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Debbie Sanowski submitted a new eComment.

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Item 2: In response to the November 27, 2019 "Cure and Correct" Demand Letter from Anthony Higgins pertaining to the November 21, 2019 Mayor Pro Tem selection: a) Consider whether or not to respond to the demand by: i. Rescinding the action taken on November 21, 2019 to select a Mayor Pro Tem; ii. Accepting public comment; iii. Accepting nominations for Mayor Pro Tem; and iv. Voting on selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

eComment: To: Hermosa Beach City Council I strongly object to the unprecedented action of Mary Campbell passing over Hany Fangary for his rotation as Mayor Pro Tem at the November 21, 2019 meeting. Not only was this action a break from a 40 year practice of how Hermosa rotates the positions of Mayor and Mayor pro tem, it was not properly noticed to the public or Mr. Fangary, no discussion took place, and the vote was rushed through by the new Mayor based on her personal opinion of how things should be. Simply stated, this was an unwarranted backstabbing of Mr. Fangary, and an unsubstantiated attack on his character and professionalism that not only wrong, it could subject this City to needless future litigation.

On Nov, 21st, Mary Campbell made the motion to skip Hany and install Justin Massey as Mayor pro tem. The motion was quickly seconded by Stacey Armato, Mary immediately called for a vote without discussion. Hany and the audience were stunned and the motion passed. This is not how Hermosa Beach should conduct business, it is not reasonable, it is not decent, and it may not be wholly legal.

Mr. Fangary was to be installed as Mayor pro tem at the Nov. 21st meeting as along with Mary Campbell as Mayor. As evidenced in Howard Longacre's Exhibits submitted above, the City

Clerk had officially published Mr. Fangary's rotation into this position two years ago, way back in December 2017 finding :

"Thurs. 10/10/19 – Thurs. 10/29/20 = Mayor Campbell (MPT Fangary) = 385 days

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Additionally, the Agenda for the Nov. 21st meeting states that:

"City Clerk recommends that the City Council make the following appointments, consistent with the current rotation policy for Mayor and Mayor pro tempore " (emphasis added)

Based on 40 years of precedent, the Dec. 2017 City Clerk documentation, and the current agenda, Hany Fangary was to become Mayor pro tem. That is what Mr. Fangary expected and that is what every voter, everyone who watched or attended that meeting expected. To stray from this published practice and precedent would require some very good reasoning and evidence, but absolutely nothing was provided.

Ms. Campbell's later stated reasoning was that Mr. Fangary did not interact with the most recent City Manager, (in her position since August of 2018) in a productive manner is not for Ms. Campbell to decide, nor is she entitled to craft a punishment that she sees fit. Remember Mr. Fangary is an elected official, equal to Ms. Campbell. And even if true (assuming arguendo), Mr. Fangary is entitled to defend his good name and professional actions.

Personal disagreements and even animosity amongst City Council members, or those members and City Managers is not a new thing here. Mr. Fangary does not vote lock step with his fellow Council members, and to many of us voters that is a good thing, not something to be punished for. Additionally, rotations should not be changed to benefit the current members such as Ms. Campbell and Mr. Massey in this instance. Rather as in other situations, any such voted change should only occur for future Councils.

The Nov. 21st action needs to be unwound. It was improperly noticed and executed. It is not for Mary to decide that Hany cannot do his job. A breach of 40 years of precedent needs to be handled properly, and any proposed change should be properly noticed to the Council and citizens and apply to future Councils only. I urge Justin to step aside, so that Hany can assume his duties as Mayor pro tem. Hany is a professional who was elected to a second term by the City voters and we expect that he will handle his duties appropriately.

Regards, Debbie Sanowski 3rd. street