

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority Regular Meeting and Special Meetings of the Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
4:30 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A video recording of the 4:30 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>

4:30 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALLED TO ORDER — 4:30 PM

ROLL CALL

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

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (3-Minute Time Limit)

Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon, Councilmembers Kennedy, Strickland, Twining, Van Der Mark, and Williams acknowledged the Chargers Edison High School Football Team for winning the state championship. They each also wished everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-Minute Time Limit) — None

Mayor Burns read titles for Closed Session Item #1 24-871 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT); Item #2 24-872 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Management Employees' Organization (MEO); Item #3 24-873 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA); and Item #7 24-894 regarding Public Employee Appointment: City Manager.

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

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 4:35 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. 24-871 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, Acting City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources; Michael E. Gates, City

**Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization:
Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT).**

2. **24-872 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, Acting City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Management Employees' Organization (MEO).**
3. **24-873 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representatives: Travis Hopkins, Acting City Manager; also in attendance: Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources; Michael E. Gates, City Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA).**
4. **24-874 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Gallier (Michael) v. City of Huntington Beach and Jeff Otto II Gance; OCSC Case No.: 30-2023-01359146-CU-PO-CJC.**
5. **24-875 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. **24-876 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4).): Two (2).**
7. **24-894 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: City Manager.**

6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING AND
CALLED TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, PARKING AUTHORITY
AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY — 6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Councilmember Kennedy

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.

8. 24-784 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain James Pike

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY — None

Councilmember Strickland announced that Consent Calendar Item #15, regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment, had been withdrawn from consideration to address some outstanding issues.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS (Received After Agenda Distribution)

Pursuant to the Brown “Open Meetings” Act, City Clerk Lisa 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 Items #14 (1 email communication), #15 (99 email communications), #22 (1 email communication); Councilmember Items #24 (1 email communication), and #25 (1 email communication).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2-Minute Time Limit due to volume of speakers) — 28 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>.

Barbara Richardson, 51-year resident, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:11:56)

Diane Bentley, 23-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:13:38)

Andrew Einhorn, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated the newly elected Councilmembers have a mandate to fix Huntington Beach by ensuring financial stability, repair of crumbling roads and protecting Huntington Beach libraries. Mr. Einhorn also stated his opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:14:52)

Ken Inouye, a 50-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and repeated his request that the City Councilmembers prepare and present a financial plan for the City because he believes that Huntington Beach is facing a severe financial crisis. He described examples to document his specific concerns, and asked Mayor Burns to take proactive actions now to address these financial issues. (00:16:54)

David Rynerson, 27-year resident, was called to speak and stated his concern regarding the lack of proper and appropriate Councilmember transparency for Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. He also stated concerns related to the recently filed Petition to Review the Citizens Book Review Ordinance, and noted repeated requests for status confirmation from the City Clerk have gone unanswered. (00:18:56)

Steve Parsons, Huntington Harbour Yacht Club Commodore, was called to speak and stated his support for Consent Calendar Item #22 regarding adopting Resolution No. 2024-09 authorizing an application for grant funds from the California Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterway Boat Launch Facilities. He also congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and City Clerk. (00:20:13)

Amory Hanson was called to speak and stated support for Councilmember Item #24 regarding high density residential development health and safety criteria. (00:22:00)

Pat Goodman was called to speak and asked questions related to Councilmember Item #24 regarding high density residential development health and safety criteria, and Item #25 regarding the review process and information for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. (00:22:51)

Charles Jackson, 23-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and asked Mayor Burns to ensure the children's book, *Everyone Poops* by Taro Gomi, be returned to the Children's Section of the Public Library. He also stated support for Consent Calendar Item #14 to approve and authorize the execution of a site license agreement with Verizon for an existing cell site at Talbert Park. (00:24:58)

Phil Burtis, as a representative of 42 homes in the Olive Park tract, across the street from the Slater Avenue parking lot that leads into Central Park, was called to speak and stated concerns regarding neighborhood parking during special events held throughout the year in Central Park that negatively impact their neighborhood parking spaces. He suggested implementing a resident parking permit system to be used during any big special events in Central Park. (00:26:12)

Susane Arnold was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:27:47)

Adam Wood, representing the Building Industry Association and Building and Shield Legal Defense Foundation, was called to speak and stated opposition to Councilmember Item #24 regarding high density residential development health and safety criteria and some of the claims made by Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Councilmember Van Der Mark. (00:29:39)

Brian Thienes was called to speak and congratulated the recently elected Councilmembers. He stated his support for Councilmember Items #25 regarding a review process and information for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. (00:32:04)

Jonathan Bonwit, 15-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. He stated his support for Councilmember Items #25 regarding a review process and information for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. (00:34:19)

Larry Slonim, 40+-year Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated his opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:36:28)

Tom Dillman, Cabo Del Mar Homeowners Association (HOA) Board Member, also representing the HOAs of Brightwater and Parkside Estates and apartment complexes of Cambridge and Monticello near the Bolsa Chica Project, was called to speak and shared concerns related to plans for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. He stated support for Councilmember Items #24 regarding high density residential development health and safety criteria, and he stated support for Councilmember Items #25 regarding a review process and information for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project to prevent out-of-control development. (00:38:22)

Michael Rogers, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:40:33)

Michele Rogers was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location. (00:42:46)

Christopher Rini, Huntington Beach native, was called to speak and stated opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location due to lack of transparency and proper community input during the evaluation process. (00:43:17)

Ann Palmer was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location because a number of issues have not been thoroughly considered. (00:45:20)

Russell Neal, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and City Clerk and encouraged them in their fight for the citizens of Huntington Beach. (00:47:28)

Justine Makoff, representing the Free Reign Foundation at Huntington Beach Equestrian Center, was called to speak and provided an update on the success of the recent Celebrate the Day of the Horse event. She expressed appreciation for the community's support and looks forward to many more successful events. (00:49:20)

Guest P was called to speak and shared her opinions regarding what she called the inappropriateness of the gift that Former Mayor Van Der Mark recently presented to various colleagues. Mayor Burns asked that she complete a blue card so a one-on-one meeting could be arranged to address her concerns. (00:50:51)

Roger Noor was called to speak and shared his opinions on what he called inappropriate behavior by City Attorney Michael Gates at the most recent City Council meeting when he proceeded to discuss past actions of Former Councilmembers Bolton, Kalmick and Moser after they left the dais. Mr. Noor also shared his perspective of his personal exchanges with City Attorney Michael Gates regarding the towing of his automobile. (00:52:48)

Perry Clitheroe was called to speak and expressed appreciation for seeing an accurate description by Mayor Burns of the City's poor transit quality as expressed in Councilmember Items #24 regarding high density residential development health and safety criteria. (00:55:38)

Tim Geddes was called to speak and shared his Christmas sentiments. Mr. Geddes stated his opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location due to lack of transparency and proper community input during the evaluation process. (00:57:49)

Victor Leipzig, long-time Huntington Beach resident, Former Mayor and Councilmember, and Orange County Audubon Society Member, was called to speak and stated opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location because of concerns for the impact on Central Park wildlife. (00:59:43)

Amanda Herring, resident of Huntington Beach, Irby Park and Shipley Nature Center volunteer, was called to speak and stated her opposition to Withdrawn Consent Calendar Item #15 regarding execution of a License Agreement with Flowers of the Sky Entertainment for the proposed Public Library location because of the negative impact this event would have on native wildlife, lack of transparency and proper community input during the evaluation process. (01:00:48)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Van Der Mark appointed Domic McGee to the Planning Commission and Jignesh Padhiar to the Citizen Participation Advisory Board;

Mayor Burns appointed Brian Thienes to the Planning Commission;

Councilmember Williams appointed Brett Bush to the Planning Commission, Jeanne Paris to the Community and Library Services Commission, and Scott Dowds to the Finance Commission;

Councilmember Twining appointed Ken Babineau to the Planning Commission, Paul Geary to the Finance Commission, Dennis Pappas to the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, and Steve Barnes to the Community and Library Services Commission; and

Councilmember Kennedy appointed Ben Goldberg to the Planning Commission, Stephen Quinn to the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, and David Clifford to the CIAB/Public Works Commission.

AB 1234 REPORTING — None

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES — None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Travis Hopkins congratulated Huntington Beach City Fire Chief Scott Haberle for his service as he announced Chief Haberle's retirement at the end of the year. Chief Haberle has served public safety for 36 years in Southern California during his career. Acting City Manager Hopkins noted Chief Haberle developed a culture of leadership, provided exemplary customer service for the community, ensured operational efficiencies and succession planning during his nearly five years with Huntington Beach.

