

## Minutes

### City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, November 21, 2023  
4:00 PM — Council Chambers  
6:00 PM — Council Chambers  
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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#### 4:00 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CALLED TO ORDER — 4:00 PM**

#### ROLL CALL

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS — None**

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

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

Closed Session #3 — Three (3) email communications.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS — None**

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Strickland announced Closed Session #1: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code Section 54957.6). Agency designated representatives: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager and Melanie Chaney, Chief Negotiator; also in attendance: Jose Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager; Theresa St Peter, Interim Director of Human Resources; Travis Hopkins, Assistant City Manager; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney; Scott Haberle, Fire Chief and Sunny Han, Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Fire Management Association (FMA).

Mayor Strickland announced Closed Session #2: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code Section 54957.6). Agency designated representatives: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager and Melanie Chaney, Chief Negotiator; also in attendance: Jose Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager;

Theresa St Peter, Interim Director of Human Resources; Travis Hopkins, Assistant City Manager; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney; Scott Haberle, Fire Chief and Sunny Han, Chief Financial Officer.  
Employee Organization: The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA).

**RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 4:02 PM**

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. **23-1012 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager and Melanie Chaney, Chief Negotiator; also in attendance: Theresa St Peter, Interim Director of Human Resources; Travis Hopkins, Assistant City Manager; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney; Scott Haberle, Fire Chief and Sunny Han, Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Fire Management Association (FMA).**
2. **23-1013 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager and Melanie Chaney, Chief Negotiator; also in attendance: Theresa St Peter, Interim Director of Human Resources; Travis Hopkins, Assistant City Manager; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney; Scott Haberle, Fire Chief and Sunny Han, Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA).**
3. **23-1016 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). City of Huntington Beach v. Newsom, et al.; USDC Case No. 8:23-CV-00421-FWS (ADSx).**

**6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING — 6:01 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by City Attorney Michael Gates**

**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.

4. **23-984 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain James Pike**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY —** City Attorney Gates reported that by a vote of 4–3 (Kalmick, Moser, Bolton – No), the City Council approved/ratified the City Attorney's filing of an appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal; case of City of Huntington Beach v. Newsom, et al.; USDC Case No. 8:23-CV-00421-FWS (ADSx).

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS (Received After Agenda Distribution)**

Consent Calendar: #8 (1 email communication), #9 (1 email communication), #10 (1 Interdepartmental Memo)

Administrative Items: #18 (2 email communications)

Councilmember Items: #19 (1 letter and 5 email communications), #20 (13 email communications)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (3-Minute Time Limit) — 17 Speakers

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

Rocky McKinnon, owner of McKinnon Surf Lessons which includes adaptive lessons, was called to speak. He brought a chair/board with him which is used to allow people with non-operability to surf and stated his continued interest in working with Marine Safety, City Council and various City staff to allow everybody an opportunity to experience the awesome Huntington Beach coastal waves. (00:09:14)

Ken Inouye, a 50-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and provided his perspective on the financial health of Huntington Beach specifically related to Unfunded Liabilities and Deferred Maintenance costs and asked that Councilmembers remain aware of those deficits with every decision moving forward. (00:11:56)

Andrew Einhorn, resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated his opposition to all proposed Charter Amendment Measures on the March 5, 2024, ballot. (00:13:45)

Kathy Carrick, 48-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Councilmember Item #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:16:50)

Russell Neal, a Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated his support for the proposed Charter Amendment Measures on the March 5, 2024, ballot. (00:19:32)

Frank Nakabayashi, Sister City Association President, was called to speak and stated his support for Consent Calendar Item #9 to reaffirm Huntington Beach's Sister City Covenant with Anjo, Japan. (00:22:03)

Neal was called to speak and stated his support for Councilmember Items #19 addressing veteran homelessness in our community, and #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:23:45)

Jessamyn Garner, a Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #19 addressing veteran homelessness in our community, and #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:26:55)

Brittany Bas, AMUSE Foundation, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:29:31)

Vivian Pham, a Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:32:36)

Amory Hanson was called to speak and shared his concerns regarding the proposed Senior Housing project at 4952 Warner Avenue and encouraged residents to remain engaged in the process as this project continues to be analyzed. (00:35:26)

Tim Geddes, 40-year Huntington Beach resident and library patron, was called to speak and shared his opinions regarding the misplaced efforts of the current Council Majority to determine what books are available in the City's libraries. (00:37:25)

Cathey Ryder, a Huntington Beach homeowner and voter since 1985, was called to speak and stated support for addressing e-bike safety issues for school children and encouraged greater focus on all e-bike users on the beach path and City streets. She also shared her concerns about Police Chief Parra also serving as Interim City Manager and stated support for Councilmember Items #19 addressing veteran homelessness in our community, and #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:40:20)

