

Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Monday, December 2, 2019
6:00 PM - Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and archived at
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6:00 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Based on the lack of Study Session and Closed Session items, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

CALLED TO ORDER — 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Brenden, Carr, Semeta, Peterson, Posey, Delgleize, and Hardy
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. 19-1121 Color presentation by Huntington Beach American Legion Post 133 and Pledge led by former Mayor Dave Sullivan

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.

2. 19-1122 Fr. Joseph Knerr, Pastor of St. Bonaventure Catholic Parish in Huntington Beach and member of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS (Received After Agenda Distribution)

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Robin Estanislau announced supplemental communications received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet:

Consent Calendar

Item #3. 19-1182 Email communication submitted by Amory Hanson

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minute Time Limit) — 21 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>.

Tim Whitacre, Representative for Michelle Steele, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, 2nd District, was called to speak, thanked Mayor Peterson for his year of leading with honor, distinction, and transparency, and presented a Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Whitacre also congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta on behalf of Supervisor Steele. (00:05:11)

Don MacAllister was called to speak and stated his support for the City's Sister City relationships, and enthusiasm for Consent Calendar Item No. 3 regarding extending a Sister City Relationship invitation to the City of Biarritz, France. (00:07:30)

Frank Nakabayashi was called to speak and stated his support for the City's Sister City relationships, and enthusiasm for Consent Calendar Item No. 3 regarding extending a Sister City Relationship invitation to the City of Biarritz, France. (00:09:47)

Calvin "Mr. Huntington Beach" and Pam Free were called to speak, presented Mayor Peterson with his own loudspeaker, and read a limerick in his honor. (00:11:37)

Jericho Poppler was called to speak and presented Mayor Peterson with some fresh, homemade Scottish shortbread, and thanked the City Council for their service on behalf of the City's surfers. (00:13:34)

Diana Dehm was called to speak and thanked the City Council for their support in putting out to bid the lease for the Surf City International Surf Museum, and congratulated Outgoing Mayor Peterson and Incoming Mayor Semeta. (00:14:46)

Bob Pace was called to speak and thanked the City Council for putting out to bid the lease for the Surf City International Surf Museum. (00:15:55)

Cari Swan was called to speak and thanked Mayor Peterson for always honoring his promises to the citizens of Huntington Beach, and congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta and Incoming Mayor Pro Tem Hardy. Ms. Swan also shared her concerns about the Magnolia Tank Farm and Ascon Landfill Site remediation projects. (00:19:01)

Gary Sahagan was called to speak and thanked the City Council for putting out to bid the lease for the Surf City International Surf Museum. (00:22:29)

Grant Sevdayan, Music Director, Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra, was called to speak and shared that the Symphony Orchestra had been invited to participate in the City's July 4th event, and presented a video with clips of various performances. (00:23:49)

Judith Lopez, Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra Member, was called to speak and asked for a special exemption to allow the Symphony Orchestra to perform in the Civic Center Amphitheatre where the acoustics are ideal for July 4th festivities and other special events. Mayor Peterson asked Ms. Lopez to complete a blue card for staff follow-up. (00:27:11)

Rob Pool was called to speak and congratulated Mayor Peterson for a spectacular year of service, encouraged Mayor Pro Tem Semeta to remain true to her values, and acknowledged Incoming Mayor Pro Tem Hardy for always looking out for what is best for the City. Mr. Pool further shared his concerns regarding the Magnolia Tank Farm and Ascon Landfill Site remediation projects. (00:30:08)

Adam Bushman Orozco was called to speak and thanked Mayor Peterson and Councilmembers for their service to the residents of Huntington Beach. (00:33:35)

Joyce Bizzaro, a local surfer and member of the Huntington Beach International Surf Museum, was called to speak and thanked the City Council for putting out to bid the lease for the Surf Museum. (00:34:26)

Kim Weddon, representing the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Islanders, was called to speak and thanked Mayor Peterson for his service and congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta, and explained the Philharmonic's purpose is music education in the local schools. Ms. Weddon presented a floral bouquet to Incoming Mayor Semeta to express appreciation for her support and participation. (00:35:23)

Patricia McKenna, President, Huntington Harbour Art Association (HHAA), was called to speak and thanked Council members for their service, and congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta by presenting her with a rare HHAA carry bag. (00:39:28)

Dee Wood, representing the Huntington Harbour Book Club, was called to speak, thanked Mayor Peterson for his service, and congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta and presented her with a floral bouquet. (00:41:00)

Matthew Harper, long-time resident, former Mayor, and former State Assemblyman, was called to speak and congratulated Mayor Peterson for his year of service, and expressed his best wishes for Incoming Mayor Semeta. (00:42:45)

Dave Sullivan, former Huntington Beach Mayor, was called to speak and described his involvement in forming the Huntington Beach 3-1 Marine Battalion with former Police Officer and Mayor Gil Coerper, thanked Mayor Peterson for his "get'r done" Marine style of service as Mayor this past year, and congratulated Incoming Mayor Semeta. (00:43:53)

Tim Geddes, a 35+ year resident of southeast Huntington Beach, was called to speak and congratulated both Outgoing Mayor Peterson and Incoming Mayor Semeta. Mr. Geddes also shared his concerns related to the Poseidon Desalination Plant. (00:45:55)

Amber, a 19-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and shared her concerns regarding the AES Power Plant, Magnolia Tank Farm and Ascon Landfill Site remediation projects, and asked that City Council continue to protect and speak up for the residents in south east Huntington Beach. (00:49:03)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENTS – LIAISON REPORTS, AB 1234 REPORTING, AND OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATIONS DISCLOSURES

Councilmember Posey announced Charles "CJ" Ray as his new Finance Commissioner, provided a brief background of his qualifications, and thanked him for accepting this appointment.

Councilmember Carr reported meeting with members of the HB Police Officers' Association (POA), and a meeting with the California Commission on Aging.

Mayor Peterson reported that he and City Manager Chi met with all Huntington Beach School District Superintendents to discuss ways to improve their relationship with the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT — Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins provided a brief update on the Ascon Landfill Site project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. 19-1182 Approved Resolution No. 2019-92 to extend an invitation to the City of Biarritz, France, for the purpose of establishing a Sister City Relationship

Mayor Peterson introduced Consent Calendar Item No. 3 by providing a brief background of the events over several years, which led to this Sister City Relationship invitation to the City of Biarritz, France.

Councilmember Posey thanked former Huntington Beach Mayor Don MacAllister for his unwavering support for the Sister City program, especially as related to the European Surf City of Biarritz, France.

A motion was made by Peterson, second Posey to adopt Resolution No. 2019-92, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Extending an Invitation to the City of Biarritz, France, to Become a Sister City and Inviting the People of Biarritz, France, to Participate in Said Program."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brenden, Carr, Semeta, Peterson, Posey, Delgleize, and Hardy

NOES: None

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. 19-1191 Mayor Peterson presented the final Mayor's Award of the year to Junior Lifeguard Program Coordinator, Mike Eich

Mayor Peterson introduced Mr. Eich as his personal selection for this Mayor's Award because he is probably the only Mayor, and possibly the only Councilmember, who completed the Junior Lifeguard Program growing up in Huntington Beach. Mr. Eich has an impact on youth through the Junior Lifeguard Program and as a teacher. Mr. Eich has taught surfing, swimming, safety and discipline with respect for the ocean to thousands upon thousands of young people. Mr. Eich said he has two passions: lifesaving and teaching, and expressed appreciation to his team members and the staff he has had the privilege to work with through the years.

5. 19-1056 City 2019 Retrospect (or Comments) by Outgoing Mayor Peterson

Mayor Peterson shared a video to highlight his Mayoral milestones during the past year, including personal comments thanking the residents of Huntington Beach for providing him the opportunity to serve as their Mayor.