Mayor Burns presented Fire Chief Haberle with a plaque of recognition for his service. Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Councilmembers Strickland, Kennedy, Twining, Williams and Van Der Mark and City Attorney Michael Gates congratulated and thanked Chief Haberle as they expressed appreciation for his service.

Chief Haberle expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve Huntington Beach and noted the community's strong commitment to public safety. Chief Haberle expressed appreciation for the dedication of fellow Department Heads as well as Fire and Police Department staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items #9 – #22)

City Clerk

9. 24-786 Approved and Adopted Minutes

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2024; and, approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2024.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

10. 24-788 Approved Monthly Update of Activities for Citizen Boards, Commissions, Committees (BCCs) and Regional Agencies — November 2024

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to Receive and File.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

11. 24-836 Approved Mayor Burns' 2025 City Council Liaison List — Citizen Boards, Commissions, Committees

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to, as recommended by the City Council, Public Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency: Approve the 2025 Council Liaison List that includes appointments to citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces as presented by Mayor Burns. (The City Clerk certifies that FPPC Form 806 "Agency Report of Public Official Appointments" which is used to report additional compensation that officials receive when appointing themselves to positions on committees, boards or commissions of a public agency, special district and joint powers agency or authority was posted to the City's website according to law prior to this vote.)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

12. 24-842 Received and filed the Maddy Act Local Appointments List — 2025 (terms on City boards, commissions, and committees that expire in 2025) informing the public of openings and vacancies based on 2025 expiration of current members' terms

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to receive and file the Maddy Act Local Appointments List — 2025 showing vacancies that will occur on City boards, commissions, and committees in the year 2025, and direct the City Clerk to post the list at official posting locations: Civic Center, Huntington Central Library, and Main Street Library. Copies of the Maddy Act Local Appointments List — 2025 will also be posted at all branch libraries and on the City's website.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager

13. 24-870 Approved and authorized the execution of a Software License Agreement with Accela, Inc. for software service migration from On-Premise to Software as a Service (SaaS), supporting the City's Land Management services.

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Software License Agreement with Accela, Inc. for software service migration from On-Premise to Software as a Service (SaaS), supporting the City's Land Management services.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Community Development

14. 24-829 Approved and authorized the execution of a Site License Agreement with Verizon for an Existing Cell Site at Talbert Park.

motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the "Site License Agreement for Installation and Use of a Communications Antenna Facility and Supporting Equipment between the City of Huntington Beach and Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, DBA Verizon."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Community and Library Services

15. 24-643 ~~ITEM WITHDRAWN Approve and authorize the execution of a License Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Flowers of the Sky Entertainment, LLC, for the management and operation of the Symphony of Flowers at Huntington Central Park East located at 18381 Goldenwest Street.~~

Human Resources

16. 24-865 Adopted Resolution No. 2024-62 modifying the pay schedule for part-time, non-permanent, and non-classified employees to comply with the State minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2025

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2024-62, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving the Pay Schedule for Part-Time, Non-Permanent and Non-Classified Employees Effective January 1, 2025," and authorize the City Manager or designee to take all administrative and budgetary actions necessary to implement the revised pay schedule.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

17. 24-840 Adopted Resolution No. 2024-60 setting compensation for the newly elected City Clerk

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2024-60, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Setting the Salary Rate and Assigning Certain Benefits for the Elected City Clerk," (range of Starting, Control or High Point) identified in Exhibit "1B" - Exhibit A of the Non-Associated Executive Management Salary Schedule, effective December 7, 2024.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Works

- 18. 24-790 Approved and accepted the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) grant funding from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Admiralty Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project, CC-1450; and approved appropriation of funds.**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and accept the Highway Bridge Program grant funding for \$1,916,490; and approve appropriation of funds into the Highway Bridge Replacement & Rehab (HBRR) (Account No. 96185001.82800).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 19. 24-833 Approved and accepted the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grants for Complete Streets Project; and approved appropriation of funds**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and accept the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grants for \$8,971,000; and approve appropriation of grant award funding into the OCTA Complete Streets Projects business units: \$203,000 for Banning Roundabout into 129985001 and \$176,000 for Hamilton Avenue into 129985002; 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, Strickland, and Williams
NOES: None

- 20. 24-856 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-2654 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Beach for the I-405 Improvement Project**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute "Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-3-2654 Between Orange County Transportation Authority and City of Huntington Beach for the I-405 Improvement Project."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 21. 24-857 Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorized execution of a construction contract with SAVI Construction Inc. in the amount of \$197,400 for the Residential Zone 2 Curb Ramp Project, CC-1811.**

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by SAVI Construction Inc. in the amount of \$197,400; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract 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, Strickland, and Williams
NOES: None

22. 24-859 Adopted Resolution No. 2024-09 authorizing an application for grant funds from the California Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterway Boat Launch Facilities.

