



Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 09, 2020

Closed Session 4:00 P.M.

Regular Session 5:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

City Council

Mary Campbell, Mayor

Justin Massey, Mayor Pro Tem

Stacey 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 5:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was let by Mayor Campbell.

ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Jenkins provided his closed session report. Mr. Jenkins announced closed session was called to order at 4 p.m. No public comment was received, and no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Campbell began her announcements by recognizing the Class of 2020 high school & college graduates who reside Hermosa Beach. She shared that free announcements will be displayed intermittently on Channel 8 (Spectrum) and Channel 31 (Frontier) from June 15-31 in recognition of these graduates. To submit a graduate for recognition, please visit www.hermosabeach.gov/grads

Mayor Campbell then shared that on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., the City of Hermosa Beach in partnership with the Beach Cities Health District will host a virtual Community Conversation. She encouraged the community to join the conversation with other residents to discuss topics like stress, resilience, connectedness, and accountability during the pandemic.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve the agenda seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATIONS

a. **COVID-19 HEALTH UPDATE FROM BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS – CITY MANGER

City Manager Lowenthal began her report by acknowledging George Floyd was laid to rest today and added that his funeral will not be the end of a conversation that is long overdue on how to end racism and achieve racial justice in our Country. She then empathized with the community in expressing the pain and frustrations being felt and vowed to work with committees to bring about justice and equity. She expressed how inspirational it has been to see the outpouring of community support through peaceful

protests that have been organized by community members. She added that Hermosa Beach is committed to diversity and nondiscrimination, and this is exemplified by the City's frequent reviews of policies and practices of the Hermosa Beach Police Department with full support of the Mayor and City Council. Police Chief Paul LeBaron and the Hermosa Beach Police Department leadership team have assessed current policies and will be implementing changes. Staff and the Hermosa Beach Police Department are committed to engaging the community and City Council in a meaningful conversation on how to end the inequities in our society and help to create a community and a country where all are treated equally.

City Manager Lowenthal then provided some insight on the budget conversation that will be conducted during tonight's City Council meeting. She added that the budget reflects Hermosa's community values regarding community safety and ensuring that our public safety efforts are carried out in a fair and equitable manner. The way to fulfil those community values is not by underfunding the Police, but investing in programs, training, engagement, and other resources within the Police Department and within the Hermosa community that move the needle on addressing and challenging uncomfortable issues like systemic racism. In the face of COVID-19 and the rapid decline in revenue the city has experienced and will continue to experience as the new fiscal year begins, all city departments including the Police Department have proposed budget reductions to meet the budget challenge while maintaining the level of service expected by the Hermosa community. She went on to say that staff will be evaluating funding already allocated toward programs, training, and community engagement and refocusing efforts in participating in areas that specifically address equity and inclusion within the services provided by the city.

Ms. Lowenthal then spoke on staff efforts to help local businesses by providing temporary permits for outdoor dining and retail, allowing businesses to expand on both public and private property.

City Manager Lowenthal then shared that the tennis and pickleball courts have been reopened, and are hopeful that additional recreational facilities, amenities, and programs will be reopened. City staff is still awaiting additional updates to be made to the public health order, to provide modified outdoor fitness program permits as needed at beach and park locations. Modifications will also be made to the city's contracted outdoor classes, so those instructional opportunities may resume. Staff will be reaching out representatives of these programs and activities with additional information as soon as the health order is issued, providing the modifications required to these activities and programs.

Ms. Lowenthal also shared that staff is making preparation for the phased reopening of City Hall and the Community Center to the public. Changes in operation will be implemented to protect the health and safety of the public and employees.

City Manager Lowenthal shared that the audio-visual system upgrade contract has been awarded. The upgrade to this system may cause delays in returning to in person City Council meetings due to construction. COVID-19 has also affected delivery times of materials and may also contribute to delays in completing the upgrade.

Ms. Lowenthal then shared that street sweeping enforcement will resume on Monday June 15, 2020. She added that street sweeping is an essential service to the community and ocean water quality. Street sweeping enforcement staff has given out nearly five thousand courtesy notices to vehicles parked at the curbs during sweeping periods, informing owners that their vehicle needs to be moved for upcoming street sweeping. She also mentioned that the City has resumed its enforcement of residential parking permits. She reminded all residents in these parking permit districts that they should be displaying the parking permit with year 2020-2021. She thanked all residents for their support and patience during this process.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following people provided public comment:

- 1) Steve Peterson
- 2) Steve Collin

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1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Massey moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Detoy. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

- a. **MEMORANDUM REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
- b. **CHECK REGISTERS**
- c. **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT AND CASH BALANCE REPORT**
- d. **RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY**
- e. **ADOPTION OF THE 2020-21 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT**
- f. **RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT CLAIMS**

3. **CONSENT ORDINANCES**

None

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

None

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET**

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

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

NOES: Councilmember Fangary

- b. **CONSIDERATION OF A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO REGULATIONS FOR THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, AND DETERMINATION THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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

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

NOES: None

- c. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$37,479 OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM THE CARES ACT TO PREPARE, PREVENT AND RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY INSTALLING AND RETROFITTING HANDS FREE EQUIPMENT IN EXISTING CITY PUBLIC RESTROOMS AT CITY PARKS AND CITY BUILDINGS; AUTHORIZING USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR CONTRACTORS, AND GRANTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF COMPLETION, IF DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY**

MOTION: Councilmember Detoy moved to continue the item to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Armato. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

- a. **ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO IMPLEMENT A TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR DINING/SEATING AND OUTDOOR RETAIL DISPLAY TO ASSIST IN THE REOPENING OF RESTAURANTS, FOOD, AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS DURING COVID-19; AND CERTIFYING THE CITY MANAGER\DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-05 PERMITTING**

MOTION: Councilmember Armato moved to approve staff recommendation,

seconded by Councilmember Detoy. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

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

The following people provided public comment:

- 1) Craig Cadwallader
- 2) Melba Rodriguez
- 3) Dennis Jarvis
- 4) Lauren Copelan
- 5) Kelly Rufca

MOTION: Councilmember Fangary moved to direct staff to open lot A effective Friday morning June 12, 2020 and keep parking lots B and D open and modify restrictions in lots B and D based on staffs recommendation. Bring back an agenda item at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting to discuss parking lot C reopening. Motion was approved by majority consent.

AYES: Councilmembers Detoy, Fangary, Mayor Campbell

NOES: Councilmember Armato, and Mayor Pro Tem Massey

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7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

a. VACANCIES - PLANNING COMMISSION TERM EXPIRATIONS

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

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

NOES: None

b. VACANCIES - CIVIL SERVICE BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS

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

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

NOES: None

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

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8. OTHER MATTERS – CITY COUNCIL

a. MAYOR CAMPBELL REQUESTS THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TAKING ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONWIDE MAYORS PLEDGE, ALONGSIDE OTHER MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO SUPPORT THE “MY BROTHER’S KEEPER ALLIANCE” IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE COMMON-SENSE LIMITS ON POLICE USE OF FORCE

Mayor Campbells request received unanimous support from the City Councilmembers. Staff will include an agenda item and a full staff report at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

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b. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Detoy asked if there is any support with starting City Council meetings earlier. Closed session would begin at 5:00 p.m. and regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Detoy received support from two additional Councilmembers. Staff will include an agenda item and a full staff report regarding the change in City Council meeting start time at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Councilmember Detoy asked if there was any support for starting a finance/budget sub-committee to track City revenue.

Councilmembers Detoy received support from two additional Councilmembers. Staff will include an agenda item and a full staff report regarding a finance/budget sub-committee at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Campbell adjourned the City Council meeting to Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 6 p.m. for a Virtual Study Session on the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Meeting concluded at 11:56 p.m.

Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk