

## Minutes

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025  
4:30 PM – Lower Level Theater  
6:00 PM – Lower Level Theater  
Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue  
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 — CENTRAL LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL THEATER

#### CALLED TO ORDER — 4:30 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

*Mayor Burns read titles for Closed Session Item #1 25-445 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA); Item #2 25-446 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Surf City Lifeguard Employees' Association (SCLEA); Item #3 25-447 regarding Conference with Real Property Negotiators Property: regarding price and terms of payment for Surf City Store LLC (not present); and Item #4 25-448 regarding Conference with Real Property Negotiators Property: regarding price and terms of payment with Rex & Larry Gilmore, Eric Johnson & Ryan Gilmore (not present).*

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

#### RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 4:32 PM

#### CLOSED SESSION

1. 25-445 **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).

2. 25-446 **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).
3. 25-447 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** Property: 60 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 City Negotiators: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; Kriss Casanova, Economic Development Manager; Steve Holtz, Deputy Director of Community Development; Jennifer Villaseñor, Director of Community Development. Negotiating parties: Persons to be negotiated with: (Not Present) Surf City Store LLC Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
4. 25-448 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** Property: 10449 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 City Negotiators: Travis Hopkins, City Manager; Kriss Casanova, Economic Development Manager; Steve Holtz, Deputy Director of Community Development; Jennifer Villaseñor, Director of Community Development. Negotiating parties: Persons to be negotiated with: (Not Present) Rex & Larry Gilmore, Eric Johnson & Ryan Gilmore Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
5. 25-457 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION.** (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Alison-Mayne (Cooper), et al. v. City of Huntington Beach; OCSC Case No.: 30-2025-01475070-CU-WM-NJC.

**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.

**6. 25-391 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain Bob Ewing**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** — Led by Councilman Twining

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY** — None

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS** (2-Minute Time Limit)

Mayor Burns reported on the successful Kowabunga Van Klan event at the Pier over the weekend.

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

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barns 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 #8 (1 email communication), #11 (1 email communication), #19 (1 email communication); Council Member Items #24 (1 mail communication), #26 (8 email communications) #27 (1 email communication); and New Item #25-463 (1 email communication).*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (1-Minute Time Limit due to number of Speakers) — 87 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>.*

Mitchell Rierson commented on the signs posted regarding Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:13:15)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the Freedom Bell at Central Library and on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:14:17)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:15:34)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:16:49)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some of the Facebook postings by Mayor Burns. (00:17:56)

Mabel, a Peterson Elementary fourth grade student, commented on trusting professional librarians regarding books available in the Public Library. (00:19:02)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:19:34)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:20:40)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:21:49)

T. J. England commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets. (00:22:34)

Paula Schaefer commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:24:08)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:25:13)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Council Member New Item 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (00:26:12)

Allison Stevens commented on Council Member New Item 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84.  
(00:26:59)

Alisha Stevens commented on Council Member New Item 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84.  
(00:28:16)

Amory Hanson commented on Council Member New Item 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84.  
(00:29:07)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:29:54)

Bill Yarchin commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets. (00:31:06)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Consent Calendar Item #10 regarding Resolution No. 2025-37 designating persons authorized to execute financial transactions in the name of the City of Huntington Beach and Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets. (00:32:14)

Unnamed Speaker commented on AB 942. (00:33:42)

Kristen P. commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:34:37)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:35:53)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:37:05)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:38:20)

Brandi commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:40:36)

Michelle Ferry commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:41:52)

Leanna S. commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:43:01)

Megan C. commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:44:08)

Brett Bush commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:44:54)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:46:03)

Shawn Roseling commented on the City's budget and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:47:13)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:48:14)

Jignesh Padhiar commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:49:13)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Pride Month. (00:50:09)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:51:20)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:52:19)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:53:29)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:54:35)

Mel Raschke commented on Measure B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:55:49)

League of Women Voters Orange County Representative commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:57:07)

Taryn Palumbo commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:58:18)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (00:59:36)

Kane Durham, Pride at the Pier, commented on Pride Month. (01:00:38)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:01:40)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:02:54)

Ambre Ying commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:05:24)

Brian Thienes commented on Councilmember actions in response to society's Woke agenda. (01:06:41)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:07:55)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:09:09)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:10:17)

Dan Jamieson commented on Consent Calendar Item #11 regarding acceptance of Quitclaim Deed from Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc. for former Navy Railroad Right-of-Way. (01:11:21)

Russell Neal commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:12:25)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:13:31)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:14:42)

Bethany Webb commented on Pride Month, gun violence and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:16:00)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:17:16)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Pride Month and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:18:20)

Tim Geddes commented on Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets and Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:19:29)

Karrie Mann commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:20:37)

Chris Rini commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Council Member Items #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets. (01:21:50)

Kathey Haas commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:22:57)

Mark Tonkovich commented on Councilmember Item #26 regarding affirmation for Public Library and Assets. (01:23:51)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and on the City's Budget for FY2025/26. (01:25:08)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:26:21)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Pride Month. (01:27:29)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:28:48)

Unnamed Guest commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:30:10)

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Trustee, commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:32:06)

Unnamed Speaker commented on concerns of adult book club censorship. (01:33:23)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (01:34:40)

Don Anderson commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:35:50)

Myrna Teramura commented on Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (01:36:29)

Gina Garland commented on Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (01:37:29)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (01:38:20)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB 84. (01:39:30)

Unnamed Speaker commented on activities by various individuals regarding Special Election issues. (01:40:41)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:41:57)

Jacqueline Brodt commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:43:11)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:44:29)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the signs posted around town regarding Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:45:38)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the lack of transparency for many Councilmember decisions and asked for open dialogue and an end to the tactics that divide the community. (01:47:00)

Slater commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:48:17)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:49:30)

Valentina Bankhead commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election and Council Member Items New 25-463 regarding opposition to AB84. (01:51:14)

Skywalker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:52:07)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Public Hearing Item #22 regarding the Fiscal Year 2025/26 City Budget. (01:55:32)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Measures A & B on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Special Election. (01:56:42)

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

#### **AB 1234 REPORTING**

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

#### **OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES**

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark reported meeting with representatives of the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA).

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT — None**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 7 - 20)**

Mayor Burns pulled Item #11 and Councilman Kennedy pulled Items #13, #14 and #15 for further discussion.

#### City Clerk

#### **7. 25-438 Approved and Adopted Minutes**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2025.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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



NOES: None

City Manager

**8. 25-395 Approved and authorized the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contracts with Dorado Creative, Inc., Tripepi Smith and Associates, and Marketworks for On-Call Video Production Services**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No. 1 to Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and Dorado Creative, Inc. for On-Call Video Services"; and approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No. 1 to Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and Tripepi Smith and Associates for On-Call Video Services"; and approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No.1 to Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and Marketworks for On-Call Video Services."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

**9. 25-439 Approved position of opposition on legislation pending before the State Legislature**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to oppose Assembly Bill 942 Net energy metering: eligible customer-generators: tariffs.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

City Treasurer

**10. 25-388 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-37 designating the City Treasurer, Deputy City Treasurer, the Treasury Manager, and Finance Manager as persons authorized to execute Financial Transactions in the name of the City of Huntington Beach**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-37, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing the Manual and/or Facsimile Signatures of the City Treasurer, Deputy City Treasurer, the Treasury Manager, and Finance Manager as Persons Authorized to Execute Financial Transactions in the Name of the City of Huntington Beach."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

Community Development

Mayor Burns pulled this item to report a brief history of the process to accept the Quitclaim Deed for this property, and thanked the City Attorney Office staff for their diligence and Mayor Pro Tem McKeon commended the Mayor for initiating this process.

**11. 25-40 Accepted Quitclaim Deed from Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc. for Former Navy Railroad Right-of-Way**

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to accept the Quitclaim Deed from Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc. for property located between Rancho Road and the City boundary east of Springdale Street, formerly used as Navy rail ROW (Attachment No. 1).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Fire

**12. 25-387 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-29 identifying the terms and conditions for Fire Department emergency response away from their official duty station and assigned to an emergency incident**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-29, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Identifying the Terms and Conditions for Fire Department Emergency Response Away from Their Official Duty Station and Assigned to an Emergency Incident."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Human Resources

Councilman Kennedy pulled Items #13, #14 and #15 to comment on the differences between municipality and private sector practices regarding salary increases, and noted his position of opposition on these items is not casting any judgement on the outstanding staff members. He stated that with the financial difficulties Huntington Beach is facing he cannot in good conscience support salary increases.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated that negotiating labor contracts is the hardest function of the City Council and many months were devoted to reaching these compromises which he feels are in line with the proposed budget.

Councilman Twining thanked staff and union stewards for working diligently to keep salary increases within the proposed budget.

**13. 25-433 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-44 Approving and Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Management Employees' Organization (MEO) and the City of Huntington Beach for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-44, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving and Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Management Employees' Organization (MEO) and the City for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027; and authorize the City Manager or designee to take all administrative and budgetary actions necessary for implementation of Resolution No. 2025-44.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**14. 25-435 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-43 Approving and Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT) and the City of Huntington Beach for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-43, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving and Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT) and the City for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027"; and, authorize the City Manager or designee to take all administrative and budgetary actions necessary for implementation of Resolution No. 2025-43.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**15. 25-436 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-41 Modifying Salary and Benefits for Non-Represented Employees (Non-Associated Resolution)**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-41, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Modifying Salary and Benefits for Non-Represented Employees;" and authorize appropriations for all costs related to implementation of Resolution No. 2025-41.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Public Works**

**16. 25-383 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 3 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 Burns, second McKeon to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute "Amendment No. 3 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, Gruel, and Williams  
 NOES: None

**17. 25-389 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-30 concerning the status and update of the Circulation Element, and Mitigation Fee Program for the Measure M2 Program and adopted a 7-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2031/2032 for compliance with renewed Measure M eligibility requirements**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to adopt Resolution No. 2025-30, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Concerning the Status and Update of the Circulation Element, and Mitigation Fee Program for Measure M (M2) Program"; and, adopt the 7-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2031/2032 for compliance with renewed Measure M eligibility requirements.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**18. 25-411 Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorized execution of a construction contract with All American Asphalt in the amount of \$1,684,111.00 for the FY 24/25 Arterial Rehabilitation Project, CC-1771**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by All American Asphalt in the amount of \$1,684,111.00 (Base Bid); 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, Gruel, and Williams  
 NOES: None

**19. 25-413 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with L & G Enterprises for On-Call Maintenance of Marina Trash Skimmers Under the Huntington Harbour Marina Trash Skimmers Trash Removal Project**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No.1 to the Agreement Between the City of Huntington Beach and L & G Enterprises for On-Call Maintenance of Marina Trash Skimmers Under the Huntington Harbour Marina Trash Skimmers Trash Removal Project."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**20. 25-419 Rejected lowest bid for the City-Owned Building (dba. Park Bench Café) Roofing and Siding Improvements, CC-1789; rejected all remaining bids and re-bid the project**

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to reject all bids for the City-Owned Building (dba. Park Bench Café) Roofing and Siding Improvements, CC-1789.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **21. 25-437 Held Public Hearing and Received and Filed Status of City of Huntington Beach Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.3**

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barns 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: *Administrative Public Hearing Item #21 (1 email communication)*.

City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Marissa Sur, Director of Human Resources, who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *AB 2561: Status of City of Huntington Beach Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts*, with slides entitled: *AB2561 Overview, Vacancy Update, Vacancies by Bargaining Unit, Recruitment Efforts (2), Recruitment and Retention, and Questions?*

Mayor Burns opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk Lisa Lane Barns announced no one had signed up to speak for this Public Hearing.

