



# City of Port Hueneme

## City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**December 19, 2022**

**Port Hueneme City Hall  
250 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, CA 93041  
(In-Person and Virtually)**

**6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting**

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### **6:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gama, Hernandez, Perez; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; and Mayor Rollins  
Absent: None

#### **INSPIRATION**

At the invitation of Mayor Rollins and Councilmember Hernandez, KC Rodriguez, member of the Chumash Tribe, provided the inspiration.

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comments were provided by the following:

- Mark Savalla
- Caitlin Brooks
- Ricardo Holden

## AGENDA APPROVAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

### City Council Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Gama, and passed unanimously to approve the City Council Agenda of December 19, 2022.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Councilmember Perez declared a conflict of interest due to potential spousal income for Closed Session Item 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Port Hueneme Police Officers' Association.

### ELECTION RESULTS

#### 1. Declaring Results of the November 8, 2022 Municipal General Election

City Clerk Georgianna Alvarez presented the report.

A public comment was provided by Freda Wiggin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to adopt Resolution No. 4436 reciting the fact of the Municipal General Election held November 8, 2022, declaring the results and declaring such other matters as provided by law.

*Motion passed 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Hernandez, Perez, Martinez, Rollins

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

### PRESENTATIONS

The presentations were presented in the order as follows.

#### 3. *Honoring and Recognizing 2022 Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Martinez*

City Manager Brick Connors recognized Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Martinez for his service as this year's Mayor Pro Tem and presented him with a token of appreciation.

#### 2. *Honoring and Recognizing Outgoing 2022 Mayor/Councilmember Richard Rollins*

City Manager Brick Connors recognized and thanked Mayor Rollins for his contributions as this year's Mayor and presented him with a gavel plaque. City Manager Connors recognized Mayor Rollins for his dedicated years of service and presented him with a plaque. On behalf of the City of Moorpark, City Manager Connors presented Mayor Rollins with a certificate of recognition.

The following persons recognized and honored outgoing Mayor/Councilmember Rollins:

- Alejandra Cernaf Mendoza, Deputy District Director of Congresswoman Julia Brownley's office
- Vianey Lopez, Ventura County Board of Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District
- Martin Erickson, Executive Director of Ventura County Transportation Commission
- Vanessa Rauschenberger from Gold Coast Transit District
- Jan Berk, HOA Coalition
- Mr. Ali Ghasemi (via Zoom) Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Officer
- City Council

Mayor Rollins provided farewell comments.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

4. Oaths of Office and Introductions for Newly-Elected Councilmembers
  - Laura D. Hernandez – The ceremonial Oath of Office was administered by Pastora Lupita Alonso.
  - Steven A. Gama – The ceremonial Oath of Office was administered by Maya and Joseph Chavarria, and were joined with other youth who stood in agreement.
  - Martha R. McQueen-Legohn – The Oath of office was administered by her husband, Fundi Legohn, and her mother, Venice Thompson, stood in agreement.

## RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rollins recessed the City Council meeting at 7:35 p.m. to allow for congratulations, photos, and newly-elected Councilmembers to take their seats.

## RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez reconvened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

## COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

5. *City Clerk to Conduct Election of Mayor*

City Clerk Georgianna Alvarez opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Gama nominated Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Martinez for Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Perez.

*Motion passed 4-0-0-1 as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Perez, Hernandez, Martinez

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: McQueen-Legohn

6. *Incoming Mayor to Conduct Election of Mayor Pro Tempore*

Mayor Martinez opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Gama nominated Councilmember Misty Perez for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Mayor Martinez.

*Motion passed 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Martinez, Hernandez, Perez, McQueen-Legohn

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

Council took a brief moment to assume their new seats.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7 – 9 as presented.

*Motion passed 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Hernandez, McQueen-Legohn, Perez, Martinez

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

City Council:

7. [Minutes](#)

Approved the November 7, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes as revised per Council's direction at the meeting of November 21, 2022.

8. [Register of Disbursements](#)

Received and filed the City's register of disbursements for the period of November 29, 2022 through December 14, 2022.

9. [Out of State Travel – Police Explorer Competition](#)

Authorized Port Hueneme Explorer Post 9988 to attend the 2023 Chandler Tactical Explorer Competition in Chandler, Arizona from Thursday, January 12 to Monday, January 16, 2023.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. [Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 10802 of Chapter 6 of Article X of the Port Hueneme Municipal Code, pertaining to Development Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units](#)

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

Community Development Director Tony Stewart provided the report and a PowerPoint presentation. Questions followed.

The public hearing was opened at 8:07 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to introduce for first reading, read by title only, waive full reading, of an Ordinance amending Section 10802 of Chapter 6 of Article X of the Port Hueneme Municipal Code, pertaining to Development Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units, and find that the project is exempt from CEQA.

*Motion passed 5-0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Hernandez, McQueen-Legohn, Perez, Martinez

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

11. [City of Port Hueneme Pier Hours](#)

Police Commander Albertson provided the report and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Questions followed.

