

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach

Friday, July 9, 2021
8:00 AM – Council Chambers
AND
Saturday, July 10, 2021
8:30 AM – Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

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<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>**

**FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021
8:00 AM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALLED SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER — 8:02 AM

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Councilmember Moser

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:

Administrative Items

#1 (21-507) Four (4) emails received regarding the City Council Vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-Minute Time Limit) — None

At 8:07 AM Council called for a brief recess. At 8:25 AM, the meeting reconvened.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 1. 21-507 City Council Conducted Interviews to Fill Huntington Beach City Council Vacancy
(51 Applicants in Attendance)**

City Manager Oliver Chi introduced the process by explaining that 131 final candidate applicants were scheduled for interviews over the next two days, with groups of 9 – 12 applicants scheduled for the same time (speaker order to be determined by arrival time). Each applicant will have 5 minutes to address the City Council.

The number [hh:mm:ss] following the speakers' names indicates their approximate starting time in the archived videos located at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/agendas>.

Fourteen (14) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Deborah Algario (00:03:38)	Ahmed Abbas (00:21:17)	Rhonda Bolton (00:39:50)
Bob Sullivan (00:06:04)	Joseph Barco (00:25:27)	John Benz (00:45:10)
Ian Adam (00:07:26)	Nathaniel Barrett (00:29:49)	Terence Cincotta (00:49:33)
Edward Aghjayan (00:12:07)	Jenny Braithwaite (00:34:06)	Robert Bossenmeyer (00:54:31)
Crystal Anderson (00:17:00)	Jeff Bell (00:39:04)	

At 9:25 AM Council called for a recess. At 9:59 AM, the meeting reconvened.

Nine (9) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Amory Hanson (01:00:07)	David Geddes (01:11:27)	Regina Wilkerson (01:25:44)
Mark Currie (01:01:40)	Patrick Cichon (01:15:26)	Milton Dardis (01:30:57)
Vanessa Chow (01:06:20)	Raj Contractor (01:20:04)	Anton "Tony" Drenth (01:36:32)

At 10:37 AM Council called for a recess. At 11:20 AM, the meeting reconvened.

Two (2) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Brian Dopler (01:38:24)	Bill Dahlin (01:42:45)
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At 11:27 AM Council called for a lunch recess. At 1:15 PM, the meeting reconvened.

Nineteen (19) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Wesam "Sam" Jreisat (01:45:45)	Michael Grumet (02:12:22)	Xiomara Galindo (02:46:39)
Catherine Kowertz (01:49:01)	Kallie Knutsen (02:16:44)	Dan Goren (02:51:34)
Dom Jones (01:53:38)	Ben Goldberg (02:20:51)	Michael Gilling (02:53:36)
Matthew Fertal (01:58:35)	Shawn Wood (02:26:15)	Nader Hanna (02:55:49)
Vera Fair (02:03:12)	Nouha Hreish (02:31:27)	Matthew Hoover (03:01:02)
Nick Chambers (02:07:28)	Javier Gutierrez (02:36:14)	
Devin Dwyer (02:09:49)	Ken Gordon (02:41:13)	

At 2:35 PM Council called for a recess. At 3:43 PM, the meeting reconvened.

Five (5) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Richard Harrison (03:07:12)	Joe Huskins (03:15:54)	Martha Hope (03:22:47)
Jill Hardy (03:11:03)	William Hawes (03:20:05)	

At 4:02 PM Council called for a recess. At 4:48 PM, the meeting reconvened.

Two (2) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Don Kennedy (03:25:28)

Bradley Jacobs (03:30:36)

ADJOURNMENT — at 4:57 PM, to Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 8:30 AM, Huntington Beach Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach.

**SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021
8:30 AM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING OF
JULY 9, 2010 — 8:30 AM**

ROLL CALL

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

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

1. **21-515 City Clerk Robin Estanislau provided a brief recap of activity during the first session of City Council Vacancy Interviews held on July 9, 2021**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. **21-508 Continuation of City Council Interviews from July 9, 2021, to fill Huntington Beach City Council Vacancy (54 Applicants in Attendance)**

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Nineteen (19) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Thomas LaParne (00:02:42)	Michael McCormick (00:35:20)	Oscar Rodriguez (01:04:29)
Dan Lispi (00:08:05)	Martha Morrow (00:37:33)	Paul Reidel (01:09:45)
Chris Latham (00:13:38)	Anne Mueller (00:42:36)	Nabila Yousef (01:11:14)
Maria Luna (00:18:07)	Marc Materie (00:46:04)	Mark Rule (01:16:19)
Carlos Lizarzaburu (00:22:44)	Janis Mantini (00:50:55)	Vivian Young (01:21:11)
Melanie Brady (00:24:49)	Jeff Morin (00:56:08)	
Mark Mayes (00:30:06)	Martin Miller (01:00:16)	

At 9:54 AM Council called for a recess. At 10:10 AM, the meeting reconvened.

Seventeen (17) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Steven Nguyen (01:24:47)	Michael Olsberg (01:48:33)	Steve Schulz (02:11:51)
Frederick Redfern (01:29:36)	Terry Rose (01:54:09)	John Scandura (02:17:02)
William "Billy" O'Connell (01:32:07)	Gordon Nguyen (01:58:55)	Charles Ray (02:21:42)
William Nees (01:35:48)	MaryAnn Pelino-Carroll (02:00:48)	Jason Villeggiante (02:25:33)
Claude Panis (01:39:57)	Leticia Quinlan (02:03:13)	George Rivera (02:29:30)
John Piekarski (01:45:14)	Charles Knoth (02:07:10)	

At 11:16 AM Council recessed for lunch. At 12:43 PM, the meeting reconvened.

Eighteen (18) applicants addressed the City Council to describe their interest in the position, experience and/or qualifications, and goals as a potential Councilmember.

Jennifer Lee Siegert (02:37:18)	Marc Wilson (03:05:01)	Jordan Armitage (03:29:43)
Patrick Tapley (02:41:17)	Dianne Thompson (03:07:46)	Darin Smith (03:35:04)
Anne Webber (02:46:24)	Johnny Villa (03:10:19)	Alan Wilson (03:40:34)
Gilberto Valdez (02:51:52)	Quinn Stahl (03:15:34)	Carl Vann (03:44:46)
Cynthia Varnell (02:57:10)	Amaru Vasquez (03:20:46)	Katarina Thomas (03:48:03)
Russell Snider (03:02:10)	John Ventimiglia (03:24:46)	Gracey Van Der Mark (03:53:25)

3. 21-516 Discussion on the Vacancy Appointment Process

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

Administrative Items

#3 (21-516) PowerPoint Communication titled *Filling Our Current City Council Vacancy* submitted by City Manager Oliver Chi

City Manager Oliver Chi provided a PowerPoint communication entitled, *Huntington Beach City Council Filling Our Current City Council Vacancy*, with slides titled *City Council Options Moving Ahead*, *City Council Appointment Process - Next Steps*, *Possible Candidate Selection Framework - Use of Selection Rounds*, *Round 1*, *Round 2*, *Round 3*, *Special Election Details*, *Next Steps*, and *Questions*.

Councilmember Kalmick stated his support for holding a special meeting on Monday, July 19 at a time to be decided, and support for using the staff-recommended Rounds process.

Councilmember Posey and City Manager Chi discussed options, which included how many applicants each Councilmember would submit for the first round, and experiences of past Council appointments. Councilmember Posey stated his support for each Councilmember nominating three or four applicants for the first round.

Mayor Carr proposed that each Councilmember bring one candidate forward, and if none of the six candidates receives four votes, then the process would start over.

Councilmember Posey stated his opinion that if each Councilmember submitted three or four candidates up front it may result in a faster process, and he wants to do everything in his power to prevent having to revert to a special election.

Councilmember Delgleize and City Manager Chi discussed the proposed process of elimination, regardless of whether each Councilmember initially selects one or five candidates.

Councilmember Moser stated her support for each Councilmember selecting two candidates for the first round, and one candidate for the second round.

Councilmember Kalmick, Mayor Carr, and City Manager Chi continued the discussion regarding how many applicants could be submitted by each Councilmember, and noted that theoretically several

Councilmembers could select the same applicant(s). For the first round, any applicants without a vote would drop out of the pool for the next round.

Mayor Pro Tem Delgleize and Councilmember Peterson stated support for each Councilmember submitting three applicants; and Mayor Carr confirmed if one of those eighteen applicants did not receive four votes, then the process starts over.

A motion was made by Carr, second Kalmick to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers; each Councilmember to present their top three candidates for appointment and use a "Round" elimination process until a majority vote of four is reached; newly appointed Councilmember to be sworn in to office on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Peterson, Delgleize, Carr, Posey, Moser, and Kalmick
NOES: None

ADJOURNMENT — 2:34 PM to a special meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority is Tuesday, July 20, 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:


City Clerk-Secretary
Mayor-Chair