



MEETING MINUTES

HARBOUR COMMISSION

**Thursday, May 26, 2022
Room B8, Lower Level
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

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

COUNCIL LIAISON

ERIK PETERSON, Councilmember Liaison
MIKE POSEY, Councilmember Liaison

STAFF

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief
ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Battalion Chief
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Administrative Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Milligan

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Wood
Commissioners Absent: Larkin, VanVoorhis

Staff Present: Scott Haberle, Eric McCoy, Eric Dieterman, Mike Bartlett, Bonnie To, Ashley Wysocki, Terry Tintle, Jim Merid, Thoby Archer, Kenny Waldecker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2022

MOTION: A motion was made by Vu, seconded by Milligan to approve meeting minutes dated April 28, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A) Presentation: Native Oyster Living Shoreline, Eileen Maher, Director of Environmental Conservation, Port of San Diego

Eileen Maher, Director of Environmental Conservation, Port of San Diego, made a presentation on the Native Oyster Living Shoreline. It included an overview of the Port, developments, and initiatives. Schauppner was interested in the live oyster part of the presentation. Maher talked about their live oyster process in the bay. Schauppner asked for Maher to share the study that CSU Fullerton had with Sandy Diego and Maher agreed to forward the study. Schauppner asked if there is an environmentalist that works on Maher's staff full-time. Maher replied that staff on their team have environmental degrees. Wood asked if it would be possible to see some of the work that Maher's team has accomplished. Maher said a tour is possible.

- B) Harbour Report

Dieterman provided the Harbour Report, which included updates on water quality and the Marine Safety Division response statistics for May 2022. To provided an update on changes to the Harbour Commission Website, which included meeting agenda, minutes and Harbour Report updates on the site. She reviewed future changes that will be made, including Strategic Plan updates as they occur.

- C) Harbour Commission Strategic Plan

Haberle provided information about the Harbour Commission Strategic Plan, which included the performance measures and a timeline of a two (2) year period in order to include any possible budget discussions that may be needed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Milligan, seconded by Nielsen, to approve the Harbour Commission Strategic Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

D) Ad Hoc Committee on Huntington Harbour Public Safety

Haberle provided an overview of Ad Hoc Committee procedures. Schauppner asked if there is a way to streamline agenda items. Archer and Haberle talked about the procedure for timely items related to safety and how Commission Members can contact the staff liaison and staff members will work on the issue at hand. Schauppner talked about time constraint for non-urgent issues, such as the legislative cycle.

Haberle reviewed the procedure of establishing a standing committee. Wysocki talked about how an ad hoc committee has to be less than one year in duration and the need to identify the purpose of the ad hoc committee and who would be on one. At end of one year, the ad hoc committee would dissolve.

Nielsen asked about public announcement of meetings and Wysocki provided the 72-hour requirement for posting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Milligan, to establish an ad hoc committee on Huntington Harbour Public Safety, including Commissioners Larkin, Vu and Wood as members.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

STAFF COMMENTS

Archer provided an update on the burglaries and police patrols in the areas impacted. Merid provided an update on the trash task force addressing trash debris and will bring back more updates about the action plan after future trash task force meetings. Tintle provided an update on bridge work and restroom maintenance. Haberle provided an update on calls received related to tar balls on Sunset and the coast, and she said that this is considered natural seepage.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Nielsen said that Newport Beach Harbour Master Paul Blank, who spoke at the last meeting did a good job on his presentation and mentioned how related strategic plan initiatives can be part of an ad hoc committee. Nielsen commented that he had a conversation with Greg Buchanan with Harbour contractors regarding an eel grass study. Nielsen stated that it sounded like an eel grass study is really needed when dredging is done and we do not know who is doing dredging. Nielsen mentioned that we will need to get a list from Barber and Adam of things we want for the Harbour and then talk to the California Lands Commission for what would qualify for funding. After Nielsen's comment, Schnaupper proposed to agendaize for the next meeting to issue an ad hoc committee for this topic. Schnaupper said Larkin found out that when the Navy built their dock they had to do eel grass mitigation and will find out more information. Wood said that the entity that seems to know most about eel grass and oyster restoration is the Orange County Coastkeepers organization, and that the State Assembly passed a water cleanliness bill. Wood mentioned that the Coastkeepers would be able to provide information to Huntington Beach, but that the permit process is \$2,500 and she was not sure if funds are available. Haberle said that

follow-up will be done to find out what is needed for this process. Schnaupper mentioned homelessness as a topic did not make the cut on the Stratgetic Plan, but Mayor Degleize hosted a presentation on homelessness with United Way. Schnaupper mentioned a UCI study on homelessness.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Milligan at 6:08 p.m. to adjourn to the June 23, 2022 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for June 23, 2022 and will be held at a location to be announced.