



MEETING MINUTES

HARBOR COMMISSION

**Thursday, April 22, 2021
Room B8, Lower Level
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

WILLIAM LARKIN, Chair
MICHAEL VAN VOORHIS, Vice Chair
BRIAN GRILEY, Board Member
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Board Member
CHRIS NIELSEN, Board Member
JOHN OCHS, Board Member
CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Board Member

COUNCIL LIAISONS

TITO ORTIZ, Councilmember Liaison
ERIK PETERSON, Councilmember Liaison

STAFF

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief
ERIC MCCOY, Fire Division Chief
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Administrative Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Griley

ROLL CALL

Present: Griley, Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Ochs, Schauppner, Van Voorhis

Staff Present: Scott Haberle, Eric McCoy, Kevin Justen, Ashley Wysocki, Jimmy Hoang, Jim Merid, Terry Tintle

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021

MOTION: A motion was made by Griley, seconded by Nielson, to approve meeting minutes dated March 25, 2021.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Griley, Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Ochs, Schauppner, Van Voorhis

NOES: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A) Orange County Health Care Agency Water Quality Sampling & Monitoring Program, *Lauren Robinson, Orange County Health Care Agency*

Ms. Robinson provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting water quality monitoring programs throughout Orange County. Larkin asked if data collection is done in real time, manually or by remote sampling. Robinson responded that samples are collected manually on a regular basis. Larkin also asked if additional research is conducted if a remote station shows a higher level of contamination. Robinson said that upon collection and analysis additional research is performed and actions taken if higher contaminant levels are indicated. Finally, Larkin asked if the telephone hot line for reporting spills is live or recorded. Robinson said that it is answered live with Health Care Agency staff or in their absence an answering service is used. When asked about the primary City contact for these issues she said that there are a number of City contacts for the Agency, including staff in Public Works, Fire and other departments. The contact will depend on the nature of the issue being addressed. Schauppner asked if the data they collect is available for review by Harbor Commissioners. Robinson showed the Commission the locations on their website where the information can be accessed and noted that it is displayed in real time, with historical information going back to 1986. Schauppner also asked if the Agency had more funding where would it be spent and why. Robinson said that a priority would be placed on additional data collection, which would be a tremendous asset in providing greater analysis and quicker turnaround.

- B) Harbor Report

McCoy provided the Harbor Report in a PowerPoint presentation. It included updates on the Harbor Study scope of work, current Harbor staffing, the Harbor swim lines, installation of lifeguard chairs at all Harbor beaches, a water quality report and a Harbor activity report. Hoang provided a code enforcement update on short-term rentals.

- C) Public Works Update

There were no Public Works updates at this time.

- D) RFP Updates – SUP and Harbor Salvage

Wysocki provided an update on the Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) RFP process and Justen provided an update on the Harbor Salvage RFP. Wysocki said that there were four (4) vendors who responded to the RFP process and contracts were offered to OEX, Sunset Rentals and Huntington Harbor Rentals. The pilot program will run from June 1, 2021 until June 1, 2022 and, if successful, a new RFP process will be conducted after that. Schauppner asked if there was any push back from vendors who were not awarded a contract. Wysocki said that there were no objections, only questions from mobile vendors. Justen said that the harbor salvage scope was

reduced and the RFP issued on April 15, 2021. It will close on May 31, 2021. He noted that the reduced scope eliminated services for storing and auctioning surplus property since the City's vendor for auctioning can dispose of items abandoned in the Harbor and these items can be stored temporarily at the Marine Safety Yard. He also said that the City of Newport Beach conducted a similar RFP process recently and had good results. The City will make sure that the vendors who submitted bids in Newport Beach are informed about the Huntington Beach process. Larkin asked if the company selected will be considered a preferred vendor in all waterways (City, County, State, etc.). McCoy said that they would be when other agencies do not have services available for their area of jurisdiction. He also emphasized that the goal of this bid award is to provide expeditious removal and remediation.

E) Projects Update - Harbor Commission Strategic Plan

McCoy presented an update on Harbor Commission Strategic Plan projects, including the current status of each and timeframes for completion.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Griley asked about people renting paddle boards spending time on private docks. McCoy said that Marine Safety patrol boats and lifeguards on adjacent beaches address this when it is observed. Larkin noted that the requirement in the SUP RFP that paddleboards have the rental company identified on the board will help to address this problem. He also complimented staff on the Harbor Report and said he is looking forward to the development of the Harbor Commission website. Nielsen suggested that private docks post *No Trespassing* signs to discourage paddleboards from accessing them. He also said that additional signage is needed in a number of locations to prevent bridge jumping. McCoy said that he would evaluate this with Public Works Department staff and add signage, as needed. Van Voorhis said that he recently had trouble while on his boat while on the Harbor and complimented and thanked Marine Safety staff for their quick response and great assistance. Larkin said that he followed up to obtain additional information related to issues brought forward by Ashley Skylar in public comments at the March 25, 2021 meeting. Ms. Skylar asked about various matters related to her purchase of a dock on Channel Lane and Larkin informed the Commission of issues related to this request. Ochs said that there is a need to address the graffiti and homeless people encamping on the east side of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge. He will be requesting agenda items on these two issues be agenda items at the May meeting. He said he will also be requesting an item on State lease issues impacting residents on the main channel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larkin and seconded by Van Voorhis at 5:51 p.m. to adjourn to the May 27, 2021 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Griley, Larkin Milligan, Nielsen, Ochs, Schauppner, Van Voorhis

NOES: None

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harbor Commission is on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM in meeting room B-8, lower lever of the Civic Center, Huntington Beach, California.