



City of Port Hueneme

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2021

Port Hueneme City Hall: 250 North Ventura Road

Port Hueneme, CA 93041

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

6:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE Mayor Gama called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Hernandez, Martinez, Perez; Mayor Pro Tem Rollins; and Mayor Gama

Absent: None

INSPIRATION Councilmember Martinez provided the inspiration.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

City Council Agenda Approval

Mayor Gama proposed an amendment to the order of the agenda to move agenda item No. 3 to the beginning of the agenda due to family and friends being in attendance for the Police Department Promotions.

A motion was made by Mayor Gama seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed unanimously to approve the City Council Agenda of September 7, 2021 with the amendment to move item #3 to the beginning of the agenda.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were submitted by the following:

- Jacob Martinez
- Cynthia Bowman
- Joann Clark
- Martha Mildbrandt
- Mia Mildbrandt
- Sarah K (no last name provided)

PRESENTATIONS

3. Police Department Promotion Announcements

Mayor Gama spoke regarding his pride in our Police Department and encouraged the community to support all law enforcement. Chief of Police Andrew Salinas announced the promotions of Senior Officer Nora Starna and Senior Officer Michael Hamrick and provided a brief background on each officer being promoted.

1. Hueneme Heroes Proclamation

Mayor Steven Gama read a proclamation honoring the Friends of Ormond Beach as the 2021 Hueneme Heroes and recognizing them for their dedication and service.

2. [Presentation on Homelessness by City Councilmembers](#)
Councilmember Hernandez and Councilmember Martinez presented to the City Council regarding Homelessness. The presentation included information received from public experts; details regarding the Ventura County One Stop program; current homeless situation; myths and public perception; the City's response including collaborations and new Police Department Homelessness Resource Officer; beach cleanup efforts; resources available to the homeless; and potential next steps. Also present to speak and answer Council questions were Tara Carruth from the Ventura Continuum of Care and James Boyd for County Health Care.
4. [September 11, 2001 – 20 Year Anniversary Proclamation](#)
Mayor Steven Gama read a proclamation honoring the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 and honoring the victims and first responders.
5. [Crime and Community Update](#)
Chief of Police Andrew Salinas provided Council a comprehensive update including topics including a crime update; Mental Health Awareness Month; Police Department Promotional Ceremony; Hueneme Beach Car Show; Firework season; Mutual Aid requests for Caldor fires; Hueneme Beach Festival update; potential future Hueneme Beach Fest Days; and announced upcoming holiday events. Chief Salinas and Council thanked the Police Department, Police Explorers, staff, and all who participated to make the Beach Festival event possible.

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

The Mayor read the titles of the items on the Consent Calendar prior to the motion.

6. [Approved Minutes of the City Council for the Following Meetings: Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021, Special Closed Session Meeting of August 5, 2021, Special Budget Workshop of August 9, 2021, and Special Budget Adoption Meeting of August 16, 2021](#)
7. [Received and Filed the Finance Cash Disbursements from July 13, 2021 through August 29, 2021](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Gama and passed unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda items #6-7.

AYES: Hernandez, Gama, Martinez, Perez, Rollins

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. [Annual Development Agreement Compliance Review](#)

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:24 p.m. There were no disclosures by Council.

City Clerk Buxkemper affirmed Proof of Publication and a complete set of reports and exhibits were on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Gama asked the Councilmembers if there were any conflicts of interest to disclose. No conflicts were disclosed by Council.

Community Development Director Tony Stewart provided the report to Council regarding each dispensary and their level of compliance. Stewart answered questions from the Council.

No public comments were received.

The public hearing was closed at 8:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution Nos. 4375-4381 determining that the following Cannabis Dispensaries are in compliance with their respective Development Agreements: DBO Investments Group PH, LLC; Emerald Perspective; Freedom 1st Association; Harbor Management Group, LLC; Hueneme Patient Consumer; Port Retail, LLC; and Westside Management Group, LLC.

AYES: Rollins, Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Gama

9. [Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bubbling Springs Park Renewal Project Grant Application](#)

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:32 p.m. There were no disclosures by Council.

City Clerk Buxkemper affirmed Proof of Publication and a complete set of reports and exhibits were on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Gama asked the Councilmembers if there were any conflicts of interest to disclose. No conflicts were disclosed by Council.

Community Development Director Tony Stewart provided the report to Council and he and Community Services and Recreation Manager Anna Hanely answered questions.

No public comments were received.

The public hearing was closed at 8:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 4382 to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Bubbling Springs Park Renewal Project Proposition 68 Grant Application.

AYES: Rollins, Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Gama

BUSINESS ITEMS

10. [Designation of Voting Delegates and Alternate\(s\) for the 2021 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Direction on Proposed Resolutions](#)

City Clerk Kristy Buxkemper provided the report. City Attorney Kevin Spaulding answered questions regarding the proposed resolution for the delegate to vote on at the League of California Cities General Assembly meeting.

