



Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Closed Session 5:00 P.M Regular Session 6:00 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

I. 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 6:15 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led Mayor Campbell

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Michael Jenkins provided his Closed Session report. He stated Closed Session was called to order at 5 p.m. and there were no public comments on the closed session agenda. He added that no items were added to Closed Session, there were no reportable actions taken.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Campbell shared some announcements regarding COVID-19 infections and death rates trending downward in the last few weeks, and the need to continue to adhere to local and County required health orders. She also shared announcements related to the eviction moratorium and money that has been made available by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for COVID-19 rent relief. The Mayor then shared that Hermosa Beach will be participating in the Wyland Nation Water conservation challenge. In closing the Mayor congratulated Councilmember Detoy for his recent appointment as Fire Station Captain. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link. [8-25-20 City Council Meeting](#))

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VII. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Emergency Response Manager Brandy Villanueva introduced the Fire Department Staff of Crew 100 A shift. One by one each available member introduced themselves to the Hermosa community.

Brandy Villanueva provided a report on the Los Angeles County Fire Services and McCormack Ambulance semi-annual update. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link. [8-25-20 City Council Meeting](#))

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lowenthal began by having City Attorney Michael Jenkins describe the recent agenda modifications to the City Council. She then provided a report to the City Council regarding COVID-19 response and reiterated some important points brought up by Mayor Campbell in preparation of the Labor Day holiday. She detailed the various steps being taken to continue to educate and enforce face coverings for the safety of the entire Hermosa community. She also described the Urgency Ordinance that will be considered by the City Council to temporarily permit outdoor church worship services and additional outdoor dining facilitation. The Ordinance will also align Hermosa Beach with public health protocols for churches to operate outdoors. She then briefed the City Council on the current police recruitment efforts, and closed by providing an update on

the City Hall audio visual improvement project. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link: [8-25-20 City Council Meeting](#).)

IX. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS/ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following people provided public comment:

1. Ryan Delaney
2. Robert Aranoff
3. Joseph Misuley
4. Sarah Johnson
5. Isreal Campbell

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X. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Mayor Campbell commented and provided clarification aimed at addressing some of the topics brought up during public comment, including playgrounds, and small crimes. Both City Manager Suja Lowenthal and Police Chief Paul LeBaron elaborated on both playgrounds and small crimes concerns that were highlighted during public comment. The Mayor then addressed face coverings and how Hermosa is complying with County Health orders. Mayor Campbell also shared updates from her Parks and Recreation subcommittee she attended with Councilmember Armato regarding naming policy for city facilities and property. She closed by mentioning a Regional Water Board meeting regarding MS4 permit compliance on September 10, 2020 and a desire to get municipal input regarding this topic.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey briefly commented on face coverings. He emphasized the importance of wearing face coverings in order to protect front line responders in the medical field, businesses, and the overall health and safety of Hermosa Beach residents.

Councilmember Detoy shared information on the upcoming sister city event which will be raising funds for the Sister City Association. He added that Hermosa's sister city in Loreto continues to push forward with their programing which includes paramedic training, firefighter needs, and student exchanges, orphanage support, and more.

Councilmember Fangary providing comments also addressing some concerns expressed during public comment. He stated that Hermosa Beach is following County

directives who has a team of experts that provide guidelines for the health and safety of all who reside in Los Angeles County. He encouraged all residents to continue to adhere to the County health orders in order to reopen and get back to activities we miss like enjoying parks. He also commented on for code enforcement to ensure compliance in newly opened outdoor dining areas to protect pedestrians. He added that he would like to see a report on increased use of motorized bikes and steps being to address this increase. (Complete audio and video is available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link: [8-25-20 City Council Meeting](#))

XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Armato asked that item 11g be pulled from the consent calendar for separate consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey asked that item 11c be pulled from the consent calendar for separate consideration.

Mayor Campbell asked that item 11f be pulled from the consent calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve the balance of the consent calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

- a. **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
- b. **CREATION OF A FEMA/Cal OES FUND AND A CARES ACT FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR REIMBURSEMENTS, REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- c. **APPROVAL OF REVISED DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Item pulled from Consent Calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Massey for separate discussion.

- d. **CHECK REGISTERS**
- e. **MEMORANDUM REGARDING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS, CIP REPORT BY PROJECT, CITY TREASURER'S REPORT AND CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR JULY 2020**

f. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Item pulled from Consent Calendar by Mayor Campbell for separate discussion.

g. AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES

Item pulled from Consent Calendar by Councilmember Armato for separate discussion.

h. ACTION SHEET OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2020

i. PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

j. REVIEW OF SUBMITTAL OF THE 2019 HERMOSA BEACH HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

k. FINAL MAP NO. 82330 (C.U.P. CON NO. 18-7, PDP NO. 18-10) LOCATION: 220-222 27TH STREET APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: IRVING M. LEVINE, TRUSTEE OF THE IRVING M. LEVINE LIVING TRUST C/O MIKE LEVINE REQUEST: APPROVE FINAL PARCEL MAP 82330 FOR A TWO-UNIT DETACHED RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT

l. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE SERVICES AND MCCORMICK AMBULANCE SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW

m. SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD QUARTERLY SUMMARY

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

XIc. APPROVAL OF REVISED DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Mayor Pro Tem Massey asked a question to Finance Director Viki Copeland regarding the addition of definition to short and long term debt in the revised policy.

Finance Director Viki Copeland provided a response to Mayor Pro Tem Massey's question.

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

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

NOES: None

Xif. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Mayor Campbell asked a clarifying question to Public Works Director Marnell Gibson on how the report should be read when looking at identification markers for projects.

Public Works Director Marnell Gibson elaborated on the markers and how they should be interpreted.

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

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

NOES: None

XIg. AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES

Councilmember Armato shared that she pulled the item to highlight the service benefits and financial savings with this agreement. She then thanked staff for their efforts in collaborating with neighboring cities to make this agreement happen.

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – TO COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.

a. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED MUNICIAPL CODE AMENDMENTS IN CHAPTER 12.20 BEACH AND STRAND REGULATIONS

Public Hearing 13a item pulled by City Council in order to allow the Fair Political Practices Commission to provide a response on a possible conflict of interest.

b. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED IMPLAMENTATION OF A TEMPORARY PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AND HOURLY USE FEE DURING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURERS; AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PICKLEBALL COURT MEMBERSHIP FEE AND HOURLY USE RATES

Prior to beginning Public Hearing Item 13b Mayor Pro Tem Massey recused himself to conflict of interest related to the proximity of his residence to the Pickleball court.

Public comment was provided by the following person:

1. Geraldine Poon

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Detoy. Motion carried by unanimous consent with Mayor Pro Tem Massey being recused from the item.

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

RECUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Massey

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c. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION TO THE RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM \$15 PER ACTIVITY TO 10% OF THE ACTIVITY COST

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

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

NOES: None

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- d. **ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO TEMPORARILY PERMIT PLACES OF WORSHIP TO OPERATE OUTDOORS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY; AND TO CONFIRM CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER NO. 2020-10**

MOTION: Councilmember Detoy moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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XIV. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

- a. **RECEIVE REPORT ON EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PANDEMIC-RELATED HEALTH ORDERS FROM BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Detoy. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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- b. **CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO INITIATE NEW PLANNING PROCESSES AND FEES TO REDUCE TIME AND COST FOR MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, MINOR SIGN PERMITS AND MURAL REVIEW APPLICATIONS, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND MINOR PLANNING SIGN REVIEW, AND REVISING FEE FOR MURAL REVIEW ON THE CITY MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

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

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

NOES: None

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- c. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH RATIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-11 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY STREETS AS PART OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND DETERMINING THE ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

MOTION: Councilmember Detoy moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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- d. **COMMENCEMENT OF INVESTIGATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS REGARDING POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS INTO CITY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

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

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

NOES: None

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e. CONSIDERATION OF JOINING LAWSUIT CHALLENGING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S MEMO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIRECTING IT TO EXCLUDE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS FROM THE CENSUS COUNT

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to receive and file, seconded by Mary Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Massey

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XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Fangary requested an item updating the Council regarding code enforcement efforts regarding bicycles and motorized bicycles.

Mayor Campbell requested a follow up item on the My Brother's Keeper Mayor's Pledge. Councilmember Armato provided a second vote for an item. Mayor Pro Tem provided a third vote in support of a future agenda item.

City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento asked the City Council if they can accommodate a request to start the September 8, 2020 closed session portion of the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The City Council approved unanimously to adjourn the City Council Meeting to Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Campbell adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. for closed session. Mayor Campbell also adjourned the Council meeting in memory of Scotty Hemstreet. Meeting concluded at 10:27 p.m.

Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk