

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority Regular Meeting and Special Meeting of the Housing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
3:30 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

**A video recording of the 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM portions of this meeting
is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and archived at
<https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>**

3:30 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALLED TO ORDER — 3:30 PM

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (1-Minute Time Limit due to number of Closed Session items) — 5 Speakers

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the archived video located at <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.*

Cheryl Faink, Unite for Freedom Volunteer, commented on voter history from the 2022 and 2024 General
Elections. (00:03:31)

Unnamed speaker commented on the 2026 General Election. Mayor Burns requested that speakers
commenting on General Elections complete a blue card for follow-up. (00:04:41)

George Aguirre commented on United Sovereign Americans independent audit of the California 2024
General Election. (00:06:26)

Unnamed Speaker commented on request for legal action before the California 2026 General Election to
restore public confidence in the election system. (00:07:43)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the proposed resolution to support efforts to protect the fundamental
right to choose representatives. (00:08:48)

**Mayor Burns read titles for Closed Session Items #1 regarding Conference with Labor
Negotiators and Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA), and #2**

regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Surf City Lifeguard Employee's Association (SCLEA).

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

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 3:40 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. 25-654 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Robert Torrez, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA).
2. 25-655 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and Robert Torrez, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Surf City Lifeguard Employees' Association (SCLEA).
3. 25-656 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, et al. v. City of Huntington Beach, et al.; OCSC Case No. 30-2024-01397379.
4. 25-657 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Huntington Beach for Responsible Growth, et al. v. City of Huntington Beach, et al.; Case No.: 30-2024-01439594.
5. 25-658 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Flanders (Emily) v. City of Huntington Beach; OCSC Case No: 30-2023-01328127.
6. 25-659 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Alianza Translatinx, et al. v. City of Huntington Beach, et al.; OCSC Case No. 30-2025-01462835.
7. 25-660 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Yeung (Christian) v. The Bungalow Huntington Beach, LLC, et al.; USDC Case No: 8:23-cv-01573 MWC (DFMx).
8. 25-661 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Protect HB v. City of Huntington Beach; OCSC Case No.: 30-2025-01470582.
9. 25-662 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): One (1).

6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING AND CALLED TO ORDER A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY — 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Twining, Kennedy, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, Gruel, 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.

10. 25-631 Huntington Beach Police Department Chaplain Jeff Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Council Woman Van Der Mark

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY — None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit)

Councilman Kennedy described how to locate the new Sober Living Houses document on the City's website and reviewed how residents can request a replacement street sign.

Council Woman Van Der Mark reported representatives from Ramat Gan, Israel were in Huntington Beach this past weekend when their Twin City partnership with Huntington Beach was formalized.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

11. 25-596 Jesse Hayes Presentation

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon presented a certificate of accommodation to Jesse Hayes to acknowledge his e-bike accident, remarkable recovery, and his commitment to serve as an ambassador for e-bike safety.

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: *Consent Calendar Item #15 (2 email communications) and Administrative Items #27 (1 email communication).*

Mayor Burns announced that Public Hearing Item #26 (25-671) will be Opened and Continued Open to the September 2, 2025, City Council meeting.

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>.

Craig Sheets commented on several environmental and drug-related issues. (00:27:02)

Ken Inouye commented on what he described as City Council lack of financial accountability and properly addressing public safety issues. (00:29:46)

Pat Goodman commented on Consent Calendar Item #14 regarding position on legislation pending before the State Legislature. (00:31:17)

Unnamed speaker commented on Administrative Item #27 regarding appointing Jason Schmitt to the position of City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Beach. (00:33:12)

Andrew Einhorn commented on specific public comments made by Mayor Burns which he believes show lack of dignity and decorum. (00:35:12)

Tim Geddes commented on decisions made by Councilmembers which he believes do not demonstrate serving with honor and in many instances have resulted in wasted funds. Mayor Burns asked him to complete a blue card if he would like to meet in person to discuss further. (00:36:34)

Unnamed Speaker commented on recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities. (00:38:12)

Perry Clitheroe commented on Consent Calendar Item #25 regarding the grant for Complete Streets Project (Magnolia Corridor) specifically related to ease of bicycle transportation and safety. (00:39:31)