6. 19-1057 Presentation of gifts by Outgoing Mayor Peterson to Colleagues

Mayor Peterson thanked his colleagues with a surfboard shaped plaque commemorating their service as his team members, and shared his appreciation for their unique skills and abilities as elected City officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

7. 19-1060 Conduct Election of Mayor for Ensuing Year

A motion was made by Peterson, second Hardy to elect Lyn Semeta as Mayor.

The motion carried by acclamation.

- **Oath of Office administered to new Mayor Semeta by City Clerk Estanislau**
- **Presentation of gavel and "Mayor" lapel pin by Outgoing Mayor Peterson to new Mayor Semeta**
- **Presentation of the "Ultimate Challenge" sculpture from new Mayor Semeta to outgoing Mayor Peterson**

Mayor Semeta thanked outgoing Mayor Peterson for listening to people, and acknowledged him as a local business owner and a Marine with a valuable sense of justice.

- **New Mayor Semeta presided**

8. 19-1061 Conduct Election of Mayor Pro Tempore for Ensuing Year

- **New Mayor Semeta called for a motion to elect a new Mayor Pro Tempore**

A motion was made by Peterson, second Carr to elect Jill Hardy as Mayor Pro Tempore.

The motion carried by acclamation.

- **Oath of Office administered to new Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy by City Clerk Estanislau**

COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR SEMETA

Mayor Semeta expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve Huntington Beach as Mayor, and described some of the new opportunities, changes, and challenges she expects to be addressed in the coming year. Mayor Semeta stated her support for always maintaining respect for one another during the process to determine better solutions, and announced a new Mayor's Amendment to a Community Award that recognizes the City's unsung heroes — people making a positive difference behind the scenes. Mayor Semeta thanked the community for their faith in her as she works with staff to help the City continue to deliver excellence in service, and thanked her husband Rich and daughters for their anticipated patience as her calendar fills up during this next year of service.

COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE HARDY

Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy expressed her support for Mayor Semeta and thanked her fellow Councilmembers for allowing her to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for her last year of service. Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy stated how special it is to her that she and Mayor Semeta get to serve during the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS (Not Agendized)

Councilmember Posey welcomed Councilmember Peterson to the *Former Mayor's Club*, thanked Mayor Semeta for her inspiring words, congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy for her continued service, acknowledged City Manager Chi and Assistant City Manager Hopkins, and thanked Fire Chief Segura for continuing to serve. He also recognized the accomplishments of Assistant to the City Manager Antonia Graham who will be leaving the City to serve as the City of Fullerton's next Deputy City Manager, and reminded everyone to participate in the Light a Light of Love at Pier Plaza on Sunday, December 8th, in support of the Youth Shelter.

Councilmember Carr congratulated Mayor Semeta, thanked former Mayor Peterson for his gracious and welcoming attitude towards her this past year as the newly elected first-time Council Member, expressed her appreciation for Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy's support and efforts which resulted in her election as a Council Member, and stated her thanks to each of her fellow Councilmembers for their service, and stated her excitement as she looks forward to 2020.

Councilmember Brenden congratulated Mayor Semeta, thanked former Mayor Peterson for his year of excellent service, thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy for sharing her tremendous knowledge base from her vast experience serving the City, stated his appreciation for each Councilmember, and his excitement for serving Huntington Beach in 2020.

Councilmember Delgleize congratulated Mayor Semeta and stated her support for being collaborative throughout decision-making processes, thanked former Mayor Peterson for his leadership, thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy for freely sharing her institutional knowledge, thanked her fellow colleagues for making Huntington Beach better, and expressed her excitement for the things to come in 2020.

Former Mayor Peterson expressed appreciation to his wife, sons, parents, grandmother, and his fellow Councilmembers and City staff including City Manager Chi and City Attorney Gates for their support during his year of service as Mayor.

Mayor Semeta commended Assistant to the City Manager Antonia Graham for her excellent service to the City, and acknowledged the presence of her extended family and thanked them for sharing this occasion with her.

ADJOURNMENT — 7:53 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 4:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk-Secretary

Mayor-Chair