

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
4:00 PM — Council Chambers
6:00 PM — Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
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 — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALLED TO ORDER — 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

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 Item #1 25-146 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT); Item #2 25-147 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Management Employees' Organization (MEO); Item #3 25-148 regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators and Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA); and Item #4 25-149 regarding Conference with Real Property Negotiators Dave Clapp DBA Jack's Beach Concessions: Price and terms of lease.

A motion was made by Burns, with a second by McKeon, to recess to Closed Session.

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 4:03 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. 25-146 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; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters (HBMT).
- 2. 25-147 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; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Management Employees' Organization (MEO).

3. **25-148 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; Mike Vigliotta, City Attorney and David Cain, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Employee Organization: Marine Safety Management Association (MSMA).**
4. **25-149 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 21091 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA, 92648 (APN 024-281-16). Agency Negotiators: Travis Hopkins, Acting City Manager; Ashley Wysocki, Director of Community and Library Services; Chris Cole, Community and Library Services Manager; William Krill, Real Estate Project Manager. Negotiating Parties: (Not Present) Dave Clapp DBA Jack's Beach Concessions. Under negotiation: Price and terms of lease.**
5. **25-152 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): Two (2).**
6. **25-156 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). People of the State of California v. City of Huntington Beach; Case No. 30-2024-01393606.**
7. **25-157 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9). Bixby (Mark) v. Robin Estanislau, et al.; OCSC Case No.: 30-2023-01366664.**
8. **25-166 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4).): One (1).**

6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING — 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Twining, Kennedy, McKeon, Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, 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.

9. 25-142 Huntington Beach Police Chaplain Bob Ewing

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Mayor Burns

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY — None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (2–Minute Time Limit)

Councilmember Strickland announced this is his last meeting as a Huntington Beach Councilmember, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to also serve as Mayor and gratitude for the support of residents during his term of service. He added he will continue to be a Huntington Beach resident as he serves as State Senator in Sacramento.

Council Woman Van Der Mark, Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Councilmembers Kennedy, Twining and Williams each congratulated Councilmember Strickland and thanked him for his leadership, support and service to Huntington Beach.

Council Woman Van Der Mark announced two upcoming meetings at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club regarding the Harbour's Shell String project.

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: *City Manager's Report Item #10 (1 staff PowerPoint communication); Consent Calendar Item #12 (3 email communications); Item #13 (7 email communications); Administrative Items #16 (1 staff PowerPoint and 1 email communication); #17 (12 email communications); and #18 (11 email communications).*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-Minute Time Limit due to number of speakers) — 49 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>.

Dave Shankman, Kite Connection Owner, announced Kite Party 21 on March 8th and 9th at the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier. (00:15:42)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the ACLU lawsuit regarding the Huntington Beach Library system. (00:16:55)

Andrew Einhorn commented on Huntington Beach voter ID fraud. (00:18:12)

Paula Schaefer commented on Administrative Items #17 regarding community parent guardian review board for procurement of children's library materials; #18 regarding public operation of library services, and Huntington Beach Park Volunteers. (00:19:26)

Pat Goodman acknowledged Black History Month in February. (00:20:46)

T. J. England commented on Administrative Items #17 regarding community parent guardian review board for procurement of children's library materials, #18 regarding public operation of library services, and Symphony of Flowers at Huntington Central Park East. (00:21:57)

Cindy commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. (00:23:06)

Tom McNamara commented about invocations for City Council meetings. (00:24:24)

Regina Blankenhorn commented on children's library materials. (00:25:34)

Amory Hanson thanked Councilmember Strickland for his service to Huntington Beach, stated his interest in filling the City Council vacancy and announced he will be a Candidate for City Council in the 2026 General Election. (00:26:37)

Dom McGee thanked Councilmember Strickland for his service to Huntington Beach, congratulated him for the Senate win and commented on efforts to return to founding values. (00:27:25)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the City's budget shortfall, the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary, voter ID laws, and procurement of children's library materials. (00:28:30)

Joanne Sosa commented on procurement of children's library materials. (00:30:20)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Huntington Beach residents' efforts to fight back. (00:31:35)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. (00:32:46)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. (00:34:05)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (00:35:16)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Councilmember comments and actions. (00:36:59)

Unnamed Speaker thanked Councilmember Strickland for his service to Huntington Beach and commented on Councilmember comments and actions. (00:38:25)

Jignesh Padhiar congratulated Councilmember Strickland and commented on the children's library materials issue. (00:39:32)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (00:40:55)

Kelly Self commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. (00:42:12)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. (00:43:00)

Kevin Rew commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (00:44:14)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Consent Calendar Item #13 regarding the letter of opposition to South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed amended Rules 1111 and 1121. (00:45:38)

Unnamed Speaker commented on Councilmembers' efforts to protect children. (00:46:45)

Ken Inouye commented on the City's budget and infrastructure plan, especially related to potential natural disasters. (00:48:03)

Cathey Ryder commented on the reality that Huntington Beach needs resident and tourist revenues. (00:49:07)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the children's library materials issue. (00:50:04)

Mike Selna commented on Consent Calendar Item #13 regarding letter of opposition to South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed amended Rules 1111 and 1121. (00:52:13)

Unnamed Speaker commented on current national and local politics. (00:53:21)

Dave Rynerson commented on the Symphony of Flowers at Huntington Central Park East. (00:54:31)

Unnamed Speaker commented on commitment to the Constitution and Pledge of Allegiance. (00:55:38)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary. He was invited to complete a blue card for further discussion. (00:56:55)

Russ Neal commented on the children's library materials issue. (00:57:45)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (00:58:48)

Wendy Rincon commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (01:00:14)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (01:01:24)

Bethany Webb commented on the Public Library issues, unbalanced budget, Pacific Air Show and Symphony of Flowers Show. (01:02:38)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the professionalism of the Huntington Beach Police Department and Councilmembers' efforts to protect children. (01:04:21)

Zach Cash commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (01:05:39)

Larry Hersh commented on the plaque celebrating the Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary and the Public Library petitions. (01:06:51)

Unnamed Speaker commented on the placement of children's library materials. (01:08:02)

James Elder commented on the behavior of the public during City Council meetings. (01:09:14)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (01:10:16)

Chris Rini commented on some interpretations of MAGA. (01:11:25)

Tim Geddes commented on Councilmembers' actions related to Public Library issues. (01:12:31)

Unnamed Speaker commented on some interpretations of MAGA and issues related to the Public Library petitions. (01:13:31)

Roger Noor commented on the fluctuating time allowed for public speakers. (01:14:56)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS — None

AB 1234 REPORTING — None

OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATION DISCLOSURES

Councilmember Twining reported meeting with Management Employees' Organization (MEO) representatives this past week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10. 25-159 Department Services and Budget Overview

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon provided a review of the Budget Townhall presented last week to set the stage for this presentation.

Acting City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) David Cain who provided a PowerPoint communication titled *Finance Department*, with slides entitled *Finance Department General Fund Budget, Finance, Finance Dept – Key Transparency Documents, Finance Department Divisions & Services, Operations & Annual Performance Data, and Questions?*

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon, Councilmember Kennedy and Interim CFO Cain discussed potential operating expense efficiencies, increased revenue opportunities, potential operational, system and call center efficiencies, and clarification of "Equivalent FTEs" which includes both full-time and part-time employees. There was also discussion on the need to understand vacancies in commercial spaces, and consideration of implementing some new automated systems which would be expected to recoup any costs quickly.

Acting City Manager Travis Hopkins introduced Human Resources Director Marisa Sur who provided a PowerPoint communication titled *Human Resources Department*, with slides entitled *Human Resources Department Budget, Human Resources, Human Resources Divisions & Services, Operations & Performance Data, and Questions?*

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon, Councilmembers Kennedy, Twining and Human Resources Director Sur discussed potential operating expense efficiencies, Workman's Comp exposure, insurance premium rates, limited revenue opportunities, regular sharing of cost-saving ideas among Department Heads, and annual review of insurance costs.

Mayor Pro Tem McKeon clarified that information shown at the Budget Townhall on the General Fund Baseline Forecast, specifically the tall blue bar near the middle of the slide, actually shows COVID-19 funding that was received. It does not show a \$15M budget surplus as some are claiming.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 11 - 15)

Councilmember Kennedy pulled Items #12 and #14 and Councilmember Twining pulled Item #13 for further discussion.

City Clerk

11. 25-141 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 February 18, 2025.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager

12. 25-108 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-18 Approving the 2025 Huntington Beach Legislative Platform

Councilmember Kennedy pulled this item to clarify for the public that, specifically regarding sober living facilities, this is a forward-looking position and will not necessarily change existing situations. He added that there are differences between a licensed facility and a sober living home, and stated the City Attorney's Office will be compiling a document that defines and clarifies those differences, as well as appropriate code enforcement, which will be available for public access.

A motion was made by Kennedy, second Strickland to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting the City of Huntington Beach Legislative Platform."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

13. 25-165 Approved Letter of Opposition Regarding South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Councilmember Twining pulled this item to note that South Coast Air Quality Management District is to be commended for improving air quality in the region, however, the proposed amendments present significant concerns, especially for Huntington Beach seniors and poorer residents. He added these rules should be optional rather than mandatory, questioned if the electric grid could even handle the resulting load increase, and noted the electric grid is not zero emissions.

A motion was made by Twining, second McKeon to direct City Manager to draft and send a letter on behalf of the City of Huntington Beach to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Opposing Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

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. 25-121 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to the professional services contract with CSG Consultants, Inc., for inspection services in the amount of \$385,000

Councilmember Kennedy pulled this item to clarify the increase in contract amount will be drawn down monthly on an as-needed basis, and to determine what activities are considered "extra work" to be paid at the hourly rate.

A motion was made by Kennedy, second Strickland to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contract Between the City of Huntington Beach and CSG Consultants, Inc., for Counter Services and Field Inspection of Construction Projects," to increase the contract amount by \$385,000 (Attachment No.1)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Works

15. 25-079 Accepted the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorized execution of a construction contract with All American Asphalt in the amount of \$4,138,097 for the Residential Zone 2 Overlay Maintenance Project, CC-1812

A motion was made by Strickland, second Van Der Mark to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted by All American Asphalt in the amount of \$4,138,097; 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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

16. 25-154 Adopted Resolution No. 2025-17 approving a City Manager Employment Agreement

Acting City Manager Travis Hopkins noted that according to California regulations a staff report is required before a vote is taken, and introduced Human Resources Director Marisa Sur who provided a PowerPoint communication titled *City Manager Employment Agreement*, with slides entitled: *Contract Overview, Recommended Action, and Questions?*

A motion was made by Burns, second Strickland to adopt Resolution No. 2025-17, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving Travis Hopkins as City Manager" and to execute the related City Manager Employment Agreement.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Hopkins expressed his appreciation for the honor of serving Huntington Beach for over 18 years, and thanked Mayor Burns and Councilmembers for approving his continued service.

17. 25-153 Considered Options on How to Proceed for Citizen Initiative to Repeal Ordinance No. 4318 by Deleting Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.66 – Community-Parent Guardian Review Board for Procurement of Children’s Library materials, and Adding Section 2.30.090 – Selection and Use of Library Materials

City Clerk Lisa Lane Barnes announced Council had asked staff to return with possible options and those options were now before them.

~~A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to A) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Calling for and Ordering the Holding of a General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for Submission to Voters an Initiative Ordinance to Amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Deleting Chapter 2.66 Thereof Entitled ‘Community Parent Guardian Review Board for Procurement of Children’s Library Materials’ and Adding Section 2.03.090 Thereto Entitled ‘Selection and Use of Library Materials;’” OR, B) Call for a special election to be held not less than 88 days, nor more than 103 days after the order of the election, and:~~

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-20, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Calling for and Ordering the Holding of a Special Election on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, for Submission to the Voters an Initiative Ordinance to Amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Deleting Chapter 2.66 Thereof Entitled 'Community Parent Guardian Review Board for Procurement of Children's Library Materials' and Adding Section 2.03.090 Thereto Entitled 'Selection and Use of Library Materials;'" and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-21, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of a Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025;" and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-22, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Setting Priorities for Filing a Written Argument(s) Against by Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark Regarding a City Measure and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis"; and,
4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-12, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Providing for the Filing of Rebuttal Arguments by Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark for City Measures Submitted at Municipal Elections"

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

18. 25-155 Considered Options on How to Proceed for Citizen Initiative "An Ordinance to Amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Adding New Section 2.30.100, Entitled 'Public Operation of Library Services'"

~~A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to A) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-13, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Calling for and Ordering the Holding of a General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for Submission to Voters an Initiative Ordinance to Amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Adding New Section 2.03.100, Entitled 'Public Operation of Library Services;'" OR, B) Call for a special election to be held not less than 88 days, nor more than 103 days after the order of the election, and:~~

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-23, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Calling for and Ordering the Holding of a Special Election on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, for Submission to Voters an Initiative Ordinance to Amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by Adding New Section 2.03.100, Entitled 'Public Operation of Library Services;'" and,

- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-24, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of a Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025;" and,
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-25, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Setting Priorities for Filing a Written Argument(s) Against by Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark Regarding a City Measure and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis;" and,
- 4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-16, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, Providing for the Filing of Rebuttal Arguments by Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark for City Measures Submitted at Municipal Elections"

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

As Councilmember Strickland is vacating his City Council position, Mayor Burns requested that City Manager Travis Hopkins place on the March 18, 2025, agenda an item to appoint a new councilmember to replace Councilmember Strickland. Any Councilmember that would like to submit a name for consideration is to provide that information to City Manager Hopkins prior to the posting of the March 18, 2025, City Council meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT — At 8:13 PM a motion was made by McKeon, with a second by Strickland, to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority is Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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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