Public comments were provided by the following:

- Victor Michel
- Ricardo Holden

*Recommendation:* That City Council conduct a discussion regarding the existing Hueneme Beach Pier hours which are currently posted as 24 hours a day along with the adjacent pier beach parking lot and take such action as it deems appropriate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez to modify pier hours and parking lot hours to open at 4:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. and allocate the appropriate funds to install hard closure bars and decorative pier gate.

Discussion followed.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Mayor Martinez to keep the pier open 24 hours.

*Motion failed 3-2 as follows:*

AYES: Gama, Martinez

NOES: Hernandez, McQueen-Legohn, Perez; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

Due to the failure of the second motion, the first motion made by Councilmember Hernandez was now considered and voted upon. A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez, to modify pier hours and parking lot hours to open at 4:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. and allocate the appropriate funds to install hard closure bars and decorative pier gate.

*Motion passed 3-2 as follows:*

AYES: Hernandez, Perez, McQueen-Legohn,

NOES: Gama, Martinez; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

## 12. [City Council Legislative Platform Policy](#)

*Recommendation:* That City Council consider and adopt the attached Legislative Platform and/or any revisions deemed appropriate.

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding presented the report and answered questions from Council. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez, to approve the Legislative Platform Policy.

Discussion followed.

A second motion was made by Councilmember McQueen-Legohn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez, to continue this item to the January 17, 2023, City Council regular meeting by which time Council would submit their requested revisions.

Councilmember Hernandez withdrew her motion.

*Motion passed 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: McQueen-Legohn, Perez, Gama, Hernandez, Martinez

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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

- Cops for Tots recap and responded to a question from Council regarding this event

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

Councilmember Gama:



- A Council priority setting workshop in the immediate future
- Cops for Tots
- Hueneme Beach Clean-Up
- Wastewater contract with the Navy base

Councilmember Hernandez:

- Attended Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD)
- Reflected on this year's City Accomplishments and acknowledged Staff for their accomplishments

Councilmember McQueen-Legohn:

- Looking forward to committee appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Perez: None

Mayor Martinez:

- Sister City Committee efforts

## **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Hernandez:

1. Reminded Council that she requested a goal setting meeting at the last City Council meeting which was seconded and approved

Councilmember Hernandez requested a point of order and responded to Councilmember Gama stating that a time was not set and that the Council Policy and Procedures manual does not allow Council to dictate deadlines for the City Manager or time certain.

Councilmember Gama:

1. Requested a pier security item be added to a future agenda to look at how to enhance safety and security at the pier using existing technology

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding confirmed that a city-wide surveillance contract was approved at the last meeting so a staff report or executive memo would be appropriate once that's underway.

## **RECESS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING / CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

Mayor Martinez recessed the City Council regular meeting and called to order the City Council Closed Session meeting at 9:00 p.m.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Councilmember Perez redeclared her conflict of interest due to potential spousal income for Closed Session Item 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Port Hueneme Police Officers' Association.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gama, Hernandez, McQueen-Legohn; Mayor Pro Tem Perez; and Mayor Martinez

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

## **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding read the closed session items into the record.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Authority: Government Code § 54957.6  
AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: Brad Conners, City Manager; Charles Peretz, Deputy City Manager; and Kevin Spaulding, City Attorney; Steven M. Berliner, Special Counsel  
EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION: Port Hueneme Police Officers' Association (POA)
  
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Authority: Government Code § 54957.6  
AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: Brad Conners, City Manager; Charles Peretz, Deputy City Manager; and Kevin Spaulding, City Attorney; Steven M. Berliner, Special Counsel  
EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION: SEIU Service Employees International Union, Local 721
  
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Authority: Government Code § 54956.8  
PROPERTY: 140 Pleasant Valley Road  
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: City of Port Hueneme and Larramendy Family Trust  
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment

Councilmember Gama requested to move Closed Session Item 1. Conference with Labor Negotiations, to the last item considered to allow Mayor Pro Tem Perez to participate in the first two items and not have to wait. Council consensus was to proceed with the agenda as originally presented.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Mayor Martinez confirmed that only one conflict of interest was declared and no other members of Council had a conflict of interest.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Martinez recessed to the Closed Session meeting at 9:02 p.m.

#### **RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Martinez reconvened the City Council regular meeting at 10:31 p.m.

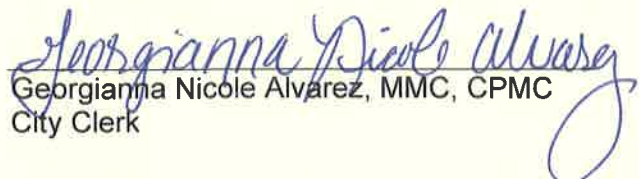
#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding provided the closed session report indicating no reportable action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 10:31 p.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Georgianna Nicole Alvarez, MMC, CPMC  
City Clerk

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023:



Roberto "Bobby" Martinez, Mayor