Deniece Ibanez Todora was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:42:32)

Pat Goodman was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #19 addressing veteran homelessness in our community, and #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. She also shared her concerns about projected budget deficits in future years and commended the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council for their November 12 Thanksgiving celebration event. (00:45:35)

Synde was called to speak and stated her support for Administrative Public Hearing Item #17 denying the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Administrative Permit No. 22-015 (Legacy Living LLC Sober Living Reasonable Accommodation). She also shared recommendations for additional considerations related to e-bike safety in Huntington Beach for residents and visitors. (00:48:47)

Kanan Durham was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Items #19 addressing veteran homelessness in our community, and #20 regarding the feasibility of Huntington Beach becoming a Certified Autism Destination. (00:51:51)

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS — None**

#### **AB 1234 REPORTING — None**

**OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES** — Council Member Burns disclosed meetings with representatives from the Fire Management Association (FMA) and Huntington Beach Firefighters Association (HBFA).

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **5. 23-935 E-Bike Update**

Interim City Manager Eric Parra introduced Police Lieutenant Thoby Archer who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Huntington Beach Police Department* with slides entitled: *Suggestions from Council; Video for Rental Companies; Revise Municipal Code (2); Engineering (5); School Policies (3); E-Bike Licensure Program; Additional Education Efforts (7); Additional Enforcement Efforts (3); By the Numbers (3); and Questions?*

Councilmember Kalmick thanked staff for their efforts on this developing program and discussed with Lt. Archer how the recent Municipal Code changes allow for officer discretion in addressing each situation.

Councilmember Moser thanked staff for presenting the E-bike Summit and shared her recommendations for more data tracking and analysis moving forward.

Councilmember McKeon thanked staff for such a timely response, noted the positive public feedback he has received and asked Lt. Archer to describe some of the planned next steps.

Councilmember Bolton stated her appreciation for this report and staff's efforts to ensure e-bike safety. She stated her support for the comments of Councilmember Moser regarding more data tracking and analysis as more data becomes available and encouraged focus on putting the data into context.

### **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **6. 23-980 Received and Filed the City Treasurer's September 2023 Quarterly Investment Summary Report**

City Treasurer Alisa Backstrom presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Quarterly Treasurer's Report Quarter Ended: September 30, 2023*, with slides entitled: *Quarterly Treasurer's Report; Investment Portfolio – Summary; Investment Portfolio – Investments by Type; Investment Portfolio – Selected Activity; Investment Portfolio – Earnings; Investment Portfolio – Selected Compliance; and Questions?*

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to receive and file the City Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for September 2023, pursuant to Section 17.0 of the Investment Policy of the City of Huntington Beach.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 7-16)**

#### **City Clerk**

#### **7. 23-996 Approved and Adopted Minutes**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of November 7, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **City Manager**

#### **8. 23-928 Approved the extension of and fee modifications to the Hometown Heroes Banner Program**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to continue to assume the City's management and installation costs to administer the Hometown Heroes Banner Program; continue to charge the wholesale banner fee of \$160 to qualified applicants for the fabrication of new and replacement banners; and give the City Manager authority to make any adjustments to the Program's wholesale banner fee to offset any future increase in fabrication costs in the future; the rate may be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate or up to the full, retail fabrication cost at that time.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **Community and Library Services**

#### **9. 23-1014 Reaffirmed Huntington Beach's Sister City Covenant with Anjo, Japan**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve and authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore to execute a Reaffirmation of the Sister City Covenant with Anjo, Japan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **Police**

#### **10. 23-1015 Approved request for use of additional SLESF funds to fund and finalize purchase of a Police helicopter**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to authorize the use of an additional \$500K in SLESF funds to finalize the purchase of a police helicopter 530F; and appropriate \$500K from the SLESF fund balance to account 98470101.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **Public Works**

#### **11. 23-961 Adopted Resolution No. 2023-56 ordering the Summary Vacation of an easement over a portion of Third Street in the City of Huntington Beach**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to adopt Resolution No. 2023-56, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Ordering the Summary Vacation of an easement over a portion of Third Street in the City of Huntington Beach," (Attachment 1); and instruct the City Clerk to record Resolution No. 2023-56 and the respective, attached exhibits with the Orange County Recorder.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**12. 23-976 Approved and authorized execution of three (3) Professional Services Contracts for On-Call Environmental Engineering Consulting Services with CWE, Inc., Environmental Engineering & Contracting, Inc., and GHD, Inc.**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a \$600,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and CWE, Inc. for On-Call Environmental Engineering Consulting;" and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a \$600,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Environmental Engineering & Consulting, Inc. for On-Call Environmental Engineering Consulting;" and, approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a \$600,000 "Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and GHD, Inc. for On-Call Environmental Engineering Consulting."

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**13. 23-978 Adopted Resolution No. 2023-49 concerning the Measure M2 Expenditure Report for the City of Huntington Beach**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to adopt Resolution No. 2023-49, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Concerning the Measure M2 Expenditure Report for the City of Huntington Beach."

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**14. 23-982 Appropriated \$50,000 from the Storm Water Quality fund balance for the deployment of water quality monitoring buoys (2) to support initial water quality monitoring and scoping for water quality improvement projects in the Huntington Harbour**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to appropriate \$50,000 from the Storm Water Quality Fund (892) fund balance to account 89285201.82500. Sufficient fund balance is available to support this request.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**15. 23-968 Approved and authorized execution of a License Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Beach and Abound Food Care for use of real property for the placement of a solar powered cold food storage unit at the Public Works Corporation Yard, 17371 Gothard Street**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the License Agreement By and Between The City of Huntington Beach and Abound Food Care For Use of Real Property.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**16. 23-1018 Accepted bid and authorized execution of a construction contract with Beador Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,565,300 for the Admiralty Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project, CC-1450; approved the appropriation of \$2,100,000 from the Measure M undesignated fund balance; and authorized 15% in contingency funds**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by Beador Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,565,300; and approve the budget appropriation of \$2,100,000 from the Measure M (213) undesignated fund balance to a new account to be created under Finance Department guidelines; and authorize the Director of Public Works to approve up to a 15% contingency in potential construction change orders; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract with Beador Construction Company, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING**

**17. 23-995 Denied appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Administrative Permit No. 22-015 (Legacy Living LLC Sober Living Reasonable Accommodation) — Continued from November 7, 2023**

Hayden Beckman, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Appeal of Planning Commission's Denial of Administrative Permit No. 22-015* with slides entitled: *Appeal of Planning Commission's Denial of Administrative Permit No. 22-015; Request; Subject Property; Background; Special Use Permit; Reasonable Accommodation; Required Findings; Planning Commission Action; Planning Commission and Staff Recommendation; and Questions?*

Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing.

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

Administrative Public Hearing, #17 — 1 email communication

Speakers — 1



Christopher Brancart, Legal Representative for the Applicant, used a PowerPoint communication to present their opinion that the identified conflict of proposed sober living home being less than 1,000 feet from another sober living home or an alcohol and/or drug state licensed facility, pursuant to HBZSC 230.28 Group Homes: Separation Requirement (b)(1)(n)(i), doesn't exist because the referenced facility at 9422 Castlegate is a state DSS licensed Residential Elderly Care Facility, or described as a "Residential Care Facility" under HBZSC 204.06 Residential Use Classifications.

There being no more public speakers, Mayor Strickland closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Moser invited Senior Planner Beckman to respond to the public speaker. Senior Planner Beckman stated the original recommendation still stands, and the final decision is up to Councilmembers.

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's denial of Administrative Permit No. 22-015 with findings of denial (Attachment No. 1).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

##### **18. 23-1017 Approved Resolution No. 2023-60 and Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement with Eric G. Parra — Interim City Manager/Police Chief**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Kalmick to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Eric G. Parra; and approve Resolution No. 2023-60, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the Non-Associated Employees Pay and Benefits Resolution (Exhibit 1A) Non-Associated Appointed Executive Management Salary Schedule" to create the Interim City Manager/Police Chief classification and salary range.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS**

##### **19. 23-1020 Approved Alternate Motion to Item Submitted by Council Member Moser — Addressing Veteran Homelessness In Our Community**

Councilmember Moser introduced this item by describing the situation which brought this need forward and her intent to evaluate the success and effectiveness of existing projects, determine where bottlenecks exist, and engage with state and federal agencies to maximize resources.

Councilmember Burns shared his opinion that the proposed action is already being addressed by the Homeless Task Force.

Councilmember McKeon invited Police Lieutenant Brian J. Smith and Homeless Service Manager Jessica Kelley to share what is currently being done on behalf of homeless veterans.

Councilmember Moser clarified her intent is not to create any new system, but rather asking that staff provide a report, through a study session in the first quarter of 2024, to describe existing resources and their effectiveness.

Councilmember Bolton thanked Lt. Smith and Ms. Kelley for their brief update, and noted this proposed item is in response to a community member's question and stated her support for planning a study session devoted to communicating details of existing efforts to support homeless veterans.

Councilmember Kalmick stated his support for this item as it is being transparent with the public.

