



## **Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

**Closed Session 6:00 P.M. Regular Session 7:00 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

### **City Council**

**Mary Campbell, Mayor**

**Justin Massey, Mayor Pro Tem**

**Stacy Armato, Councilmember**

**Michael Detoy, Councilmember**

**Hany Fangary, Councilmember**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Regular Meeting of the City of Hermosa Beach met via a virtual meeting held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom March 17, 2020 on the above date. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Campbell at 6:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led Mayor Campbell

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Michael Jenkins provided a report from closed session. He shared that Closed session was called to order at 5 p.m. and no public comments were provided. He reported that not items were added to the closed session and there was no reportable action.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Campbell shared some announcements (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link. [July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting](#))

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Detoy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by majority consent.

Councilmember Fangary stated that he will not be supporting the motion due to his disapproval of staff providing verbal staff reports.

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

**NOES:** Councilmember Fangary

## **PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

Jacqueline Sun and Tom Bakaly with Beach Cities Health District provided a COVID-19 presentation and update.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS - CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Lowenthal shared that the audio-visual project has started and is expected to be completed by the end of August. She then invited Hermosa's Fire Station 100 to introduce themselves to the City Council and community.(Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link: [July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting](#))

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people provided public comment:

1. Andrew Vogele
2. Mike (No last name provided)
3. Marie Jackson

### **1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Written communication was provided from Liz Mahoney and Tony Higgins

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato moved to receive and file written communications, seconded by Councilmember Detoy. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Massey addressed some of the concerns expressed during public comment by requesting clarification from City Attorney Michael Jenkins. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link: [July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting](#))

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Detoy moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

## **3. CONSENT ORDINANCE**

Prior to opening agenda item 3(a) Mayor Campbell recused herself from participation due to conflict of interest.

- a. **ORDINANCE 20-1412: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TA 19-1 TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR NEW LIMITED EVENTS ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT, ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR ARTIST STUDIO AND ARCHITECT STUDIO AND ADDING ARCHITECT STUDIO AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE AND DEERMINING THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato motioned to approve and adopt Ordinance 20-1412 by title only and waive the full reading, seconded by councilmember Detoy. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**AYES:** Council Member Armato, Detoy, Fangary, and Mayor Pro Tem Massey

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Mayor Campbell

City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento read the title of Ordinance 20-1412 for the record.

- 4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION**  
NONE

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION (REFUSE) CHARGES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING SAID CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENT WOULD AFFECT ONLY THOSE PROPERTIES WITH REFUSE BILLS DELINQUENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2020**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato moved to approve staff recommendation to place said charges on the property tax rolls as a special assessment, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey.

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

**NOES:** None

**6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

- a. RECEIVE REPORT ON EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOL SERVING ESTABLISHMENTS COMPLY WITH L.A. COUNTY PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY ORDERS AS THEY CONTINUE TO REOPEN** *(Verbal report, no vote required)*

Report provided by Police Chief Paul LeBaron and Community Development Director Ken Robertson. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link: [July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting](#))

- b. MAYOR'S PLEDGE TOWARDS MY BROTHER'S KEEPER INITIATIVE**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Massey moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**AYES:** Council Member Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** None

- c. MODIFICATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-1410U OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PERIOD ALLOWED FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING/SEATING AND OUTDOOR RETAIL WILL CONTINUE UNTIL REVOKED BY CITY COUNCIL**

Public comment was provided by:

1. Dency Nelson

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Detoy moved to approve staff recommendation and add a verbal assurance from the City Council to keep the Urgency Ordinance in place until January 13, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**AYES:** Council Member Armato, Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** None

**d. CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY OPTIONS TO FACILITATE FOOT TRAFFIC AND OUTDOOR DINNING OPTIONS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG HERMOSA BEACH BUSINESS CORRIDORS**

Public comment was provided by:

1. Kathleen Nole
2. Dave Davis
3. Laura Pena
4. John David

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato made the following multipart motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- Retain a traffic engineer to design for single lane closers in both directions on Hermosa Ave., and Pier Ave between Hermosa Ave and Valley to facilitate outdoor dining, outdoor retail, personal services, foot traffic, and diagonal parking with a bike lane buffer.
- City Manager to act under her emergency jurisdiction to work with Economic Development Committee to develop a plan and execute the details laid out in the traffic study design. The item will be brought back to Council for consideration if a need outside the City Manager authority is required.
- Reach out to local businesses along Hermosa Ave., or any viable locations in Hermosa Beach that would be amendable to this kind of single lane closer and reconfiguration of the streets, and or, areas public or private available for reconfiguration.

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

**NOES:** None

**e. REVIEW OF CITY'S PARKING ASSET CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS IN LIGHT OF ONGOING CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH**

## **ORDER**

Public comment was provided by:

1. Andrew Lapointe

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato motioned to open parking lot C for employee parking only and discontinue employee parking in both parking lots A and D, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion carried by majority consent.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Armato, Fangary, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** Councilmember Detoy, and Mayor Pro Tem Massey

### **f. CITY MANAGER CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Public comment was provided by:

1. Johnathan Wicks

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**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Massey moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by majority consent.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Armato, Mayor Pro Tem Massey, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** Councilmember Fangary

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Detoy

### **VOTE TO EXTEND COUNCIL MEETING TO**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Massey moved to extend the City Council meeting to 12:15 a.m., seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

### **7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL**

#### **a. VACANCIES – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – EXPIRATION OF TERMS PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

City Council held interviews for three Planning Commission seats. A total of seven applicants were interviewed. Each City Councilmember selected their top three

candidates. Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice were unanimously selected by the City Council. The following are the selections each Councilmember provided:

**Councilmember Armato:** Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice

**Councilmember Detoy:** Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice

**Councilmember Fangary:** Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice

**Mayor Pro Tem Massey:** Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice

**Mayor Campbell:** Stephan Izant, Dave Pederson, and Marie Rice

**b. UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND  
STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Updates given by: Mayor Campbell and Councilmember Detoy.

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**8. OTHER MATTERS – CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council discussed the option of holding two Council Meetings in the month of August instead of one which has been the custom in the past.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Fangary moved to have two City Council meetings in the month of August, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by majority consent.

**AYES:** Armato, Detoy, Fangary, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** Mayor Pro Tem Massey

**a. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
NONE**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Campbell adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of Danay DiVirgilio to Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting concluded at 12:00 a.m.

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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk