



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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Closed Session-5:00 P.M.,

Regular Session 6:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

City Council

Justin Massey, Mayor

Michael Detoy, Mayor Pro Tem

Stacey Armato, Councilmember

Mary Campbell, 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 Massey at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led Mayor Massey.

III. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

IV. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City attorney Jenkins stated two items were listed on the closed session agenda, no additional items were added, and no reportable action was taken.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Massey began his comments by congratulating Raymond Jackson on his election to the City Council and thanked all the Council candidates for their willingness to seek public office. He encouraged they stay engaged with the City and continue to play a role in civic life. Mayor Massey indicated that more details about the swearing-in ceremony will be shared through the City's social media channels once confirmed.

Mayor Massey then announced the 10th and final mural by the Hermosa Beach Murals Project will be completed by June 4th, with an official unveiling tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. This completion date is a slight delay from what was announced at the last Coffee with the Mayor event on Saturday May 22, 2021. He added that a tentative completion date of June 4, 2021 has been set.

Mayor Massey provide a brief history of the Hermosa Beach Murals Project, sharing that the project is led by a nonprofit organization started by Hermosa Beach residents to beautify the downtown business district with murals that depict the City's rich and eclectic history and culture. The new mural is of the Surf and Sand Club, which was also known as the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel. The hotel was located on the Strand between 14th and 15th Streets and was completed in 1926. The new mural is on the west wall of the Old Bijou Theater at 1229 Hermosa Ave. He closed by thanking those who have worked so hard to make these murals a reality.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Massey requested that item 11p be pulled from the consent calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: Councilmember Armato motioned to approve the agenda with item 11p being pulled from the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. **COVID-19 HEALTH UPDATE FROM BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT**
- b. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2021 AS PRIDE MONTH IN HERMOSA BEACH**

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VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Suja Lowenthal began her remarks by sharing the 2021 AVP Hermosa Beach Open will not take place in Hermosa Beach this year due to the uncertainty surrounding the State's and County's COVID-19 protocols. AVP indicated to staff that they are looking forward to bringing the Hermosa Beach Open back next year.

AVP would still like to host a junior event under the current COVID-19 protocols during the 2021 Hermosa Beach Open dates of July 7–July 11. AVP is working with City staff to make this possible.

Ms. Lowenthal then shared that in-person services at Hermosa Beach's City Hall have resumed, using an appointment system that will allow people to safely conduct business with the City in person. Those interested can make an appointment by visiting the City's website.

City Manager Lowenthal then provided a reminder that community surveys are due May 31, 2021. The surveys are seeking the public's input on some of the temporary programs the City established during the pandemic to support local businesses. These include the expanded outdoor dining and retail, the Temporary Lane Reconfiguration Project, limited live music and entertainment and outdoor fitness classes offered in public parks and on the beach. The community survey can be found on the home page of City's website.

Ms. Lowenthal then shared that the City is resuming summer services under updated COVID-19 protocols. Hermosa Beach's 2021 Summer Camp Programs are open for registration, and additional information can be found at the City's website, including the 2021 Summer Camp Programs Brochure for camp and class offerings. Registration information can be accessed on the City's website at hermosabeach.gov/recreation.

City Manager Lowenthal then provided an update regarding COVID-19. She shared that face mask requirements in Hermosa Beach have been aligned with the state and county requirements, and the City no longer is utilizing private security to enforce mask ordinances. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have updated its guidelines to advise Americans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 that they can stop wearing masks or maintaining social distance in most settings.

But the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is adhering to the California Department of Public Health's guidance, which has determined California will keep existing mask guidance in place until June 15 when it aims to fully reopen the economy. After that, the state has said it plans to allow fully vaccinated Californians to go without a mask in most indoor settings.

Ms. Lowenthal added that everyone ages 12 and older in California are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccines. Appointments for vaccines can be made by visiting myturn.ca.gov. The consent of a parent or legal guardian may be needed for those between the ages of

12 and 17 to receive a vaccination. Please visit Vaccinate All 58 to learn more about the safe and effective vaccines available. She then asked everyone to continue to take precautions and follow the public health experts' advice to keep all safe.

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IX. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS/ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following members of the public provided public comment:

1. Robert Aronoff
2. Sarah Harper
3. Jessica Accamando
4. Daniel Rittenhouse
5. Sheryl Main
6. Laura Pena
7. Ron Newman
8. Jon David
9. Ed Hart

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X. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

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XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve the balance of the consent calendar with item 11p being pulled by Mayor Massey for separate consideration, seconded by Councilmember Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

- a. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
- b. CHECK REGISTERS
- c. REVENUE REPORT, COVID-19 REVENUE TRACKING REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT FOR MARCH 2021 AND APRIL 2021
- d. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS
- e. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT AND CASH BALANCE REPORT
- f. CANCELATION OF CERTAIN CHECKS
- g. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF MAY 13, 2021
- h. ACTION MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2021
- i. ACTION SHEET OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 18, 2021
- j. PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- k. SUBJECT: FINAL MAP NO. 82295 (C.U.P. CON NO. 18-7, PDP NO. 18-10)
LOCATION: 1602 LOMA DRIVE APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: 1602 LOMA DRIVE, LLC BY KIM KOMICK REQUEST: APPROVE FINAL PARCEL MAP 82295 FOR A TWO-UNIT DETACHED RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT
- l. APPROVAL OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF SPECIAL EVENT LONG-TERM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SURF FESTIVAL
- m. SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD QUARTERLY SUMMARY
- n. CONSIDERATION OF ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES, INC (DBA ATHENS SERVICES) REQUEST FOR AN ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM RATES FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES
- o. APPROVAL OF SIXTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND AMERICAN GUARD SERVICES
- p. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR

**ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL
AS RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES**

- q. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO UNFREEZE THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER
POSITION AS APPROVED IN THE 2020-2021 BUDGET**

**XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE
DISCUSSION**

- p. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL
AS RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES**

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

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

NOES: Mayor Massey

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

- a. **APPROVAL OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO
INCLUDE DB EVENTS (VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS) ON THE 2021
SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR ON JUNE 19, AUGUST 21, AND OCTOBER 24**

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

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

NOES: None

- b. **CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 20, 2021
PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO DENY A REQUEST FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE ONSITE SALE,
SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF GENERAL ALCOHOL INDOORS ONLY**

WITHIN THE HOTEL LOUNGE FOR REGISTERED GUESTS ONLY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT AN EXISTING HOTEL (H2O HERMOSA) AT 1429 HERMOSA AVENUE, AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Mayor Massey recused himself from the item due to conflict of interest.

The following members of the public provided public comment:

1. Trent Larson
2. Jessica Accamando
3. George Barks

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to continue the item to September 14, 2021, motion died due to lack of second.

MOTION: Councilmember Campbell moved to continue the item to July 13, 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Detoy. Motion carried by majority consent.

AYES: Councilmember Campbell, and Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

NOES: Councilmember Armato

RECUSED: Mayor Massey

c. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-1431 OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8.12 OF AND ADDING CHAPTER 8.14 TO THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SOLID WASTE

The following members of the public provided public comment:

4. Amanda Mejia

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

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

NOES: None

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XIV. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

a. MIDDLE INCOME/WORKFORCE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

The following members of the public provided public comment:

5. Dean Francois

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

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

NOES: None

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XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were made regarding future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

City Attorney Michael Jenkins adjourned the Adjourned Regular City Council meeting to May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for closed session followed by regular session at 6:00 p.m. The Council meeting concluded at 10:10 p.m.

Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk