

## Minutes

### City Council/Public Financing Authority Special Meeting City of Huntington Beach

Monday, July 8, 2024  
4:00 PM — Council Chambers  
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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#### 4:00 PM — COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### CALLED TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING — 4:00 PM

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, and McKeon  
Absent: Moser, Bolton, and Kalmick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** — Led by Fire Deputy Chief Eric McCoy

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

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, City Clerk Robin Estanislau announced supplemental communications that were received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet which were all uploaded to the City's website and Councilmember iPads: Administrative Items, Item #1 (13 email communications, 1 letter, 1 statement from Councilmembers Bolton, Kalmick and Moser which was read aloud by City Clerk Estanislau for the record).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (3-Minute Time Limit) — 7 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/>.*

Perry Clitheroe was called to speak and stated his opposition to Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:06:22)

Tim Geddes, 40-year Huntington Beach resident and former History and Government teacher, was called to speak and stated his opposition to Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:10:23)

Amory Hanson was called to speak and stated his support for Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:13:02)

Russ Neal, Huntington Beach resident, was called to speak and stated his support for Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:14:00)

Unnamed Speaker was called to speak and stated opposition to Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:15:58)

Adam Wood, Huntington Beach resident and Building Industry Association – Orange County representative, was called to speak and shared his concerns about the ultimate purpose of Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:18:49)

Ann Palmer, Huntington Beach resident and homeowner, was called to speak and stated support for Administrative Items #1 to consider the submission of one Charter Amendment ballot measure for voter approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39 and 2024-40. (00:20:36)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### 1. **24-465 Approved the Submission of One Charter Amendment Ballot Measure for Voter Approval for the November 5, 2024, General Election and the Adoption of Resolution Nos. 2024-38, 2024-39, and 2024-40**

Jennifer Carey, Acting Deputy City Manager, presented a PowerPoint communication titled *Proposed Charter Amendment Measure*, with slides entitled: *Background, Proposed Charter Language, Proposed Ballot Question, and Recommended Action*.

Councilmember McKeon stated the genesis for this item occurred last year immediately after the four newly elected Councilmembers were sworn in and discussion ensued on the 13,368 state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). He explained that the 20% inclusionary rate the state demands of development projects, or 8,000 units, must be at one of three levels of affordability, so 8,000 divided by the 20% inclusionary rate results in 41,000 units. In addition, Councilmembers were expected to sign a Statement of Overriding Consideration which stated that the 13,368 housing units were more important than the significant and unavoidable, and in some cases permanent, negative impacts to the environment. He added that statement is totally opposite of his personal convictions and found it appalling that the state was trying to force his hand on the issue. He noted that the negative impacts could include roads, infrastructure, water table, air quality, and traffic among others.

Councilmember McKeon stated that there are three high levels of threshold that must be met before an item would be submitted to the voters: 1) Must be a City-initiated General Plan update or zoning change. This will not affect any private sector projects that pursue a zone change or General Plan update, or any existing Specific Plans; 2) There must be an accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR); and, 3)

the EIR must state that the proposed General Plan update or zoning change presents significant and unavoidable negative environmental impacts.

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to consider the proposed Charter amendment ballot measure, ballot language, and exhibits for placement on the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election ballot for voter approval; adopt Resolution No. 2024-38, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, Ordering the Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City a Certain Charter Amendment Measure Relating to Environmental Protection at the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election as Called by Resolution 2024-34;" adopt Resolution No. 2023-39, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, Setting Priorities for Filing Written Arguments Regarding a City Measure and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare Impartial Analysis of the Measure to be Submitted to the Voters at the General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024" **as amended to note that Councilmembers Burns, McKeon and Van Der Mark will author the supporting argument**; and, adopt Resolution No. 2024-40, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, Providing for the Filing of Rebuttal Arguments for a City Measure Submitted at Municipal Elections."

The motion **as amended** carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Burns, Van Der Mark, Strickland, and McKeon  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Moser, Bolton, and Kalmick

**ADJOURNMENT** — 4:30 PM a motion was made by Strickland, second by Burns to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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the Public Financing Authority of the City of  
Huntington Beach, California

**ATTEST:**



City Clerk-Clerk



Mayor-Chair