Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority Regular and Housing Authority Special Meeting City of Huntington Beach

Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 PM - Council Chambers 6:00 PM - Council Chambers Civic Center, 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, California 92648

A video recording of the 6:00 PM portion of this meeting is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and archived at www.surfcity-hb.org/government/agendas/

5:00 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALLED TO ORDER — 5:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Present:

Posey, Delgleize (remote), Hardy, Semeta, Peterson, Carr (remote), and Brenden (remote)

Absent:

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) (Received After Agenda Distribution) – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM - None.

A motion was made by Peterson, second Posey to recess to Closed Session for Item 1. With no objections, the motion passed.

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION — 5:05 PM

CLOSED SESSION

1. 20-1565 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), the City Council recessed into Closed Session to confer with the City Attorney regarding potential litigation. Number of cases, one (1).

6:00 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING AND CALLED TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY — 6:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present:

Posey, Delgleize (remote), Hardy, Semeta, Peterson, Carr (remote), and Brenden (remote)

Absent:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Mayor Pro Tem Hardy.

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. 20-1548 Mike Michaud of Dance 4 Joy Ministries and member of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council offered the invocation remotely

CLOSED SESSION REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY Remotely — None.

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. Each comment was read in its entirety during the Public Comments portion of the meeting:

Non-Agendized Items

Two (2) communications received

City Manager's Report
Item #4 (20-1566) COVID-19 Update
Twenty-two (22) communications

Administrative Items

Item #9 (20-1546), #10 (20-1547), & #11 (20-1553) One-hundred twenty-seven (127) communications

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

Mayor Semeta announced that due to the COVID-19 situation, this City Council meeting was closed to the public. Comments could be submitted electronically for Council consideration by sending them to agendacomment@surfcity-hb.org. To ensure distribution to the City Council prior to consideration of the agenda, please submit comments no later than 2:00 PM of the day of the meeting. Comments received after 2:00 PM will be shared and considered if possible, by City Council and made part of the official public record of the meeting as supplemental communication.

Public Comments received by 2:00 PM were compiled and read aloud to the City Council by City Clerk Robin Estanislau and Deputy City Clerk Tania Moore.

Unagendized Items:

Spencer Hagaman asked City Council to transition to a digital format for City Council meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. (00:03:57)

Natalie Moser, Homeless United - Huntington Beach Member, suggested ideas for addressing the needs of homeless residents during COVID-19 pandemic. (00:07:54)

City Manager's Report

Item No. 4 (20-1566) COVID-19 Update: (00:10:28)

Kim Aschenbrenner reported concerns related to improper social distancing observed at Bauer and Edison Parks. (00:10:29)

William Bruner asked for the closing of City Beach parking lot. (00:10:56)

Tim reported lack of proper social distancing observed at beach parking lots. (00:11:02)

Dawn Brunner asked for closure of all outdoor facilities. (00:11:27)

Diana Nicasio asked the City to close the beaches. (00:11:32)

Lucy Peerenboom asked the City to close the beaches. (00:11:41)

Jacqueline Acevedo asked the City to close the beaches. (00:11:50)

Elizabeth Garcia asked the City to close the beaches. (00:12:08)

Anonymous asked the City to close the beaches. (00:12:31)

Richard Green asked for direction on using the Strand without walking on the grass, and requested that parking along PCH be closed. (00:12:47)

Marty Caproni asked the City to close the beaches. (00:13:13)

Kathy Bartlett reported it is impossible to practice social distancing on bike and beach paths; and no one is wearing face masks. (00:13:51)

Kathy Anderson expressed concerns about 4th of July crowds and asked that planned festivities be cancelled. (00:14:00)

A. Q. asked why Stay-at-Home orders are not being enforced. (00:14:15)

David Miller, a long-time resident, asked the City to close the beaches. (00:14:26)

Ellen Hale asked the City to close the beaches. (00:14:46)

Natalie Moser thanked first responders and essential workers for their service. (00:14:53)

Tammy Wegner asked the City to close the beaches. (00:15:15)