Unnamed speaker commented on several City Council decisions, including Consent Calendar Item #14 regarding position on legislation pending before the State Legislature and Administrative Item #27 regarding appointing Jason Schmitt to the position of City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Beach. (00:42:32)

Amory Hanson commented on Council Members Item #28 regarding strategic activation opportunities in Huntington Beach to engage in Olympic-related programming, partnerships and activation efforts. (00:44:38)

Unnamed speaker commented on Consent Calendar Items #14 to consider a position on legislation pending before the State legislature and #15 to adopt Resolution No. 2025-57, clarifying that Resolution No. 2023-41 is no longer in effect. (00:45:25)

Chris Kluwe commented on the proposed surveillance cameras in Oak View and Consent Calendar Item #14 to consider position on legislation pending before the State legislature. (00:47:50)

Unnamed speaker commented on Consent Calendar Item #14 to consider a position on legislation pending before the State legislature. (00:50:16)

Shawn Wood, Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, announced Taste HB on Sunday, August 24, at the Sports Complex and encouraged everyone to attend. (00:53:17)

Monica Asbury expressed her gratitude for Police Chief Parra and several Huntington Beach Police and Fire Officers who were instrumental in the successful event for Huntington Beach residents Henry and Owen. (00:53:58)

Justine Makoff, Free Rein Foundation, Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center, shared appreciation for the successful *Cattle Baron's Ball* fundraiser on August 9th. She also announced the Therapeutic

Riding Center's *Hula and Horses* fundraiser on Saturday, August 23rd and encouraged everyone to support this non-profit organization as well. (00:57:22)

Unnamed Speaker, an Occupational Therapy Program student at Santa Ana College, commented on the amazing work of the Free Reign Foundation and described some of the additional services now offered which focus on well-being and mental health. (00:59:41)

Unnamed Speaker commented on how family is treated by officials when a loved one dies in their home. Mayor Burns invited the speaker to complete a blue card and set up a meeting with Chief Parra to better understand procedures. (01:01:24)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS — None

AB 1234 REPORTING — None

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES — None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT — None

NOTE: The Minutes reflect the original agendized order rather than actual order items were addressed during this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 12 - 25)

Mayor Burns pulled Items #18 and #24, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon pulled #25, Councilman Kennedy pulled #19, Councilmen Williams and Twining pulled #21 for further discussion.

City Clerk

12. 25-632 Approved and Adopted Minutes

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2025.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

13. 25-619 Received and Filed the City Clerk's quarterly listing of professional services contracts filed in the City Clerk's Office between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon 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 April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager

14. 25-665 Approved position of opposition to legislation pending before the State Legislature

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to oppose Senate Bill 707: open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements and issue a letter of opposition.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

15. 25-670 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-57, clarifying that Resolution No. 2023-41 is no longer in effect

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-57, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Clarifying the Legal Status of Resolution No. 2023-41" to reflect the outcome of Measure A.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

City Treasurer

16. 25-622 Received and Filed the City Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for June 2025

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to received and file the City Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for June 2025, pursuant to Section 18.0 of the Investment Policy of the City of Huntington Beach.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

Community and Library Services

17. 25-553 Approved and authorized execution of Professional Services Contracts for On-Call Multi-Discipline Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering and Professional Consulting Services with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., Dahlin Group Inc., David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc., M. Arthur Gensler & Associates, Inc. (Gensler), Gillis + Panichapan Architects, Inc., HAI Hirsch & Associates, Inc., IDS Group, Inc., Johnson Favaro, LLP, Michael Baker International, Inc., NUVIS, PBK Architects, Inc., RDC-S111, Inc., DBA Studio One Eleven, RJM Design Group, Inc., RRM Design Group, SVA Architects, Inc., and Verde Design, Inc. each in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 over a three-year term Approve and authorize Amendment No. 2 to extend the contract terms for two additional years

**for On-Call Architectural Engineering & Professional Consulting Services for
Kitchell/CEM, Inc. and Westberg White, Inc.**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Dahlin Group, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Arthur M. Gensler, Jr. & Associates, Inc. (Gensler)** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Gillis + Panichapan Architects, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **HAI Hirsch & Associates, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **IDS Group, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Johnson Favaro, LLP** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **Michael Baker International, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **NUVIS** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **PBK Architects, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **RDC-S111, Inc., DBA Studio One Eleven** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **RJM Design Group, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural

Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **RRM Design Group** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and **SVA Architects, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and Verde Design, Inc. for On-Call Architectural Engineering, Landscape Architectural Engineering, and Professional Consulting Services" in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) over a three-year term. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Huntington Beach and **Kitchell/CEM, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering & Professional Consulting Services to extend the term for two additional years until July 19, 2027; and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Huntington Beach and **Westberg White, Inc.** for On-Call Architectural Engineering & Professional Consulting Services to extend the term for two additional years until July 19, 2027.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Community Development

18. 25-329 TABLED execution of the First Amendment to the Affordable Housing Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Nash-Holland 18750 Delaware Investors, LLC

Mayor Burns pulled this item to clarify why it took so long to determine whether these changes needed to be made and asked how the changes affect the City.

Charles Kovac, Housing Manager, presented a PowerPoint communication titled *First Amendment to the Affordable Housing Agreement – 18750 Delaware Street*, with slides entitled: *Background, Proposed Unit Mix Adjustment, Recommendations, and Questions?*

Mayor Burns and Jennifer Villasenor, Community Development Director, discussed the fact that the original Proposed Unit Mix Adjustment was based upon entitlement or conceptual plans. As the facility was constructed it became obvious the count for two-bedroom and three-bedroom units had been incorrect. This item updates the Unit Mix Adjustment to reflect reality.

Councilman Kennedy confirmed the total number of units has remained the same, and it is only the mix of types of units that is being adjusted.

Director Villasenor noted it is in the City's interest to approve this because it increases the number of units available at market rates, which increases property taxes, and it keeps this project within code requirements.

Councilmembers and staff continued the discussion and noted this project was added to the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan in 2020; confirmed that this readjustment of unit types does not contradict any State or local codes but rather brings the project into alignment with all codes; discussed density and open space waivers approved for this project; clarified that the builders made this error, not the City; discussed the pros and cons of approving, or not approving, this item, noting that if it is not approved, the project would be a bit out of alignment with current code; and Director Villasenor noted that staff would not have made the recommendation to approve this item if there were any downsides for the City.

A motion was made by Burns, second Kennedy to TABLE this item to September 2, 2025, City Council meeting to allow more time to consider the situation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

19. 25-637 TABLED Execution of the Third Amendment to the Affordable Housing Agreement and the Second Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to Extend Affordability Covenants by One Year for the Five Points Senior Villas Project

Councilman Kennedy pulled this item to get clarification on: 1) when an Affordable Housing Agreement expires does the project go to market rates; 2) if owners felt that rent stability is an issue, do they not have the right to raise rents; and 3) what is the point of an Affordable Housing Agreement extension?

Manager Kovac stated in this case stability is related to the seniors who are living there. The City typically asks for three-year extensions, but this time the investors said they only need one year to consider their long-term options such as if a project needs to be rehabbed or assessed for potential improvements. The investors may even extend the agreement if the City was to provide a loan for rehabilitation. The investors and the City are interested in providing stability for the seniors living there.

Councilman Kennedy stated that the City should not be in the lending business and suggested a policy that when a renter leases an affordable housing unit, a termination date should be part of the agreement.

Director Villasenor explained that the benefit to the City of approving the extension is having the affordability covenant continue. The builder/investors are voluntarily asking to keep covenants recorded on this property for low-income seniors.

Councilman Kennedy countered that the City should be the driver and demand a ten-year agreement with no loan from the City.

Councilmembers and staff noted that approving this extension is doing a favor for the City's senior citizens; the City doesn't have the right to tell the owners how long they must provide affordable senior housing; their understanding that this one-year extension is for the benefit of the senior citizen residents; that affordable housing procedures include residents being informed of agreement ending dates; the discussions have not yet discovered developer's plans, but the intent at this point is to assure the senior residents will have at least one more year of affordable rates while providing the developer another year to decide their plan of action.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated that Councilmembers should infuse best practices from the private sector so that the City doesn't experience gaps or liability. In this situation, he believes it behooves Council to expect a ten-year covenant extension. Manager Kovac noted the City's original request was for another three-year extension and the developers returned asking for a one-year extension. He added it could become a negotiated situation where the developers may ask for a loan from Housing Funds with a ten-year agreement but doubts they would accept an offer for a ten-year agreement if they did not want to accept a three-year agreement.

