

City Clerk's office:

Please add this communication as a Supplemental to
Item-VI (Approval of the Agenda) of the posted
6-PM June 8, 2021 Hermosa Beach Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

Please additionally attach this communication as a Supplemental to the
Public Comment item of the 5-PM June 8, 2021 Closed Session.

To: Hermosa Beach City Council (Mary Campbell-Collins, Justin Massey,
Michael Detoy, Stacey Armato), City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento,
City Manager Suja Lowenthal, and Contracted City Attorney Michael Jenkins.

From: Howard Longacre, Hermosa Beach Resident

June 5, 2021

Re: The premature/improper swearing in of "Action Jackson":

Councilmembers and Others:

*The comments made herein by me are offered freely, and they are entirely my views
and opinions on all that I've stated.*

The noted June 8, 2021 Hermosa Beach City Council agenda improperly lists Raymond Jackson as a City Councilmember. This agenda is being presumptive, and furthermore there has been no announced and public swearing-in of Raymond Jackson, having occurred appropriately **after the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors officially has received, and accepted - by their vote - the results of the Special May 11, 2021 Hermosa Beach City Council election.**

Furthermore, Mr. Jackson has perhaps already been improperly presented with confidential "Closed Session" materials, and is improperly indicated to be participating in a closed session. That should not occur until he is fully and properly publicly sworn in and properly installed as an officer of Hermosa Beach via an agenda item.

That Mr. Jackson seems ready to do things improperly, or loosey goosey, or based on some sloppy precedence, just indicates the city is headed for more of the same sloppy, untrustworthy, "it's no big deal", rotten, filthy government - that City Attorney Michael Jenkins has so-fully instilled into the Hermosa Beach government psyche, during his way-too-long contract.

That Raymond Jackson has evidently stated, "There was nothing nefarious about" the premature swearing-in, indicates an implied admittance he and the city blundered.

Hermosa's government must operate correctly, especially when it comes down to the nitty gritty of those elected and elections. And who in Hell is the very person being prematurely sworn in, to claim "there was nothing nefarious". That's what you would expect to hear of an ignorant insensitive dictator. Mr. Jackson is already displaying incredible insensitivity regarding this matter.

Nonetheless, this is not even Mr. Jackson's call. He's also not likely the problem. It's a problem that's reflecting off of him due once again, unquestionably, because of City Manager Suja Lowenthal and ceremonial Mayor Justin Massey. BOTH NEED TO BE GONE. THE SOONER THE BETTER! 3.5 years more of Massey and Lowenthal is painful to think of.

So, why can't things be done right in Hermosa Beach? Answer: Because the sneaky Hermosa Beach City Council / City Manager operation (they truly are sneaks) is completely broken! In Hermosa Beach we don't have government "*of the people, by the people, for the people*" these days; instead it's apparently '*government of the sneaky dictators, by the sneaky dictators, for the sneaky dictators*'.

After certification of a City Council election there is correctly a period of time (for challenges, etc., to the results) up to the time the "certified" results go to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (for General Law cities), and are then formally accepted and thereby ratified by the Supervisors vote.

Some might say, "What's the big deal", especially since this kind of sloppy 'kart-before-the-horse' thing may have occurred in the past in Hermosa Beach, and under the same Hermosa Beach Contract City Attorney Michael Jenkins' having then also looked the other way.

How then did Hermosa Beach government top bananas so-stupidly again decide, on their own, of how things are to be done with respect to such swearing-in, and after such an expensive (\$100,000), and actually unneeded election?

And then incredibly, with the un-sworn-in resident himself stating to the press that it was his, Raymond Jackson's, idea to be sworn in, clearly before the Board of Supervisors had officially ratified the election. Incredible! Clearly Jackson, as evidently already a Massey pawn, is blindly being led down Massey's self-centered rat hole. Well that's now Jackson's problem. There is no doubt that Massey and City Manager Suja Lowenthal knew well that the Board of Supervisors HAD NOT ratified the election results when Jackson was unnecessarily and prematurely sworn in.

So, where in Hell again is the well compensated contract City Attorney Michael Jenkins while all this sloppy stuff is going on in the city of Hermosa Beach? All understand that Jenkins loves sloppy stuff, however if Jackson, before properly being installed, participates in closed session litigation matters, doesn't that also potentially put the city additionally in jeopardy for improper decision-making, due to having an improper participant voting in a closed session?

The results have not as yet, at this date, June 5, 2021, been accepted/ratified by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and who knows, the results might not be accepted at the Board's 9:30 AM, June 8, 2021, meeting.

The Board's agenda for their June 8, meeting was only just posted June 3, 2021. However Raymond Jackson was already sworn in prematurely/improperly on May 28th, from what he himself has admitted.

Hermosa Beach City Manager Suja Lowenthal, and ceremonial Mayor Justin Massey (an attorney) had most-evidently approved/expedited this improper swearing in of Jackson, with Jackson then claiming it was his idea, probably to cover the sloppy decisions of City Manager Suja Lowenthal and the always incredibly-arrogant, essentially self-anointed ceremonial Mayor Justin Massey. It's very evident Jackson was also Massey's preferred election candidate and that Massey is Jackson's mentor.

The PDF agenda of the June 8, 2021 L.A. County Board of Supervisors agenda is at this following link.

<http://bos.lacounty.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Blpm1pVAsno%3d&portalid=1>

Go to Item-37 on the above June 8, 2021 Board's agenda which states.

**37. May 11, 2021 City of Hermosa Beach Special Election
Recommendation: Declare the election results of the May 11, 2021 City of Hermosa Beach Special Election officially concluded.
(Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk) APPROVE (21-2188)**

Attachments:

Board Letter

Public Comment/Correspondence

Meanwhile, the Future agenda items of the last regular Hermosa Beach City Council meeting, May 25, 2021, stated that at the beginning of the June 8, 2021 Hermosa Beach City Council meeting was to be occurring -

***JUNE 8, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
-CANVASS OF VOTES AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICER-
CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF VOTES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION OF MAY 11, 2021
AND INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTED OFFICER.***

(snag image of above text, from the 5/25/21 'future agenda items' is attached further below)

However the newly posted June 8, 2021 Hermosa Beach Council agenda has no such **"Installation of Elected Officer"** item indicated and instead indicates at the top that Jackson is already a Councilmember. How could that be?

Of all things, the public and the press expect to see and hear Jackson take the oath to the **U.S. Constitution**, and the **California State Constitution** before he is seated as a Hermosa Beach City Councilman.

Jackson is to be one of the five top officials in the City. WHO IS JACKSON, OR ANYONE IN HERMOSA BEACH, TO PULL OFF SUCH ARROGANT CRAP? ARE NOT THESE THE VERY SAME PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE YELLING AND SCREAMING IF SUCH BEHIND THE SCENES CRAP WAS PULLED OFF BY, I.E., DONALD J. TRUMP, AND DESERVEDLY SO?

Was a video made of Jackson taking the oath?

Unfortunately this is just a further indication that the very type of government that caused this special election to be needed in the first place, i.e., the collusion of Councilmembers Justin Massey, Stacey Armato, and Mary Campbell in changing of the policy (their actions being a Brown Act violation) to keep former councilman Hany Fangary from rotating in as ceremonial mayor, is simply to continue unabated.

That was almost two years ago, destroying a decades long honorable tradition that Massey, Armato, and Campbell simply pitched unceremoniously into the garbage can.

And they did so without even announcing a discussion of such change in policy or tradition in advance via an agenda item, prior to their slime-ball, disgusting, sneaky scheme against their elected colleague, former Hermosa Beach Councilman Hany Fangary.

So now there's evidently to be more secrecy and continued despicable sloppy, arrogant slimy government action by the same filthy, rotten council of smug dictators.

Raymond Jackson (also an attorney, Florida State Bar) is also evidently to be quickly morphed into just another one of the Justin Massey ilk. Fortunately, for all except Nanette Barragan, the Hermosa Beach City Council is a complete dead-end politically to those seeking higher office.

Thus with all due respect then, the premature/improper swearing-in of Raymond Jackson absolutely would best be voided entirely by Hermosa's City Clerk vis-à-vis concurrence of the City Attorney, and then at the next agendized meeting desired, Special or Regular, an agenda item should then appear on its agenda to do the item, that was not placed on the August 8 Agenda, to properly swear-in and install as an officer of the city, Raymond Jackson, assuming the Board of Supervisors does ratify his election.

There is no special rush necessary to speed Jackson onto the City Council. His vote is not likely to change anything of significance during the brief 18 months of his term. He's

unfortunately, most-likely, to just be another pawn to be used by Massey, Armato, Lowenthal and their clique of groupies.

Attachment:

Easy Reader June 3, 2021 reporting.

June 3, 2021EASY READER 13

Jackson ready for action after private swearing in ceremony

by Dan Blackburn

Raymond Jackson, newly elected to the Hermosa Beach City Council, took his oath of office May 28 in a private ceremony he said was "entirely" his idea.

The City Hall event was attended by family and few others, said Jackson. Several longtime city residents said they could not remember a similar ceremony being held without prior public knowledge.

"There was nothing nefarious about it. But with COVID-19 and all... I just wanted to hit the deck running," Jackson explained.

He will participate in his first meeting on June 8.

Jackson bested a field of five candidates for a council seat vacated by Hany Fangary in December, following his family's move to Manhattan Beach.

Jackson, a retired U.S. Army colonel, won a mail-in election concluded May 11. The L.A. County registrar certified the results last week. He will serve until Nov. 30, 2022.

"I said let's just get it done. We'll have a public ceremony once things open up," Jackson said, referencing pandemic closures.

Agreeing that he is walking into a particularly volatile political environment in the community, Jackson said he can "hear both sides of an issue." He also noted that social media has "given voice to many. now," and as a result "we often hear from the vocal minority."

"I get it. I understand it. And I'm ready to get going."

In a prepared statement, Mayor Justin Massey said of Jackson, "His demonstrated commitment to public service and history of leadership will be invaluable assets." **ER**

Attachment:

Snag image from the "Tentative Future Agenda" items presented with the May 25 Hermosa Beach City Council Agenda.

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