



MINUTES

HARBOR COMMISSION

**Thursday, October 24, 2019
Room B7, Lower Level
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

WILLIAM LARKIN, Chair
MICHAEL VAN VOORHIS, Vice Chair
ALFRED BALITZER, Board Member
RENEE HUNTER, Board Member
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Board Member
JOHN OCHS, Board Member
CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Board Member

STAFF

ERIK PETERSON, Councilmember Liaison
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MARIE KNIGHT, Community Services Director
CHRIS SLAMA, Community Services Manager
CARRIE GONZALES, Administrative Assistant

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CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Schauppner

ROLL CALL

Present: Larkin, Milligan Ochs, Schauppner, Van Voorhis

Absent: Balitzer, Hunter

Staff Present: Knight, Slama, Gonzales, Baumgartner, DeBow, Herbel, Hoang, Merid, Reilly

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Len Bose – Introduced himself and his yacht sales business
- Brandt Stebbins – Harbor Tour Permit for Wagner Charters
- Randall Nomann – Harbor cleaning and the booms in the harbor
- Robert Wagner – Moratorium on Commercial Activity Permits
- John Woods – Waterway safety (kayaks & paddleboards) and infrastructure (easements, bulkhead, and seawalls)

CONSENT ITEMS**A) Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2019**

Schauppner noted that under Committee Reports, Item B, the spelling of Brian Bugsch should be corrected.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ochs, seconded by Milligan, to approve the amended meeting minutes dated September 26, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ochs, Schauppner and Van Voorhis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Larkin, Milligan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**A) Public Works Presentation on the Water Quality and the Anaheim Bay Watershed – DeBow & Merid**

The presentation provided protocols and responsibilities for notification of ocean/beach water quality related issues. The example provided was for the real-life incident in the City of Stanton that occurred on August 29, 2019.

B) Orange County Public Works Presentation – Chris Crompton

A PowerPoint presentation titled “Orange County (OC) Stormwater Program Overview” was given by Chris Crompton, Manager, North OC Watershed Management Area. The presentation provided information on the following:

- OC Stormwater Program
- Watershed in the North OC Management Area
- Key Stormwater Program Elements
- Monitoring and Assessment
- Monitoring Locations in the Anaheim Bay Watershed
- Impairment Listings in Anaheim Watershed

- Flood District Regional Programs
- Adopt a Channel Activities

“Adopt a Channel” and “You are the Solution to Runoff Pollution” pamphlets were distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Waterway Safety – Hunter, Milligan & Van Voorhis

Van Voorhis no updates, just follow-up on some items: 1) Kayak & Paddleboard update and 2) the beaches in the harbor are still in need of lifeguards. Knight mentioned that the Community Services Department Staff is working on the Kayak and Paddleboard request for proposal (RFP) and will provide an update at the January meeting.

He also mentioned that there will be a concert in September, and stated that this concert is not sponsored by the Commission but would like to be advisory of the event. Knight stated that planning a concert is not a Commission activity rather a private entity.

B) General Infrastructure – Schauppner & Ochs

Schauppner no current updates. Long term project working with the State Lands Commission trying to get some of the revenue back to City. Reached out to Knight on a Legislative item to add to the City's list of items. Will provide the legislative proposal template, the Assembly Woman's Office provided, with a synopsis so it may be added to the pile of possible legislative items the City pay purse. Possibility of approximated \$400K - \$500K per year back to the City.

Knight stated the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC) meeting is being rescheduled and does not have the new date, however will notify Schauppner once she receives it.

Herbel stated the French Dock is back up and completed.

C) Water Quality – Larkin & Balitzer

Merid gave an update on the sunken boat in the harbor. Sunset Aquatics will be accepting proposals for salvage of the boat in the next 30 days.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ochs asked about the moratorium on the permitting process for the use of the docks. Knight reminded the Committee that a sub-committee was established at the September 26, 2019 meeting to review the partial use of the docks in the harbor for new commercial permits. The sub-committee will submit a recommendation to the Commission to forward to the City Council for approval.

Larkin asked if there will be any further education on today's presentation, in particular, what Newport Beach is doing. Knight, stated our Public Works Department has a proper infrastructure in place. Merid and Herbel discussed the approximate 1,800 catch basin screens the City has in place to collect trash and debris. The City needs to start with source control, what is trapped in the upper basins and what ultimately flows to the City. It is a work in progress.

Schauppner asked about the following:

- 1) The municipal code for abandon vehicles update Jimmy Hoang provided at the September 26, 2019 meeting. Knight responded that Hoang will provide an update at the January 23, 2020 meeting.
- 2) Prioritizing ad hoc committees: At the August 22, 2019 meeting, the safety infrastructure committee brought recommendations on kayak safety cards. This item should be presented to the Committee for approval at the January 23, 2020 meeting. Knight responded Staff is taking this on and will bring back recommendations for the Committee on a program for kayaks and paddleboards regarding

education, rentals and fees that would go back to the City.

- 3) Item regarding the enforcement of the speed of vessels through the harbor. Knight responded the Police Department can address at a future meeting, this would fall under their jurisdiction.

Larkin discussed the infrastructure proposed for Seal Beach is a 250' channel to entrance to the harbor which is the same width as the bridge. He stated here is not a channel in California that is less than 400'. Is it possible to have Bryan attend again? Schauppner responded, it is not a budgetary at all, the problem is space, the geography of it. They could not get the 300' wide channel because of the geography.

STAFF COMMENTS

Marie Knight informed the Commission that she will be leaving her position for a new role in the City Manager's Office working on organizational development and Chris Slama has been named the Community Services Director.

Herbel mentioned Travis Hopkins is the Interim Assistant City Manager and he is the Interim Public Works Director and Debbie DeBow is the Interim City Engineer. Debow will be representing Public Works at the Commission meetings.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Van Voorhis invited all to the Sunset Beach Halloween Park at the Community Center on 12th Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Larkin called for adjournment at 6:25 pm with Schauppner seconding the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harbor Commission is on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 5:00 PM in meeting room B-7, lower lever of the Civic Center, Huntington Beach, California.