

## **Minutes**

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

Monday, May 3, 2021  
6:00 PM — Virtual Location  
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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#### **6:00 PM — VIRTUAL LOCATION**

#### **CALLED TO ORDER — 6:00 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
Absent: Peterson

**Councilmember Peterson requested and was granted permission to be absent pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-54.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** — Led by Councilmember Posey

#### **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.

- 1. 21-264 Jynene Johnson of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and member of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council**

#### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2. 21-363 Mayor Carr presented a proclamation for "National Nurses Day" to Marilou Salao with Fountain Valley Regional Hospital**

Mayor Carr introduced Marilou Salao in recognition of National Nurses Day, May 6. Mayor Carr expressed appreciation for the dedication of all nurses regardless of where they work, especially this past year during COVID-19.

Ms. Salao thanked Mayor Carr for the recognition and proclamation on behalf of all nurses at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital.

**3. 21-364 Mayor Carr proclaimed May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and presented a proclamation to Mary Adams Urashima to recognize her passion for preserving Huntington Beach's Asian history**

Mayor Carr thanked local resident and historian Mary Adams Urashima for her passion and diligence in preserving local Asian history in Huntington Beach. Ms. Urashima, author of *Historic Wintersburg*, has been instrumental in documenting Asian American history throughout Orange County.

Ms. Urashima expressed her appreciation to the Council for the recognition, and thanked other members of the community who have also served to ensure the preservation of this important history. Ms. Urashima shared her pride at being involved in the process which resulted in Historic Wintersburg being designated a National Treasure, and the creation of a PBS documentary.

Mayor Carr announced the creation of five vignettes that will be shown on HBTB Channel 3 during May, as well as a Film Festival later in May presented by the Human Relations Task Force, to recognize local Asian American history.

**4. 21-365 Mayor Carr presented the "Making a Difference Award" to Rachelle Crachiolo, Corinne Burton and Deanne Mendoza of Teacher Created Materials**

Mayor Carr thanked Jim Silva for nominating Teacher Created Materials for this award. Ms. Crachiolo started Teacher Created Materials 40 years ago as a part-time venture that is now a thriving publishing business distributing supplemental education resources to 89 countries worldwide. Ms. Crachiolo's daughters Corinne and Deanne are both very instrumental in the success of Teacher Created Materials. In addition to their successful business, all three women are also instrumental in the success of other organizations such as Read Across America, Ability First, Waymakers, the Cal State Fullerton US Scholarship Fund, National Disaster School Replenishment Club, Caterina's Club, and Breast Cancer Research.

Councilmember Delgleize congratulated these women for being great role models and applauded them for the many ways they have helped teachers become more successful.

Ms. Mendoza expressed gratitude for the recognition, and described top priorities as being responsible business owners and residents of Huntington Beach. Ms. Mendoza acknowledged passionate employees who work hard to create a world in which children love to learn, and encouraged everyone to remember to thank a teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week.

**5. 21-366 Mayor Carr proclaimed May 2-8 as National Travel and Tourism Week and presented a proclamation to Visit HB CEO Kelly Miller**

Mayor Carr reviewed the impact of tourism in Huntington Beach, which in 2018 saw 3.74 million non-Orange County visitors generate over \$565M in spending, supporting over 6,900 jobs. Mayor Carr stated that Visit HB is doing an exceptional job of prioritizing local business recovery in a clean and safe environment, while supporting diversity, equity and inclusion.

Mr. Miller stated the Huntington Beach and Surf City USA brand is stronger than ever because of the challenges of the past year, and reiterated that Huntington Beach provides what people are looking for when they plan a get-a-way: open space, safety, walkability, and sunsets. He thanked his team for

their dedication to help ensure that visitors have an incredible California experience in Huntington Beach.

**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:

**Awards and Presentations**

**#3 (21-364)** Email communication received regarding the "May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" Proclamation.

**Consent Calendar**

**#9 (21-367)** Email communication received regarding Appointments to the Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB).

**Administrative Items**

**#15 (21-323)** Email communication received regarding the proposed Social Media Policy.

**Councilmember Items**

**#16 (21-375)** Forty (40) communications regarding LGBTQ Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising.

**#17 (21-381)** Three (3) communications received regarding the proposed creation of a Flag Policy for City Facilities.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (3-Minute Time Limit) — **13 Speakers via Zoom**

*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>.*

Lisa Marquise was invited to speak and expressed concerns about Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz's recent request for unemployment benefits while receiving Councilmember pay, and his actions to block her from social media and email communication. (00:32:07)

Jerry Raburn was invited to speak and thanked Council for acknowledging May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. He also stated support for acknowledging Pride Month at City Hall in June, paid special thanks to Asian American nurses for their service during COVID-19, and described his mother's health challenges and his appreciation for the care she received at Huntington Beach Hospital. (00:35:19)

Caller #6779, Carrie Swan, was invited to speak and stated her opposition to Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:38:39)

Caller #1409, Tony Bisson, resident of southwest Huntington Beach, was invited to speak and stated his support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. He also made a second request that the City review lighting hours for Le Bard Park Tennis Courts, which are in close proximity to residential homes, and consider turning them off by 9 PM as well as post signage similar to court guidelines found in other City parks. (00:41:26)

Amory Hanson, Candidate for City Council in 2022 and member of the Historic Resources Board, was invited to speak and stated his support for Consent Calendar Item 9A regarding the appointment of Professor Eric Silkenson to the Mobile Home Advisory Board. (00:45:06)

Kati was invited to speak and stated her agreement with the comments made by Lisa Marquise regarding Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz and unemployment benefits, and her support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:45:47)

Bethany Webb was invited to speak and expressed concerns about Councilmember Peterson's lack of attendance at Council meetings. She also shared anger and disappointment in Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz for his comments on social media about David Hogg, and their impact on those who have experienced loss due to mass shootings. She concluded comments by stating support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:48:26)

Sam Shaw was invited to speak and stated her support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:51:49)

Isabella Brannon, a resident of Huntington Beach and high school student, was invited to speak and stated her support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:55:00)

Erin Spivey was invited to speak and stated support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising, and support for Administrative Item No. 15 regarding a proposed social media policy for elected and appointed officials. Ms. Spivey also stated support for continuing on-line/phone access to Council meetings even after they return to in-person assemblies. (00:57:08)

Joseph Wilson, a homeowner in Huntington Beach, was invited to speak and stated his support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (00:59:38)

Justin Frazier was invited to speak and stated his support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (01:01:43)

H. M. Ohan, resident of Orange County, was invited to speak and stated support for Councilmember Item No. 16 regarding Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising. (01:04:07)

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE — APPOINTMENTS — LIAISON REPORTS, AB 1234 REPORTING, AND OPENNESS IN NEGOTIATIONS DISCLOSURES**

Councilmember Moser reported attending meetings of the Homeless Task Force and West Orange County Water Board, and participating in Earth Day activities, Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council Day of Service, Public Works Clean-up Day in Oakview, and HB Reads One Book.

Councilmember Kalmick reported attending a meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and stepping down as Vice Chair, the HB Planning Commission, City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Boards/Commissions/Committees, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Emerging Technologies Committee, the Southeast Area Committee.

Councilmember Posey reported attending meetings of Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC), and OC Power Authority (OCPA).

Councilmember Delgleize reported attending meetings of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board, Orange County Business Council (OCBC) Washington Symposium, Communications Committee, Central Park Committee, town hall meeting on Homelessness, and Shipley to Shore Trail Committee. Councilmember Delgleize commended Diana Abruscato, president of the Surf City Pickleball Society, for the success of this activity within Huntington Beach and expansion into the schools.

Mayor Carr reported attending meetings of the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) Washington Symposium, Southeast Area Committee, Communications Committee, virtual Youth in Government Day, Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC), Orange County Sanitation District (OCS), Mobile Home Advisory Board, Visit HB Executive Committee, and Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **6. 21-374 Loud and/or Modified Vehicle Exhaust and Street Racing Enforcement**

City Manager Chi introduced Interim Police Chief Harvey who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Loud Exhaust/Street Racing Enforcement Update* with slides entitled: *The Problem, The Impacts, The Frustration, The Effort to Reduce Impacts, Street Racing, and Questions*.

Councilmember Kalmick and Interim Chief Harvey discussed the California Vehicle Code rewrite in 2019 that provides the tools for citations. Interim Chief Harvey stated enforcement is a balance between available manpower and resources, and confirmed that a portion of the ticket revenue collected does come back to the enforcing municipality's General Fund.

Councilmember Posey shared his personal experiences riding motorcycles and observing signs posted in Redondo Beach announcing modified exhaust motorcycles could be subject to impound.

Councilmember Delgleize and Interim Chief Harvey discussed the potential cost of \$1,000 for a ticket on a modified motorcycle. There was further discussion on how Police Officers respond to take-over of intersections, including assistance from the Task Force and Police helicopter when needed.

Councilmember Moser thanked Interim Chief Harvey for the Department's focus on these issues.

Mayor Carr stated that if reader boards actually showed the \$1,000 fines and penalties, it might be a real deterrent. Mayor Carr and Interim Chief Harvey discussed car club gatherings that generally are not a problem unless unpermitted.

## **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **7. 21-257 Received and Filed the City Treasurer's March 2021 Quarterly Investment Summary Report**

City Treasurer Alisa Backstrom presented a PowerPoint communication titled: *City of Huntington Beach Quarterly Investment Report with slides entitled: Economy, Markets, Interest Rates, Per Section*

*53600.5 - City Treasurer's Primary Objectives, Per Section 53601 - Specific Allowable Investments include, Allowable Investments continued, Additional Investment Limitations per Code, Investment Policy, Investment Strategy, Portfolio Summary, Investments by Type, Portfolio Earnings, Monthly Activity, Quarterly Activity, Selected Compliance Requirements, In Summary, and Questions?*

Mayor Carr thanked City Treasurer Backstrom for the comprehensive report, and Councilmembers Delgleize and Posey stated their appreciation for the detailed report.

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to receive and file the City Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for March 2021, pursuant to Section 17.0 of the Investment Policy of the City of Huntington Beach.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Posey pulled Item 10 and Mayor Carr pulled Item 12 for further discussions.

#### **8. 21-356 Approved and Adopted Minutes**

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes dated April 19, 2021, as written and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

#### **9. 21-367 Approved appointments to the Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB) as recommended by City Council Liaisons Carr and Posey**

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve the appointment of Eric Silkenson as an At-Large Member of the MHAB through August 5, 2025; and, approve the re-appointment of Allison Plum as a Resident Member of the MHAB through August 5, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

#### **10. 21-368 Took positions on legislation pending before the State and Federal Legislature, as recommended by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)**

Councilmember Posey pulled this item to note for the record that the high-density housing "battle" will be determined in Sacramento, and not at the local level. He defined the "15 minute city" residential urban concept behind the proposed legislation coming from Sacramento, and explained the IRC's recommendation to oppose a majority of these items. Councilmember Posey stated anyone with interest in Sacramento legislation can read these bills, and shared he had placed a State legislative matrix for this year and last year on social media several weeks ago to show how few proposed bills actually are approved.

A motion was made by Posey, second Carr to approve City positions on State legislation related specifically to housing issues: Oppose AB 115 (Bloom), Oppose AB 1401 (Friedman), unless amended, Oppose SB 6 (Caballero), Oppose SB 9 (Atkins), Oppose SB 10 (Weiner), Support SB 15 (Portantino), Oppose SB 478 (Weiner), Oppose AB 602 (Grayson); and, approve City positions on other State legislation: Support SB 612 (Portantino), Support SB 555 (McGuire), Oppose SB 556 (Dodd); and approve a City position on Federal legislation: Watch H.R. 5845 (Lowenthal)

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**11. 21-310 Adopted Resolution No. 2021-27 to acknowledge receipt of a Fire Department report regarding the Annual Inspection of certain occupancies**

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to adopt Resolution No. 2021-27, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Acknowledging Receipt of a Report 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."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**12. 21-318 Adopted Resolution No. 2021-30 authorizing an application for funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program under the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Environmental Cleanup Program**

Mayor Carr pulled this item to note for the record that the City actively supports a clean environment, applies for grant funding when it is available to help cover associated costs, and introduced Public Works Director Sean Crumby to further describe the City's clean environment efforts.

Director Crumby described how the OCTA Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program (EAP) approved in 2006 has provided grant funding that has allowed the City to mitigate transportation-related pollution.

Mayor Carr inquired, and Director Crumby confirmed that if the CDS “trash trap” unit proves effective, the City would consider future grant opportunities for trash mitigation at other locations.

A motion was made by Carr, second Delgleize to adopt Resolution No. 2021-30, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing an Application for Funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program Under Orange County Transportation Ordinance No. 3 for the Huntington Beach Trash Removal Project, Phase 1."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**13. 21-260 Approved and authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the new owner of Davenport Marina, Daimler1 SA LLC for the Installation and Maintenance of the Marina Trash Skimmer at Davenport Marina**

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve and authorize the City Clerk to execute "Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Huntington Beach and Davenport Marina for the Installation and Maintenance of Marina Trash Skimmer(s) in Huntington Harbour;" with the new owner of Davenport Marina, Daimler1 SA LLC.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING**

**14. 21-351 Conducted an Administrative Public Hearing for 2021 Annual Weed Abatement Program and authorized the Director of Public Works to proceed with abatement**

City Manager Oliver Chi introduced Director of Public Works Sean Crumby who presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Annual Weed Abatement Program* with four slides entitled: *Program Timeline*.

Councilmember Posey and Director Crumby reviewed program details including the number of impacted parcels, process for identifying lots, use of a vendor to remediate lots not cleared by owners, and the budget of \$15,000 to manage the program.

Councilmember Delgleize and Director Crumby discussed the issue of unsightly perimeter fencing around vacant or development properties, and Director Crumby stated that that is a different issue than weed abatement and confirmed staff would discuss that topic.

Councilmember Kalmick and Director Crumby discussed that the time and expense required for this program is billed back or covered by the budget, and Director Crumby stated the purpose of the



program is to eliminate potential fire hazards. Councilmember Kalmick identified late receipt of an email from an effected property owner, and Director Crumby confirmed staff would reach out to the homeowner that sent the last-minute communication.

Mayor Carr opened up the Administrative Public Hearing.

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

A late MyHB app report from Shannon Armon describing current property conditions.

Public Speakers: 1

Bethany Webb was invited to speak and humorously stated her opinion that the City should be fiscally responsible and sell weed rather than abate it.

There being no more public speakers, Mayor Carr closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Kalmick, second Delgleize to open a public hearing for any objections to the proposed removal of weeds and rubbish; and authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with the abatement of the nuisance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **15. 21-323 Approved a Social Media Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials**

City Manager Chi presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Policy Consideration: Proposed Social Media Guidelines for Elected & Appointed Officials* with slides entitled: *Establishment of a Social Media Policy Identified as City Council Goal, Proposed Social Media Policy Details, Exceptions Included in The Proposed Policy, and Staff Recommendation.*

Councilmember Kalmick expressed his support for guidelines that he believes will protect the City from liability, and discussed various scenarios with City Attorney Michael Gates to have a better understanding of what the courts consider public or private forum space, usually on a case-by-case basis.

City Attorney Gates clarified that Administrative Regulations have no binding effect on elected officials, but rather is a tool the City Manager can use to address staff issues without having to go through Council. City Attorney Gates also explained this action does not contain any bright-line (objective) rules and stated his opinion this item needs more attention to wording to ensure it accurately reflects case law, and noted that the legal example provided with this item had nothing to do with elected officials.

In response to a speaker's accusation of being blocked on his City email account, Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz clarified he has not knowingly blocked anyone from his official City account, but has exercised his right to block some from his personal Instagram account, and stated he would always defer to direction from City Attorney Gates.

Councilmember Delgleize and City Manager Chi discussed differences between an Administration Regulation and a City Council policy. City Manager Chi reviewed staff's conservative view for this policy only applies when an elected or appointed official comments about City business on their private social media account(s), and if they do, they have created a public forum and as a consequence shouldn't block anyone or delete anyone's comments. City Manager Chi clarified that public forums are subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), and content retained for compliance.

City Attorney Gates clarified that case records to this point do not support the statement that an occasional comment by an elected or appointed official on their personal social media account makes that account a public forum.

City Manager Chi stated the intent of this proposed policy is to protect First Amendment rights, not to regulate content that is posted, but to encourage clear separation of official vs personal social media communications, and clarify that an elected or appointed official cannot delete others comments nor block anyone from commenting on official social media accounts.

City Attorney Gates confirmed to Councilmember Posey that he would never provide directives to Council on how to conduct themselves on social media.

Mayor Carr described attending California League of Cities social media workshops that provided guidance that every city needs to have a social media policy, and how she worked previously with City Attorney Gates to ensure a policy was developed for staff. Mayor Carr stated she is not personally interested in limiting anyone's ability to post personal feelings or opinions, and provided her support for the policy as presented.

City Attorney Gates clarified that the policy as presented states personal social media accounts shall be transmuted, or converted, to public accounts, and that the Brown "Open Meetings" Act governs legislative bodies, not social media accounts. City Manager Chi and Mayor Carr disagreed, sharing their understanding that the Act does apply to elected or appointed "official" social media accounts.

Councilmember Moser and City Attorney Gates discussed theoretical social media content scenarios to determine what could compromise the safety or security of the public. City Attorney Gates referred to legal gray area in so many cases, and stated support for evaluating the specifics of each individual situation.

Councilmember Posey stated this proposal is a guideline, and is not a legal nor enforceable policy. He stated his opinion that the proposed policy should be incorporated into the City Council Manual, possibly as a companion document to his previously submitted Institute of Local Government whitepaper on the differences between a private citizen and a public servant, including how to handle social media accounts responsibly.

Councilmember Kalmick explained that Councilmembers should not "block" anyone from their official City Outlook account to prevent that individual from further email communication. City Manager Chi

explained that in the situation involving Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz, his accidental action has already been resolved.

Councilmember Kalmick stated that while social media platforms can block communications, elected and appointed officials cannot, and shared his personal frustration with some of the social media comments that Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz has made regarding COVID-19 and vaccines. He also expressed concerns that those type of comments on official social media accounts could create a liability situation for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz stated for the record that his Ortiz 1999 Instagram account is his personal account, and his Facebook Ortiz account is a public account.

Mayor Carr, City Attorney Gates and Councilmember Posey discussed changes to language in sections 4.1, 4.23 and 4.24 of the proposed policy.

A motion was made by Kalmick, second Posey to review and consider for approval the proposed, "Social Media Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials" ***as amended with the following revisions:*** strike 3.7 Public Record (already identified in 4.2.3); 4.1 (activities ~~shall~~ ***may*** have created ...); 4.2.3 (such content is ***may be*** considered ...); and, strike 4.2.4.

The motion as amended carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

## **COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS**

### **16. 21-375 Approved Item Submitted by Mayor Carr and Councilmember Kalmick — LGBTQ Pride Month Recognition and Flag Raising**

Mayor Carr introduced this item by reading a paragraph from a letter the Council received describing the writer's personal positive experiences related to flying the LGBTQ flag at their home a number of years ago. Mayor Carr stated she sees this action as showing inclusion and acceptance for everyone.

Councilmember Kalmick stated his support for something the City can do to show support for a marginalized community, and added this action does not take rights away from anyone but rather supports inclusion. He listed the many other southern California cities that also raise the LGBTQ flag for June Pride Month.

Councilmember Moser stated her support for this item and read statements from several young LGBTQ community members describing their experiences of growing up in Huntington Beach, and encouraging Council to approve this action. She also stated her opinion that approval of the item would improve public health and safety for members of the LGBTQ community, and demonstrate a desire to provide a safe and welcome environment for everyone.

Councilmember Delgleize stated her support for an action that will have a positive effect on quality-of-life issues and help to create an environment for healing and open dialogue.

Councilmember Posey shared this is a rare situation where his initial position was changed through the course of discussion. He reviewed Council responsibilities, including the actions already taken earlier in the meeting to ensure high quality of life and to provide a welcoming and safe environment as reasons to support this item.

Councilmember Moser responded to community members suggesting this item is taking Council focus away from more important City business by stating that Council is capable of multitasking and is not neglecting other important issues.

Mayor Carr responded that she is preparing a summary of the Council's many accomplishments since the beginning of this year for infrastructure, homelessness, the environment, fiscal responsibility and social justice.

A motion was made by Kalmick, second Carr to request the City Manager to fly the LGBTQ Pride Flag each year from the 3rd week of May until June 30th in recognition of the contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Community; and, request the City of Huntington Beach recognize the month of June as LGBTQ Pride Month.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**17. 21-381 Approved Item Submitted by Councilmember Kalmick — Create a Flag Policy for City Facilities**

Councilmember Kalmick introduced this item by describing flags that are currently flown at City Hall, and stated his interest in having a flag policy which will guide future decisions and eliminate the need for lengthy discussions on the issue.

Councilmember Posey stated his recommendation that this process needs to start with a written mission statement describing approved purposes, to determine who does or does not qualify to have a flag flown. He listed other considerations he believes need to be addressed during this process, and advised caution to ensure the decision does not inadvertently result in division.

Councilmember Kalmick stated he expects staff will discover that the important issues raised by Councilmember Posey are addressed in policies drafted by other cities.

A motion was made by Kalmick, second Posey to direct staff to come back to City Council with a policy and procedure for displaying flags at City facilities.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kalmick, Ortiz, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Delgleize  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Peterson

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS** (Not Agendized)

Mayor Carr reminded everyone of the May 6, 6-8 PM, Ascon Site virtual meeting provided by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). She reported attending Pacifica Institute's Annual Law Enforcement Ramadan Iftar Dinner; participating in the final COVID-19 town hall meeting with OC Supervisor Katrina Foley; meeting with Assemblywoman Janet Nguyen; and attending a portion of the HB Reads virtual meeting with *They Called Us Enemy* author George Takei.

Councilmember Moser reported attending the recent Human Relations Task Force Community Dialogue, and announced another dialogue is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 6-7:30 PM, the upcoming Cultural Cinema Showcase and Panel Discussion for the Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Edition on Friday, May 21-23; Mobi-mat Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, May 5; Virtual town hall with Be Well OC on May 5 at 6 PM; and Stand Up For Kids Outreach on May 7. Councilmember Moser thanked the community for sharing their love during the recent passing of her father.

Councilmember Kalmick reminded everyone that Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9; announced the upcoming Annual Meeting of Southern California Association of Government (SCAG); and a family vacation next week when he hopes to be off-line for a few days.

Councilmember Delgleize thanked everyone who thought of her during the recent passing of her dog, Jack.

**ADJOURNMENT** — 9:57 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

Mayor Carr also announced that Council meetings will be moved to Tuesdays beginning in June.

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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-Clerk

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Mayor-Chair