



**HARBOUR COMMISSION
MINUTES
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**Thursday, March 27, 2025
Meeting Room B-8
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

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

COUNCIL LIAISONS
PAT BURNS, Councilmember Liaison
GRACEY VAN DER MARK, Councilwoman Liaison

STAFF
ERIC MCCOY, Fire Chief
ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Division Chief
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood

Commissioner Absent: Larkin

City Council Liaison Present: Van Der Mark

Staff Present: Dieterman, Justen, Ortiz

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public comment from Amory Hanson, who wanted to reiterate his support for *Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, 13.44* as is.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Vu to approve the February 27, 2025, meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood

NOES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. *Harbour Commission Review of Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, 13.44*

Schauppner mentioned that a committee is being established to review the changes recommended by the Harbour Commission. Justen reported that it would consist of the Fire Chief, Marine Safety Division Chief, Commissioner Schauppner, a representative of the City Manager's Office and himself. A meeting will be scheduled once the City Manager designates his representative on the committee. Schauppner asked if Code Enforcement would be represented and Justen said that they would be asked to participate on an as needed basis.

2. Permitting and Licensing of Kayak, Duffy and Paddleboard Rental Agencies in Huntington Harbour

Commissioners Schauppner and Nielsen said that they reviewed the Newport Beach model for permitting, which was forwarded to Commission members, and felt that it is a good model that could be used in Huntington Beach. Justen said the materials provided were part of research conducted by Wysocki but this issue will be on hold pending the outcome of a federal lawsuit against the City of Newport Beach by a surf instructor vendor. The fear is that Huntington Beach could also have legal exposure since some of the issues referenced in the lawsuit could be the same. He also reported that Hoang prepared a request for legal services to determine if code enforcement for rental companies in the Harbour should be suspended until the lawsuit is resolved. This request is pending legal review by the City Attorney's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no committee report.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Wood announced that on April 6th, from 1-3 p.m., the Orange County Coast Keepers will be distributing

oyster shells on strings to anyone who would like to hang them from their docks. Over 500 strings will be available and it was pointed out that oysters occupy the shells and filter Harbour water. She also announced an Earth Day event on April 27th, which will be held at a number of locations, and mentioned some of the organizations who will be participating. Williams is putting together a brochure which will highlight the locations for the event and the participating groups.

3. Policy Ad Hoc Committee

There was no committee report.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ortiz said that McCoy apologized that he could not attend the meeting, but he went home sick. Justen said that the updated Harbour Commission cards are now available.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Vu announced the Kawanis easter egg hunt and family fun day on April 19th. He also said that there might be an opportunity to work with Supervisor Nguyen's office to obtain funding for Harbour cleanup. Van Der Mark said she would be willing to assist in any way possible to help with this effort. Schauppner said that Chris Epting will be doing an article on the Harbour and would like to interview Commissioners. He said that anyone interested can email him and he would put them in touch with Mr. Epting. Nielson asked about a recent electrical vehicle fire at the Huntington Harbour Mall. Chief Ortiz provided a detailed explanation of how the Fire Department responds to and manages this type of incident. Millikan announced the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club opening on May 3rd and said that invitations would be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Wood, at 5:33 p.m. to adjourn to the April 24, 2025, meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Williams, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for April 24, 2025, at a time and location to be announced.