

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
4:00 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Central Library, Lower-Level Theater
7111 Talbert Avenue
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>

4:00 PM — CENTRAL LIBRARY, LOWER-LEVEL THEATER

CALLED TO ORDER — 4:01 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 (3-Minute Time Limit) — None

City Attorney Mike Vigliotta read titles for Closed Session Item #1 25-250 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT); Item #2 25-251 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Management Employees' Organization (MEO); Item #3 25-252 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA); and Item #4 25-253 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Surf City Lifeguard Employees' Association (SCLEA).

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

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 4:03 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. 25-250 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: Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT).
2. 25-251 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: Management Employees' Organization (MEO).

3. 25-252 **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).
4. 25-253 **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).
5. 25-258 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4).):** Number of matters: One (1).
6. 25-246 **THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Gov. Code section 54957(a).)** Consultation with Chief of Police, Huntington Beach Police Department.

6:00 PM — CENTRAL LIBRARY, LOWER—LEVEL THEATER

RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING — 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.

7. 25-257 Huntington Beach Fire and Police Chaplain Roger Wing

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Councilmember Gruel

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY — None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit)

Councilmember Williams announced that in an abundance of caution, in regard to concerns expressed about the financial solvency of Cavalia, the Symphony of Flowers parent company, he supports the City renegotiating the contract to include a performance bond to ensure there is no financial risk to Huntington Beach.

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: *Item #7 (1 email communication); Consent Calendar NEW Item 25-266 (1 email communication); and Item #14 (1 email communication).*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit due to volume of speakers) — 13 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>.

Antoinette Del Peral commented on her belief that Huntington Beach did not acknowledge Veterans Day on November 11, 2024, and her experience regarding a parking ticket she received on that day. Mayor Pro Tem McKeon asked her to complete a blue card. (00:14:30)

Russ Neal commented on City Council Invocations. (00:16:53)

Dean Ryan commented on the incredible Central Library. (00:18:12)

Amory Hanson commented on Councilmember Items #16 regarding a Milestone Payment Policy. (00:20:35)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Consent Calendar New Item (25-266) regarding Civic Center Oil Well Abandonment Funding Request, Councilmember Items #16 regarding a Milestone Payment Policy, and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:21:12)

Christopher Rini commented on financial concerns of Cavalia, the Symphony of Flowers parent company, and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:23:13)

Bryan Schauer, a business owner and resident, commented on the conflicting and frustrating processes he has dealt with over the last year regarding Huntington Beach parking citations. (00:24:29)

Charlie Jackson commented on the fact there is no plaque at Carr Park to honor hero Chris Carr and suggested this City Council remedy that situation. Mayor Burns responded a plaque is included in Carr Park remediation plans. (00:26:44)

Tim Geddes commented on the reduced time for public speakers, and various recent Councilmember actions. (00:27:50)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the importance of safeguarding America's freedoms and values. (00:30:03)

Larry Slonim, speaking on behalf of Larry McGlaughlin, commented on City oil well ownership and asked Councilmembers to do their due diligence before approving any funding. (00:32:10)

Ken Inouye commented on the lack of funds for proper infrastructure maintenance and adequate public safety. (00:33:33)

Adrian Maldonado commented on the need to make Huntington Beach more walkable. (00:34:49)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burns announced his appointment of Councilmember Gruel to the Historic Resources Board, Personnel Commission, Huntington Beach Council on Aging, Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee; Councilmember Twining appointed to Intergovernmental Relations

Committee and Association of California Cities – Orange County; Mayor Pro Tem McKeon appointed to Downtown and Beachfront Ad Hoc Committee; and Councilmember Williams to Specific Events.

Councilmember Kennedy announced his appointment of Ann Palmer to the Planning Commission; Councilmember Gruel appointed Ryan Bloom to the Planning Commission, Tisha Hussein to the Community and Library Services Commission, David Ciceron to the Finance Commission; and Councilmember Williams appointed Pano Frousiakis to the CIAB/Public Works Commission.

