

City of Hermosa Beach

*City Hall
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254*



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers

City Council

***Mayor
Stacey Armato***

***Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Campbell***

***Councilmembers
Hany S. Fangary
Justin Massey
Jeff Duclos***

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Fasola.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No report was delivered as no closed session was held prior to the regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Massey announced he had attended the beginning of Start With Hello Week held at Valley School earlier in the day in partnership with representatives from the Los Angeles Kings and Sandy Hook Promise, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing gun violence.

Mayor Armato made the following announcements:

- 1) Today is National Voter Registration Day – visit vote.org for information.
- 2) A Mock Election will be held at the Clark Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 28th-29th to test new Los Angeles County voting devices to be used during the upcoming March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.
- 3) Hermosa Heroes Pancake Breakfast will be held at Lifeguard Headquarters on Pier Plaza from 8 a.m. to noon on September 28th.
- 4) Three City Council candidate debates will be held in Council Chambers at 7 p.m. on September 30th, October 7th and October 16th.
- 5) National Coffee with a Cop Day event will be held at Pier Plaza from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on October 2nd.
- 6) The Hermosa Beach Murals Project will unveil Mural #9 “Beatnik Alley” at Pier Plaza at 6 p.m. on October 23rd followed by a fundraiser reception at Waterman’s starting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, and second by Councilmember Duclos, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- a) **RECOGNIZING BARRY WARNER AND E. THOMAS MORONEY FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD AND ROBERT ROSENFELD FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Mayor and City Council recognized Civil Service Board members Barry Warner and E. Thomas Moroney; and outgoing Parks, Recreation & Community Resources Advisory Commission Chair Robert Rosenfeld for their years of service to the City of Hermosa Beach.

- b) **PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2, 2019 AS CLEAN AIR DAY IN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH**

The Mayor proclaimed October 2, 2019 as Clean Air Day in Hermosa Beach and presented a proclamation to Angela Babcock from the Clean Air Coalition.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS - CITY MANAGER

- a) **UPDATE FROM JIM FASOLA - CITY DELEGATE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR & VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jim Fasola made a presentation to the City Council, noting that Hermosa Beach has twice the Los Angeles County average of vector control calls primarily related to mosquitoes from storm drains running through the beach and sump/drainage pits throughout the City. The City and County are working on next

steps to obtain Coastal Commission permits to clean out City and County-owned storm drains.

b) UPDATES FROM CITY MANAGER SUJA LOWENTHAL

The City Manager provided updates on the following items:

- 1) Cypress District – the Planning Commission will conduct a mid-October study session on the permit process for Cypress District business openings and events. Staff will conduct an inventory of businesses and a walking tour of the Cypress District.
- 2) New Greenbelt and Clark Field Water Fountains – the City will be installing four new bottle filler water fountains at the Greenbelt and Clark Field funded in part by a West Basin Municipal Water District grant.
- 3) Homeless Services – the City will be adding content to its website to assist residents and businesses concerned with unsheltered individuals including answers to frequently asked questions. The Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach have received a \$330,000 grant from Los Angeles County to implement homeless services in accordance with City plans with service provider interviews taking place this week. To assist individuals in need of services or housing, contact People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) at (562) 457-0205 or e-mail southbay@epath.org.

Councilmember Fangary noted resident complaints about City TV outages over the weekend. The City Manager advised that the City Council audiovisual improvement project would be accelerated along with staff working with the City's provider to address transmission issues.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

- 1) Anthony Higgins
- 2) Lauren Nakano
- 3) Sarah Harper
- 4) Seena Sharp
- 5) Jim Lissner (read a letter into the record regarding short term rentals)
- 6) Raymond Jackson

a) WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the written communication.

Moved by Councilmember Massey, and second by Councilmember Duclos, to receive and file written communications. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato

The Mayor requested staff respond to Seena Sharp regarding street sweeping parking restrictions and noted that park restroom and other maintenance issues could be reported to the Public Works Department using the City's Go Hermosa app. Councilmember Massey noted some upcoming funded restroom renovation projects pend Coastal Commission approval and Valley Park restroom renovations would commence in the next few weeks.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, and second by Councilmember Duclos, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items (a) through (m). The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato

a) CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

(Interim Deputy City Clerk Carol Cowley)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the following minutes:

1. Adjourned Regular meeting of September 4, 2019
2. Adjourned Regular meeting of September 10, 2019
3. Regular meeting of September 10, 2019

b) CHECK REGISTERS

(Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the following check registers.

c) REVENUE REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT FOR JULY 2019, UPDATED JUNE 2019 CIP REPORT BY PROJECT

(Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the July 2019 Financial Reports and updated June 2019 CIP Report by Project.

d) CITY TREASURER'S REPORT AND CASH BALANCE REPORT

(City Treasurer Karen Nowicki)

Recommendation: The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council receive and file the July 2019 City Treasurer's Report and Cash Balance Report.

e) CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN CHECKS

(City Treasurer Karen Nowicki)

Recommendation: The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council approve cancellation of certain checks.

f) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

(Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council accept the donations received by the City to be used for the purpose noted.

g) PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

(Acting Public Works Director Lucho Rodriguez)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Public Works Project Status Report as of September 18, 2019.

h) ACTION SHEET OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17,

2019

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the action sheet of the Planning Commission meeting of September 17, 2019.

i) PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the October 15, 2019 Planning Commission tentative future agenda items.

j) SUBJECT: FINAL MAP NO. 76050 (C.U.P. CON NO. 18-6, PDP NO. 18-9)

LOCATION: 821 LOMA DRIVE

APPLICANT(S): HEIDI AND GREGORY ROTH

REQUEST: TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP FOR A TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve Final Parcel Map No. 76050, which is consistent with the approved Vesting Tentative Parcel Map; and
2. Request the City Clerk to endorse the certificate for said map.

k) SUBJECT: FINAL MAP NO. 78251 (C.U.P. CON NO. 19-3, PDP NO. 18-7)

LOCATION: 945 15TH STREET

APPLICANT(S): BEACH CITY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC. C/O JASON MULLER

REQUEST: TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP FOR A TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve Final Parcel Map No. 78251, which is consistent with the approved Vesting Tentative Parcel Map; and
2. Request the City Clerk to endorse the certificate for said map.

l) ACTION MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 17, 2019

(Acting Public Works Director Lucho Rodriguez)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the action minutes of the Public Works Commission meeting of July 17, 2019.

m) REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM FY 2018-19 TO FY 2019-20, APPROPRIATION OF ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FY 2019-20 BUDGET, AND REVENUE REVISIONS

(Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Reappropriate amounts in the attached Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. Totals by fund are highlighted in the attachments. The General Fund amount is \$699,213;
2. Appropriate amounts that were not included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget as shown in the attached Exhibit B in Fiscal Year 2019-20; and

3. Approve revenue revisions related to the reappropriations and new appropriation requests as shown in the attached Exhibit C.

Public Hearing Item 5(a) was considered and acted upon prior to Consent Ordinance Items 3(a) and 3(b)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - TO COMMENCE AT 7:30 P.M

- a) **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS TO THE 2019 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR: "VOLLEY4SOUND" ON THE BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURTS NORTH OF THE PIER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19; THE "MIKE DOYLE CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND PADDLEOUT" AT THE PIERHEAD AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PIER ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20; AND THE "BURPEE MILE" ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PIER ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

(Community Resources Manager Kelly Orta)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing to consider the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission's recommendation to approve the addition of the following events to the 2019 Special Event Calendar:

1. "Volley4Sound" on the beach volleyball courts north of the Pier on Saturday, October 19;
2. The "Mike Doyle Celebration of Life and Paddle-Out" at the pierhead and on the south side of the Pier on Sunday, October 20; and
3. "The Burpee Mile" on the south side of the Pier on Saturday, December 7.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. The following individual addressed the City Council:

- 1) Nathan Lvczynski

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Duclos, and second by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

3. CONSENT ORDINANCES

- a) **ORDINANCE NO. 19-1395 - "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO REGULATE THE RENTAL OF EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS FOR FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS"**

(City Clerk Elaine Doerfling)

Recommendation: The City Clerk recommends that the City Council waive full reading and adopt by title Ordinance No. 19-1395.

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

- 1) Raymond Jackson
- 2) Scott Hayes

Moved by Councilmember Duclos, and second by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, to adopt Ordinance No. 19-1395. Councilmember Massey proposed two amendments to 1) change Section 17.40.230(A)(3)(c) to require a property manager to be onsite within 30 minutes of a complaint in lieu of responding within 45 minutes; and 2) to require an onsite manager. With advice from the City Attorney, Councilmember Duclos and Mayor Pro Tem Campbell withdrew the motion. Moved by Councilmember Duclos, and second by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, to re-introduce Ordinance No. 19-1395 with an amendment to Section 17.40.230(A)(3)(c) requiring a 30 minute onsite response to resolve complaints. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell

NO: Mayor Armato

Councilmember Fangary requested a redline version of amended Ordinance 19-1395 for consideration of adoption at the City Council meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019.

