

***This is important SUPPLEMENTAL testimony to be attached to the 7/18/2018, 6-PM Agenda of the Special Hermosa Beach City Council meeting called by Mayor Jeff Duclos, for an 'Open Session' followed by a "Closed Session" three-hour meeting, and which meeting is to be conducted at Hermosa Beach Councilman Hany Fangary's personal private residence, located at 730 The Strand / Beach Drive, Hermosa Beach, to interview a city manager candidate then in 'Closed Session'.***

July 15, 2018

To: The Hermosa Beach City Council and Others.  
From: Howard Longacre, Hermosa Beach resident.

**Re: The Subject official meeting needs to be moved to a more appropriate location!**

**Agenda:** “ [http://hermosabeach.granicus.com/AgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=6&event\\_id=2381](http://hermosabeach.granicus.com/AgendaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=2381) ”

### **Special Meeting Agenda**

*Mayor Jeff Duclos  
Mayor Pro Tem Stacey Armato  
Councilmembers  
Mary Campbell  
Hany S. Fangary  
Justin Massey*

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: 730 The Strand Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

#### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Mayor of the City of Hermosa Beach has called a Special Meeting of the City Council to take place at 6:00 p.m. on July 18, 2018, to consider and take action on only those matters set forth on the agenda below.

**6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**1. 18-0446 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT  
Government Code Section 54957**

**City Manager Candidate Interview**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor, Councilmembers, and others: (please continue to next page)**

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This is to express my strongest outrage that before even hiring of a new City Manager, Mayor Jeff Duclos would so absolutely abuse his ceremonial role and power, and permit one councilman, Hany Fangary, to clearly grand-stand-attempt to impress such potentially new and possibly vulnerable top civil servant for the city, at such an inappropriate and bazaar location, that location being Hany Fangary's personal private \$7 to \$11 Million house on the Strand.

What will Fangary do if, hypothetically, 50 or even more people line up at his door to speak on Public Comments about something in Council's jurisdiction? Perhaps he'll grandstand to impress them too.

Hopefully this new potential city manager recognizes already, i.e. has done his/her homework, and sees just how shallow a councilman Mr. Fangary has come to be since becoming the biggest wheeler-dealer, big shot in Hermosa council history, and especially among the current city council electeds.

Notwithstanding the poorly-considered decision of current ceremonial Mayor Jeff Duclos, hopefully the other three Hermosa Beach councilmembers, namely Justin Massey, Stacey Armato, and Mary Campbell, clearly understand what an improper location for public attendance of the Public meeting portion is, and the abhorrent and disgusting arrangement this really is in totality, i.e., to have this type of official government meeting at Fangary's personal private residence, apparently a glitzy Strand house, a location where he's apparently attempted to politically impress people in the past.

To conduct this additional pre-hiring interview, indoctrination, and/or cocktail party in "closed session" of this final city manager candidate, before officially approving a contract for such new city manager with an agenda item in a public open meeting, is outrageous in spite of what others in other cities may do. Is it the Council's objective to see how well the candidate can hold liquor during the 3-hour de facto secret meeting?

That Mayor Jeff Duclos, who has personally called this meeting, himself is so insensitive these days, given what politics has become in this country all the way up to the topmost levels, now places him as 'Rotating Ceremonial Mayor' at a new, unthinking low given his decision to permit this meeting at such a completely improper location, and again notwithstanding what Councilman Fangary may note as being accomplished in other city's that he seems to routinely want to copy with his monkey see, monkey do approach, especially with that which might benefit him personally, i.e. his years-long agenda to raise his own personal council salary. He recently accomplished that without even having to run for election before obtaining his voted 60% increase for a full three years of his remaining 4.5 years.

Seems more and more that if there's any draining of the swamp needed, it's needed right here at the top in Hermosa Beach with a few of our electeds acting more like "pigs at the public trough" than honorable, humble electeds of the past.

Good God, what has become of Hermosa's council? Answer, apparently they've become the most arrogant, insensitive, bunch of self-serving, self-aggrandizing individuals ever, and this while next to nothing of substance has been accomplished on any regular basis during especially the last three years, i.e., during the continuous churn of City Managers, Public Works Directors, and others of city staff whom have perhaps seen clearly the hand-writing on the wall as accomplished by the present city council's obsession with their absurd, and obscene concentration on their 'Personal Agenda of Green And Carbon-Neutrality Enterprises', i.e., their PAG-ACNE, not to forget their incessant, more-than-obvious, left-wing politics, and thus abuse of their elected positions in a city supposedly to be politically neutral in its government behavior.

The present Hermosa Beach council has degenerated into a non-stop, self-serving, useless behavior, not to mention with some strange desire to also be the residents' personal 'Nanny' on all things less important than the matters of real need in city.

In private industry this kind of stuff goes on with respect to entertaining and schmoozing with some of those desired to be hired in top positions, however that's done by those who have actually earned a position within their company and in a private profit-making company. It should never be that way in a government service entity such as a small city government. Hermosa Beach does not need big-shot, mental-midget politicians.

The Mayor, and others on the Council by de facto permitting this meeting to occur at Councilman Hany Fangary's personal private residence, and for his own obvious self-aggrandizement, are thus in fact all complicit in insulting the city's electorate, and also very-much-insulting the City Manager finalist-candidate by placing yourselves, and again especially Fangary, clearly in a situation such as this "Closed Session" interview represents. As such, how GD disgusting is your present City Council going to further become? Is there absolutely no low to the arrogant methods your council is willing to descend? Where is an honorable City Attorney to instruct you that this is not an honorable way for lay electeds to operate or is that his job, i.e. to facilitate as slimy a government as possible. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU!

This meeting, of all meetings, should be moved to an appropriate neutral/city location, other than a personal residence of one of the city's here-today, and gone-tomorrow, big shots, one who's presently warming a seat on the City Council. I call on Councilmembers Justin Massey, Stacey Armato, and seven-month rookie Mary Campbell, to distance themselves (perhaps abstain from attendance) from the meeting as presently located, and for the Mayor to wake up, smell the coffee, and recognize the unnecessary blunder he has so-unthinkingly permitted with the choice of the location of this meeting to be that where Mr. Fangary can again, personally grand-stand and where the public is so isolated from attending even the open-meeting portion. Sickening, to say the least is that. I'm assuming you will again not TV-record the open-portion?

Clearly if the potentially new-to-be Hermosa Beach city manager, knows his/her stuff, he/she is going to see right through politician Hany Fangary's disgusting, self-serving gimmick of attempting to so cheaply impress, and for his own ignorant self-serving.

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Mayor, do the professional thing, by relocating the meeting to a location where the public may more-appropriately attend (i.e. with parking) for the public comment portion, and where the City Manager candidate may participate in the “Closed Session” without be subjected to the perhaps glitzy trappings of Councilmember Hany Fangary’s personal private residence for three hours. Thank you and following is of course my disclosure.

*Again, my disclosure to the Council: I do not set policy in Hermosa Beach. I have never set policy. And, never will, except by voting in an election. Some on Council perhaps think otherwise. I also have never received a penny or asked for such, or any behind the scenes gratuity, comp-d drink, food, tickets, etc., in any form for following all the stuff, much of which is quite deceitful or poorly accomplished, by elected Hermosa Beach officials of this city for the past 40 years. Herein again are of course just my views, as always, JUST MY VIEWS. I pay taxes. I have a right to comment and have views on the deceitful or just plain stupid stuff that goes down by Hermosa Beach City Councils, meeting after meeting. Kindly, if you do not like my views, if you have an incredibly thin skin, or if you need to be pampered and patronized 24/7 as being such an important, big-shot city council-person, then consider getting off the city council, and perhaps also consider moving to a country more applicable and amenable to the kind of dictator you may prefer to really need to be. If you believe that any of this disclosure does not apply to you, simply ignore such. It most certainly does apply to at least one and more likely two of you in my view. It is truly unfortunate that it is necessary to place this disclosure in my supplementals. It is done so as to avoid confusion by anyone on the council who may be so ego-centric to not understand my views and rights to them.*

End of Supplemental.