 26-541 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Assistant City Manager; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Zack Zithisakthanakul, Acting Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Fire Management Association (FMA).

3. 26-540 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Assistant City Manager; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Zack Zithisakthanakul, Acting Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA).
4. 26-539 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Assistant City Manager; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Zack Zithisakthanakul, Acting Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Police Management Association (PMA).
5. 26-538 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Assistant City Manager; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Zack Zithisakthanakul, Acting Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING — 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
Absent: None

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.

6. 26-521 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain Bob Ewing

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7. 26-522 Frank Passarelli, American Legion Post 133

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY — None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit)

Councilmember Kennedy stated for the record it is important that public officials use accurate words when describing situations, especially when situations may, or may not, have actually happened; Councilmember Burns stated for the record that he personally makes decisions based on the information he has that will benefit the community now and in the future; Councilmember Gruel commended Public Works and noted some of their recent projects throughout the City; Councilmember Williams read for the record a couple of items from the Incident Report used at the last meeting; and Mayor McKeon commended those working very hard for the upcoming July 4th and America 250th festivities and encouraged residents to show their patriotism and pride in being an American.

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE

Jonathan Volzke and Volunteer Alex, OC Animal Care, presented two adoptable pets: Rhea, a 2-year-old Pit Bull Boxer mix and Modena, a 16-month Boxer Lab mix. Details can be found at www.OCPetInfo.com.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

8. 26-523 Business Highlight Presentation

Mayor McKeon acknowledged newly opened businesses in Huntington Beach; reported representing Huntington Beach at a Food and Beverage industry meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers; and congratulated the Surf City Small Business Digital Grant Program participants.

Minute with the Mayor videos were played to recognize Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley at Delaware and Yorktown, and Matter of Craft at Beach and Atlanta. Support local businesses and keep Surf City thriving.

COMMUNITY EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit) Limited to one representative, one announcement — 2 Speakers

Deborah Morse, Community Outreach Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association Orange County, commented on the many services and programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Jason Schmitt, City Treasurer, announced that *MyMeter* is now available for residents to manage their utility account and the next AI Scam class on June 17, 6 PM at the Talbert Room in Central Library.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS (Received After Agenda Distribution)

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes announced supplemental communications received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet which were all uploaded to the City's website and Councilmember iPads: *City Manager's Report #1 (26-514) (1 email communication); Consent Calendar Items #16 (26-465) (1 email communication); #23 (26-488) (1 email communication); and Councilmember Items #27 (26-550) (3 email communications).*

PUBLIC COMMENTS — (3-Minute Time Limit) — 18 Speakers

The number [hh:mm:ss] following the speakers' comments indicates their approximate starting time in the archived video located at <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Janet Jacobs, a Terry Park community member, commented on the Redondo Circle and Reliable Lumber project. (00:41:58)

Ken Inouye commented on various City Council policies and the financial effects. (00:45:04)

Unnamed speaker, a Terry Park community member, commented on the Redondo Circle and Reliable Lumber project. (00:48:10)

Daniel Tassa, a Terry Park community member, commented on the Redondo Circle and Reliable Lumber project. (00:50:51)

Tim Geddes commented on the new public comment format starting next month and on Council Member Items #27 (26-550) regarding Pier stairs advertising. (00:52:55)

Amory Hanson commented on Consent Calendar Item #18 (26-184) regarding the Lease Agreement for Dwight's Beach Concession at 201 Pacific Coast Highway. (00:56:00)

Russ Neal commented on the ideals that make America great. (00:56:25)

Jenny Braithwaite commented on Agenda Item #10 (26-453) regarding General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (Housing Element update). (00:59:04)

Irene Contreras Garcia commented on the Redondo Circle and Reliable Lumber project. (01:01:56)

Andrew Einhorn commented on recent Councilmember policies. (01:03:41)

Elaine Seeley, Friends of the Library, commented on the Memorandum of Understanding regarding a proposed donation. (01:06:25)

Unnamed Speaker commented on staff member attendance at City Council meetings, the Comprehensive Financial Annual Report and budget costs. (01:08:45)

Chris Waring commented on space rental increases for seniors at Surf City Cottages. Councilmember Gruel asked Mr. Waring to complete a blue card for follow-up. (01:11:58)

Paula Schaefer commented on City Council decisions related to the Public Library. (01:13:44)

Kathryn Goddard commented on Consent Calendar Item #16 (26-465) regarding six (6) on-call video production and media services professional services contracts. (01:16:53)

Brian Thienes, Huntington Beach Planning Commissioner, commented on many recent City Council decisions. (01:20:01)

Ann Palmer commented on Consent Calendar Item #20 (26-489) regarding the agreement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services between the City of Newport Beach and City of Huntington Beach; Agenda Item #10 (26-543) regarding a General Plan amendment No. 21-003 (Housing Element update); Public Hearing Item #9 (26-537) regarding adopting a budget for the City Fiscal Year 2026/27, and the Redondo Circle and Reliable Lumber project. (01:23:10)

Robert Maniaci, a resident of Somerset Lane, commented on the damage to his home about 5 years ago from a neighboring home tear-down construction project about 200 feet away, and asked for assistance in addressing the planned home tear-down construction project on a lot adjacent to his. (01:25:49)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Twining announced his appointment of Debbie Iorio to the City Celebration Committee.

AB 1234 REPORTING — None

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES

Councilmen Gruel and Williams and Council Woman Van Der Mark reported speaking with members of the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

PUBLIC HEARING

9. 26-537 **Adopted Resolution No. 2026-24 to Adopt a Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2026/27 Authorize the Corresponding Appropriation and Transfer; Authorized the Professional Services included in the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget to be representative of the services projected to be utilized by departments; Approved revisions to the City's Financial Policies to eliminate the automatic allocation of unassigned fund balance; Resolution No. 2026-20 Establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/27; Resolution No. 2026-22 Levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2026/27 to Pay for Pre-1978 Employee Retirement Benefits; Resolution No. 2026-23 Adopting an Updated Master Fee and Charges Schedule; Resolution No. 2026-30 Adopting Amended Classification Plan by adding the classification Human Performance and Wellness Coordinator; Resolution No. 2026-31 Repealing the City's Unfunded Accrued Liability Pension Funding Policy**

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING Item #9 (26-537)

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes announced supplemental communications received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet which were all uploaded to the City's website and Councilmember iPads: *Public Hearing Item #9 (26-537) (1 email communication and staff communication)*.

Travis Hopkins, City Manager, introduced Acting Chief Financial Officer Zack Zithisakthanakul and Finance Manager Robert Szilagyi who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *City of Huntington Beach FY 2026/27 Budget Adoption*, with slides entitled: *Items Included, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Proposed Budget All Funds, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Proposed Budget General Fund, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Proposed Budget Crosswalk, Professional Services Listing, Master Fee and Charges Schedule, Revised Financial Policy & Repeal Funding Pension Policy, GANN Appropriation Limit & Employee Tax Override, Classification of Wellness Coordinator, and Questions?*

Mayor McKeon called for Councilmember discussion which included CalPERS; historical data for Public Works expenditures; City Council direction to maintain the best budget outcome; batting cage allocation; relationship with the Navigation Center and Newport Beach; the budget considerations for each of the past five years; and confirmation the budget includes repair of Yacht Club docks.

Mayor McKeon opened the public hearing for Item #9 (26-537).

PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC SPEAKERS (3-Minute Time Limit) — 1 Speaker

Pat Goodman commented on the 2026/27 proposed budget; recommended returning to the town hall format to encourage public engagement; stated the plan to transfer funds from the General Fund is not a structural fix; and noted that approval of the Housing Element will increase revenue. (01:52:52)

There being no more speakers, Mayor McKeon closed the public hearing for Item #9 (26-537), and opened the floor for additional Councilmember discussion.

Councilmember discussion included the increasing difficulties related to balancing the budget while maintaining public services; 70-75% of the budget is related to personnel costs; CalPERS considerations; Councilmembers use their private-sector experience to help generate revenue; the continual effort is to find efficiencies, optimize assets and increase revenue; and encouraged the public to share their ideas to help balance the budget.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Twining to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting a Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2026/27" (Attachment 2); and, authorize the Professional Services included in the FY 2026/27 budget to be representative of the services projected to be utilized by the departments in FY 2026/27 (Attachment 3); and, approve revisions to the City's Financial Policies to eliminate the automatic allocation of unassigned fund balance to reserve categories and establish guidelines for its use to support the City's long-term fiscal stability (Attachment 4); and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-20 "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/2027" (Attachment 5); and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-22, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to Pay for Pre-1978 Employee Retirement Benefits" (Attachment 6); and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-23, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting an Updated Master Fee and Charges Schedule" (Attachment 7); and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-30, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the City's Classification Plan by Adding the Classification of Human Performance and Wellness Coordinator" (Attachment 8); and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-31, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Repealing the City's Unfunded Accrued Liability Pension Funding Policy by Repealing City Council Resolution No. 2021-19" (Attachment 9).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, and Williams
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Van Der Mark

Mayor McKeon announced the soon-to-be-scheduled Central Library unveiling of the repaired fountains.