- b) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1396 - “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-3) TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN HERMOSA LAND USE DESIGNATION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 820 9TH STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 17 OF TRACT NO. 5650, IN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA”**

(City Clerk Elaine Doerfling)

Recommendation: The City Clerk recommends that the City Council waive full reading and adopt by title Ordinance No. 19-1396.

Moved by Councilmember Fangary, and second by Councilmember Massey. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- b) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A TENANT IMPROVEMENT WITHIN SUITE 101 OF THE BIJOU BUILDING, A HISTORICAL LANDMARK, LOCATED AT 1221 HERMOSA AVENUE AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) (Continued from meeting of September 10, 2019)**
(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution, thereby approving a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA 42) to allow a tenant improvement within Suite 101 of the Bijou Building, located at 1221 Hermosa Avenue within the General Commercial (C-2) zone; and
2. Determine this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA).

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No individuals addressed the City Council on this matter. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Massey, and second by Councilmember Duclos. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

c) ZONE VARIANCE 19-1- AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF A VARIANCE FROM THE MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) OPEN SPACE ZONE PROVISIONS AND PARKING STANDARDS FOR A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 1515 MONTEREY BOULEVARD AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Council adopt the attached resolution, thereby upholding the Planning Commission's denial of Variance 19-1, a request to allow a deviation in the open space provisions and parking standards of the Multiple Family Residential (R-3) zone, and determine this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Councilmember Massey recused himself due to having a financial interest in real property within 500 feet of the subject property.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Brandon Strauss addressed the City Council on behalf of the applicant. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, and second by Councilmember Fangary. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

ABSENT: Councilmember Massey

Councilmember Massey returned to the meeting.

d) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S TREE ORDINANCE

(Acting Public Works Director Lucho Rodriguez)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Introduce on first reading an ordinance amending Chapter 12.36 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code, the City's tree ordinance (Attachment 1); and
2. Adopt a resolution amending the City's master fee schedule to include administrative fines for tree ordinance violations and application fees for tree removal permits (Attachment 2).

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The following individual addressed the City Council:

- 1) Scott Hayes

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Duclos, and second by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

Moved by Councilmember Duclos, and second by Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, to extend the meeting to 11 p.m. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

None.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL

- a) DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE & ALTERNATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND CONSIDERATION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**
(Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Designate a Voting Delegate and an alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 18, at the Long Beach Convention Center; and
2. Authorize the City Council's Voting Delegate to support the League of California Cities two General Assembly Resolutions

Moved by Councilmember Massey, and second by Councilmember Fangary, to designate Mayor Pro Tem Campbell as a Voting Delegate and Mayor Armato as alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 18, at the Long Beach Convention Center; and to authorize the City Council's Voting Delegate to support the League of California Cities two General Assembly Resolutions. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

- b) APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE AS DELEGATE TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION**
(City Clerk Elaine Doerfling)

Recommendation: The City Clerk recommends that the City Council appoint one of its members to serve as the City's delegate to the Independent Cities Association (ICA).

Moved by Councilmember Fangary, and second by Councilmember Duclos, that the City Council appoint Mayor Armato to serve as the City's delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Campbell as alternate to the Independent Cities Association (ICA). The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Duclos, Fangary, Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Mayor Armato.

- c) UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell and Councilmember Massey noted they will be meeting with Leadership Hermosa representatives in the near future.

Councilmember Massey reported on behalf of the North School Subcommittee that a North School construction project stakeholder group had been assembled to assist the City and School District in developing the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

Councilmember Massey advised the Downtown Subcommittee is working on lighting for Upper Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue and landscaping for Hermosa Avenue. Mayor Armato noted Public Works will be installing dimmable lights on Pier Plaza.

Mayor Armato noted City airport noise complaints could be forwarded to her to pass along at upcoming LAX and Hawthorne Airport roundtable meetings.

Councilmember Fangary noted progress on recent new bus stop and trash can installations and improved landscaping on Hermosa Avenue.

8. OTHER MATTERS - CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Duclos requested an update on re-establishing funding for beach storm drain cleaning prior to major storms.

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell and Mayor Armato requested a future agenda item to consider design of the City's entry signage once the City's logo is finalized.

Councilmember Fangary requested background on the October 2nd Study Session on the Coastal Zone Parking Assessment and Public-Private Partnerships; and confirmation of the agenda date for consideration of the future Holiday Parking Program (October 10 or October 22, 2019).

a) TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the tentative future agenda items.

The Tentative Future Agenda Items were received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Armato adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m. to Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for a Study Session on the Coastal Zone Parking Assessment and Public Private Partnerships (P3).



SUJA LOWENTHAL
CITY MANAGER