Discussion ensued among the City Council regarding the two resolutions and their specific impacts on the City of Port Hueneme.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Mayor Gama, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to appoint Councilmember Perez as the City's voting delegate to vote on behalf of the City Council at the Annual Business Meeting.

AYES: Gama, Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Rollins

It was moved by Mayor Gama, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to appoint Councilmember Martinez as the City's first alternate voting delegate.

AYES: Gama, Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Rollins

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed unanimously to appoint Mayor Gama as the City's second alternate voting delegate.

AYES: Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Rollins, Gama

Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 4383 designating said Voting Delegate and Alternates for the 2021 League of California Cities Annual Conference and authorized the City Clerk to submit the approved Resolution and voting delegate forms to the League of California Cities

11. Legal Services Agreement with Green de Bortnowsky, LLP, to Continue Services as Port Hueneme's City Attorney

City Manager Brick Conners provided the report and answered questions from the Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed unanimously to approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute, a new legal services agreement with the law firm of Green de Bortnowsky, LLP to continue service as Port Hueneme City Attorney effective September 7, 2021.

AYES: Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Rollins, Gama

12. Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the Use or Sale of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Single-Serve Plastics Throughout the City of Port Hueneme

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding provided the report, indicated the City Attorney recommendations regarding the specifics of the Ordinance, and answered questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers regarding the need to include small businesses in the decision-making process and how to best analyze the impacts of any prohibitions on the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and passed unanimously, to direct consultant Steve Kinney to conduct a survey of small businesses, hold a public workshop, and direct the City Manager to return to Council with additional details and information regarding the impacts of prohibiting the use or sale of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and single-serve plastics throughout the City of Port Hueneme.

AYES: Martinez, Perez, Hernandez, Rollins, Gama

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

City Manager Conners provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- Emergency preparation month and National Suicide Prevention: Two important causes for the City to focus on with social media posting and support.
- City recognition from CJPIA for best performance improvement for Risk Liability and Risk Management. Indicating a huge shift from previous years with reduced claims and risks. Announced that the City will receive an award at the annual conference.
- Upcoming city-sponsored event for Coastal Clean Up Day on September 18th
- 9/11 banners up in the City recognizing the 20-year anniversary and those called to action.
- Upcoming City/Port Committee meeting which will focus on the Community Benefit Fund.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Gama: Indicated that the month of September was very busy, including mention of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, encouraging others to get a prostate checked to help identify cancer early on. Commented on the enthusiasm of younger aged people getting involved, particularly regarding environmental stewardship. Applauded MWS Wires for

providing 50 new buckets to help with the continued efforts to clean up the beach. Indicated that Coral Trees are still an issue throughout the City and hoped to come up with a strategy to address the risk of these trees. Mentioned a poem by Maggie Ocompo regarding mental health and teen suicide, and his intentions to personally outreach and see if she'd present the poem to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins: Announced his attendance at the Ventura County Transportation meeting and the organizations loss of Executive Director and the organizations efforts to recruit a new Director.

Councilmember Hernandez: Announced that the Southern California Association of Governments hosted a presentation on public policy. Intended to ask the City Manager to consider COVID-19 hazard pay for grocery workers using American Relief Funds. Indicated that the Regional Sanitation District Meeting was spent reviewing the Tax Association's errors in a letter and the future publication of an article to hopefully dispel mis-information. Announced an upcoming RDP-21 meeting. Announced a radio station which would provide music for an upcoming beach cleanup and the need for help with registration for the event.

Councilmember Martinez: Expressed that he thought the Hueneme Beach Festival was very successful. Announced his future intentions to launch sports and activities, free for youth, including volleyball, soccer, and lacrosse.

Councilmember Perez: No Report.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Hernandez: Requested staff to consider recommendations made in her and Councilmember Martinez' earlier presentation regarding Homelessness and report back on a plan moving forward to accomplish those recommendations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to add the item to a future Council agenda.

Councilmember Martinez: Requested a report regards speed bumps in various City locations, including potential placement, pricing, and maintenance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Gama and passed unanimously to add the item to a future Council agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins: Requested staff to research the potential costs of implementing a teen drop-in program utilizing the Boys and Girls Club facility on evenings and weekends. Mayor Gama restated the motion to include a future agenda item where staff develops programming alternatives to be implemented at the Boys and Girls Club. Councilmember Martinez included for the program to be considered for funding with the Community Benefit Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, amended by Mayor Gama and Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, and passed unanimously to add the item to a future Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m. to the regular meeting of Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Council: September 20, 2021



Steven A. Gama, Mayor



Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk