

**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council/Public Financing Authority**  
**City of Huntington Beach**

Thursday, June 10, 2021  
6:00 PM - Council Chambers  
Virtual via Zoom Webinar  
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A video recording of the 6:00 PM portion of this meeting  
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**6:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALLED TO ORDER — 6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Peterson, Delgleize, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Kalmick  
Absent: None

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

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

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

**Administrative Items**

#1 (21-470) Twenty-eight (28) email communications received regarding the determination of a City Council vacancy appointment process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (3 Minute Time Limit) — 12 In-Person and 7 Call-In 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/>.*

Cari Swan was called to speak and shared her opinion that trust, doing the right thing, and restoring faith in local government will require City Council to honor the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the Council vacancy. (00:03:17)

Kathy Carrick, a 47-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for City Council honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the Council vacancy. (00:05:46)

Valentina Bankhead, a resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for City Council honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:08:13)

Maria Piccolo, a 20-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:09:37)

Ceason Baker, a resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:12:18)

Jenny Braithwaite, a 37-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for Council to appoint any individual who is capable of representing every resident of the City of Huntington Beach. (00:14:10)

Kathryn Levassiur was called to speak and encouraged Council's thoughtful consideration for filling the vacant Council seat, suggesting perhaps an individual who does not necessarily have the connections or resources to run a campaign, or one who is capable of representing the City's minority residents. (00:16:19)

Eric Silkenson, Huntington Beach Mobile Home Advisory Board Member, was called to speak and stated his support for Nancy Buchoz, a Council-appointed member of the Community Services Commission (CSC) who will soon leave the board due to Council vacancy. He described Nancy's dedicated service, and asked that she be considered for future Council appointments. (00:17:36)

Casey McKeon was called to speak and stated his support for honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:19:29)

Heidi Vea was called to speak and stated her support for honoring Gracey Van Der Mark for the open City Council seat based on Ms. Van Der Mark's hours of volunteer public service related to informing parents about the local school curriculum. (00:21:53)

Kainoa Vea, a Huntington Beach High School Senior and first-time voter last Fall, was called to speak and stated his support for honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:22:51)

Caller #9499, Wendy Rincon, a 45-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat, as a proven advocate and representative of the Oak View community. (00:24:17)

Autumn DiGiovanni, a life-long resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for honoring the November 2020 election results by appointing the next runner-up, Gracey Van Der Mark, to the City Council vacancy. (00:25:31)

Katie, a life-long resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat, and her opposition to seating Gracey Van Der Mark. (00:26:13)

Bethany Webb was called to speak, and discussed her support for the democratic process, the Council's authority to appoint a qualified candidate for the open Council seat, and the importance to consider former actions by November 2020 Council candidates Gracey Van Der Mark and Oscar Rodriguez. She closed by stating her support to appoint Oscar Rodriguez based on his proven actions to improve the community. (00:29:05)

Caller #1454 was invited to speak and stated her support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat, as a proven advocate and representative of the Oak View community, and her opposition to seating Gracey Van Der Mark. (00:32:36)

Laura Sire, a 50+ year resident of Huntington Beach and retired teacher, was called to speak and stated her support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat, as a proven advocate and representative of the Oak View community. (00:34:13)

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Ocean View School District Trustee and 30-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated her support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat, as a proven advocate and representative of not only the Oak View community but also all of the residents of Huntington Beach. (00:36:59)

Rodrigo Garay was called to speak and stated his support for appointing Oscar Rodriguez to the open City Council seat to represent the City's cultural diversity. (00:39:40)

Caller #3035 was called to speak but the connection was lost. (00:42:51)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **1. 21-470 Determination of City Council Vacancy Appointment Process**

City Manager Oliver Chi presented a PowerPoint communication titled: *Huntington Beach City Council – Determination of Council Vacancy Appointment Process*, with slides entitled: *City Council Vacancy Exists, Historical Precedent for Filing City Council Vacancies, Appointment Process Options, Suggested Appointment Process to Fill Current Vacancy, Applicable Would Be Made Available Online, and Questions*.

Councilmember Posey and City Manager Chi discussed details related to consolidating the City's election with Governor Newsom's recall election, and associated challenges due to timing. Mr. Chi stated that the actual cost of combining elections is unknown at this time, and that interviews would necessitate an Open Session so the public could view the process.

Councilmember Moser and City Manager Chi discussed how the timeline for this process was determined, and City Manager Chi confirmed Council could choose to move more quickly if desired.

Mayor Carr and City Manager Chi discussed that a paper version of the application will be available in the City Clerk's Office, and online applicants will receive a confirmation of application receipt by noon on Friday, June 11, 2021. Mayor Carr stated her support for closing the application process by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 18, 2021.

Councilmember Peterson, City Manager Chi and City Clerk Estanislau discussed some of the details and challenges involved if the City chooses to consolidate with the Governor's recall election. Ms. Estanislau noted that a recall election date has not yet been determined, and further explained how it is not yet possible to determine the cost of consolidation as it depends upon how many local agencies take the same action and share costs. Ms. Estanislau also confirmed the Orange County Registrar of Voters \$1M cost estimate for a standalone election.

Councilmember Peterson expressed his concern that the vacancy is almost a complete term, and if Council decides not to appoint based on the results of the November 2020 election, he believes an election process is the prudent way to proceed.

Councilmember Kalmick and Mayor Carr stated support for holding interviews June 25 – 27 if no more than twelve (12) applications are received; July 9-11 if greater than twelve (12).

Councilmember Posey and City Manager Chi discussed the type of information required on the application, including a candidate statement, goals, and vision.

Mayor Pro Tem Delgleize stated her support for Mayor Carr's application timeline (6-11-21 through 6-19-21), and dates associated with applicant interviews (<12 June 25-27; >12 July 9-11).

A motion was made by Posey, second Carr to finalize the City Council vacancy appointment process to include application submittals, introductory interviews, and final deliberation and selection by the City Council, ***as amended to set Friday, June 11 through Friday, June 18, at 5:00 PM (application available online or in the City Clerk's Office); interviews to be held June 25-27 (if no more than 12 applications received; or, July 9 – 11 if greater than 12).***

The motion as amended carried by the following vote:

AYES: Peterson, Delgleize, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Kalmick

NOES: None

**ADJOURNMENT** — 7:00 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00 PM 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:**

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City Clerk-Secretary

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Mayor-Chair