AB 1234 REPORTING

Councilmember Twining reported attending the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) 2025 Annual Conference.

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES

Mayor Burns and Councilmembers Kennedy and Williams reported meeting with Huntington Beach Municipal Teamster (HBMT) representatives.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Travis Hopkins pulled Consent Calendar Item NEW (25-266) from consideration at this meeting to be brought back at a future meeting.

8. 25-168 Department Services and Budget Overview

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon announced that many people are suggesting that every department be cut by ten percent (10%) and he noted that could be one option, however, in order to be transparent with the community and report at the granular level, Council is asking for budget presentations by every Department Head. This allows for full disclosure on the services provided and presentation of department-by-department budget considerations and pursuit of revenue generating opportunities.

City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Chau Vu, Public Works Director, who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Public Works Department*, with slides entitled, *Public Works Department Budget*, *Public Works General Fund Budget*, *Public Works Revenue All Funds Total* -\$112,824,269, *Organization Chart*, *Public Works Department Divisions & Services*, *Operations & Performance Data – FY 24/25 (2)*, and *Questions?*

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Director Chau discussed options to reduce expenditures such as shifting back some street repaving, consideration of out-sourcing selected services, tightening up expenses on contracts, and evaluating the General Fund percentage which is evaluated by the Finance Department on a five-year rolling average. Director Chau noted that Public Works currently receives \$9M in grants and an additional \$4M is coming in.

Councilmember Kennedy & Director Chau discussed additional details related to Public Works consolidating departments and how that affected the total head count, incremental budget increases over the last five years, using a mix of internal staff and outside consultants for grant writing, and reviewed the process for contracts which includes review by the City Attorney's Office.

City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Ashley Wysocki, Director of Community & Library Services, who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Community & Library Services Department*, with slides

entitled: *Community & Library Services Department Budget, Organizational Chart, Divisions & Services (2), Operations & Performance Data, Future Operation Considerations, and Questions?*

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Director Wysocki discussed the fact that Community and Library Services has the potential for the greatest revenue generation as well as greatest reduction in expenses and reviewed some of the "One Stop Shop" processes being considered to maximize use of City resources, as well as incorporating access to local business and hotel resources. There was discussion on the technology upgrades at Central Library which makes it feasible to host more events. Plans are also in the works to expand the use of Dog Beach and other City Beach areas to potentially increase revenues. Further discussion covered potential changes to reduce expenses in the Community and Library Services department.

Councilmember Kennedy and Director Wysocki discussed the cost of the annual beach parking permit and whether to consider "seasonal" permits at a lower cost; developing a "fellowship" program to assist with summer camp expenses; and increasing summer youth activity options.

Councilmember Twining and Director Wysocki noted grant applications are completed by very capable staff as there is no dedicated grant writer position.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 9 - 14)

City Clerk

9. 25-173 Approved and Adopted Minutes

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2025.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Community Development

10. 25-225 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-19 declaring weeds and rubbish a public nuisance and scheduled a Public Hearing on May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to hear protests and objections to the abatement

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to adopt Resolution No. 2025-19, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Finding and Declaring That Certain Weeds Growing in the City, and Rubbish and Refuse Deposited on Public Ways and Private Property are a Public Nuisance; and Fixing the Time for Hearing Protests and Objections to the Abatement Thereof."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Police

11. 25-161 Approved and Accepted the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Violence Against Women Act, Law Enforcement Specialized Units Grant (LE24026601) and approved a three-year contract with Waymakers for management of the Victim and Witness Assistance Services Program

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to accept the Law Enforcement Specialized Units grant between the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the City of Huntington Beach in the amount of \$203,142; assign authority to the Chief of Police as the official to execute and sign for the award and to approve appropriations, amendments, and extensions; approve the appropriation and expenditure of \$270,856 of which \$203,142 is to be fully reimbursed by the grant from Cal OES. The remaining \$67,714 will be funded from appropriations in the Police Department's budget; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Waymakers for Victim and Witness Assistance Services Program in the amount of \$116,031.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

12. 25-162 Approved corrected contract for street sweeping enforcement with Universal Protection Services, LP, DBA Allied Universal Security Services

Councilmember Kennedy noted a typo in Year 3 between the written and numeral amounts (\$480,208 vs \$438,208).

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the "Service Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and Universal Protection Services, LP OBA Allied Universal Security for Street Sweeping Enforcement Services" in an amount not to exceed \$1,392,752.79 over a three-year term, **as corrected**.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Works

13. 25-218 Approved and authorized execution of a Reinstatement and Third Amendment to Site Access Agreement Between the City and Chevron Environmental Management Company to conduct environmental work at APN: 159-031-16.

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Reinstatement and Third Amendment to Site Access Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Chevron Environmental Management Company (EMC).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW #25-266 PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION to be brought back on a later date. Civic Center Oil Well Abandonment Funding Request

City Treasurer

14. 25-207 Approved and authorized execution of a contract with Data Ticket, Inc., for the provision of Parking and Administrative Citation processing and Parking Permit Services

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Service Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and Data Ticket, Inc. For Citation Processing and Parking Permit Solution Services" in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 for a 3-year term with two additional one-year extensions; and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents in furtherance of this Agreement.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARING

15. 25-242 Approved Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001 (Smoke/Tobacco Shop Regulations) by approving for the introduction of Ordinance Nos. 4331, 4332, 4333, and 4334 (continued open from the March 18, 2025, City Council Meeting)

Mayor Burns announced this Public Hearing was continued open from March 18, 2025, and Councilmembers had no ex parte communications to report.

Joanna Cortez, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint communication titled *ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 25-001*, with slides entitled: *REQUEST, PURPOSE & BACKGROUND, SMOKE/TOBACCO SHOPS (3), RECOMMENDATION, and Questions?*

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated this effort is to address resident concerns about the proliferation of tobacco shops especially near Edison High School, increasing the footage to 700 feet (from 500 feet, parcel line to parcel line) as the distance required between smoke shops, and clarified this does not affect grocery or pharmacy stores which may sell tobacco products.

City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes announced individuals signed up to speak.

Public Hearing — 1 Speaker

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Amory Hanson stated his support for Item 15 to approve Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001 regarding Smoke/Tobacco Shop regulations as it will reduce accessibility for the younger audience and might help deter another generation of smokers in Huntington Beach. (01:34:27)

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

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to find Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001 exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 4501, Class 20, which supplements the California Environmental Quality Act because the request is a minor amendment to the zoning ordinance that does not change the development standards intensity or density; and, approve Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001 with findings (Attachment No. 1) and, after City Clerk reads by title, approve for introduction:

1. Ordinance No. 4331, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 204 Use Classifications of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001)"; (Attachment No. 2)
2. Ordinance No. 4334, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 211 C Commercial Districts of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001)"; (Attachment No. 3)
3. Ordinance No. 4333, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 212 I Industrial Districts of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001)"; (Attachment No. 4)
4. Ordinance No. 4332, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending Chapter 230 Site Standards of the Huntington Beach Zoning Code and Subdivision Ordinance (Zoning Text Amendment No. 25-001)"; (Attachment No. 5)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

16. 25-248 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Mayor Burns — Contracts – Milestone Payment Policy

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon introduced this item and described Council's efforts to actively include the private sector in City projects. He noted that outside of Public Works there are currently protocol gaps for some contracts. This Councilmember Item will ensure a consistent milestone policy to define payments at pre-defined stages of project completion after approval as specified in the project agreement/contract. This will also assist the City's cashflow.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Burns to direct staff to create a milestone payment policy.

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 — None

ADJOURNMENT — At 7:35 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, April 15, 2025, at Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, California 92648.

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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