**10. 26-543 Adopted Resolution No. 2026-25 to Approve General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (2021-2029 Housing Element Update)
— continued from June 2, 2026 City Council meeting**

Mayor McKeon called for Councilmember ex parte communication and there was none.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEM #10 (26-543)

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes announced supplemental communications received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet which were all uploaded to the City's website and Councilmember iPads: *Public Hearing Item #10 (26-543) (2 email communications)*.

Jennifer Villasenor, Community Development Director, reported there was no additional presentation. Director Villasenor provided a verbal update on staff additions to the Housing Element Update made after the June 2, 2026, public hearing, to address the Kennedy Commission and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) letters: an additional map, a couple of map revisions, a new program and some clarifying language in Appendix B and Section 3. Director Villasenor introduced Nicole Obey, Contract Planner and Anthony Taylor, the City's legal counsel, who were available to answer Councilmember questions.

Mayor McKeon called for Councilmember questions and there were none

Mayor McKeon opened the Public Hearing for Item #10 (26-543).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEM #10 (3–Minute Time Limit) — 2 Speakers

Daniel Sasse, Legal Counsel for the Kennedy Commission, an organization that advocates for the production of affordable homes in Orange County, commented on a statement made by Councilmembers at the June 2, 2026, public hearing, noting affordability and accountability are what is best for the people of Huntington Beach and added this is a bi-partisan issue. Mr. Sasse noted that this Housing Element is still not substantially compliant with State law. He also noted the attorney costs related to this item through the years and legal challenges filed by the City. (02:05:41)

Brian Thienes, Huntington Beach Planning Commissioner, commented on the great job that this City Council has done in holding off on the State mandates, referenced the Orange County Grand Jury's recent report claiming the Regional Housing Needs Assessments (RHNA) are not based on accurate Census data from the State Auditor, and reviewed Long Beach costs and builder benefits for an affordable housing project including all of the tax breaks that are available for project participants which in the end reduces tax revenue for the city. (02:09:11)

There being no more speakers, Mayor McKeon closed this public hearing.

Councilmember discussion included: Council's focus on maintaining local control; if this item is approved, it would be submitted to the judge for the court order; the State has mandated the highest number of units per acre for Huntington Beach — higher than any other city in California; generally, to make a project financially feasible, only 20% of a project is usually affordable housing because the remaining 80% market-rate units are needed to subsidize the 20%; to meet State mandates, Huntington Beach would have to increase housing stock by 50% in a city that is already 95% built out; each city has different environmental elements, topography, and finite resources which are not taken into consideration with the State mandates; if this door closes there are other pathways to consider for maintaining local control; older apartment and business/industrial corridors will have to be re-zoned to create space for these mandates; building cannot take place on the City's considerable environmentally protected areas like Bolsa Chica and the wetlands; studies show that when affordable housing is created there is a ripple effect that actually increases rates for the remaining 80% of people in the rental market; premium land on the coast makes it nearly impossible to build affordable housing at scale and one consequence will be increased housing costs for everyone else; and review of City Charter Section 807, specifically Measure U, which was approved by Huntington Beach voters in November 2024, to ensure Council is not overstepping its authority.

After the following substitute and amended motions were made, Council discussion continued by inviting Anthony Taylor, Outside Legal Counsel, to comment on the Measure U issues just presented and he concluded by recommending that Council approve this item as presented by staff; the most prudent step

is to approve this Housing Element at the present time while realizing this is not necessarily the final step Council will take on this issue; appreciation for Councilmember Williams comments; trust in Counsel Taylor's conclusion which is supported by City Attorney Mike Vigliotta; choosing to take the path of noncompliance will lead to much financial pain; Measure U has been presented to the court and one extension was granted; urgency rather than further delays in this situation is imperative because of the State's July 1, 2026, hearing to increase the financial penalties; ultimately it is up to the court to find the City has come to substantial compliance with the housing law; there will likely be further court proceedings over whether or not the Housing Element is in substantial compliance with the State housing law, which is a different procedural step; judges do not typically provide "advisory opinions" to a party in litigation; and the City Council will put the City in the best position possible to avoid further fines in the future by adopting the Housing Element presented.