Anonymous noted lack of social distancing in the Downtown and beach areas (00:15:27)

John Henkel asked the City to close the beaches. (00:15:59)

Administrative Items

Item No. 9 (20-1546) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding – Management Employee's Organization (MEO)

Item No. 10 (20-1547) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding – Municipal Teamsters

Item No. 11 (20-1553) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding – Police Officers' Association (POA) (00:16:06)

Canned comment in opposition to Items 9, 10 and 11 for at least one year received from:

Craig and Stephanie Billington

Sid Spenick

Russel Neal

Jon Koskoff

Blake Rose

Donna Dillon

Tom Laughlin

Les and Sharon Messick

Carole Pedriana (00:16:10)

Patricia Pitts

Gary Liggett

Madeline Pacilio-Brand

Greg Dillon

Susan Jervik communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 & 11 for at least a year. (00:17:12)

Lois Lacey communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 & 11 for at least a year. (00:17:41)

Elizabeth Pedley communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 & 11 for at least a year. (00:17:54)

Roy and Margaret Arnold communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:18:06)

Paula and Michael Hessley communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:18:16)

Steve Farnsworth communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:18:24)

Vanessa Martinez communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:19:12)

Larry McNeely communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:20:20)

Craig Frampton communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:20:58)

Craig Frampton shared a canned Police Department response regarding traffic. (00:21:34)

Jeff Murdoch communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:21:40)

Rob Pool communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the City has totally recuperated from COVID-19 pandemic. (00:21:47)

Gary Tarkington communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the City has totally recuperated from COVID-19 pandemic. (00:26:26)

Ann Palmer communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:26:34)

Cari Swan communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:27:32)

Cari Swan provided additional information to support her position of opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:31:00)

Erich Moreno communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (00:33:32)

Janet Cole communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (00:34:15)

Ron Plummer communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (00:34:43)

Allen Curry communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (00:35:14)

Ross and Diane Miller communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:35:53)

Chris Berry communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:36:16)

David Cicerone communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least a year. (00:37:09)

Judith Clark communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:37:12)

Sean Porter, long-time resident of Huntington Beach, communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:38:18)

Stephanie Szu communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:38:44)

Barbara Katz communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:39:03)

Elizabeth Esparza communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:39:52)

Ray Raines communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:41:03)

Rob and Sharon Ott communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:41:27)

Lana Ray Benton communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:43:25)

Ceason Baker communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:43:48)

Lowell Pierce communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:45:04)

Tony communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:45:29)

Eric Halsey communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:45:33)

Natalie Porter communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for at least 4 - 6 months. (00:45:46)

Richard Thiel communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:46:00)

Milt Dardis communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (00:47:10)

Diana Lethen communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:49:45)

Ron Taylor and Margaret Coleman communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:50:03)

Kathy Carrick communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:50:51)

Michael and Jennifer Bledsoe communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:53:09)

Mark Cohen communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:53:31)

Ann and Gary Tarkington communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:53:40)

Ron Taylor communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:54:25)

Kathleen Moore Nutting communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:54:40)

Larry McNeely communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (00:57:10)

City Employee asked Council to please table the MOU votes until the future. (00:59:06)

Kathleen Brown communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:59:20)

Barbara Katz communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (00:59:25)

Cathy Haro communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:00:15)

Patti Davis communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:00:47)

Gina Curry communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:01:22)

Logan Haug communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:02:07)

Nicholas Mestanas communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:02:37)

Greg Velastegui communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:03:21)

Lynn Ungar communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:03:44)

Aimee Ruiz opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:04:31)

Terry Feit communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:05:03)

Mark Tonkovitch communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:05:45)

Gino Bruno communicated opposition to Item Nos. 8, 9, and 10 [9, 10 and 11] until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:06:01)

Ted Barsh communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:07:51)

Crystal Kerins communicated opposition to Item Nos. 8, 9, and 10 [9, 10 and 11] at this time. (01:08:07)

Steve West communicated opposition to Item Nos. 8, 9, and 10 [9, 10 and 11] until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:08:46)

Christine Machado communicated opposition to Item Nos. 8, 9, and 10 [9, 10 and 11] at this time. (01:10:21)

Erik Mohler communicated opposition to Item Nos. 8, 9, and 10 [9, 10 and 11] for at least two years. (01:10:33)

Christina Silva-Salgado communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:10:49)

Anna Plewa communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:11:04)

Eileen Harris communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:12:21)

Marlene Shiner communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:13:12)

Michelle and Terry Schomburg communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:13:44)

Keith and Jean Rhine communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:14:19)

Tom Wilkinson communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:14:39)

Teri Pool communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:14:52)

Barbara Shepard communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:15:52)

Dino Ferraro communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:16:19)

Adriana Aguilera communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:17:12)

Ginny Latka communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:17:28)

Linda and Gary Chrisman communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:17:49)

Debbie Farmen communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:18:11)

Rita Barry communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:18:16)

Marty Golden communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:18:37)

Peta-Gaye Hoskinson communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:19:09)

Kori Haug communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:20:32)

Daniel Savard communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:20:46)

Michael Gioan communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:21:53)

Lynda Muir communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:24:05)

Susan Matthewson communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:24:33)

Linda Kalicki communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:24:59)

Jerry Barry communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:25:24)

Jon and Susan Gary communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:26:21)

Bill Saksa communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:29:11)

C. L. Stapleton communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:29:39)

Taylor Haug communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:30:02)

Sean and Kate Bonnevie communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:30:18)

Thomas Tetreault communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. (01:31:28)

ARoyalty-Hanavan communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:31:34)

Mark Cohen communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:32:12)

Carlee Okerman communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:32:21)

Pat Quintana communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:33:07)

William Hennerty, Jr. communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:33:24)

Robert Dominguez communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:33:38)

Debbie Farmen (2) communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:33:48)

Sherry Daniels communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:33:57)

Dorothy Newbrough communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:36:46)

Lisa Ager communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 until the full effects of COVID-19 are known. (01:36:57)

Laurie Virtue communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:37:10)

Janet Bean communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:37:51)

Chris Barsh communicated opposition to Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 at this time. (01:39:20)

Agenda Comments to the City Council RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 CUTOFF:

(Names acknowledged during the Public Comment Portion of the meeting) (01:39:43)

City Manager's Report

#4 (20-1566)

Pappas

Natalie Moser

Administrative Items #9, 10, 11

Tiffany Tina	Yvonne Mauro	Sally Neiser
Bill Martin	Kelly Eddy	Robert Faiella
Brie B	Bill Larkin	Debra Jubinsky
Matt McAllister	David Powell	Dewy
Dorothy & Mike Kraus	Jake Knox	Joe Fischman
Terry Ferguson	Laura Conway	Vince Sipkovich
Steve Fong	Linda Moulton-Patterson	Lisa Henderson
Spencer Kelly	Heidi Fong	Linda Law
Sam Shepherd	Brian Schrieber	S2 Performing Training
Jacob Fong	Libby Frolichman	Lauren Smith
Indiana Fuller	Grant Hasselbach	Allie Shepherd
SoCal 714	Larry Godfrey	Sean McCollom
Victor Ojeda	Darryl Purks	Charles Knoth
Grace Fitzpatrick	Erich Moreno	Natalie Moser

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy stated that the majority of the people whose names were just read, as being received AFTER the cutoff, stated their support for Administrative Item No. 11, and she acknowledged that all Councilmembers received copies of all comments.

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

Councilmember Posey reported speaking to the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

Councilmember Delgleize reported attending a Highways and Planning meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and announced a collaborative effort between California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), OCTA, and the various impacted cities for addressing traffic issues and solutions all along the Beach Boulevard corridor.

Councilmember Carr reported a conversation with the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

Councilmember Brenden reported a conversation with the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

3. 20-1484 Ascon Landfill Site Update

Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins presented a PowerPoint communication entitled Ascon Landfill Site Update with slides entitled Slope Failure Concern (3), Ascon Landfill Site Slope Inspection, Tension Cracks Identified (2), Community Forum, For More Information on Ascon Project, and Ascon Landfill Site Update.

Councilmember Carr and Assistant City Manager Hopkins discussed that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has the permits and authority necessary for the completion of this project.

Mayor Semeta and Assistant City Manager Hopkins confirmed that this planned managed excavation, on a limited area of the berm related to slope failure, is expected to be very minor compared to the work that was done last year.

4. 20-1566 Update of the City COVID-19 Response Plan and Actions for Review and Discussion

City Manager Oliver Chi emphasized all departments are functioning and vital City operations are being maintained. He highlighted adjustments in department's activities and new programs that have been developed in response to COVID-19, and provided a financial overview presenting revenue and expenditure projections based on COVID-19 impacts.

City Manager Chi presented a PowerPoint communication entitled City of Huntington Beach COVID-19 Response Update with slides entitled Situational Update US Totals, Situational Update Orange County (2), Situational Update HB EMS Response Statistics, Maintenance of Vital City Operations, Huntington Beach Electronic Submittal Portal, CLOSED due to COVID-19 Keep Off Grass, HB Ready Coronavirus Updates in Huntington Beach, Stimulus Package Summary, Telehealth Program Being Launched, New Emerging Issue — Face Coverings, Financial Overview, FY 2019/20 COVID-19 Budget Projection Details, Summary COVID-19 FY 2019/20 Financial Position, and Questions?

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy, City Manager Chi and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Dahle Bulosan discussed when sales taxes are actually received, reduced General Fund savings transfers, clarified that Section 115 Reserve funds are only for future Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) obligations, and PERS calculates everything at the end of the Fiscal Year (June 30) and then there is a two-year (2 yr.) lag before PERS makes the new unfunded liability available.

Councilmember Posey thanked City Manager Chi for his hard work, creativity and personal sacrifice during this time. Councilmember Posey and City Manager Chi discussed grant funds, as related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursable Expenses, on-going research to identify new Federal stimulus bills, and the commitment to provide regular updates on available funding and the status of funds already applied for.

Councilmember Peterson, City Manager Chi and CFO Bulosan discussed a number of capital improvement projects being considered for delay to save General Fund dollars. Councilmember Peterson shared his opinion that there is no way to make up for missed sales tax during the time of COVID-19 business closures.

Mayor Semeta stated her support for being very cautious with reducing General Liability funds, and City Manager Chi clarified that as far as capital improvement projects, it becomes a timing issue as to whether a project can be completed within the current Fiscal Year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. 20-1535 Approved and Adopted Minutes

A motion was made by Posey, second Hardy to approve and adopt the City Council/Public Financing Authority regular meeting minutes dated March 16, 2020, as written and on file in the office of the City Clerk; and, approve and adopt the City Council emergency meeting minutes dated March 19, 2020, as written and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

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

NOES:

None

6. 20-1533

Received and Filed the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021-2024/2025 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan; Draft 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs; Draft FY 2020/21-2024/2025 Citizen Participation Plan; and Draft FY 2020/21-2024/2025 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

A motion was made by Posey, second Hardy to receive and file the following draft documents in compliance with the Consolidated Plan Procedures of 24 CFR Part 91: 1. Draft Fiscal Year 2020/21 to Fiscal Year 2024/25 Consolidated Plan; 2. Draft Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan; 3. Draft Fiscal Year 2020/21 to Fiscal Year 2024/25 Citizen Participation Plan; and 4. Draft Fiscal Year 2020/21 to Fiscal Year 2024/25 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

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

NOES:

None

7. 20-1544 Adopted Resolution No. 2020-16 approving City authorized agents to apply for and obtain Financial Assistance for Disaster and Emergency Relief

A motion was made by Posey, second Hardy to adopt Resolution No. 2020-16, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing Certain City Officials to Execute Applications and Documents to Obtain Disaster and Emergency Relief."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

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

NOES:

None

8. 20-1560 Adopted Resolution No. 06, authorizing the Housing Authority Clerk to accept deeds on behalf of the Huntington Beach Housing Authority

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A motion was made by Posey, second Hardy to Adopt Resolution No. 06, "A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Huntington Beach Housing Authority designating the Clerk to accept Deed and Real Property Interests on behalf of the Housing Authority."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

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

NOES:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

City Manager Chi introduced Administrative Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11 with a PowerPoint presentation entitled Introduction of Proposed Memoranda of Understanding with Police Officers' Association, HB Municipal Teamsters, and Management Employees' Association, with slides titled: Obligations Under Myers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA), Proposed Memoranda of Understanding, FY 2019/20 Fiscal Impact, FY 2020/21 Fiscal Impact, and City Council Options.

Councilmember Peterson thanked the community for responding, described the back and forth discussions necessary to reach these agreements, and stated his support for putting the brakes on these items now until there is a full, more accurate picture of City finances related to COVID-19, which he suggested most likely won't happen until 2021.

Councilmember Posey reviewed the four major objectives that City Manager Chi had when he was hired which included Labor Negotiations, and stated that in his opinion had there not been the delay required to hire a City Manager and Assistant City Manager, these contracts would have been accepted and approved several months ago. Councilmember Posey shared his concern that a delay in approval could affect staff retention, and believes it is prudent to approve the proposed medical leave change now. Councilmember Posey closed his comments by sharing that Councilmembers had received communications of support for these items from several prominent community members that were not received before the deadline and therefore were not available to be read aloud.

Councilmember Carr stated her support for most of Councilmember Posey's comments and expressed her opinion these memoranda are long overdue, and shared her concern that re-negotiation may be required if there is further delay. Councilmember Carr further stated that she received many communications from community members that were not read aloud, and sees this situation demonstrating the need for a change in how the public can "speak" at these meetings. Councilmember Carr described some of the ways that private companies are responding to this crisis by boosting pay and benefits, especially for their employees on the front lines.

Councilmember Delgleize stated her support for the comments made by both Councilmembers Posey and Carr, and expressed her appreciation to City Manager Chi, Police Chief Handy and Fire Chief Haberle for the outstanding ways they have effectively managed during this time. Councilmember Delgleize also recognized the months of time that it took to negotiate these contracts and expressed her support for approval.

Councilmember Brenden expressed his gratitude to all of the first responders for the sacrifices they are making at this time, and commended City staff members and managers for their efforts to meet the new challenges created during this time. Councilmember Brenden also reported receiving many

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communications from residents in the last three hours, and his final analysis shows that in reality fifty-percent (50%) of the respondents support these items and fifty-percent (50%) oppose these items. He then read the comments sent by 1) Matt, 2) a Member of the MEO, and 3) Dorothy and Mike, all in support of Administrative Item Nos. 9, 10 and 11. Councilmember Brenden provided a review of historical salary increases for the three groups under consideration, which in his opinion demonstrates that these proposed increases are not excessive by any means, and stated his opinion that not approving these items could potentially jeopardize public services and safety.

Councilmember Peterson stated he fully supports public service, but believes there is too much unknown about the full financial impact of COVID-19 at this time, and if the current projections are wrong, these increases will hit all taxpayers. He further explained his position that this issue has nothing to do with retention since every city has implemented a hiring freeze right now and staff are not going to quit their job if these items are not approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy provided a history of the good and bad times through her years as a Councilmember, and her previous experiences of approving payments without knowing what was coming in the economy. She summarized her current options as to either follow her heart by showing gratitude for the excellent service and increasing pay now, or follow her head to ensure solvency for pay in the future. Since she believes the coming recession will be worse than she has ever seen before in her lifetime, she will follow her head this time and not vote to approve these pay increases.

Mayor Semeta expressed her appreciation for Mayor Pro Tem Hardy's historical perspective, and acknowledged that today's world is drastically different from when these contracts were negotiated last fall. Mayor Semeta stated that her vote to not support these increased expenses at this time in no way means she doesn't have admiration and respect for staff and public safety officers. Mayor Semeta stated her support for the public comments which concluded that our unprecedented times require a step back when looking at increasing expenses, and that decision is not a reflection of disrespect or dissatisfaction with performance. Mayor Semeta explained that some cities across the country are looking at staff reductions, her expectation that Huntington Beach can move ahead without having to do that, and that she would prefer to table these items for a more accurate financial picture.

A motion was made by Peterson, second Semeta to table all proposed Memorandum of Understandings (HB Management Employees' Organization; HB Municipal Teamsters; HB Police Officers' Association) until 2021.

A substitute motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize, to approve introductions of all Memorandum of Understandings (HB Management Employees' Organization; HB Municipal Teamsters; HB Police Officers' Association), documented individually for Administrative Items 9, 10 and 11 as follows:

9. 20-1546 Approved Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Between the Huntington Beach Management Employees' Organization (MEO) and the City of Huntington Beach for November 1, 2019, through October 31, 2020

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Huntington Beach Management Employees' Organization (MEO) and the City of Huntington Beach for the period November 1, 2019, through October 31, 2020.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Posey, Delgleize, Carr, and Brenden

NOES:

Hardy, Semeta, and Peterson

10, 20-1547

Approved Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Between the Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters and the City of Huntington Beach for October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Huntington Beach Municipal Teamsters and the City of Huntington Beach for the period October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

Posey, Delgleize, Carr, and Brenden

NOES:

Hardy, Semeta, and Peterson

11. 20-1553

Approved Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Between the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association and the City of Huntington Beach for January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023

A motion was made by Posey, second Delgleize to approve Introduction of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association and the City of Huntington Beach for the period January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

Posey, Delgleize, Carr, and Brenden

NOES:

Hardy, Semeta, and Peterson

City Clerk Robin Estanislau stated that staff is going to ensure that all communication channels are properly captured and included in the meeting record, and thanked Councilmembers for reading some of the comments submitted after the meeting had started.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS (Not Agendized)

Councilmember Brenden congratulated the City of Huntington Beach for being ranked 7th Happiest City in America. He also shared some historical facts from Chris Epting's on-line Evening Historical Presentation on the Early 1920's in Huntington Beach, and announced that at 7 PM on Saturday, April 11, Mr. Epting will present The History of the Bolsa Chica Gun Club.

Councilmember Brenden highlighted some of the donations recently received by the City: \$100,000 from Hoag Memorial Hospital for the Surf City Seniors' On-The-Go Program; \$22,000 from Council on Aging to fund a part-time Front Office Assistant for the Transportation Program; \$7,000 from the Reliance Trust Punkett Foundation for the Partners in Art Program; \$20,000 from Friends of the Children's Library for children's books; and \$20,000 from Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance for purchase of various library children's resources.

Councilmember Brenden recognized Huntington Beach Firefighter Paramedic Drew Dipaolo who in early March stopped at the site of a freeway accident, successfully pulled the driver out of the burning crushed vehicle, used his personal fire extinguisher to help put down the fire, and then proceeded on to work!

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Councilmember Brenden described the recently approved Paycheck Protection Program, for small businesses and non-profits with less than 500 employees, as part of the Congressional CARES Act, and suggested that business banker should be contacted for further details.

Councilmember Posey announced that April is Huntington Beach "Take-Out" Month and encouraged people to patronize their favorite restaurants for dinner to go.

Councilmember Carr reported participating in a recent conference call with Congressman Rouda and Assemblywoman Petrie-Norris for discussion on the Congressional CARES Act, and encouraged people to utilize HBReady.com which fills in some of the details and contains information from federal, state, county and local sources. She also noted www.OnwardCA.gov as a job search resource listing current open positions throughout the State. Councilmember Carr thanked those who are stepping up, and staying in communication so that Huntington Beach will get through this together and be in a better place in the end.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:29 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 4:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

INTERNET ACCESS TO CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov

City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach and Secretary to the Public Financing Authority and Housing Authority of the City of Huntington Beach, California

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ATTEST:

City Clerk-Secretary