



## **HARBOUR COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025  
Meeting Room B-8  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

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

### **COUNCIL LIAISONS**

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

### **STAFF**

ERIC MCCOY, Fire Chief  
ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Division Chief  
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

Milligan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood

Commissioner Absent: Larkin

City Council Liaison Present: Van Der Mark

Staff Present: Dieterman, Justen, Ortiz

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one public comment from Amory Hanson, who wanted to reiterate his support for *Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, 13.44* as is.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2025

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Vu to approve the February 27, 2025, meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood

NOES: None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. *Harbour Commission Review of Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, 13.44*

Schauppner mentioned that a committee is being established to review the changes recommended by the Harbour Commission. Justen reported that it would consist of the Fire Chief, Marine Safety Division Chief, Commissioner Schauppner, a representative of the City Manager's Office and himself. A meeting will be scheduled once the City Manager designates his representative on the committee. Schauppner asked if Code Enforcement would be represented and Justen said that they would be asked to participate on an as needed basis.

2. Permitting and Licensing of Kayak, Duffy and Paddleboard Rental Agencies in Huntington Harbour

Commissioners Schauppner and Nielsen said that they reviewed the Newport Beach model for permitting, which was forwarded to Commission members, and felt that it is a good model that could be used in Huntington Beach. Justen said the materials provided were part of research conducted by Wysocki but this issue will be on hold pending the outcome of a federal lawsuit against the City of Newport Beach by a surf instructor vendor. The fear is that Huntington Beach could also have legal exposure since some of the issues referenced in the lawsuit could be the same. He also reported that Hoang prepared a request for legal services to determine if code enforcement for rental companies in the Harbour should be suspended until the lawsuit is resolved. This request is pending legal review by the City Attorney's Office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no committee report.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Wood announced that on April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 p.m., the Orange County Coast Keepers will be distributing oyster shells on strings to anyone who would like to hang them from their docks. Over 500 strings will be

available and it was pointed out that oysters occupy the shells and filter Harbour water. She also announced an Earth Day event on April 27<sup>th</sup>, which will be held at a number of locations, and mentioned some of the organizations who will be participating. Williams is putting together a brochure which will highlight the locations for the event and the participating groups.

### *3. Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no committee report.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ortiz said that McCoy apologized that he could not attend the meeting, but he went home sick. Justen said that the updated Harbour Commission cards are now available.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Vu announced the Kawanis easter egg hunt and family fun day on April 19<sup>th</sup>. He also said that there might be an opportunity to work with Supervisor Nguyen's office to obtain funding for Harbour cleanup. Van Der Mark said she would be willing to assist in any way possible to help with this effort. Schauppner said that Chris Epting will be doing an article on the Harbour and would like to interview Commissioners. He said that anyone interested can email him and he would put them in touch with Mr. Epting. Nielson asked about a recent electrical vehicle fire at the Huntington Harbour Mall. Chief Ortiz provided a detailed explanation of how the Fire Department responds to and manages this type of incident. Millikan announced the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club opening on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and said that invitations would be forthcoming.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Wood, at 5:33 p.m. to adjourn to the April 24, 2025, meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES:	Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood
NOES:	None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for April 24, 2025, at a time and location to be announced.