

## **Minutes**

### **City Council/Public Financing Authority City of Huntington Beach**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022  
6:00 PM — Council Chambers  
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648  
Or Virtual via Zoom Webinar8

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#### **6:00 PM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALLED TO ORDER — 6:04 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — *Led by Councilmember Carr***

#### **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.

**Stephen J. Einstein, Founding Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, CA and member of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council**

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

Pursuant to the Brown "Open Meetings" Act, Assistant City Clerk Patty Esparza announced supplemental communications received by her office following distribution of the Council Agenda packet:

#### **Awards and Presentations**

4. 22-984 2 E-mail communications

#### **City Clerk's Report**

5. 22-975 PowerPoint presentation entitled *2022 Election Regarding the Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-69 Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election of November 8, 2022, and Declaring Results*, submitted by Assistant City Clerk Patty Esparza.

#### **Councilmember Items \*\*ITEM WITHDRAWN FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION\*\***

12. 22-1049 1 E-mail communication

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING BUSINESS ITEM(S)**  
**(2 Minute Time Limit) — 21 In-Person, 0 Call-in 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>.*

Galen Pickett was called to speak and offered his own prayer for Huntington Beach and its leaders. (00:10:16)

Carol Rohr, Huntington Beach Mobile Homeowners Resident Coalition President, was called to speak and noted that Coalition members agree with the newly elected Councilmembers in their opposition to cramming high density development into existing family neighborhoods and established residential communities. Ms. Rohr stated that manufactured housing represents the most affordable option for ownership in Huntington Beach. She thanked outgoing Councilmembers who served as liaisons for the Mobile Home Advisory Board, and shared her expectation that the two new Councilmember liaisons will always keep in mind the best interests of the mobile home residents. (00:12:18)

Sharon Crabill, a resident of Huntington Shore Mobile Home Park for over 2 years, was called to speak and welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers. Ms. Crabill asked that the newly elected Councilmembers support the City's mobile home resident efforts to amend City Charter Section 803 to allow for rent stabilization for all mobile home residents. (00:14:15)

Ada Hand, a resident of Del Mar Mobile Home Park, was called to speak and noted that AB 1482 protects all California renters from rent increases of more than ten percent, except mobile home park residents. Ms. Hand asked that the newly elected Councilmembers place on the November 2024 ballot an exemption to City Charter Section 803 to allow a rent stabilization ordinance for mobile home park residents. (00:16:05)

Cari Swan was called to speak and shared her perspective of high-density housing development in Huntington Beach since 2012, specifically related to the campaign promises of Councilmember Peterson, and thanked him for always standing on principle, for what was right, honoring, and respecting, the community. (00:18:18)

Stephen Quinn was called to speak and expressed his appreciation for the newly elected Council majority, and reelection of City Attorney Michael Gates. (00:20:29)

Tim Geddes, a 39-year resident of southeast Huntington Beach and Mobile Home Advisory Board Chair, was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Carr, Mayor Pro Tem Posey, Mayor Delgleize and Councilmember Kalmick for serving as Mobile Home Advisory Council Liaisons the last several years. He also shared his hope that the newly elected Council Liaisons will take a hands-on approach in representing mobile home residents with skill and dedication. (00:22:19)

Patricia Pappas, a resident for 43 years, was called to speak and shared some of her efforts the last few years to help return Huntington Beach to the safe city it used to be, and encouraged the new City Council to communicate and dialogue with the residents. (00:24:22)

Ann Palmer, a 38-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Peterson and City Attorney Michael Gates for their service and always being available to answer her questions. (00:26:36)



Avery Counts, a resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers, and thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their dedication and service. Mr. Counts expressed his hope for unity for the City regardless of political leanings, by working together, not against one another, and urged City Council to support City traditions. (00:28:08)

Unnamed Guest, a 25-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and re-elected City Attorney Michael Gates. He also thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service, and stated his support for keeping Huntington Beach as Surf City. (00:29:43)

Unnamed Guest, a 46-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Peterson for his support and encouragement to get her involved in City politics. She congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers, and shared her expectation of an amazing future for Huntington Beach. (00:32:41)

Pat Goodman was called to speak and thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service, for enriching the lives of Huntington Beach residents, and wished them well in their future endeavors. (00:33:52)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service, and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. She challenged the new Council to follow tradition, or at least follow Resolution 6320, City Charter Sections 305 and 306, and elect Councilmember Kalmick as Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem. (00:34:31)

Chris Byrns, a 50-year resident, was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Peterson for serving Huntington Beach so selflessly, and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. (00:35:30)

Cheri Atkinson, a long-term resident, was called to speak and thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service. She also welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers. She noted the many programs and efforts of the last two years to address the issue of homelessness and asked that everyone treat each other with respect in spite of differences of opinion. (00:37:25)

Ken Inouye, a 50-year resident of Huntington Beach and unsuccessful Council Candidate in November 2022, was called to speak and thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service. He also congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. Mr. Inouye requested that the new City Council respect policy and procedure and elect Councilmember Kalmick as Mayor. (00:39:32)

Dave Sullivan, a 55-year resident of Huntington Beach and former Mayor, was called to speak and shared his admiration for the service of Councilmember Peterson as a voice of reason, and also thanked him for his service as a Marine. (00:40:28)

Calvin Free, a long-time friend of Councilmember Peterson, was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Peterson for his sincerity and honesty in serving Huntington Beach. He also congratulated City Attorney Michael Gates for his re-election. (00:42:43)

Steven Barnes, a 26-year resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and stated his support for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in every City Council meeting. He shared his opinion that currently too many politicians expect their electorate to support their personal and political ambitions, without regard for the fundamental liberties or social responsibilities of "we the people". Mr. Barnes stated that each person has a moral and civic responsibility to participate in our republic, and encouraged the people of



Huntington Beach who voted to stay involved in the process to preserve God-given virtues for "we the people". (00:43:44)

Roger Noor was called to speak and asked that the new City Council pay attention to the City budget, and work to keep expenses down so that resident water costs can be reduced. (00:46:05)

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

Councilmember Moser reported attending the following meetings and events: Cal Cities Board of Directors where she was appointed to the Sustainability Board; Homeless Task Force; State of the City Presentation by Mayor Delgleize; Junior Citizens Academy; Ribbon Cutting for Surf City Winter Wonderland; Communications Committee; Giving Tuesday; and was appointed as a member of OC Housing Finance Trust.

Councilmember Kalmick reported attending the following meetings: Intergovernmental Relations Committee; Communications Committee; City Selection Committee; and a tour of Central Library.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT — City Manager Al Zelinka thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service and hard work, and stated he is looking forward to working in collaboration with all of the City's elected officials.**

#### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. 22-981 Mayor Delgleize presented the Mayor's HB Excellence Award to Public Works Operations Manager, Denny Bacon**

Mayor Delgleize noted that in December the Mayor actually chooses the awardee, rather than co-workers, based on humility, social awareness, passion, exceptionality, integrity, and being team oriented. She introduced Public Works Operations Manager Denny Bacon as someone who truly exhibits the City's core values.

Public Works Director Sean Crumby noted that Denny was hired 11 years ago as Maintenance Manager of all City parks, the street maintenance crew and beach maintenance, and several years ago the maintenance of City buildings and the City fleet were added to his responsibilities. Denny has developed an amazing team to serve the residents of Huntington Beach.

Denny Bacon thanked Mayor Delgleize for her support through the years, and Public Works Director Crumby for his leadership. Mr. Bacon noted this award is a great reflection of all the men and women in Public Works.

**2. 22-982 City 2022 Retrospect by Mayor Delgleize**

Mayor Delgleize expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Mayor two times during her eight years of service. She reviewed highlights of special accomplishments during her time of service, expressed gratitude for her fellow Councilmembers, and welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers.

**3. 22-983 Presentations by Mayor Delgleize to Colleagues**



Mayor Delgleize presented each of her fellow Councilmembers, Assistant City Clerk Patty Esparza, City Attorney Michael Gates, City Manager Al Zelinka, Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins, and City Treasurer Alisha Backstrom with a framed map of Huntington Beach, a bouquet of flowers to City Council Assistant Administrator Cathy Fikes, and thanked each for their support during her final term as Mayor.

