

**City Council/Redevelopment Agency
City of Huntington Beach
Adjourned Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 30, 2003
6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A videotape of this meeting
is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Call to Order

Mayor Connie Boardman called the adjourned regular meetings of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Roll Call:

Present: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
Absent: None

City Clerk Announced Late Communications

Pursuant to the Brown (Open Meetings) Act, City Clerk Connie Brockway announced the following Late Communications regarding the Council Budget Meeting. These communications were received in her office following distribution of the agenda packet:

Communication from the Assistant City Administrator dated June 30, 2003 titled *Staffing Plan Change in City Administrator's Office FY 2003-04* regarding plans to eliminate the Department Head position of Director of Organizational Effectiveness in the FY 2003-04 City Budget.

Communication from the Director of Administrative Services dated June 27, 2003 titled *Updates to Reductions Binder - General Fund Position Changes and Police Department Changes*.

Communication from Charles Burney, Fire Marshal dated June 27, 2003 titled *Response to Questions from Councilmember Houchen*.

Communication from Mayor Connie Boardman dated June 30, 2003 titled *Proposed Alternative Budget Cuts to Retain One Boat in the Marine Safety Boat Program*.

Communication from the Community Services Director dated June 30, 2003 titled *Complimentary Parking Downtown*, relative to the tradition of extending complimentary parking downtown during the holiday season.

Communication from the Director of Administrative Services dated June 30, 2003 titled *Cost of Employee Automobile Allowances*.

Communication from Councilmember Pam Houchen dated June 30, 2003 titled *Proposed Cuts and Fee Increases in Order to Retain the Fire Paramedic Engine Company*.

Communications transmitted to the City Clerk's Office from the City Administrator's Office from members of the community relative to proposed budget reductions affecting the Fire Department, Senior Center, Harbors and Beaches Department, Library Services Department and miscellaneous communications on the budget.

City Clerk Announced Additional Late Communications

City Clerk Brockway announced receipt of the following additional Late Communications distributed either immediately prior to the Council meeting or during the Public Comments portion of the meeting:

Communication titled *Summary of Current and Potential Revenue Generation and Cost Recovery Mechanisms*.

Two communications submitted by Don MacAllister during Public Comments, titled 1.) *Channel 3, PCTA Public Access*; and 2.) *Parking Meters at the Library & the HB Playhouse*.

Communication from Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Green titled *AB 710 and the Orange County Division, League of California Cities*.

Communication submitted by Patricia Hall during Public Comments titled *Stop the Closure of the Lake Street Fire Station*, which is a petition with approximately 42 signatures.

Communication from Yi-Mei MacLean in opposition to the proposed Banning Avenue Branch Library closure.

Public Comments

Carol Burtis stated opposition to the proposed budget cuts in the Fire Department. Ms. Burtis spoke regarding the detrimental effects of the proposed elimination of a fire engine and the increase in response time.

(In response to the first speaker's comments, Mayor Boardman announced that there are no plans to close a fire station.)

The following speakers were in opposition to the proposed elimination in the Library Services Department of the Main Street and Banning Avenue Library Branches. Reasons included the stated importance for the community of promoting literacy and easy access to branches by teachers, mothers with young children, students and seniors with special needs. Many speakers offered assistance, which included fund-raisers, such as the Huntington Beach event, *Concours d' Elegance*; and volunteerism: **Dorothy Boesch**; **Dolores McGuire**, Friends of the Library (FOTL) and Friends Gift Shop; **Marguerite Davenport**, Vice President of the Huntington Beach Library Patrons Foundation; **Mary Sue Pierce**, Orange County Genealogical Association; **John F. Parodi**, Current Chair of the Library Board of Trustees; **Luana Holzer**; **JoAnne Rankin**, Friends of the Children's Library; **Patricia Hall** (submitted communication during Public Comments titled *Stop the Closure of the Lake Street Fire Station*, which is a petition with approximately 42 signatures); **Paula Budris**; **Bart P. McGrath**, Representative of the Huntington Beach *Concours d' Elegance* and Library Patrons Foundation; **Ryan Gaglio**; **Debbie Dickinson**; **Konstanze Alvarez**; **Bill Burhans**; **Clem Dominguez**; and **Karla Thomas**.

The following spoke in opposition to the installation of parking meters at the Central Library **Marjorie Kurth**, Friends of the Library (FOTL); **Don MacAllister** (submitted communication titled *Parking Meters at the Library & the HB Playhouse*) and **Bart P. McGrath**.

(Mayor Boardman clarified that the proposed installation of parking meters is not being considered on the budget cutback list.)

Charles Falzon, Chair and **Tim Geddes**, Vice Chair of the Huntington Beach Finance Board; spoke regarding the 63 recommendations presented by the Board, stating their hopes that Council will consider them as helpful in making its decisions. Mr. Falzon submitted a Finance Board Communication titled *Finance Board Recommendations to Proposed Changes to Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Budget*, which is included in the Agenda Packet.

Carmen Erber, President of the Sister City Association, provided the background of her organization and requested Council to reconsider the proposed complete elimination of the program.

The following speakers were in opposition to the closure of the Seniors Outreach and the Rodgers Senior Center. Reasons included reliance on senior transportation and meals provided and other contributions of visits to seniors' homes that often serve to reveal heretofore unknown needs: **Bob Dettloff**, Vice President, Huntington Beach Council on Aging (COA) and COA members: **Pat Davis**, **Dick White** and **Dale Dunn**.

(Mayor Boardman announced that there are no plans to close; that the centers are only on the alternative list.)

Ryan Gaglio requested that the Oak View, along with the Main Street and Banning Avenue Branch Libraries remain open, expressing his concern for what he considers to be an economically challenged Oak View community.

(Mayor Boardman responded that the Oak View Branch Library is not proposed for elimination.)

Clem Dominguez offered a tool to help calculate a formula for the budget cut, in addition to his request that Council not cut the Marine Safety rescue boat, library branches and fire station.

The following speakers were in opposition to the proposed budget cuts in the Community Services Department, Marine Safety Boat Program: **Clem Dominguez**; **Charles Brown**, Lifeguard and member of the Huntington Beach Marine Safety Officers Association (HBMSOA) and representative of the HB Surf Lifesaving Association; and **Steve Reuter**, HBMSOA member.

The following speakers were in opposition to the proposed cutbacks in the Community Services Department, Project Self-Sufficiency (PSS) Program. Reasons included the unique public-private partnership of the program, which assists single mothers, and the need to continue full salary funding for the Program Coordinator, Susan Edwards: **Greg Arbues** and **Dianna Gutierrez**.

Debbie Castillo spoke regarding what she considers to be core essential to the city; the need for the Public Works Department to repair the infrastructure. Ms. Castillo spoke regarding carpentry, electrical and plumbing services relative to the prevailing wage.

Don MacAllister spoke regarding the proposed elimination of Channel HBTv-3. Mr. MacAllister referred to items presented on the document he submitted titled *Channel 3, PCTA Public Access*.

(City Council/Redevelopment Agency) Adopted Resolution No. 2003-46 Granting a Designation Period for Two Years' Additional Service Credit with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (600.20)

Assistant City Administrator presented **Resolution No. 2003-46**, which was included in the agenda packet for City Council Action regarding the PERS Two Year Service Credit Option. Mr. Workman orally reported on the "Golden Handshake," stating it is to assist employees in downsizing and is to go into effect July 1 through September 30, 2003.

A motion was made by Green, second Coerper to adopt **Resolution No. 2003-46** – "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach to Grant a Designated Period for Two Years Additional Service Credit." The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

(City Council/Redevelopment Agency) Presentation Made by the City Administrator of Responses from City Departments to Council Questions Raised During the June 23, 2003 City Council Workshop Re: the Proposed 2002-2003 Budget Revisions (310.20)

City Administrator Ray Silver presented responses to questions raised during the June 23, 2003 City Council Workshop regarding proposed 2002-2003 budget revisions. (The questions are detailed in the approved City Council minutes of the June 23, 2003 Adjourned Regular Meeting on file in the Office of the City Clerk).

The City Council considered these communications, which are included in the Agenda Packet for this meeting of June 30, 2003 and are listed as follows:

1. Communication from the Finance Board Chairman dated June 26, 2003 and titled *Finance Board Recommendations to Proposed Changes to Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Budget*.
2. Communication from the Administrative Services Director dated June 28, 2003 and titled *Response to City Council Questions Raised at the June 23, 2003 Budget Study Session*.
3. Communication from the Administrative Services Director dated June 27, 2003 and titled *Response to City Council Questions Posed at the June 23, 2003 City Council Meeting*.
4. Communication from the Community Relations Officer dated June 30, 2003 and titled *Costs Associated with Broadcasting City Council and Planning Commission Meetings*.
5. Communication from the Community Relations Officer dated June 30, 2003 and titled *List of Cities in Orange County that Broadcast Council Meetings*.
6. Communication from the Chief of Police dated June 25, 2003 and titled *Response to Council Questions at Budget Workshop*.

7. Communication from the Administrative Services Director and the Library Services Director dated June 25, 2003 and titled *Question 11 - Proposal to Reduce Hours at All Branches Instead of Closing Branches (Hardy)*.
8. Communication from the Community Services Director dated June 26, 2003 and titled *Budget Information re Marine Safety*.
9. Communication from the Fire Chief dated June 24, 2003 and titled *Response to Mayor's Question Regarding Fire Response Costs*.
10. Communication from the Fire Chief dated June 24, 2003 and titled *Response to City Council Question Regarding CNOA (Central Net Operations Authority) Costs*.
11. Communication from the Public Works Director dated June 26, 2003 and titled *Response to Budget Questions*.
12. Communication from the Community Services Director dated June 26, 2003 and titled *Community Services Budget Reductions Overview*.
13. Communication from the Library Services Director dated June 25, 2003 and titled *Mayor Pro Tem Green's 6/24/03 Memo*.

City Administrator Silver stated clarification of his position based on meeting with Marine Safety Officers' Association (MSOA) Vice President, Steve Reuter; MSOA Chief Kyle Lindo; and Community Services Director Jim Engle.

(City Council/Redevelopment Agency) Discussion Held and Straw Votes Taken of Proposed Budget Revisions to be Considered for Approval and Adoption at the July 7, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting (310.20)

Discussion was held regarding the proposed revisions for consideration for adoption and approval at the regular City Council meeting of July 7, 2003.

Budget items regarding the Library Services Department, the Fire Department, Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division, Community Services Department's Marine Boat Program and Marine Safety Officer, the Sister City Association, the Police Department, and the Administrative Services Department were removed by individual Councilmembers for discussion.

Prior to discussion, a straw vote motion was unanimously approved, with no members absent, to schedule proposed revisions (other than the items discussed separately to follow) on the July 7, 2003 agenda.

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Direct Staff to Present Proposed Budget Cuts at the July 7, 2003 Meeting for the Library Services Department and to Accept Donation of \$180,000 (per Year for Two Funding Years) by the Friends of the Library

Councilmember Jill Hardy requested that the above-captioned item be removed for separate discussion. Councilmember Hardy stated that she is pleased to hear of the generous donation offered by the Friends of the Library.

A **straw** vote motion was made by Hardy, second Green to direct staff to place cuts as proposed for the Library Services Department except that the \$180,000 donated by the Friends of the Library be used to fund for two years, the two branch libraries – Main Street and Banning Avenue, library pages, and children's books. The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Present Councilmember Pam Houchen's Recommendations at the July 7, 2003 Meeting on Proposed Budget Cuts and Fee Increases for the Fire Department in Order to Retain the Fire Paramedic Engine Company

Councilmember Pam Houchen requested that the above-captioned item be removed for separate discussion.

The City Council considered Councilmember Houchen's City Council Interoffice Communication titled *Proposed Cuts and Fee Increases in Order to Retain the Fire Paramedic Engine Company*, which had been announced earlier by City Clerk Connie Brockway as a Late Communication.

A **straw** vote motion was made by Houchen, second Coerper to present at the July 7, 2003 Meeting, recommendations per Councilmember Pam Houchen's City Council Interoffice Communication titled *Proposed Cuts and Fee Increases in Order to Retain the Fire Paramedic Engine Company* as follows:

Public Works:	Eliminate 1 GIS Analyst	\$88,800
Fire	Operating Reductions (Original alternative)	\$ 61,938
	Operating Reductions (Additional to Above)	\$ 19,767
	Eliminate Two Deputy Fire Marshals (\$121,676/ea.)	\$243,352
	Adoption of New Fire Inspection Fees	\$160,000
	Increased FireMed Fees	<u>\$300,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$873,857

The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Direct Staff to Present Proposed Budget Cuts at the July 7, 2003 Meeting for the Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division as Amended per Late Communication to (1.) Postpone Eliminating Two Code Enforcement Officers until Cost Determination is Made; and (2.) Approve Imposition of Immediate Fines for Egregious Code Violations

Councilmember Debbie Cook requested that the above-captioned item be removed for separate discussion.

The City Council considered the Late Communication submitted by staff titled *Summary of Current and Potential Revenue Generation and Cost Recovery Mechanisms*, and which had been announced earlier by City Clerk Connie Brockway.

A **straw** vote motion was made by Cook, second Coerper to present proposed budget cuts at the July 7, 2003 meeting for the Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division **as amended** to (1.) Postpone eliminating two Code Enforcement Officers until it can be determined if additional revenue will cover costs (per Late Communication titled *Summary of Current and Potential Revenue Generation and Cost Recovery Mechanisms*) and (2.) Approve Fines for Egregious Code Violations (to be applied immediately, rather than issuing a warning first). The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Straw Motion Failed to Withhold Next Year's League of California Cities Dues at a Budget Savings of \$25,000 per Late Communication Relative to Assembly Bill 710

The City Council considered and held discussion relative to a City Council Interoffice Communication submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Green titled *AB 710 and the Orange County Division, League of California Cities* and which had been announced earlier by City Clerk Connie Brockway as a Late Communication.

Mayor Pro Tem Green spoke regarding her recommendation to withhold next year's dues at a budget savings of \$25,000 until the city actually has representation of its view.