Mayor Burns closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to conduct a public hearing for comment on the City of Huntington Beach Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts; and receive and file this report.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **22. 25-451 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-42 to Adopt a Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and Authorized the Corresponding Appropriation and Transfer of \$3.3 Million of Equipment Replacement Reserves and \$1.5 Million of Section 115 Trust Fund Reserves; Resolution No. 2025-39 Establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/26; Resolution No. 2025-40 Levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/26 to Pay for Pre-1978 Employee Retirement Benefits; Resolution No. 2025-46 Adopting an Updated Master Fee and Charges Schedule; and Resolution No. 2025-36 Acknowledging Receipt of Report made by the Fire Chief of the Huntington Beach Fire Department Regarding the Inspection of Certain**

**Occupancies Required to Perform Annual Inspections in such Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code; Authorize the Professional Services included in the FY 2025/26 budget to be representative of the services projected to be utilized by departments in FY 2025/26; Authorized the City Manager or Designee to Purchase One Rosenbauer Commander Pumper Fire Engine, in the Amount of \$1,500,000; and Introduced Ordinance No. 4337 to Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 2.114 Department of Information Services**

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Lisa Lane Barns 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: Public Hearing *Item #22 (3 email communications; staff memorandum with revision to Resolution No. 2025-42; and staff memorandum with revised PowerPoint communication)*.

City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Robert Torrez, Interim Chief Financial Officer, who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *City of Huntington Beach FY 2025/26 Budget Adoption*, with slides entitled: *Presentation Overview, Proposed FY 2025/26 All Funds Budget Review, FY 2025/26 All Funds Proposed Budget Review \$554.9M, FY 2025/26 All Funds Proposed Revenues - \$529.6M, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Budget Review, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Budget Review, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Revenues - \$300.1M, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Revenues - \$300.1M, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.0M, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.0M Historical By Department, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.0M, Proposed FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.0M, FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy, FY 2025/26 FTEs by Department, FY 2025/26 Full-Time Equivalent – All Funds, FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy, FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy, General Fund Reserves, FY 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), FY 2025/26 CIP BUDGET, 2025/26 PROJECT SUMMARY, Revised Master Fee and Charges Schedule and Proposed Revenue Adjustments, Master Fee and Charges Schedule Adjustments, Master Fee and Charges Schedule Adjustments (con't), Community and Library Services Fees, Community and Library Services Fees (con't), Community and Library Services Fees (con't), Fire Department Fee – AB38 Defensible Space Inspections, Requested Revisions to the Proposed Budget, Requested Expenditure Appropriation Revisions, Requested Fire Department Revisions, REQUESTED FY 2025/26 FTEs – All Funds, Requested Revenue Appropriation Revisions, FY 2025/26 Budget Approval and Related Actions Requested, City Council Approval Requested, and Questions?*

Councilman Kennedy confirmed with staff that User Fees were last increased in 2024.

Mayor Burns opened the Public Hearing.

Public Speakers (3-Minute Time Limit) — 5 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>.*

Ken Inouye was called to speak and stated regardless of the adjustments made, this is a deficit budget which does not include infrastructure costs which will be charged to the General Fund. Referencing Resolution No. 2025-40 levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/26, Mr. Inouye stated his disappointment that there has not been transparency by defining how much this will cost each

Huntington Beach homeowner, and added his opinion that this proposed budget does not change the fact that Huntington Beach is in a financial crisis. (02:43:30)

Pat Goodman was called to speak and made observations regarding Operation Reductions, noting there was no public discussion during any of the Budget Townhalls on either My OC Be Well or SB2 Funding. She added that in her opinion it is not appropriate to use Reserve funds for operational expenses, and stated her concern about transferring Section 115 Trust funds to the UAL, as her understanding is that Section 115 Trust funds are to be used only for employee benefits. She asked why the extreme increase for General Insurance Liability cost compared to last year. (02:45:13)

Cathey Ryder was called to speak and noted this year's budget process is much better than what happened in 2023. She shared her concerns about using Reserve funds to cover the projected deficit which is not sustainable; not filling staff positions is being short-sighted; continuing to increase fees for parking and City services makes it hard to attract new businesses; how the \$1.5M reduction from the Be Well program will impact mental health services; and requested more transparency and good governance regarding the deficit. (02:48:22)

Unnamed Speaker expressed appreciation for the detailed staff report, and shared ideas on how things can be straightened out: cap the amount that Visit HB receives, rather than pay them a percentage of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues; if the City is kept clean, safe and street potholes are fixed, visitors will come; focus on attracting high-tech companies; and eliminate politically charged initiatives. (02:49:53)

Bethany Webb was called to speak and stated her opinion that the glaring thing not being addressed is loss in revenues. (02:53:04)

There being no more speakers, Mayor Burns closed this Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon expressed appreciation for the efforts of City Manager Travis Hopkins, each Department Director and many staff members for the multiple hours of time spent on this project. He noted that this budget is the result of decisions made through the years by many different City Councils, and added that a one-year budget cannot address all infrastructure needs but rather looks at a prioritized list. He clarified that the City gets the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds, not Visit HB.

In response to the comment that revenues are down in this budget due to Council actions, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon stated that based on market conditions, sales tax is projected to be down by about \$700,000. He noted that no other Council held as many Townhalls or Study Sessions as were held for the FY 2025/26 Budget. He recapped that on-going operating expenses were reduced by \$2.9M; elimination of six positions; increased vacancy attrition by \$1M; strategic and prudent use of Reserve funds; using 115 Trust funds to pay down unfunded liabilities; using \$3.3M from Equipment Replacement Reserve funds to replace equipment; and each Department Head had the opportunity to publicly document their opportunities to reduce costs and increase revenue. He noted that these exercises will be on-going for the next five years until relief comes when much needed equipment and custodial expenses expire in 2030 and 2033 which will reduce annual expenses by \$4.5M.

Councilman Kennedy reiterated that CalPERS cost is a variant that is completely out of the City's control. He noted the real estate assets owned by the City will be better managed with improved systems and renegotiated leases to ensure market rates are secured. He stated there will be an ongoing effort to manage the hiring process, and commended the Fire Department for not only cutting costs but also increasing revenue. He added everyone should appreciate the Pacific Air Show which is revenue

positive for the City as well as for the restaurants and hotels through increased sales tax and Transient Occupancy Tax.

Councilman Gruel noted that Huntington Beach has one of the lowest sales tax rates in Southern California and shared from the sales tax perspective that Councilmembers could take a shortcut and just increase taxes. He commented that Olympic Surfing was moved from Huntington Beach because of the lack of proper waves. As a latecomer to this process, he expressed appreciation for everyone's effort to reach this point.

City Manager Travis Hopkins addressed the question regarding Resolution No. 2025-40 levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/26 to pay for Pre-1979 Employee Retirement Benefits and explained the Retirement Property Tax is not a new tax but has been in place since 1978 and the amount has not changed since 2012.

Mayor Burns reviewed his awareness of seeing the budget quickly move into deficit positions in the early 2020's and efforts he took as a new Councilman to bring attention to the matter. He added that Council is doing their best to keep the budget out of a deficit.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon noted the changes implemented through the Streamline HB program which resulted in a 23 percent increase in Certificates of Occupancy in one year.

Councilman Williams and Mayor Pro Tem McKeon discussed the proposed amendment to Recommended Action A1 in more detail. Councilman Williams shared his opinion that the Fire Department ask was for two positions because that is what is needed for proper safety. Mayor Pro Tem McKeon explained that the second position is for Special Events which he believes is not as critical. He noted the issue of adding the second position will be addressed later this year after Fire Chief McCoy has had time to work on some increased revenue opportunities.

Councilman Kennedy expressed his support for Councilman Williams comments on the issue of whether to immediately approve two new positions for the Fire Department because the need outweighs the impact that would have on the deficit.

Councilman Twining stated his support for approving two new positions for the Fire Department, and believes the fiscally responsible approach is to approve one position at this time while allowing a bit more time to secure solid additional revenue before approving the second position.

After the motion was made to amend Exhibit A1, Councilman Kennedy asked what level of commitment is being provided for funding the second Fire Department position before the end of the year. Mayor Burns responded that Council will put forth their best efforts to be successful in finding additional funds, but there can be no guarantee.

Councilman Williams noted there is a surplus in the budget just approved, and invited Fire Chief McCoy to the podium to further describe the need.

Fire Chief McCoy stated the need exists, whether the position can be fulfilled in FY 2025/26 or has to wait, and the Fire Department will support the Council's decision. He clarified the history by explaining that in 2013 the Fire Department had three Administrative Captains, in 2014 there were two, and in 2015 there was one. Currently there is one Administrative Captain who is responsible for all suppression training, including entry level academy, ambulance operator academy, in-service suppression and EMS training for the entire Fire Department. Previously, when there were multiple Administrative Captains,



one Administrative Captain managed the ambulance operator program with four ambulances. Currently there are eight ambulances and a total of approximately 70 employees.

Fire Chief McCoy explained the second Administrative Captain request would be in charge of logistics for special events and would also serve in the public information (PIO) role, as well as suppression supplies, PPE tracking and inventory.

Councilman Williams reiterated his position that public safety is a top priority, the money is in the budget and two positions should be approved for the Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon responded that the cost for a position is not a one-time cost situation, but is an on-going expense which will impact future budgets. Mayor Pro Tem McKeon confirmed with Fire Chief McCoy that the Fire Department's greatest need is addressed in the amended motion.

Councilman Gruel confirmed with Fire Chief McCoy that approving two positions at this time would not reduce Fire Department overtime hours.

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to authorize the Professional Services included in the FY 2025/26 budget to be representative of the services projected to be utilized by departments in FY 2025/26 (Attachment 3); and, authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$3,300,000 from the General Fund Equipment Replacement Reserve to the Equipment Replacement Fund 324; and authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$1,465,716 from the Section 115 Trust Fund 716 to the General Fund; and, adopt Resolution No. 2025-39, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/2026" (Attachment 4); and, adopt Resolution No. 2025-40, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to Pay for Pre-1978 Employee Retirement Benefits" (Attachment 5); and, adopt Resolution No. 2025-46, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting an Updated Master Fee and Charges Schedule" (Attachment 6); and adopt Resolution No. 2025-36, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, Acknowledging Receipt of a Report Made by the Fire Chief of the Huntington Beach Fire Department Regarding the Inspection of Certain Occupancies Required to Perform Annual Inspections in such Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code (Attachment 7); and, authorize the City Manager or designee to purchase one Rosenbauer Commander Pumper Fire Engine in the Amount of \$1,500,000 (Attachment 8); and, after the City Clerk reads by title, Introduce Ordinance No. 4337, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 2.114 Department of Information Services" (Attachment 9).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Williams, second Twining to approve Exhibit A1 to adopt Resolution No. 2025-42, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting a Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2025/26" (Attachment 2); **as amended for two Administrative Fire Captain positions.**

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by McKeon, second Van Der Mark to approve Exhibit A1, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-42, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting a Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2025/26" (Attachment 2); ***as amended to fund one (1) FTE Administrative Fire Captain and upgrade Ambulance Operations Model from 14 hours to 24 hours.***

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

### **23. 25-404 Approved for Introduction Uncodified Ordinance No. 4336 Adopting the Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

Fire Chief Eric McCoy provided a PowerPoint communication titled *Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) Maps*, with slides entitled: *Table of Contents, Introduction to the FHSZ Map, Background, Map Demonstration, Zone Requirements, Moderate FHSZ, High FHSZ, Building Code, Public Review and Comments, Process, Results, Map Adoption, Ordinance, Next Steps, and Questions?*

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to after the City Clerk reads by title, approve for introduction Uncodified Ordinance No. 4336, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting Fire Hazard Severity Zones."

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

### **24. 25-449 Approved Item Submitted by Councilman Twining and Councilman Kennedy — Downlink Technology**

Councilman Twining introduced this item by describing Downlink Technology as real-time updates to field personnel in the midst of public safety situations to provide mission critical details.

Councilman Kennedy stated that use of Downlink Technology will enhance the value of the City's helicopters for Huntington Beach as well as the other cities that lease helicopter time.

A motion was made by Twining, second Kennedy to direct the City Manager to report back in 90 days on the viability and expense associated with equipping our public safety departments with downlink technology.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**25. 25-450 Approved Item Submitted by Councilman Twining and Councilman Gruel — DNA and Computer Forensics**

Councilman Twining introduced this item by stating he believes it could be a means for delivering new revenue to the City through the Police Department. He also believes implementation will provide faster case resolution vs using the Orange County Sheriff's Office DNA laboratory (the only DNA lab in all of Orange County). Currently, it takes nearly six months to receive results. Councilman Twining noted that the Department of Justice and the National Institute of Justice have significant funding options through their DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program and Forensic Science Improvement grants.

Councilmember Gruel stated his support for introducing healthy competition which could help solve crimes more quickly and getting the responsible parties off the street sooner and thereby preventing additional crimes. He believes DNA and Computer Forensics capabilities will enhance public safety in Huntington Beach and potentially provide a source of additional revenue.

Councilman Twining invited Police Chief Parra to the podium to share his comments on this item. Chief Parra stated he is very supportive of this item, excited to do the research and report back with options for providing a higher level of public service.

A motion was made by Twining, second Gruel to direct the City Manager to report back to City Council within 90 days, the feasibility of developing a DNA processing laboratory along with increasing the size and scope of the HBPD's computer forensic laboratory. The study should include start-up costs for equipment and personnel, possible funding sources, legacy costs for additional personnel, equipment maintenance, and the potential positive effects on criminal investigations

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**26. 25-454 Approved Item Submitted by Councilman Williams, Councilman Kennedy, and Councilman Twining — Affirmation for Public Library and Assets**

Councilman Williams introduced this item by reading Resolution No. 2025-45.

A motion was made by Williams, second Twining to adopt Resolution No. 2025-45, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Affirming that the Public Library Will Not Be Sold and that Books Will Not Be Banned."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**27. 25-456 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Burns — City Treasurer Position and Selection Process**

Mayor Burns stated that City Treasurer Backstrom will be retiring on July 1, 2025, and he is asking for the creation of an Ad Hoc committee to review the position and selection process.

A motion was made by Burns, second McKeon to create a City Council ad hoc committee to review the City Treasurer position and selection process.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

**NEW 25-463 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Burns and Council Woman Van Der Mark — Opposition to AB 84**

Council Woman Van Der Mark introduced this item by explaining that AB 84 would drastically cut funding and undermine the ability of families to choose the learning environment that best fits their child(ren)'s needs. The State should support diverse learning options that support all students, as our children deserve better. If passed, AB 84 will affect more than 710,000 children across California, with over 64,000 of those students currently placed in non-classroom and personalized-based learning programs.

A motion was made by Van Der Mark, second Burns to authorize the Mayor to issue a letter of opposition to AB 84 (Muratsuchi/Garcia)- School accountability: Office of the Education Inspector General: school financial and performance audits: charter school authorization, oversight, operations, and contracting: data systems.

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 10:00 PM a motion was made by Burns, with a second by Van Der Mark, to adjourn this meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the 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:**

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City Clerk-Secretary

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Mayor-Chair