Councilmembers asked what the consequences could be for a decision made at this time. Manager Kovac stated if this agreement extension is not approved, the developer could let the agreement expire and return to market rates which would negatively impact the senior residents who would lose their affordable housing rates. Councilmember Kennedy stated for the record that he believes the City needs to do a better job of negotiating, especially when negotiating on behalf of the City's senior residents

Mayor Burns confirmed with Manager Kovacs that if the affordable housing agreement expires, and the rates return to market rates, the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers are increased by the number of units in that agreement. Community Development Director Villasenor explained that generally when there are affordable units at risk of becoming market rate, there need to be plans to try and keep them as affordable units or plans for replacement affordable units.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Kennedy to TABLE this item to next City Council meeting on September 2, 2025, to allow time to negotiate at least a three-year or five-year agreement extension.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Police

20. 25-638 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-55 authorizing the acceptance of FY25/26 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) funding from the California Highway Patrol to support DUI enforcement and officer training

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and authorize the execution of grant agreement FY25/26 CTFGP Law Enforcement-Huntington Beach Police Department and adopt Resolution No. 2025-55, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing the Chief of Police to Accept Grant Funds from the State of California Department of California Highway Patrol for DUI Saturation Patrols and Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Training."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

21. 25-635 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-53 Updating the Uniform Bail Schedule for Parking Violations & Establishing CPI-Based Annual Adjustments

Councilman Williams pulled this item to clarify this is an effort to update rates that haven't changed in over five years. He noted he does not usually support efforts that will increase costs for residents

however, it is expected that these new fees will provide an approximately \$1M increase in revenue for the General Fund. He stated if the expected increased funding was prioritized for Public Safety enhancements, then the effort would have his support.

City Attorney Mike Vigliotta stated that direction for use of funds was not agendized, therefore the item needs to stand as originally presented. He added a plan for spending the money can be presented at a future meeting if the Council so desires.

Councilman Twining stated support for the amended item and invited Police Lt. Archer to provide a brief overview of how Huntington Beach compares to immediately surrounding communities with regards to parking violations and fees.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated that earmarking revenue can be a slippery slope and noted that revenue comes in through the General Fund and it is up to Councilmembers to provide the oversight regarding how those funds are disbursed through the budgetary process.

Councilman Kennedy and Lt. Archer discussed that if an individual can show proof they do have a valid/current disability placard/plate within 30 days of a citation, the fine may be reduced to \$25 and this is reviewed on a case-by-case situation.

Councilmembers and Lt. Archer discussed oversized vehicle, RV and trailer issues which are being addressed, and asked if there is any mechanism to designate increased revenues for specific expenditures.

A motion was made by Williams, second Twining to Adopt Resolution No. 2025-53, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting an Amended Uniform Bail Schedule for Parking Violations", which rescinds Resolution No. 2020-53 and approves an updated Uniform Bail Schedule for parking violations, as outlined in Exhibit A. The resolution also establishes a \$25 administrative fee for late payment of parking citations in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 40207(a) and introduces an annual adjustment to parking fines based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County region. This CPI adjustment will be annually applied automatically to help ensure that fines remain equitable and reflect changes in inflation, **~~as amended to direct staff to allocate the anticipated additional revenue of approximately \$1M from the updated Parking Fine Schedule exclusively for Public Safety Enhancements, including a second Administrative Fire Captain position costing approximately \$289,500, and direct any excess funds to the Police Department to be spent at the discretion of the Police Chief. These funds will be tracked separately and staff will provide quarterly reports on its use to ensure funds are not absorbed into the general operations without oversight to return with a study on allocating use for the anticipated additional revenue.~~**

The motion failed by the vote on the substitute motion.

A substitute motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2025-53, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting an Amended Uniform Bail Schedule for Parking Violations", which rescinds Resolution No. 2020-53 and approves an updated Uniform Bail Schedule for parking violations, as outlined in Exhibit A. The resolution also establishes a \$25 administrative fee for late payment of parking citations in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 40207(a) and introduces an annual adjustment to parking fines based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County region. This CPI adjustment will be annually applied automatically to help ensure that fines remain equitable and reflect changes in inflation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Works

22. 25-444 Approved and Accepted the Public Improvements, Released the Securities for, and Accepted a Guarantee and Warranty Bond for the Public Improvements in Tract 19136 and Released Guarantee and Warranty Bond for Gisler Park Improvements

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to accept the public improvements constructed and dedicated for public use with Tract 19136, and instruct the City Clerk to record the Notice of Acceptance of Public Improvements (Attachment 2) with the Orange County Recorder; and, release the securities for the Public Improvements - Faithful Performance Bond No. US00121915SU22A and Labor and Materials Bond No. US00121915SU22A and Monumentation Bond No. US00121913SU22A; and, accept Guarantee and Warranty Bond No. US00121915SU22A-M (Attachment 3); the security furnished for guarantee and warranty for public improvements, and instruct the City Clerk to file the bond with the City Treasurer; and, release Guarantee and Warranty Bond No. US00121914SU22A-M for Gisler Park Improvements; and, instruct the City Clerk to notify the developer, Lennar Homes of California, LLC, of this action, and the City Treasurer to notify the Surety, XL Specialty Insurance Company, of this action.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

23. 25-624 Approved Sole Source Procurement Request with Hadronex Inc., dba SmartCover Systems, for Sanitary Sewer System Manhole SmartCovers (SmartCovers)

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to Approve Sole Source Procurement Request with Hadronex, Inc., dba SmartCover Systems, for the servicing of SmartCovers.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

24. 25-628 Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorized execution of a construction contract with Southland Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$138,000.00 for the City-Owned Building (dba. Park Bench Café) Roofing and Siding Improvements, CC-1789; approve supplemental construction costs; and authorized 15% in contingency funds

Mayor Burns pulled this item to clarify how a re-roofing project can be this expensive. Public Works Director Chau Vu explained the scope for this project is not just shingles for the roof, but also includes installing new drainage, full siding replacement, fascia, awning and painting. City Manager Travis Hopkins stated this is the lowest bid and staff recommended approving it.

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by Southland Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000.00; and, B) Reject bids 1 - 3, as non-responsive due to bid violations; and, authorize the Director of Public Works to approve change orders up to 15% contingency in potential construction change orders; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract with Southland Roofing, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

25. 25-630 Approved and accepted the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Grant for Complete Streets Project (Magnolia Corridor); and approved appropriation of funds

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon pulled this item to ask Public Works Director Chau Vu to present a PowerPoint communication titled *Magnolia Street Corridor Streets Improvements*, to explain where funding is coming from and describe the types of improvements including streets, trees, landscaped medians, roadways, sidewalks, and bike enhancements. Director Vu noted that design concepts will go through Caltrans for clearance which will take some time and construction is expected to be done during the summer to avoid interference with the school schedule.

Councilman Gruel and Director Vu discussed the process required to determine whether it will be possible to include a two-way bicycle lane as a public speaker requested earlier in this meeting.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Burns to approve and accept the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grant for \$4,687,000; and, approve the appropriation of \$4,687,000 in grant award funding to the OCTA Complete Streets Projects business unit for the Magnolia Street Corridor Complete Streets project, account number 130185003; and, authorize the Public Works Director to execute necessary documents and agreements.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

26. 25-671 CONTINUED Open Certification of Environmental Impact Report No. 25-003 (Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach) to the September 2, 2025, City Council meeting

Mayor Burns opened the Public Hearing for Item #26 (25-671).

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to Continue Open Certification of Environmental Impact Report No. 25-003 to the September 2, 2025, City Council meeting.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

27. 25-626 **Approved and Adopted Resolution No. 2025-56 Appointing Jason Schmitt to the Position of City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Beach**

Councilman Kennedy clarified, for those asking who Jason Schmitt is, that Jason is a highly qualified candidate as a magna cum laude Harvard graduate with experience as CEO and CFO of some large institutions. Councilman Kennedy added he was unaware that Mr. Schmitt had donated to his campaign fund and believes that Huntington Beach will benefit from Mr. Schmitt's extensive knowledge.

Council Woman Van Der Mark stated that Mr. Schmitt brings extensive experience in finance, law and organizational management, in both corporate and government settings, along with his MBA and law degree from Harvard. She is excited to support him as the Treasurer of Huntington Beach.

Councilman Twining stated that as one Councilmember who interviewed various candidates for this position, Jason stood out as the best. He, too, was unaware that Jason had contributed to his campaign fund until he read the *Surf City Sentinel* Facebook blog.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated he looks for opportunities to fuse private sector with government and stated his expectation that Jason will continue the great legacy of retired City Treasurer Alicia Backstrom.

Mayor Burns noted that he was also on the Ad Hoc Committee to interview applicants, and it was easy to see Jason was the top candidate.

Mayor Burns amended this item to include disbanding the City Council Ad Hoc Committee created to interview applicants.

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Twining to appoint Jason Schmitt to the position of City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Beach; and approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-56, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Appointing Jason Schmitt as City Treasurer and Setting the Salary Rate and Assigning Certain Benefits for the Appointed City Treasurer," ***as amended to disband the City Council Ad Hoc Committee created to interview applicants.***

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED CITY TREASURER

Supervisor Janet Nguyen, Orange County Board of Supervisors, administered the Oath of Office for Jason Schmitt as Huntington Beach City Treasurer.

Jason thanked Councilmembers for the faith they have placed in him as a steward for Huntington Beach. He stated he has decades of experience as CEO and Fortune 500 senior executive positions. He added his job priorities will be transparency in collecting the taxes and prudence in investing those funds to stretch Huntington Beach's dollars further. He believes it is critical to help everyone save more so they can live better.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

28. 25-651 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Pro Tem McKeon, Councilman Gruel, and Council Woman Van Der Mark — Strategic Activation Opportunities in Huntington Beach

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon introduced this item by explaining it is an effort to roll out the red carpet for business in Huntington Beach. He added the current focus is Olympic engagement in key areas: coordination with Olympic organizers and media entities; potential to serve as a location for Olympic media coverage, live broadcasts or IOC-led programming to expand Olympic regional footprint; use of local facilities for training or practice; hosting or supporting international delegation activities; and planning Olympic themed community events.

Council Woman Van Der Mark and Councilman Gruel expressed their desire to have a plan in place that can streamline the process and encourage local businesses to actively engage in opportunities to bring Olympic business and visitors to Huntington Beach. The expectation is that a system and procedure will be in place that can also be utilized for on-going opportunities.

Mayor Burns thanked Former Councilmember and local business owner Erik Peterson for making the call that really started the ball rolling for this effort.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to direct the City Manager to implement a plan (as described above), in coordination with appropriate City departments and Visit Huntington Beach, to explore opportunities for the City of Huntington Beach to engage in Olympic-related programming, partnerships, and activation efforts leading up to and during the 2028 Summer Olympic Games. The Plan should include development of a policy to streamline the process for Olympic related activities such as use of local public or private facilities for training or practice; beach events; cultural activations and public exhibitions; and Olympic media coverage and community engagement sites.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

29. 25-652 Approved Item Submitted by Council Woman Van Der Mark, Councilman Kennedy, and Councilman Gruel — Sand Replenishment

Council Woman Van Der Mark introduced this item by explaining the beach is one of the City's biggest assets and everything possible should be done to protect the beaches. The intent is to ask staff for a Study Session to review the history of sand replenishment and review continuous permitting and funding options.

Councilmen Kennedy and Gruel expressed their pride in supporting this important effort to ensure Huntington Beach beaches are properly maintained to preserve the coast, recreation, tourism and ecology.

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Gruel to direct the City Manager to provide a presentation on sand replenishment at an upcoming Study Session. The presentation should include how the City can advocate at the local, state, and federal levels for support of continuous permitting and funding cycles while collaborating with local coastal agencies.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS

Councilman Williams asked that the City Clerk [City Manager] place an agenda item for the next City Council meeting, September 2, 2025, to consider directing the allocation of approximately \$1M in projected revenue from Resolution No. 2025-53 to the Fire and Police Departments for public safety enhancements.

ADJOURNMENT — at 8:39 PM, a motion was made by Council Woman Van Der Mark, with a second by Burns, to adjourn in memory of Fountain Valley Fire Chief Bill McQuaid, to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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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