



City of Port Hueneme

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

**Port Hueneme City Hall: 250 North Ventura Road
Port Hueneme, CA 93041**

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (e) AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ISSUED SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 (SOCIAL DISTANCING RECOMMENDATION) AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 4, 2021 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2021

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City Hall Council Chamber will be closed to the public until further notice. The following provides information to the public on how to observe and/or participate in City meetings remotely:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099833849?pwd=Y0x0ZnE5a0q0MnQwekhTLzhKQ2k0QT09>
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- *In-person (virtual) public comments may be made during the opportunities for General Public Comment during the 10-minute allotment in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)((2)(G)(iii). Submission of public comment may be accomplished through the raised hand function or identification to the City Clerk if made by telephone.*
- *Public comments pertaining to specific agenda items may be made in the same manner as during General Public Comment after the agenda item is announced and Staff has presented on the item. A reasonable amount of time will be allocated for said comments pursuant to Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(2)(G)(ii).*
- *Written comments are requested to be received by 5pm on the meeting date and can be submitted directly to the City Clerk at: kbuxkemper@ci.port-hueneme.ca.us.*
- *All public comments will be part of the official record and minutes will notate all submissions.*
- *Additional electronic meeting guidelines can be found at the end of the agenda*
- *Detailed information and updates about COVID-19, can be found on the City of Port Hueneme's Emergency Website at: www.PortHuenemeEmergency.org*

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 led 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were submitted by the following:

- Jacob Marquez
- Kitty Hurliman
- Cynthia Ross
- George Shoup
- Steven Gama

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

City Council Agenda Approval

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins motioned to amend the Agenda order to move item #6 to be heard after item #8.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Mayor Gama and passed unanimously to approve the amended City Council Agenda of November 15, 2021.

AYES: Rollins, Gama, Hernandez, Martinez, Perez

PRESENTATIONS

1. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Operations Manager Scott Matalon presented to City Council providing a comprehensive update on COVID-19 including: Ventura County reporting, comparisons, vaccine outreach to those with limited access, mask mandate extension, vaccine mandates for school-aged children, vaccine boosters, and unemployment rates. Matalon answered Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

2. Approved Minutes of the City Council for the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2021 and November 1, 2021

3. Received and Filed the Finance Cash Disbursements from October 26, 2021 through November 8, 2021

4. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - Treasurer's Investment Report – September 30, 2021

5. Approved a Contract for Public Works Uniform and Supplies Rental for a Term of Five Years with Unifirst Corporation for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$22,000 Annually

CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda item # 2, 3 and 5. Item #4 was pulled for further discussion and was not voted on during the consent calendar roll call vote.

AYES: Hernandez, Rollins, Gama, Martinez, Perez

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. Treasurer's Investment Report – September 30, 2021

Mayor Gama pulled item #4 from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. Deputy Finance Director Lupe Acero answered clarifying questions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Mayor Gama and passed unanimously to receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for September 30, 2021.

AYES: Rollins, Gama, Hernandez, Martinez, Perez

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Heroes, History and Heritage Nomination – Douglas Breeze Memorial Tree

Deputy City Manager Peretz presented the report to Council regarding the Memorial Tree for Mr. Douglas Breeze.

No public comments were received for this item.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to:

1. Approve the application to honor former Mayor, Councilmember and Public Works Director Douglas Breeze with a Memorial Tree in the location proposed; and
2. Approve the expenditure of City funds for the purchase and installation of a memorial plaque, tree planting and ongoing maintenance efforts; and
3. Direct staff to coordinate a ceremony held to commemorate the dedication of this project but require that any direct costs be paid for by non-City funds.

AYES: Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Rollins, Gama

8. Heroes, History and Heritage Nomination – Ellis Green Memorial Tree

Deputy City Manager Peretz presented the report to Council regarding the Memorial Tree for Mr. Ellis Green.

Public Comments were received by:

- Steven Gama (applicant)

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins expressed concerns over the reason the original sycamore tree failed and implored staff to ensure the new tree is installed for longevity.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Mayor Gama, and passed unanimously to:

1. Approve the application to honor of former Mayor and Councilmember Ellis Green with a Memorial Tree in the location proposed; and
2. Approve the expenditure of City funds for the purchase and installation of a memorial plaque, tree planting and ongoing maintenance efforts; and
3. Direct staff to coordinate a ceremony held to commemorate the dedication of this project but require that any direct costs be paid for by non-City funds.

AYES: Rollins, Gama, Hernandez, Martinez, Perez

6. Heroes, History and Heritage Nomination – Johnathan Sharkey Memorial Walkway

Deputy City Manager Peretz presented the report to Council regarding the Jonathan Sharkey Memorial Walkway.

Public Comments were received by:

- David Scrivner
- Jeffrey Scarberry
- Cheyne Castroni
- Sylvia Muñoz-Schnopp (applicant)

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to plant a tree for Mr. Sharkey and install a plaque, instead of the original request, as was approved for the other Mayors. Mayor Gama seconded the motion.

Mayor Gama agreed that City Hall was the most appropriate location for recognitions. He questioned how REACH was the funding mechanism.

Applicant Sylvia Muñoz-Schnopp provided clarifying and additional information.

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins clarified REACH's involvement and funding.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion to approve the original recommendation as is, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

ROLL CALL VOTE

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion which was moved by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Mayor Gama and passed by majority vote 3-2 (Councilmember Hernandez and Councilmember Martinez) to approve an alternative memorial and honor Mr. Sharkey by planting a memorial tree at City Hall and installing a plaque, as with other previous nominations and awards.

AYES: Perez, Gama, Rollins

NOES: Hernandez, Martinez

9. 2020 Annual Hueneme Hero Award – Miguel Rodriguez

Deputy City Manager Peretz presented the report to Council regarding the Hueneme Hero Award for Miguel Rodriguez.

Public Comments were received by:

- Laura Hernandez (applicant)

Councilmembers spoke regarding Mr. Rodriguez' service and congratulated him for his nomination and award. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Council for their recognition.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Gama, and passed unanimously to approve the application to recognize Miguel Rodriguez as the 2020 Hueneme Hero Award recipient.

AYES: Hernandez, Gama, Martinez, Perez, Rollins

10. Water Rates Post Analysis

Deputy Finance Director Lupe Acero presented the report to Council regarding the water rate post analysis and answered questions from the Council.

No public comments were received.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, and passed unanimously to receive and file the utility water rate post analysis.

AYES: Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, Rollins, Gama

11. Renewal and Reconsideration of Remote Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding presented the report to Council.

No public comments were received.

Councilmember Martinez made the recommendation to continue remote meetings for the remainder of the year and resume in-person meetings in January 2022.

City Attorney Spaulding clarified the requirement to reconsider approval of remote meetings every 30 days.

Councilmember Martinez amended his motion to continue remote meetings for 30 more days as stated in the recommended motion. Councilmember Hernandez seconded his motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed by majority vote 4-1 (Mayor Gama dissenting) to continue remote meetings for 30 days and make the determination that:

1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and
2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

AYES: Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Rollins

NOES: Gama

12. 2022 City Council Meeting Calendar

City Clerk Kristy Buxkemper presented the report to Council.

No public comments were received.

ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2022 City Council Meeting schedule.

AYES: Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Rollins, Gama

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

- Upcoming memorial tree celebrations and plantings
- Spoke regarding recent and upcoming events, including:
 - Turkey Drive
 - Thanksgiving
 - Tree lighting ceremony
 - Santa float
 - Movie in the park
- Reported on the installation of volleyball courts at the beach
- Reported on the repaired promenade wall

Councilmember Hernandez asked follow-up questions regarding the City Manager's report.

Councilmember Perez asked about the City's Senior Luncheon, to which City Manager Conner's clarified the upcoming event.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Gama provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- VCOG presentation investigating domestic violence and the increase of cases due to COVID-19 and commented on a report from the Redondo Beach Mayor regarding RENA housing allocations.
- BEACON – spoke regarding a letter from Julia Brownley regarding sand replenishment and efforts to get a stronger allocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- Gold Coast transportation commission – Reported that the General Manager is retiring and the position would need to be filled and spoke regarding grants for electric powered vans.
- REACH Committee – Reported a financial loss of \$20k due to the Hueneme Beach Festival, but indicated previous festivals required more funds and that this year's festival drew the largest attendance ever.

Councilmember Hernandez provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- Upcoming Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance and Ventura Regional Sanitation District meetings via zoom.
- Reported on RDP-21 Strategic Planning meeting
- Attended Surfrider Foundation meeting regarding the Huntington beach oil spill and her desire to co-sponsor a workshop to have an expert come in to speak and develop a response to a local oil spill.

Councilmember Martinez provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- REACH finances, including a monetary loss due to the Beach Festival

Councilmember Perez provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- No reports but following some upcoming Board meetings will have a report at the next Council meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Hernandez: Requested Council approval to co-sponsor a seminar or symposium on Ventura county's coastal response to an oil spill.

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

Mayor Gama: Requested an agenda item, of high importance, where staff shares the City's plan to deal with water leaks expeditiously.

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

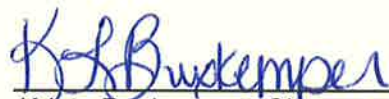
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to the regular meeting of Monday, December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Council: December 6, 2021



Steven A. Gama, Mayor



Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk