



## **HARBOUR COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
Community Service Conference Room  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

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

### **COUNCIL LIAISON**

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

### **STAFF**

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief  
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Larkin.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: McCoy, Justen, Merid, West

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one public comment, provided by Len Bose. He referenced a recent interview with

Commissioner Schauppner in the *Harbour Lights* magazine and stated that he looks to working with Harbour Commissioners on future articles. He also said that Duffy Boats would like to again sponsor an entry in the Independence Day Parade. Finally, Mr. Bose said that he would like to work with Commissioners to promote a trash pickup day.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2023

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vu, seconded by Wood, to approve the October 26, 2023 meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood  
NOES: None

### SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Report on Huntington Harbour Water Quality Improvement Projects

Merid provided a report and *PowerPoint* presentation on water quality improvement projects in Huntington Harbour. The Harbour Commission received and filed the report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner provided a report for the Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee. The Harbour Commission received and filed the report.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Nielsen provided a report for the Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee. The Harbour Commission received and filed the report.

3. *Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

Vu provided a report for the Policy Ad Hoc Committee. The Harbour Commission received and filed the report.

4. *Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner provided a report for the Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee. The Harbour Commission received and filed the report.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Vu, to request an item on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee agenda to consider legislative options available for redirecting revenue generated in Huntington Harbour, which currently goes to the State, to the City for improvement of public safety, public access and water quality in the Harbour.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Nielsen, to extend the term of all four Ad Hoc Committees for six (6) months through June 30, 2024.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee – Reestablishment with New Assignment*

This item was continued until the January 25, 2024 meeting.

2. *Consideration of Refuse Diversion Device for Huntington Harbour*

Schauppner said that this item is premature for consideration of action at this time.

## STAFF COMMENTS

McCoy said that there is a City Grant Engagement Team and asked if one of the Commissioners would like to serve on this Commission.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Milligan, for Vu to represent the Harbour Commission on the Grant Engagement Team.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

Justen thanked Commissioners for their cooperation in completing the paperwork for beach parking passes with short notice. He also referenced the next edition of the City Manager's newsletter, which will include an article on the Huntington Harbour boat parade.

## MEMBER COMMENTS

Wood thanked Len Bose for his *Harbour Lights* article on the Harbour. Nielsen said he is looking forward to a field trip, sometime in early 2024, to see the trash diversion device in Newport Harbor. VanVoorhis mentioned the city-wide infrastructure committee, of which he is a member. Schauppner said it would be good to have the Harbour Commission meeting at a location in the Harbour area twice a year. It could be publicized and would provide an opportunity to hear from area constituents. Other Commissioners agreed with these comments and suggested that one meeting in the spring and one in the fall would be good.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** A motion was made by VanVoorhis, seconded by Schauppner, at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn to the January 25, 2024 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

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