



# City of Port Hueneme

## City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

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

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

**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**

*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:*

- **Meeting Zoom Link for Live Public Participation and Real Time Public Comments:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86315621118?pwd=NXPYXRnRG1Kam8xU3pCK3FycnRrdz09>  
Dial by your location: Meeting ID: 863 1562 1118 / Passcode: 105413  
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- Meetings can also be viewed at: <http://porthuenemeca.suiteonemedia.com/web/Home.aspx>
- 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 and can be submitted to the City Clerk at: [kbuxkemper@ci.port-hueneme.ca.us](mailto: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](http://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 Perez provided the inspiration.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were submitted by the following:

- Cynthia Ross
- Jacob Marquez

### AGENDA APPROVAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

#### City Council Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez and passed unanimously to approve the City Council Agenda of November 1, 2021.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Veterans Day Proclamation

Mayor Gama read the Veterans Day Proclamation honoring all who have served our country, recognized November 11, 2021 as Veterans Day and encouraged the community to honor our Veterans.

2. Recreation and Community Services Update

Deputy City Manager Charles Peretz briefly introduced the presentation before turning it over to the Recreation and Community Services Department. Manager Anna Hanely and Jason Johnson provided a comprehensive update regarding the City's Lifeguard Programs, year-end beach rescue statistics, the Historical Museum project, Movies in the Park series, park inspections, grant application updates, programming efforts, implementation of the Learn to Swim program, vaccine clinics, the Santa float, and upcoming Police Department Toy Giveaway Program.

3. Community Cannabis Contributions Program

Police Chief Andrew Salinas provided an overview of the Community Cannabis Contributions Program and answered Council questions.

## CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

4. Received and Filed the Finance Cash Disbursements from October 13, 2021 through October 25, 2021

### 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 # 4.

AYES: Hernandez, Rollins, Gama, Martinez, Perez

## PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

## BUSINESS ITEMS

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

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding presented the report to City Council regarding the renewal and reconsideration of remote meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and answered questions from the Council.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins and passed by majority vote (4-1 with Mayor Gama dissenting) to make a finding 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, Perez, Martinez, Rollins, Gama

6. City/Port Community Benefit Fund Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Gama made a motion to direct that the current City/Port standing committee members work with the port. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Mayor Gama restate his motion to have the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem work with Port. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Councilmember Hernandez indicated her desire to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion and Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee as detailed in option #1: to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to develop Public Mural design, project scope, location, and cost for City Council consideration which would be integrated with separate Oxnard Harbor District Ad Hoc Committee initiative to define Public Monument design, project scope, location, and cost

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers.

City Manager Conners clarified that the Ad Hoc Committee would look at the art mural project, define project scope, and bring findings back to council who would then approve the concept.

Mayor Pro Tem Rollins proposed the development of two Ad Hoc committees, one to review the mural and the second for the museum.

Councilmember Hernandez amended her motion to again recommend option #1 and appoint herself and Mayor Pro Tem Rollins to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. The amended motion failed for lack of a second.

City Attorney Spaulding clarified that there was only one motion on the table with a motion and a second – being the initial motion made by Councilmember Hernandez.

Two separate roll call votes were conducted. The first to vote on the initial (unamended) motion made by Councilmember Hernandez, and the second to appoint two members to the Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE #1**

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez and passed by majority vote (Mayor Gama dissenting) to:

1. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee to develop Public Mural design, project scope, location, and cost for City Council consideration which would be integrated with separate Oxnard Harbor District Ad Hoc Committee initiative to define Public Monument design, project scope, location, and cost.

AYES: Hernandez, Martinez, Perez, Rollins

NOES: Gama

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE #2**

It was passed by majority vote 3-2 (Mayor Gama and Councilmember Martinez) to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Rollins and Councilmember Hernandez to the Ad Hoc Committee.

AYES: Hernandez, Perez, Rollins

NOES: Martinez, Gama

#### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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

- Reduce risks associated with fallen trees, including coral trees
- Veteran Day Banners
- Air Force Band of the West Concert
- Annual tree lighting on 11/30/2021

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**Mayor Gama** provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- The danger of Coral Trees and the City's efforts to identify at-risk trees
- City's letters to residents should reflect the *Friendly City by the Sea* Motto
- Encouraged staff to share information prior to the City Council meetings so Councilmembers are updated and questions can be answered prior to the meetings
- Comments regarding noise and his desire for a more in-depth sound study

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

- Indicated that he would have reports from Gold Coast and Ventura County at the next Council meeting.

**Councilmember Hernandez** provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- The Water Symposium – water being a major issue
- RDP-21 upcoming meeting
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District upcoming meeting
- Surfrider Foundation zoom meeting regarding the Huntington Beach Oil Spill
- Wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day

**Councilmember Martinez** provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- Wished Pedro a Happy Birthday and referenced the young boy who passed away and the service held prior to the Council meeting.
- Desire for a bike repair shop
- Removal of non-native plants in creek and litter by Bubbling Springs

**Councilmember Perez:** No comments or reports

## REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Councilmember Hernandez:** Requested a presentation on the City's level of readiness for an oil spill at our beach.

**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.

**Councilmember Perez:** Requested a staff report and update on the Mercy House.

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

**Councilmember Martinez:** Requested discussion regarding what to do with Bubbling Springs Creek. Mayor Gama seconded the motion. City Manager Connors provided an update that there was an active project to reduce reeds already being executed. Councilmember Martinez withdrew his motion.

**Mayor Pro Tem Rollins:** Requested a future agenda item for the development of Ad Hoc Committee of councilmembers to look into future development of Port Hueneme Museum.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rollins, seconded by Councilmember Perez and passed by majority vote 4-1 (with Councilmember Hernandez dissenting) to add the item to a future Council agenda.

**Mayor Gama:** Requested an update on Bubbling Springs Park, including where we are at and the broader plan in addition to removing the cat tails.

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


**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned in honor of Pedro Valdez and recognized the Hueneme Football Team's female football player at 9:09 p.m. to the regular meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes approved by City Council: November 15, 2021**



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Steven A. Gama, Mayor



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Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk