



CITY OF PORT HUENEME

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024

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

**Teleconference Location:
Residence Inn Marriott Capital View – Main Lobby
2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington Virginia, 22202**

6:30 PM

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6:30 PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Steven A. Gama, Laura D. Hernandez (teleconference), Roberto "Bobby" Martinez; Mayor Pro Tem Martha R. McQueen-Legohn (teleconference); and Mayor Misty Perez

Absent: None

INSPIRATION

Given by Councilmember Martinez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were provided in person by the following:

- Becky Breuning

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

City Council Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the City Council Agenda of March 18, 2024.

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

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

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST and LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES – None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [Police Department Annual Report](#)
Police Chief Federico gave a presentation providing an annual report of the Port Hueneme Police Department. Questions followed.
2. [Pension Funding and Unfunded Liability Overview](#)
City Manager James Vega provided a brief overview and introduction. GovInvest Consultant Dan Matusiewicz and Finance Director Lupe Acero, gave a presentation providing an overview of pension funding and unfunded liability. Questions followed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Gama, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3 – 9, as presented.

City Manager Vega responded to clarifying questions regarding Item No. 7, from Mayor Pro Tem McQueen-Legohn.

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

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

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

City Council:

3. [Minutes](#)
Approved the March 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
4. [Register of Disbursements](#)
Received and filed the City's register of disbursements for the period of February 27, 2024 through March 12, 2024.
5. [Approval of Co-Sponsorship of Hueneme Elementary School District Pickleball Tournament at Moranda Park](#)
Approved the co-sponsorship of Hueneme Elementary School District's Pickleball Tournament at Moranda Park on May 18 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., by allowing the reservation of courts at Moranda Park and waiver of fees.
6. [Award of Contract for Native American Monitoring Services for the Bubbling Springs Park Renewal Project](#)
Authorized the City Manager to execute a one (1) year agreement, not to exceed \$74,000.00, approved as to form by the City Attorney, with Spirit In The Wind Services for Native American Monitoring for The Bubbling Springs Renewal Project.

7. [Award of Contract for Geotechnical Services for the Bubbling Springs Park Renewal Project](#)
Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, with GeoLabs-Westlake Village for Geotechnical Services for The Bubbling Springs Renewal Project.
8. [Award of Contract for On-Call Demolition Services](#)
Authorized the City Manager to execute a five (5) year agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, with PreCon Demolition for on-call Demolition Services.
9. [Authorization of a Resolution Designating Applicant's Agent to California Office of Emergency Services for Disaster Recovery Efforts from December 2023 Storm](#)
Adopted Resolution No. 4484, a Resolution entitled, "Designation of Applicant Agent Resolution" (CAL OES Form 130) that will be submitted to California Office of Emergency Services that will allow the City to apply for emergency assistance for the December 2023 storm or future emergencies.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

10. [Heroes, History and Heritage Policy Nomination: Richard Bard Monument and Proposed Survey](#)
Recommendation: Receive an update on the status of the application for a Richard Bard Monument by the Oxnard Harbor District and provide direction regarding the proposed survey to solicit community feedback regarding potential locations.

Deputy City Manager Charles Peretz presented the report. Questions followed.

Public comments were provided in person by the following:

- Joan Tharp
- Janis Berk
- Randall Thomas
- David Scrivner

Public comments were submitted via email and read by City Clerk Georgianna Alvarez by the following:

- Travis Brohamer

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Perez, to approve the survey with the following adjustments: that names are correctly written regarding the Flag Plaza; the Port of Hueneme-Oxnard Harbor District to add a map on the back to identify the specific location of the proposed monument; and to add a comment section. (No vote was taken as the motion was superseded.)

Discussion followed. Councilmember Gama indicated for the record that the City Council was never presented with a drawing scope of a statue, that it was always presented as a monument, and they were never advised that it was going to be an 11-foot statue in the suggested location. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Martinez stated for the record that he is not going to amend his motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama that staff bring back at least 2 alternative surveys that surveys only the residents of the City of Port Hueneme. Motion failed for lack of second.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McQueen-Legohn, seconded by Mayor Perez, to approve the current survey with updates to ensure the locations are properly identified, the area by which the monument will be placed is identified at a map showing where the specific locations are, and put in a notice that the survey is for Port Hueneme residents only.

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

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

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

11. Priorities for City and Port (Oxnard Harbor District) Partnership 2024

Recommendation: Receive information regarding the Joint City/Port Committee meetings for 2024 and provide direction regarding priorities.

City Manager Vega presented the report. Questions and comments followed. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez to receive and file the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the four priorities and that the City Council and Port of Hueneme Commissioners be invited to attend the scholarship ceremony, and to ensure that the City-Port Joint Committee meetings are recorded.

Councilmember Hernandez indicated that she was in the middle of presenting her motion and clarified that her motion is to receive and file the item, to move forward with the goals as stated, and that future City-Port Joint Committee meetings be recorded for the benefit of transparency and documenting meeting discussions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McQueen-Legohn. (No vote was taken as the motion was superseded.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, to include everything motioned by Councilmember Hernandez (to receive and file the item, to move forward with the goals as stated, and that future City-Port Joint Committee meetings be recorded for the benefit of transparency and documenting meeting discussions) and added that City Council be invited to the scholarship ceremony. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gama.

Discussion followed.

In response to Councilmember Hernandez' request to a point of order for clarification of whether a third motion was being made, Mayor Perez indicated the request to revisit the Community Benefit Fund by Councilmember Gama is already included in the process, and therefore, the second motion made by Councilmember Martinez would be considered.

Motion passed 3-2, by Roll Call Vote, as follows:

AYES: Gama, Martinez, Perez

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

12. "Reflect Yourself" Pedestrian Safety Campaign

Recommendation: Receive a presentation from Councilmember Gama regarding a proposed "Reflect Yourself" Pedestrian Safety Campaign, and provide direction

City Manager Vega provided a brief introduction and Councilmember Gama presented the report. Questions and discussion followed. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to proceed with Phase 1 and requested that City Manager Vega and staff come back with ideas and concepts that are low cost with a big impact. (No vote was taken as the motion was superseded.)

Councilmember Hernandez requested that the motion be amended to include pedestrian accidents, pedestrian hazards, and proposed recommendations for pedestrian safety.

City Attorney Kevin Spaulding clarified that the motion had already received a second so therefore, cannot be amended, but a new motion can be made.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gama, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to implement Phase 1 (promote reflective clothing, educational safety campaign, and enforcement) and to have staff come back with data in various forms to be determined by City Manager Vega and Police Chief Federico.

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

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

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

City Manager James Vega provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

- Egg-Stravaganza
- Upcoming Council Meeting topics

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council provided comments and reports regarding the following topics:

Councilmember Gama:

- Attended VCOG (Ventura Council of Governments) meeting
- Attended BEACON (Beach, Erosion, Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment) meeting

Councilmember Martinez:

- Nothing to report.

Councilmember Hernandez:

- Joint Advocacy trip to Washington D.C. with Regional Defense Partnership (RDP)
- Attended SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) meeting
- Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity for a cleanup event

Mayor Pro Tem McQueen-Legohn:

- Attended all Committee meetings
- Participated as a Key note speaker at a Woman's History Month event at Navy Surface Warfare Center

Mayor Perez:

- Nothing to report regarding committee meetings
- Port Hueneme Branch of the Ventura Downtown Lions and community projects

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Hernandez:

- Thanked Community and Economic Development Director Tony Stewart and City Manager Vega for their assistance in submitting a legislative request regarding issues the City is facing regarding accessory dwelling units.
 - Commented on the Pedro Valdez Memorial
1. Requested an item be added to a future Council agenda regarding a report back from the RDP trip to Washington, D.C., seconded by Councilmember Gama.

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

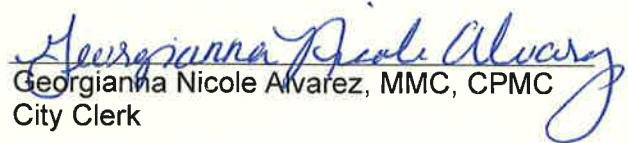
AYES: Hernandez, Gama, Martinez, McQueen-Legohn, Perez

NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None


ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 9:08 p.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Georgianna Nicole Alvarez, MMC, CPMC
City Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of April, 2024:



Misty Perez, Mayor