Councilmember McKeon stated his support for a Townhall forum to allow residents to be more involved in the discussion.

A motion was made by Moser, second Bolton to request the City Manager and staff to present the following information at a study session in the first quarter of 2024: \*Schedule and conduct a collaborative study session focused on Veteran homelessness; \*Develop a targeted action plan based on the findings of the study session to address gaps and opportunities related to Veteran homelessness; \*Engage with local, state, and federal agencies to maximize resources and support for this initiative; and \*Regularly review and adjust the strategy to ensure continued progress and effectiveness.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

An alternative motion was made by McKeon, second Strickland to schedule and conduct a collaborative **Mayor's Town Hall meeting** to address community questions related to veteran homelessness.

The alternate motion carried by the following vote:

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

**20. 23-1021 Denied Item Submitted by Council Member Moser — Exploring the Feasibility of Becoming a Certified Autism Destination in Huntington Beach**

Councilmember Moser introduced this item by describing the success of the MOBImat project which ended up enabling many community members to access the water and shared her expectation for the success of this proposed item to create a better quality of life for everyone. Councilmember Moser also stated she believes this is one way to increase potential tourism dollars coming into the City, as well as an opportunity to educate, train and communicate to the public that Huntington Beach is welcoming to all.

Councilmember Moser and Community and Library Services Director Ashley Wysocki discussed the recently implemented Alternative and Adaptive Communication board at Eader Park which shows the icons depicting park amenities with descriptions in both English and Spanish. Director Wysocki noted staff as well as VisitHB are already focused on options to become more inclusive through shifts in current programs.

Director Wysocki reviewed some of the considerations from area cities to make their communities more easily accessible for all levels of ability. She noted that Huntington Beach does not currently have a

therapeutic recreation certified professional on staff but there is an opportunity to develop collaborative efforts with community members and organizations that are qualified to help determine best practices.

Councilmember Moser noted this effort would involve minimal cost to review options and look at what other communities have done to accommodate people on the autistic spectrum or are neurodivergent. She sees this item as an opportunity to demonstrate Huntington Beach acknowledges and accepts differences and creates spaces where all individuals can thrive while supporting the Strategic Goals of public safety and economic development.

Councilmember Burns acknowledged that on the surface this is a very worthwhile concept, but in studying the supporting documentation memo included with the proposal, it becomes obvious that in nearly every case of autism the symptoms present differently, and he asked how it would even be possible to meet all of the various needs. He further stated that implementing any proposed Certified Autism Destination project would be well beyond the financial capability of the City, especially when looking at existing deferred maintenance costs.

Councilmember McKeon stated this is a noble idea, however it is a problem that the private sector can and does address. He suggested the role of local government might be to highlight the private sector and charitable foundations focused on autism.

Councilmember Bolton stated her support for a better understanding of things the City could do, within the budget and scope of responsibilities, to become more accommodating for people with autism.

Councilmember Kalmick shared his support for fully understanding what it would take to become a Certified Autism Destination to help neurodivergent people and noted that many of the examples provided for proposed changes actually benefit everyone in the community. He added that just being aware of options so they can possibly be incorporated into future projects at minimal or no additional cost would be beneficial.

Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark noted and applauded the projects that have been implemented for inclusion of those with special needs, as well as acknowledged the on-going efforts of staff to consider additional options. She stated she is not certain this item is the best way to move forward at this time.

Councilmember Moser clarified this item is intended to help determine specific plans and costs to becoming a Certified Autism Destination so an informed decision on whether to proceed is based on facts. She expressed her hope that Huntington Beach Councilmembers will step up and demonstrate to the community they can work together and provide leadership to determine what the community could possibly do to become more inclusive.

A motion was made by Moser, second Kalmick to request the City Manager and staff to present the following information at a City Council meeting by the second quarter of 2024: \*Conduct a thorough review of the feasibility and requirements for Huntington Beach to become a Certified Autism Destination; \*Engage with experts and stakeholders, including representatives from the disabled community, to gather insights and recommendations for this initiative; \*Develop a plan outlining the steps, resources, costs, and timeline required to achieve the certification, ~~ensuring~~ **considering** alignment with the guidelines provided in the APA's Autism Planning and Design Guidelines 1.0, **as amended**.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Moser, and Bolton  
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Van Der Mark, Strickland, McKeon, and Burns

**ADJOURNMENT** — at 8:42 PM a motion was made by McKeon and seconded by Burns to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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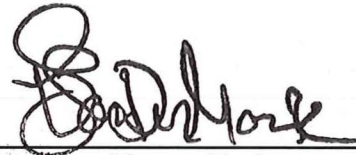
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City Clerk-Secretary



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Mayor-Chair