A **straw** vote motion was made by Green, second Coerper to withhold the city's dues for the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities next year as a recommendation of budget savings in the amount of \$25,000 until the city actually has representation of its view (per Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Green's Late Communication titled *AB 710 and the Orange County Division, League of California Cities*). The **straw** motion **failed** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Green
NOES: Coerper, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Present Proposed Budget Reductions as Recommended by the Police Chief for the Police Department at the July 7, 2003 Meeting

Councilmember Gil Coerper requested that the above-captioned item on the Police Chief's budget recommendations be removed for separate discussion.

Discussion was held regarding: (1.) Police Academy costs for basic training and materials; (2.) Police Detective position; and (3.) Police helicopter operating costs.

A **straw** vote motion was made by Coerper, second Green to present the Police Department's budget reductions as recommended by the Police Chief. The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Make a Presentation at the July 7, 2003 Meeting of the Community Services Department's Proposed Budget Reductions as Amended to Retain the Marine Safety Officer

Councilmember Dave Sullivan requested that the above-captioned item be removed for separate discussion to inquire regarding the service levels provided by the Marine Safety Officer (Lieutenant).

Chief of Marine Safety Services Kyle Lindo answered Councilmember Sullivan's questions. In response to City Administrator Silver, Chief Lindo stated that both the boat program and the Marine Safety Lieutenant are central to the operations.

Community Services Director Jim Engle reported.

A **straw** motion made by Sullivan, second Coerper to present at the July 7, 2003 Meeting the Community Services Department's proposed budget reductions as **amended** to retain the Marine Safety Officer and look for funding source this week. The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
NOES: Boardman
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Announcement by City Administrator of Proposed Recommendation to Eliminate the Director of Organizational Effectiveness Position from the Budget for the Department of Administration (700.10)

City Administrator Ray Silver announced his recommendation of the proposed elimination of the Director of Organizational Effectiveness position and the maintenance of the Principal Administrative Analyst position per the Late Communication titled *Staffing Plan Change in City Administrator's Office FY 2003-04*, which had been announced earlier by City Clerk Connie Brockway as a Late Communication. Mr. Silver stated that a cost savings of \$28,000 will be realized by under-filling the position.

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Make a Presentation at the July 7, 2003 Meeting of the Administrative Services Director's Recommended Budget Reductions

Administrative Services Director Clay Martin reported on the elimination of a Senior Accountant, a Buyer and an Administrative Secretary position from his department's budget for a 6% reduction of the total authorized staff.

A **straw** motion was made by Cook, second Coerper to present at the July 7, 2003 Meeting, the Administrative Services Director's recommended budget reductions. The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy

NOES: None
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Approved Straw Motion to Make a Presentation at the July 7, 2003 Meeting of the Community Services Department’s Proposed Budget Reductions as Amended by Mayor Connie Boardman’s Late Communication to Retain One Lifeguard Boat in the Marine Safety Boat Program

Mayor Connie Boardman requested that the above-captioned item be removed for separate discussion. Council considered a City Council Interoffice Communication from Mayor Boardman titled *Proposed Alternative Budget Cuts to Retain One Boat in the Marine Safety Boat Program*, which had been announced earlier by City Clerk Connie Brockway as a Late Communication:

A **straw** vote motion was made by Boardman, second Green to present at the July 7, 2003 Meeting, recommendations per Mayor Connie Boardman’s City Council Interoffice Communication titled *Proposed Alternative Budget Cuts to Retain One Boat in the Marine Safety Boat Program* as follows:

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| 1. | Eliminate Intergovernmental travel in the City Administrator’s budget | \$10,000 |
| 2. | End peak season MSO (Marine Safety Officer(staffing after 10:00 PM | \$ 16,046 |
| 3. | Reduce Beach Maintenance (this will result in having 10 fewer porta potties on the beach north of the pier – from 22 to 12) | <u>\$ 22,533</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$ 48,581 |

The **straw** motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Coerper, Green, Boardman, Cook, Houchen, Hardy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Withdrew Straw Motion to Eliminate Dinners Provided for Council and Staff on Council Meeting Evenings

Councilmember Coerper **withdrew** a **straw** motion to eliminate dinners provided for Council and staff on Council meeting evenings.

(City Council) Appreciation to Finance Board for Outstanding Work on the Budget Recommendations

Councilmember Sullivan thanked the Finance Board for the outstanding work they have done on the budget recommendations.

(City Council) Support for Sister City Association

Mayor Pro Tem Green expressed her hopes that the door is kept “ajar” for the Sister City Association.

Adjournment – City Council/Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Boardman adjourned the adjourned regular meetings of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach at 6:00 p.m. to Monday, July 7, 2003, at 5:00 p.m., in Room B-8, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach and Clerk of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk-Clerk

Mayor-Chairman