



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

**Tuesday, June 23, 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 5:02 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 Langer provided her closed session report. Ms. Langer 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 noting the very challenging times everyone is currently facing. Concerns stemming from the pandemic regarding health, economic uncertainty, and recently with the death of George Floyd which have lead to a much-needed national conversation about racism and policing.

Mayor Campbell emphasized this is the time to take a moment as a community to have an online conversation about stress, resilience, connection, and accountability during these challenging times. She shared Beach Cities Health District is partnering with Hermosa Beach for this online conversation. She requested everyone please participate at 9:30 a.m. Thursday June 25, 2020, for Hermosa Connected: an online community discussion. To participate, please see the Hermosa Beach website or the Beach Cities Health District website and reserve a spot for this event.

Ms. Campbell then commented that many of are under a great deal of stress, and she condemned those who are lashing out at public health officials for doing their jobs. Hermosa beach issued a statement today condemning the verbal attacks and death threats leveled against Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer, her staff, and other public health officials around the state and the country. She added that Hermosa police officers have also been verbally attacked for doing their jobs during the pandemic. Mayor Campbell Emphasized that verbal attacks on our public servants who are keeping us safe during the public health emergency are unacceptable. She asked everyone to please practice civility and compassion to one another.

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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**

**b. TRIBUTE TO FORMER HERMOSA BEACH POLICE K-9 KEEF**

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS – CITY MANGER**

City Manager Lowenthal began her report by sharing that staff continues to focus on the response to COVID-19 and recovery process by meeting each morning to discuss this and other important issues. Additionally, she shared that since Council met two weeks ago, staff has received amended County Public Health Orders that allow passive recreation on our beach, reopened the City's pier, and reopened several additional businesses, including hotels and motels, gyms and fitness studios, personal care services, and bars.

Ms. Lowenthal added that Los Angeles County also issued protocols for safely reopening these businesses and have shared those on the Hermosa Beach website. City staff has also been working with local bars and restaurants to help them understand these protocols.

City Manager Lowenthal then shared that in Hermosa Beach alone, the number of diagnoses has more than doubled in the past month. In May, Hermosa Beach had the lowest rate of diagnoses among the beach cities. As of June 23, 2020, it has the highest – 310 diagnoses per 100,000 residents – more than twice the rate it had a month ago. In comparison, Manhattan Beach has 286 diagnoses per 100,000 residents and Redondo Beach has 261 diagnoses per 100,000 residents in today's report. Ms. Lowenthal emphasized that continued vigilance is needed. Wearing cloth face coverings is now required whenever you are in close contact with a non-household member. A growing body of scientific research has shown that people with no COVID-19 symptoms or few symptoms can still spread the disease. The use of face coverings, combined with physical distancing and frequent hand washing, will reduce the spread of COVID-19. She added that face coverings are critical to keeping those who are around you safe, keeping businesses open and restarting the economy. Washing hands frequently, avoiding crowds and gatherings of families and friends is essential to slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Ms. Lowenthal also reminded parents that while the fields at Hermosa Beach's parks are open, playground equipment remains closed. Playground closures are in effect statewide due to the potential for COVID-19 to spread between those in close proximity and from shared surfaces. The city has also installed fencing and signage to remind the public of these closures, but they have been repeatedly torn down and otherwise damaged. She asked all community members to stay off playground equipment to maintain community health. Additionally, she stated that tearing down signs and fencing are acts of vandalism and cause the City to incur additional costs for replacing them.

In closing, City Manager Lowenthal shared that Governor Newsom's Executive Order allowing retailers to temporarily provide single-use plastic bags has now expired. Stores must now provide reusable bags and allow customers to bring their own reusable bags. To prevent the virus from spreading, customers bringing reusable bags to the market will need to bag their own groceries in those reusable bags. She then thanked everyone for their understanding and cooperation.

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following people provided public comment:

1. Lauren Henry
2. Laura Pena
3. Annalisa Garcia
4. Craig Cadwallder

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

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

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

**NOES:** None

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Pro Tem Massey requested item 2q be pulled from the consent calendar for separate discussion.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Detoy moved to approve the balance of consent calendar, 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

- a. **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
- b. **CHECK REGISTERS**
- c. **REVENUE REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT FOR MAY 2020**
- d. **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT AND CASH BALANCE REPORT**
- e. **CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN CHECKS**
- f. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF JUNE 16, 2020**
- g. **APPROVAL OF ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 (SENATE BILL 1) PROJECT LIST FOR THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**
- h. **ACTION SHEET OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS OF JUNE 16, 2020 AND JUNE 22, 2020**
- i. **PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- j. **APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THEATRE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DLR GROUP INCLUDING A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION**
- k. **REQUEST TO ROLL OVER THE 2020 MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NITE SPONSORSHIP DONATION TO THE EVENT IN 2021**
- l. **CONFIRMATION OF CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-06 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**
- m. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**
- n. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019-2022 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE POLICE MANAGEMENT BARGAINING GROUP**

- o. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019-2022 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UNREPRESENTED CLASSIFICATIONS**
- p. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019-2022 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE GROUP**
- q. **APPROVAL OF LEASE EXTENSION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 552 11TH PLACE (HERMOSA SELF STORAGE)**

**3. CONSENT ORDINANCES**

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 20-1411 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 1.06 (OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO OF THE CITY) TO TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO OF THE CITY; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 (ELECTIONS) IN TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) TO REPEAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Massey moved to waive full reading and adopt by title Ordinance No. 20-1411, seconded by Mayor Campbell.

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

**NOES:** None

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

- q. **APPROVAL OF LEASE EXTENSION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 552 11TH PLACE (HERMOSA SELF STORAGE)**

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

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

**NOES:** Mayor Pro Massey

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. PUBLIC HEARING-HERMOSA BEACH LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

**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

**b. 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 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

**c. CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE INCLUDING A LIMITED EVENT PERMIT FOR CYPRESS DISTRICT BUSINESSES**

Mayor Campbell announced that she will recuse herself from discussing this agenda item due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey resumed the meeting as chair.

The following people provided public comment:

1. Eric Oaks
2. Dency Nelson

**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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Mayor Campbell

d. **PROPOSED MUNICIPAL FACILITY LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES ATTACHING TO CITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

**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

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Mayor Campbell noted the time and agenda items still pending and asked if Council would like to take a brief ten-minute recess.

City Councilmembers agreed, but made a motion prior to taking the ten minute recess.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

The City Council recessed at 10:16 p.m. for ten minutes.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting back to order at 10:26 p.m. And reminded the City



Clerk that City Council will begin by addressing Municipal Matters item 6d.

**6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

**a. REVIEW OF THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN PARKING STRUCTURE CLOSURE IN LIGHT OF ONGOING CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH ORDER**

After a robust discussion, City Council decided to not make any changes to the current Downtown structure closures.

Councilmember Armato noted the late hour and suggested the City Council meeting be extended to midnight to address the remaining agenda items.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Armato moved to extend the City Council meeting to midnight, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**b. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOLDEN TOUCH CLEANING, INC. TO CONTINUE JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**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

**c. CONSIDERATION OF HOLDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING AT 5PM FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Detoy moved to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion was approved by majority consent.

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

**NOES:** Councilmember Fangary

- d. RECEIVE REPORT ON EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOL SERVING ESTABLISHMENTS COMPLY WITH LA COUNTY PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY ORDERS AS THEY CONTINUE TO REOPEN**

After a robust discussion Council requested this item be brought back as a standing item to continue receiving vital information related to emergency enforcements measures and efforts during the pandemic. No additional action was taken by Council.

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**7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL**

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

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**8. OTHER MATTERS – CITY COUNCIL**

No comments were provided by City Council related to other matters.

- a. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items on the tentative future agenda were discussed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Campbell adjourned the City Council meeting to Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. for a virtual community conversation about stress, resilience, connection, and accountability. The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday July 14, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. for Planning Commission interviews follow by closed session at 5:00

p.m. and regular session at 6:00 p.m. Meeting concluded at 12:18 a.m.

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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk