

**CITY OF PORT HUENEME
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 21, 2016

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Port Hueneme City Council was called to order by Mayor Breeze at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 250 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, California. The Deputy City Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: Council Members Tom Figg, Jim Hensley, Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp; Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan Sharkey; Mayor Douglas A. Breeze.

ABSENT: None.

Staff members present were: John Baker, Interim City Manager/City Clerk; Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney; Carmen Nichols, Deputy City Manager; Cammeo Jupp, Human Resources Analyst (serving as Deputy City Clerk).

AGENDA:

The Council Members had previously received copies of the Agenda.

Council Member Hensley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey, moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Attorney made the following announcement:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session, pursuant to the California Government Code:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: John Baker, Interim City Manager; Carmen Nichols, Deputy City Manager; Steven M. Berliner, Special Counsel.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Port Hueneme Police Officers Association (PHPOA).

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. The City Council reconvened following the Closed Session. There were no further announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Breeze, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting to be held March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

John Baker
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:

MAYOR BREEZE

**CITY OF PORT HUENEME
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 21, 2016

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Port Hueneme City Council was called to order by Mayor Breeze at 6:31 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 250 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, California. After the flag salute, Council Member Hensley gave the Inspiration. The Deputy City Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: Council Members Tom Figg, Jim Hensley Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp; Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan Sharkey; Mayor Douglas A. Breeze.

ABSENT: None.

Staff members present were: John Baker, Interim City Manager/City Clerk; Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney; Carmen Nichols, Deputy City Manager; Robert Albertson, Interim Chief of Police; Alvin Burrell, Interim Finance Director; Chris Theisen, Public Works Director; Tamah Figg, Code Compliance Manager; Cammeo Jupp, Human Resources Analyst (serving as Deputy City Clerk).

AGENDA:

The Council Members had previously received copies of the Agenda.

Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Schnopp, moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Mayor Breeze asked if anyone present wished to speak on any matter not on the Agenda. The following persons requested to speak:

1. Bob Allen, Port Hueneme
Announced that an entrepreneur club has been started at Oxnard College and discussed livestreaming of Council meetings. Discussion ensued among the Council and Mr. Allen.
2. Barbara Paige, Port Hueneme
Expressed concern about increased thefts and loitering in the Ocean Walk neighborhood. Discussion ensued among the Council and Ms. Paige.

3. Mary Meola, Port Hueneme
Ocean Walk homeowner, expressed concern about heavy traffic through her neighborhood and trucks parking/idling on Hueneme Road.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CASH DISBURSEMENTS RATIFICATION
Action: It is recommended the City Council ratify the cash disbursements listing for the period February 26, 2016 through March 11, 2016.
- B. SOLICIT BIDS FOR VENTURA ROAD BIKEWAY UPGRADES
Action: It is recommended the City Council adopt the plans and specifications, and authorize the solicitation of bids, for a public project entitled Ventura Road Bikeway Upgrades - Cash Contract No. 5001.

The following person requested to speak:

1. Robert Babbitt, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of Item B, and also expressed support for continuing the Hueneme Beach Festival. Discussion ensued among the Council and Mr. Babbitt.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey, seconded by Council Member Schnopp, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONTRACT WITH VENTURA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES
Action: It is recommended the City Council authorize additional funds of \$35,000 from the General Fund for the Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) contract.

The Deputy City Manager and Code Compliance Manager gave a report. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

Council Member Figg, seconded by Council Member Hensley, moved to not approve the additional funds, and invite the County Animal Services Director to make a presentation to the Council at a future meeting. Further discussion ensued. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Figg, Hensley, Schnopp; Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey; Mayor Breeze.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

(At this time, the Council voted unanimously to modify the agenda order to consider the City Manager's item next, and move the City Attorney's item after that.)

CITY MANAGER:

A. FY 2016-17 BUDGET REPORT

Action: It is recommended the City Council consider the proposed actions for achieving budget reductions in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to result in a structural balance between revenues and expenditures for two fiscal years and direct staff to proceed with the next steps in the budget process.

The Interim City Manager gave a report. The following persons requested to speak:

1. Glen Kinney, Camarillo
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
2. Danny Carrillo, SEIU
Spoke against outsourcing/contracting City jobs.
3. Dan Gildea, Oxnard
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
4. Kevin Lorch, Camarillo
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
5. Kit Nell, Port Hueneme Deputy Public Works Director
Spoke against outsourcing/ contracting City jobs.
6. Andy Martinez, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
7. Andelina Martinez, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Junior Lifeguard Program.
8. Sean Demmon, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
9. George Camarena, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.

10. Kellie Swift, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard programs.
11. Daniel Nahmias, Ventura
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program, and presented handouts on lifeguarding for the Council's consideration.
12. Cory Scrivner, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
13. Steven Gama, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.
14. Kevin Brannon, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program and the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce.
15. Summer Demmon, Port Hueneme
Spoke in support of the Lifeguard Program.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff; numerous motions were made, but none were seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey, seconded by Council Member Schnopp, moved to approve the City Manager's recommended cuts as presented in the staff report and to explore contract services as recommended, except for the Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard programs, and direct staff to look for ways to reduce the Lifeguard programs' impact on the General Fund, and return to the Council with recommendations. Further discussion ensued. The motion carried 3-2 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Schnopp; Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey; Mayor Breeze.

NOES: Council Members Figg, Hensley.

Council Member Figg voted no as he felt the motion was to include a review of outsourcing for more services, including police.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. LETTER FROM VENTURA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ("VCDA") OFFICE REQUESTING THAT PURSUANT TO THE

BROWN ACT THAT THE CITY CEASE AND DESIST CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO RECRUITMENT OF A CITY MANAGER

Action: In an abundance of caution, it is recommended the City Council accept the offer of compromise proposed by the VCDA's Office by the City issuing the requested cease and desist letter (draft copy attached). This will avoid the unnecessary expenditure of County and City taxpayer funds in a Brown Act dispute for which there is no specific legal precedent which directly addresses the issues outlined in VCDA's letter. Moreover, the process to date has been transparent and the next steps in the process are not substantively affected by VCDA's request.

The City Attorney gave a report. Discussion ensued among Council and staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey, seconded by Council Member Schnopp, moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation as presented. The motion carried 3-2 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member Schnopp; Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey; Mayor Breeze.

NOES: Council Members Figg, Hensley.

Council Member Figg voted no as he objected to the report as it did not reflect that he and Council Member Hensley were not present for the closed session on October 31, 2015.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/COMMENTS:

The Interim City Manager announced the upcoming public meeting on March 29, 2016 to solicit community input on the upcoming City Manager recruitment. He also announced that a Performance Improvement Plan from the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority will be on an upcoming agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Schnopp reported on attending a recent Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC) meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharkey acknowledged Ms. Jonnie Lisman's recent recognition as

“Port Hueneme Citizen of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce. He also announced the upcoming Easter Egg-stravaganza.

Council Member Hensley requested a future agenda item reviewing the City’s motto of “The Friendly City By The Sea.”

Mayor Breeze commended the staff for remaining dedicated through difficult times.

CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM: No one requested to speak.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Breeze, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting to be held April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

John Baker
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:

MAYOR BREEZE