

From: [HBresident](#)
To: [City Council](#); [HB City Attorney Patrick Donegan](#); [Myra Maravilla](#)
Subject: ADDENDUM: eComment re: Parking Permit and other Parking taxation/fee matters in Public Hearing XIII-b of Tuesday's 2/28/2023 CC meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:07:04 AM

ADDENDUM:

[Howard L-additional-Sidebar](#) at February 28, 2023 at 3:00am PST

Oppose

Hermosa Beach City Council, City Attorney, and others:

In the following eComment posted earlier, I forgot to mention that after my complaints, never replied to by Staff or the City Council members this past weekend, the Public Hearing Notices for tonight's meeting were posted at 3:30PM yesterday just 27.5 hours before a regular meeting. They should have been posted 10 full days ago. That while fine, is not good enough for a Public Hearing notice of such significance, i.e. 27.5 hours of posting notice for what was supposed to be a minimum of 240 hours of posting notice. Thanks to whomever posted the notice but too bad no one in staff or the Council, especially the ceremonial Mayor who was written to first, could bother to lower themselves to replying to this old man.

Note also that the other Public Hearing was thusly also not noticed fully and timely. This is the digital age and you should either do things fully and correctly or give it up that you are ok for sloppy incomplete government. Sloppy government leads to corruption of course.
Howard L.

If reading above first, please be sure to read the following original eComment. Thank you.

On 2/28/2023 2:43 AM, HBresident wrote:

City Council

Regular Meeting

(Closed Session - 5:00

February 28, 2023

- 05:00 PM

PM

and Open Session - 6:00

PM

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Re: eComment posted re: Parking Permit and other Parking taxation/fee matters

in Public Hearing XIII-b of Tuesday's 2/28/2023 CC meeting.

eComment posted by

Howard L at February 28, 2023 at 2:12am PST

Oppose

Hermosa Beach City Council, City Attorney, and others:

VERY IMPORTANT LEGAL ISSUES ARE BEING RAISED WITHIN.

CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL PLEASE CONSIDER CAREFULLY this eComment as many of your constituents are also attorneys as well as being Hermosa Beach residents.

It is my firm belief that this item is too complex, contains too much for a single Public Hearing, and was incredibly poorly and incompletely, nor reasonably noticed from what Hermosa residents are used to expecting from their government for an item significantly representing taxation and fees to be paid by the residents and others in city.

Possibly, it seems obvious that someone in city, or on the Hermosa City Council said, “let’s have some fun by having Hermosa’s new City Council step on Hermosa’s 3rd rail”, i.e. ‘Parking Permit Costs and Regulations’.

Welcome to a reality check. One I have seen a few times in the past. However you on Council have not even begun to get a true reality check regarding this issue, as it was not hardly even noticed.

ISSUES WITH THIS PUBLIC HEARING’S NOTICING:

1- This public hearing has not been noticed but in the most incomplete and minimum of ways.

2- The Public Notice included 4 major topics (Far too many for one Public Hearing) and was placed by the City Clerk’s office only in the back of the Easy Reader classifieds 2.5 weeks ago. The particular newspaper issue was not one that is delivered to every Hermosa Beach residence. Few likely saw it there.

3-The Public Hearing Notice was somehow not even posted on the City’s own website where it says, “this is where legal notices” are posted. That was evidently a major SNAFU. Likely unintentional however, nonetheless not accomplished.

4- There were none of the city’s large orange-Fluorescent placards or other notices posted around the city where Parking Permits are required, for permit-holders to learn of this Public Hearing as done for other matters of an area interest.

5- But worse yet, there was not even a simple card mailed to every parking permit holder as accomplished in the past for this very issue. The city has the list of parking permit holder addresses.

So only but perhaps a couple of hundred parking permit holders, of the thousands in city learned about this from a handful of noisy blog posters and others in town during the past three days.

ACTIONS NEEDED TO CORRECT THE NOTICING SNAFU:

1) Rather than waste possibly hours of staff and Council time taking testimony by Zoom/phone or in chambers given the sorry noticing situation, it would be best to

simply pull the item from the Feb 28, 2023 meeting agenda, due to the incredibly poor noticing.

2) Direct staff later in the meeting, on 'future agenda items/other matters', to rethink the entire item, and be sure to Notice this item next time with a card mailed to all permit holders indicating what is proposed.

3) Ensure that when reconsidering, that staff include logical thinking, primarily focusing on the issue of excessive parking permits or those abusing the obtaining of permits, using a better, and more computer-based verification of those receiving the permits, requiring in-person renewal or other at least every 6-years (not this renewal by mail scam), permits being issued basis a two-year renewal and more.

4) Ensure lowering of the rates from those presently set, which are already over the cost they should be, given the revenue the city makes from the parking meters, and ticketing utilizing the residents' own streets. Net zero revenue should come from the residents needing these parking permits.

5) Also determine a process for anyone residing in city, outside the permit area (long a requested item), to have the right to buy a parking permit to avoid the 1 hr-limit currently in the regulated residential streets. Such permits should not have to be renewed every year. Every resident of Hermosa Beach should have the right to park in any non-silver-metered parking space in city presently allowed only for those now able to purchase a parking permit in those areas.

This Public Hearing was not noticed properly, that's unquestionably a fact.

The failure to properly and fully notice this particular Public Hearing, especially, and not do a mailer to each permit holder, and not even put up orange fluorescent notices in the area of the city presently able to purchase these parking permits, is truly thoughtless, unconscionable, and incredibly selfish.

You on the City Council are our representatives. Take quick action via the Mayor/City Attorney to correct these mistakes, by removing the item from the agenda and posting in RED at the top of the agenda that Public Hearing Item XIII-b has been removed for reasons of noticing, but will be addressed by the City Council on other matters only for giving of direction to staff for a future item, whatever that be.

Howard L.