Anthony Taylor, Outside Legal Counsel, was asked to clarify Sections 11 and 16 of Resolution No. 2026-25, and he confirmed this language was taken from a recent court of appeal decision involving the City of La Habra in the last six months, and allows forward movement without having to keep returning to City Council for public hearings with public notices and is critical to this situation up against a court deadline; Section 11 addresses the constraints analyses and Measure U which can only be changed by a vote of the people; and Section 15 is a reservation of the City's legal rights regarding a case-by-case analysis determination for Measure U. Counsel Taylor stated support for staff's recommendation without any changes. The discussion continued with examples of clerical, technical and substantial changes and the process that is used to inform City Council.

A substitute motion was made by Williams, second Gruel to 1) direct City Attorney, in consultation with outside counsel of this Council's choosing, to file an emergency petition with the San Diego Superior Court within seven days seeking first judicial clarification on whether Charter Section 807 applies to the adoption of the 2021 – 2029 Housing Element Update given the subsequent Environmental Impact Report finding the five significant and unavoidable impacts; 2) if the court finds that Section 807 applies, an order specifying how the City may simultaneously comply with the court's December 19, 2025 mandate and Charter Section 807; 3) an interim stay of penalties accrual pending the court ruling on Section 807, Measure U. That consideration of Resolution 2026-25 be continued until the court issues guidance on Section 807, or until 60 days from tonight, whichever comes first.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, and Williams

NOES: Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, and Van Der Mark

An amended motion was made by Williams, second Gruel to find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirement for GPA No. 21-003 is satisfied based on court orders in the People of California ex rel. Rob Bonta v. City of Huntington Beach, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01312235-CU-WM-CJC that include, as provided by Government Code section 65759, that CEQA does not apply to the City's actions that are necessary to comply with the orders of the court. Approve General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (Housing Element Update) and adopt City Council Resolution No. 2026-25, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach approving General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (2021-2029 Housing Element Update)." (Attachment No. 1), ***as amended to strike SECTION 16. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager (or his designee) and hereby delegates its authority to the City Manager (or his designee) to make all necessary technical changes or clerical revisions to the Housing Element Update as may be necessary for the City to obtain a finding of substantial compliance from HCD and without further action being required by the City Council to approve the same,*** SECTION 11. The City Council finds that the

constraints analysis prepared for the housing element including, without limitation, for Measure U substantially complies with all applicable housing laws, and takes into account the constraints under the California Constitution and applicable law as set forth the constraints analysis given that Measure U can only be changed by a vote of the people as a matter of law., **as amended with language preserving Measure U on a project-by-project basis.**

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, and Williams

NOES: Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, and Van Der Mark

A motion was made by McKeon, second Burns to find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirement for GPA No. 21-003 is satisfied based on court orders in the People of California ex rel. Rob Bonta v. City of Huntington Beach, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01312235-CU-WM-CJC that include, as provided by Government Code section 65759, that CEQA does not apply to the City's actions that are necessary to comply with the orders of the court. Approve General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (Housing Element Update) and adopt City Council Resolution No. 2026-25, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach approving General Plan Amendment No. 21-003 (2021-2029 Housing Element Update)." (Attachment No. 1)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, and Van Der Mark

NOES: Gruel, and Williams

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Travis Hopkins, City Manager, introduced Community and Library Services Manager Molly Uemura who presented a PowerPoint communication titled 2026 Independence Day Events with slides entitled: Friday, July 3; Saturday, July 4; Sunday, July 5; Summer Special Events; and Questions?

Mayor McKeon thanked the City's Celebration Committee and staff members for their efforts over nearly a year to provide these special celebration events.

11. 26-514 Study Session: Zoning Code - Discretionary Responsibilities

Travis Hopkins, City Manager, introduced Jennifer Villasenor Deputy Director of Community Development, explained that staff is seeking Councilmember feedback on this item that addresses Councilmember questions regarding Zone Administrator responsibilities. Staff will return with a Zoning Text Amendment, through the Planning Commission, and back to City Council. Director Villasenor introduced Jill Bos, Deputy Director, who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Zoning Code – Discretionary Responsibilities* with slides entitled: *Background, HBZSO Chapters 210-218, HB Chamber of Commerce, ZA Application History, Changes for consideration, Needing further input, 2025-2026, Fee Schedule & Timeline, Timeline, and Questions?*

Mayor McKeon stated he would like to review the list of Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) that the Zoning Administrator currently has authority over to help Councilmembers understand whether a specific CUP should be determined by the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator. There was a review of the conditions that currently require a CUP, based on the type of construction rather than the type of

business at the site. Developing open space, additions to an existing structure or a project within 300 feet of a residential zone would require a CUP that goes to the Planning Commission; if a project is not within 300 feet of a residential zone, but meets the other criteria and code, a staff site-plan review is adequate. Any plan that exceeds code should be directed to the Planning Commission; consideration of applicant costs if a project is directed to the Planning Commission; carrying over existing fees regardless of whether a project is considered by the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission; time consuming project staff reports and public notices are generally only required for projects directed to the Planning Commission which create the need for additional fees; review of current business CUP requirements to determine if any should be downgraded from CUP to Zoning Administrator permitted-use ruling; consider code changes for pitch height, third-story at 30 or 35 foot height and balcony setback for residential projects to eliminate the current CUP requirement; currently, unless code specifically says that a deviation can be processed through a CUP for fences or third story, everything else requires a variance; Administrative Waiver of Development Standards; all variance, grade differential, joint-use or reduced parking issues, alcohol uses with on-site consumption and maintenance and operation issues will all go to the Planning Commission; review of parking requirements; neighbor notification is required for all public hearings; all of these recommendations will return for further discussion through the Planning Commission, public hearing, and City Council process.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 12 - 26)

Councilmember Gruel pulled Consent Calendar Item #16 for further discussion and Mayor McKeon pulled Item #17 for staff discussion.

City Clerk

12. 26-526 Approved and Adopted Minutes

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of June 2, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

13. 26-476 Received and Filed the City Clerk's quarterly listing of professional services contracts filed in the City Clerk's Office between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark 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 January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026"

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

14. 26-544 Adopted Resolution Nos. 2026-29 and 2026-28 call for and consolidate with the County of Orange to conduct the General Municipal Election for City Officers (four

members of the City Council and a City Attorney) to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2026-29, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to Charter Cities;" and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-28, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange, California, to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to § 10403 of the Elections Code."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

City Manager

15. 26-525 Adopted Ordinance No. 4349, Regarding Public Participation and Disruptive Behavior — Approved for Introduction June 2, 2026, by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Van Der Mark — Absent)

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to adopt Ordinance No. 4349, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Adding New Chapter 2.102 Thereto Entitled 'Public Participation and Disruptive Behavior.'"

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

16. 26-465 Approved and Authorized the Execution of Six (6) On-Call Video Production & Media Services Professional Services Contracts with Dorado Creative, Inc., Dynamic Video Communications, LLC, Marketworks, Pegasus Studios, Tripepi Smith and Associates, Inc., and Vidiflo, LLC

Councilmember Gruel pulled this item to clarify with City Manager Travis Hopkins that these contracts are the result of Request for Proposals (RFPs), to continue on-call service contracts which are expiring, to supplement and support the City's Media and Public Information Office (PIO) staff. The types of services provided include support for production broadcast and programming for City Council and Planning Commission meetings; technical engineering support for visual and audio needs such as recently stipulated by SB707; support at community events with additional equipment and staff; and video productions used for the City's HBTv3 and YouTube channel. Staff does three-year contracts for continuity and to eliminate the need for annual review. It was also noted that the money is budgeted from the General Fund, but not necessarily actually spent for these on-call contracts.

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Gruel to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a \$50,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Dorado Creative, Inc. for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 -

HBTB"; and, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a \$50,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Dynamic Video Communications, LLC for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 - HBTB"; and, approve and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute a \$150,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Marketworks for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 - HBTB"; and, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a \$50,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Pegasus Studios for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 - HBTB"; and, approve and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute a \$200,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Tripepi Smith and Associates, Inc for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 - HBTB"; and, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a \$50,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Vidiflo, LLC for On-Call Video Production and Media Services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 — HBTB".

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

17. 26-464 Approved and Authorized execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Beach and the City of Newport Beach Regarding the Huntington Beach Navigation Center

Mayor McKeon invited Homeless Services Manager Jessica Kelley, to present a PowerPoint communication titled *MOU Between the City of Huntington Beach and City of Newport Beach Regarding the Huntington Beach Navigation Center* with slides entitled: *Partnership Overview, Outreach and Operational Structure, Financial and Terms Agreement, and Questions?*

Discussion followed the presentation confirmed that individuals brought in from Newport Beach will be returned to Newport Beach following the existing procedures and processes.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Burns to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the "Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Beach and the City of Newport Beach regarding the Huntington Beach Navigation Center."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

Community and Library Services

18. 26-184 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 2 of the Lease Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach, Richard Alan Clapp, and Dwight's and Jack's Inc. for Dwight's Beach Concession at 201 Pacific Coast Highway

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No. 2 of the Lease Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach,

Richard Alan Clapp, and Dwight's and Jack's, Inc. for Dwight's Beach Concession at 201 Pacific Coast Highway".

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

Fire

19. 26-533 Authorized designated City staff to execute the agreement between Rivian, LLC, and the City of Huntington Beach for a loaned vehicle for Fire Department usage

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to authorize the designation of the City Manager and/or Fire Chief to execute the agreement between Rivian, LLC, for a loaned vehicle for Fire Department usage.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

Police

20. 26-489 Approved and authorized the Agreement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services between the City of Newport Beach and the City of Huntington Beach

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the "Agreement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services between the City of Newport Beach and the City of Huntington Beach".

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

21. 26-553 Approved and Accepted Donation Agreement by and Between the City of Huntington Beach and Sunshine Makers Inc, dba Simple Green

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Donation Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Beach and Sunshine Makers Inc., dba Simple Green."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

Public Works

22. 26-456 Accepted Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bid and Awarded Construction Contract to Asplundh Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$1,389,738.46, for the Construction of Street Lighting Modifications on Orange Avenue, 11th Street, Walnut Avenue and 13th Street (CC-1715), and Authorized the Execution of Change Orders

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by Asplundh Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,389,738.46; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; and, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute change orders not to exceed a total of 10 percent of the contract construction costs.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

23. 26-488 Approved the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Infrastructure Fund Annual Report

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve the Infrastructure Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

24. 26-444 Accepted Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bid and Awarded Construction Contract to Matcon General Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$329,095.07 for the C6 SC1 Channel Improvements Phase 1 Project (CC-1674)

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorize execution of a construction contract to Matcon General Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$329,095.07; and, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute change orders within a 15% contingency amount of \$49,364.26; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

25. 26-498 Accepted Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bid and Awarded Construction Contract to GA Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$606,459.70 for the Central Library Electrical Switchgear Replacement Project, CC-1769

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by GA Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$606,459.70; and, authorize the Director of Public Works to approve construction change orders within the approved contingency amount of twenty

percent (20%) of the contract amount; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

26. 26-513 Accepted Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bid and Awarded Construction Contract to Beador Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$4,999,700 for the Humboldt Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project (CC1451); Authorized a \$729,300 Construction Contingency; and Approved the Appropriation of \$3,385,000

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid and award a construction contract to Beador Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,999,700; and, authorize the Director of Public Works to approve construction change orders within a \$729,300 contingency; and, approve the appropriation of \$3,385,000 to account 96185002.82300; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the construction contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, and Williams
NOES: None

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

27. 26-550 Approved Item submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Twining and Councilman Kennedy — Pier Stairs Advertising

Mayor Pro Tem Twining introduced this item by reading the issue statement, noted the intent is to give priority to City sponsored and local events, and noted only the vertical portion of the steps would be wrapped which means the best view will be from a distance, not while walking on the stairs. The installation vendor will be responsible to ensure the stairs remain in undamaged condition. Rio Media and Sticky Fingers, the advertising agency and installer of the wraps, are local Huntington Beach companies. Following the formula used for the lifeguard tower wraps, Rio Media will receive 25% of the revenue generated and the City receives 75%.

Councilmember Kennedy stated his support for providing another opportunity for event sponsors to advertise and increase revenue for Huntington Beach using existing surfaces.

Councilmember Williams raised his concerns about the City's liability for potential trip and falls. City Attorney Michael Vigliotta confirmed the City's Risk Manager will review the contract from the standpoint of determining what kind of insurance is required and it is expected there will be no indemnification for the City. This would be similar to the contracts with City construction projects.

A motion was made by Twining, second Kennedy to Direct the City Manager to research and implement advertising on the stairs of the Huntington Beach Pier.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gruel, Kennedy, Twining, McKeon, Burns, and Van Der Mark
NOES: Williams

ADJOURNMENT — At 10:23 PM a motion was made by Burns, with a second by Van Der Mark, to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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Huntington Beach, California

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Secretary



Mayor-Chair