#### **4. 22-984 Public Comments, including Presentations by Community Members to Outgoing Councilmembers and Newly Elected Officials**

Salma Elshakre, representing Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, was called to speak and stated gratitude to all outgoing Councilmembers for their service and presented them with a Resolution of Appreciation. (01:06:58)

Lyn Semeta was called to speak and thanked Councilmember Peterson for his eight years of selfless service while listening to the voice of the people. She also congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and City Attorney Michael Gates for their successful campaigns. (01:09:35)

Unnamed Guest was called to speak and expressed her welcome to the newly elected Councilmembers, and asked that they continue to provide adequate financing for the City's many resources, and follow the 1990 resolution for selecting City Council positions. (01:11:55)

Russell Neal, a resident of Huntington Beach, was called to speak and referencing comments of a public speaker at the November 29, 2022, City Council meeting, stated that people should be forces of lawfulness, not forces of lawlessness as suggested by that previous speaker. Mr. Neal stated many residents will stand by the new City Council as they address the monstrous tyranny emanating from Sacramento and uphold local control over local matters. (01:14:12)

Steve and Sherry Engel, Central Park Volunteers, were called to speak and read their poem of thanks describing the many ways Mayor Delgleize has helped to improve Huntington Beach parks during her service as a Councilmember. (01:16:03)

#### **COMMENTS BY CURRENT AND OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Peterson thanked his wife Brandi, and the residents of Huntington Beach for supporting him. He congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and re-elected City Attorney Michael Gates.

Mayor Pro Tem Posey thanked the voters who elected and re-elected him, his wife Jeannie, as well as many individuals for their support through the years. He also acknowledged the support of his fellow Councilmembers, and shared comments of advice for the newly elected Councilmembers.

Councilmember Carr congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and thanked the residents for the opportunity of a lifetime to serve on City Council. She also reviewed various City Council accomplishments during her service. She thanked her family for their understanding of the huge commitment required to serve on City Council, and expressed her appreciation to all City staff, including the Executive Leadership Team.

Councilmember Kalmick thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their service to the community, and highlighted action items he is proud to have supported during his term of service. He also commended the newly elected Councilmembers for their excellent campaign, and stated he looks forward to the debates on policy, ideas and direction moving forward.



Councilmember Bolton expressed her appreciation for being able to serve with the outgoing Councilmembers. She shared her opinion that good public policy makers do not make decisions based on their personal interests, and they don't sell out to special interests, but rather determine what is in the best interests of most people. She welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers and stated she looks forward to working productively with them.

Councilmember Moser noted that the residents expect all Councilmembers to be fair, hardworking and dedicated to the common good, and reviewed some of Council's accomplishments during her time of service. She thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their comradery and welcomed the opportunity to serve with the newly elected Councilmembers. She read *For One Who Holds Power* by John O'Donohue as her blessing for the new City Council.

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **5. 22-975 Adopted Resolution No. 2022-69 Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election of November 8, 2022, and Declaring Results**

Assistant City Clerk Patty Esparza presented a PowerPoint communication titled *2022 Election* with slides entitled *November 8, 2022 Voter Turn Out; November 8, 2022 Results — City Council; November 8, 2022 Results — City Attorney; November 8, 2022 Results — Ballot Measures; and Recommended Action.*

A motion was made by Posey, second Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2022-69, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law."

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **ADMINISTERED OATHS OF OFFICE**

##### **6. 22-985 Oath of Office to City Councilmembers**

**Senator Janet Nguyen administered the Oath of Office to four (4) newly elected officers:**

**Councilmember Pat Burns  
Councilmember Tony Strickland  
Councilmember Gracey Van Der Mark  
Councilmember Casey McKeon**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Van Der Mark, Bolton, Strickland, Burns, McKeon, Moser, Kalmick  
Absent: None

Assistant City Clerk Esparza announced a communication from Councilmember Kalmick was distributed to each councilmember and would be available to the public the next business day.

**7. 22-986 Oath of Office to City Attorney**

**Senator Janet Nguyen administered the Oath of Office to re-elected City Attorney Michael Gates**

**CONDUCTED ELECTION OF MAYOR / MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

**City Clerk's Office**

**8. 22-1029 Procedure for the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**

For the record, Assistant City Clerk Patty Esparza read a brief report on the procedure for election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem positions.

Councilmember Kalmick stated his disappointment to see politics played over tradition, and provided history for Resolution No. 6320. He asked that if this Council disagrees with established policy, it should place that policy on a future agenda to be voted on.

A substitute motion was made by Bolton, second Moser to follow procedure as established in City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 for the election of the next Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; ~~OR Set aside City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 and establish different procedures.~~

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Bolton, Moser, and Kalmick

NOES: Burns, Strickland, McKeon, and Van Der Mark

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to ~~Follow procedure as established in City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 for the election of the next Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem;~~  
~~OR set aside City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 and establish different procedures.~~

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Strickland, McKeon, and Van Der Mark

NOES: Bolton, Moser, and Kalmick

A motion was made by Casey McKeon, second Patrick Burns to set aside the City Council Manual and authorize the Mayor to assign Council Chamber dais seating, Councilmember office and parking spaces at City Hall.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Strickland, McKeon, Van Der Mark

NOES: Bolton, Moser, and Kalmick

**9. 22-987 City Clerk called for motion to elect new Mayor**

A motion was made by Burns, second Van Der Mark to elect Councilmember Strickland as Mayor.

The motion carried by the following vote:



AYES: Burns, Strickland, McKeon, and Van Der Mark  
NOES: Bolton, Moser, and Kalmick

**Senator Janet Nguyen administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor Strickland**

**Presentation of gavel by outgoing Mayor Delgleize to new Mayor Strickland**

**Presentation of gift by new Mayor Strickland to outgoing Mayor Delgleize**

**Mayor Strickland presided**

**10. 22-988 Mayor Strickland called for motion to elect new Mayor Pro Tempore**

A motion was made by McKeon, second Strickland to elect Councilmember Van Der Mark as Mayor Pro Tempore.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Strickland, McKeon, and Van Der Mark  
NOES: Bolton, Moser, and Kalmick

**Senator Janet Nguyen administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor Pro Tempore, Van Der Mark**

**Mayor Strickland announced the City Council Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM is cancelled due to lack of a quorum.**

**INVOCATION**

**11. 22-1028 Pastor Joe Pedick of Calvary Chapel of the Harbour**

**MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

**COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS**

**12. \*\*12. 22-1049 \*\* ITEM #12 WITHDRAWN FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION\*\***

**~~Request to Cancel the December 8, 2022 Special Meeting and provide the City Council with briefings on the Housing Element Update~~**

**COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEMBERS AND RE-ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY**

Re-elected City Attorney Michael Gates thanked his wife Kelly and children for their support throughout the re-election process; the residents for their interest, passion and dedication; and Chief Assistant City Attorney Mike Vigliotta and City Attorney office staff, Huntington Beach Police Chief Parra and the Police Department staff for ongoing support. He reported on several legal cases, and stated his hope that moving forward everyone would work as a team and not try to politicize the work that needs to be done. He congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers for their phenomenal campaigns.

Councilmember McKeon thanked his wife Josephine and family for their support, the community for their votes and the common belief that Huntington Beach can be the jewel of Orange County.



Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark thanked her husband Peter and children for standing by her side through this process; the residents for fighting alongside of her for "we the people"; her mother's support as an advocate for the vulnerable; and her deceased father who immigrated to the U. S. to pursue the American dream. She stated she is fully prepared to dedicate as much time and effort as it takes to make Huntington Beach as safe as possible for all families and future generations.

Mayor Strickland applauded Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark as the first Latina elected official for Huntington Beach. Mayor Strickland thanked his wife Carla Dispalatro and her whole family for their support. He thanked his deceased father for his example of love of country and service. Mayor Strickland encouraged residents to speak up because he believes listening to the residents makes for better legislators. He referenced plans for the future and stated he will work hard to make the residents proud of his leadership.

Councilmember Burns thanked his family for their support during the campaign process, Former Councilmember Peterson for his encouragement to get involved in this way, and the many residents who worked hard on his behalf during the campaign process.

**ADJOURNMENT** — 9:08 PM, motion by Burns, second by Van Der Mark, to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council/Public Financing Authority on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 4:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

Mayor Strickland also announced cancellation of the December 8, 2022 special meeting.

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Huntington Beach, California

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Mayor-Chair