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2024-09, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the California Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterway Boat Launching Facilities".

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

23. 24-866 Adopted Resolution No. 2024-61 accepting and approving the Development Impact Fee (DIF) Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and to make findings as required by Government Code Sections 66006 and 66001

Acting City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who shared a PowerPoint communication titled *FY 2023/24 Development Impact Fee Report* with slides entitled *Development Impact Fees, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024* Development Impact Fee, FY 2023/24 DIF Expenditures, and Recommended Action.*

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to adopt Resolution No. 2024-61, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach to Accept and Approve the Development Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, and to make the findings as required by Government Code Sections 66006(b) and 66001(d)."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

24. 24-893 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Pro Tem McKeon, Mayor Burns, and Council Member Van Der Mark — High Density Residential Development — Health & Safety Criteria

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon introduced this item by stating that housing development projects often forgo necessary amenities that contribute to public health and safety in the design and construction of residential buildings and site planning in order to maximize profits at the expense of public health and safety. Significant adverse health and safety impacts occur as a direct result of development projects that perpetuate overcrowding and do not provide open space areas, access to public parkland, or access to public transit and reliable transportation options.

Residential development projects often construct buildings upwards and outwards on a project site to maximize the quantity of building floor area while minimizing areas of private and common open space and recreational amenities, vegetation and trees, and public parks to accommodate the most profitable project. Inadequate access to open space and recreational parks, coupled with reduced areas of vegetation and trees results in significant adverse impacts to public health, including mental health impacts, poor air quality, and chronic disease.

Reliable, accessible, safe, and healthy public transportation options do not exist in Huntington Beach and residents are forced to rely on commuting by car. Drivers are contributing to increased GHG emissions while simultaneously absorbing the associated negative health and safety impacts. A lack of access to frequent, reliable public transportation results in increased traffic vehicle crashes, increased air pollution and associated respiratory illnesses, and decreased physical activity levels. When housing development projects provide neither a sufficient quantity of onsite automobile parking spaces, ADA compliant parking spaces, or electric vehicle charging stations for residents nor access to high quality public transportation, the residents suffer adverse health and safety impacts.

The recommended action is to ensure that high density residential development does not cause significant and adverse impacts to public health and safety, and staff is directed to develop criteria to ensure these issues are addressed in future high density residential developments.

Councilmember Strickland stated his opposition to high-density development in Huntington Beach and commended his colleagues for bringing this item forward. He added he believes in preserving the suburban coastal Huntington Beach community and noted that is not a lifestyle choice everyone supports.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon replied this effort is not against high-density development but rather an effort to ensure a continued focus on health, safety and quality of life issues for residents going forward.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Burns to ensure that high density residential development does not cause significant and adverse impacts to public health and safety, and staff is directed to develop criteria to ensure these issues are addressed in future high density residential developments.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

25. 24-895 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Burns — Review Process and Information for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project

Mayor Burns introduced this item by sharing his concerns regarding the nature and extent of the information presented at the recent project hearing for the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community project, which was brought before the City Council on October 15, 2024.

He recommended that an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of City Council members, City Staff, and the City Attorney's Office, be formed to review the process and information related to this project, to review the process and information regarding the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. The Ad-Hoc Committee will receive support from Community Development and the City Attorney's Office staff during this review. Mayor Burns added the ultimate purpose is to determine if there is enough evidence and information to revoke or amend the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project Specific Plan approved on October 15, 2024.

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to form a City Council Ad-hoc Committee, consisting of three City Council Members, to review the process and information regarding the Bolsa Chica Senior Care Community Project. The Ad-Hoc Committee will receive support from Community Development and the City Attorney's Office staff during this review.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting of January 7, 2025, has been cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

ADJOURNMENT — at 7:27 PM a motion was made by Strickland, 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, January 21, 2025, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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STAFF REPORT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>

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