

**City of Hermosa Beach**

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



**City Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
Special Meeting - 6:00 P.M.  
Closed Session to be held following the Open Session**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

***Mayor  
Mary Campbell***

***Mayor Pro Tem  
Justin Massey***

***Councilmembers  
Hany S. Fangary  
Michael Detoy  
Stacey Armato***

**6:00 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manhattan Beach City Councilmember Hildy Stern.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, Mayor Campbell

- 1) City of Lawndale – City Councilmember Pat Kearney
- 2) City of Rolling Hills – City Councilmember Patrick Wilson
- 3) City of Manhattan Beach – City Councilmember Hildy Stern
- 4) City of Manhattan Beach – City Councilmember Suzanne Hadley
- 5) City of Manhattan Beach – City Councilmember Mayor Nancy Hersman

**Arrived Late:**

- 1) City of Rancho Palos Verdes – City Councilmember David Bradley (arrived 6:15 p.m.)

**Absent:**

- 1) City of Rancho Palos Verdes – City Councilmember Barbara Ferraro
- 2) City of Palos Verdes Estates – City Councilmember Sanford Davidson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Armato, and second by Councilmember Detoy. The motion carried as follows:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, Mayor Campbell

**1. STUDY SESSION**

- a) SEMS Executive Training Course (ICS 402)**  
*(Area G Disaster Management Coordinator Jeff Robinson)*

Los Angeles County Area G Disaster Management Coordinator Jeff Robinson provided an ICS 402 training presentation and responded to questions from the City Council and other training attendees.

- b) Overview of Hermosa Beach Emergency Management**  
*(Emergency Management Coordinator Brandy Villanueva)*

Emergency Management Coordinator Brandy Villanueva provided a presentation on the City's emergency management efforts including updates on the Emergency Operations Plan, South Bay Alerts, tsunami maps, Beach Evacuation Emergency Light System (BEELS) implementation, Emergency Preparedness Advisory Board, HbCERT, City staff training and grant applications. Environmental Analyst Leeanne Singleton provided a presentation on Look Ahead Hermosa Beach related to projected sea rise visualizations.

Mayor Campbell recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Campbell reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The following individuals addressed the City Council:  
None.

- 2. CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 27, 2019 BROWN ACT DEMAND TO "CURE AND CORRECT" SUBMITTED BY ANTHONY HIGGINS PERTAINING TO MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019**  
*(City Attorney Mike Jenkins)*

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.

City Attorney Mike Jenkins provided a summary of the Brown Act "Cure and Correct" demand, City response and options; and recent litigation initiated by Dina Fangary and Fangary Law Group.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

- 1) Bob Dunn
- 2) Anthony Higgins
- 3) Jeff Duclos
- 4) Jim Rosenberger
- 5) George Barks
- 6) Trent Larson
- 7) Kent Allen
- 8) Bob Atkins
- 9) Jessica Accamando
- 10) Mike Collins
- 11) Gila Katz
- 12) George Schmeltzer
- 13) Kathy Knoll
- 14) Dave Davis
- 15) Matt McCool
- 16) J.R. Reviczky
- 17) Kathleen Midstokke
- 18) Sandy Saemann

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Massey, and second by Councilmember Armato, to rescind the action taken on November 21, 2019 to appoint the Mayor pro tempore. The motion carried as follows:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, Mayor Campbell

Moved by Councilmember Fangary to nominate Councilmember Fangary to serve as Mayor pro tempore for a term ending Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Armato, and second by Mayor Campbell to appoint Councilmember Massey as Mayor pro tempore for a term ending Thursday, November 12, 2020. On the advice of the City Attorney, Councilmember Armato withdrew her motion in order for the City Council to accept nominations for Mayor pro tempore as listed on the agenda.

The Mayor opened the floor to nominations for Mayor pro tempore to serve for a term ending Thursday, November 12, 2020. Councilmember Armato nominated Councilmember Massey. Councilmember Fangary nominated Councilmember Fangary.

Councilmember Massey was appointed as Mayor pro tempore to serve for a term ending Thursday,

November 12, 2020 by roll call vote:

Councilmember Armato:	Councilmember Massey
Councilmember Detoy:	Councilmember Fangary
Councilmember Fangary:	Councilmember Fangary
Councilmember Massey:	Councilmember Massey
Mayor Campbell:	Councilmember Massey

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Campbell adjourned the Open Session at 10:20 p.m. to a Closed Session.

## **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:21 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

- 1) Bob Atkins
- 2) Kathleen Midstokke
- 3) Jane Davis

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 10:25 p.m. to:

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, Mayor Campbell

#### **1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Government Code Section 54957.6

**City Negotiator:** City Manager

**Employee**

**Organizations:** Hermosa Beach Police Officers' Association  
Police Management Bargaining Group  
Hermosa Beach Management Association  
Unrepresented Employees

#### **2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Initiation of Litigation**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

The City finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.

Number of Potential Cases: 1

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Closed Session was adjourned at 11:50 p.m. to Tuesday, December 17, 2019 for Closed Session at 6:00 p.m., followed by Open Session at 7:00 p.m.



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SUJA LOWENTHAL  
CITY MANAGER