



Elected Officials for the City of Huntington Beach

City Councilmembers

- Joe Carchio
- Devin Dwyer
- Gil Coerper
- Don Hansen
- Cathy Green
- Keith Bohr
- Jill Hardy

Voters in the City of Huntington Beach choose their elected officials (City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Treasurer) to serve four-year terms.



City Administrator Fred Wilson is appointed by the City Councilmembers to manage the day-to-day operations of the City.

City Attorney
Jennifer McGrath



City Clerk
Joan Flynn



City Treasurer
Shari Freidenrich



The Mayor and City Council welcome your participation at City Council Meetings. Meetings are held at City Hall 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Persons needing special assistance to participate in the Council Meetings are requested to contact the City Clerk's office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (714) 536-5227.

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577
www.surfcity-hb.org



City of Huntington Beach



Guide to City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are presented live on cable station Channel 3 the first and third Mondays of the month (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). The meetings are also webcast on the City's website at www.surfcity-hb.org



Public Comments

Citizen participation is invited at all Council meetings. Citizens are invited to speak for up to three minutes on any matter concerning the City's business.

Helpful Hints

To speak on a matter, complete the pink speaker form and give it to the Sergeant-at-Arms. *When you hear your name called by the City Clerk, proceed to the first available podium. You may adjust the height of the podium/microphone with the button provided on the right-hand side.*

Please begin by stating your name clearly for the record. If you have a handout you would like to present to the City Council, hand it to the Sergeant-at-Arms. If you are presenting a PowerPoint Report, bring a disk or a laptop and notify the technician.

The light on the podium indicates a one-minute warning by turning yellow. Three minutes have expired when the timer begins beeping. *If you would like your comments to be part of a specific public hearing record, you must speak during the public hearing portion of the meeting.*

Please be aware that pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from taking action on any issue not listed on the Agenda unless an emergency threatening health, safety or welfare of the community arises.

City of Huntington Beach Facts

- The City has a population of approximately 200,000.
- The City Flower is the Geranium and the Tree is the Western Redbud.
- The City's motto is "City of Expanding Horizons."

Order of Business

The City Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month and follows a regular order of business as provided in the agenda for each meeting. Meetings are held on Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday.

Presentations – At various times throughout the year, the City Council recognizes individuals and/or groups for their achievements and contributions.

Public Comments - Citizens are given the opportunity to speak on matters concerning the City's business.

Reports – These are items for review or discussion, typically presented by a Department Head, or a Councilmember.

Public Hearings – Hearings are held when special notice has been given to provide a specific forum for citizen participation. Correspondence regarding public hearings should be provided to the City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Typical sequence of events:

The staff report is presented. Questions by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency concerning the staff report may be answered at this time. The public hearing is then opened by the Mayor/Chairperson, and the applicant and appellant are given an opportunity to address the Council/Agency.

The City Clerk will call public hearing speakers by name. Individuals favoring and opposing the proposal are given an opportunity to address the Council/Agency if the pink speaker form is filled out and given to the Sergeant-at-Arms stationed near the podium. Council/Agency may ask questions of speakers. The public hearing is then closed by the Mayor/Chairperson, the Council/Agency discusses the matter further, and then the Council/Agency acts on the matter by continuing, approving, conditionally approving, or denying the petition.

Consent Calendar – All matters listed under this section of the agenda are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. There is no discussion of individual items on the Consent Calendar unless requested by a member of the City Council.

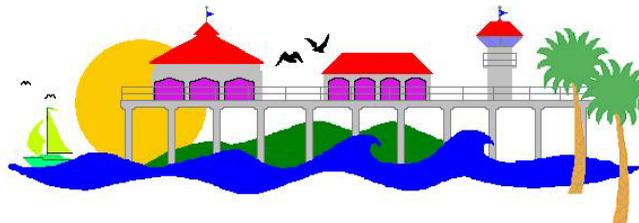
Administrative or City Council/Redevelopment Agency Items - These are items for discussion typically requesting action from the City Council.

Types of Council Action

Ordinance – An ordinance is a city law which requires two readings at separate Council meetings. Most ordinances become law 30 days after the second reading is approved by Council. It may be repealed or modified only by another ordinance or by referendum.

Resolution – A resolution is an official statement of Council policy or a direction of certain administrative or legal action. Most resolutions become effective immediately following adoption by Council.

Motion – A motion is used with a vote to indicate approval or denial, adoption or direction.



City Council

The seven members of the City Council are elected at large to serve four-year terms. Terms are staggered with elections held in November of even-numbered years. Each year the Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and one member to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Redevelopment Agency

The Redevelopment Agency is a separate body of the City of Huntington Beach, but is comprised of the City Council Members. The Redevelopment Agency, which meets concurrently with the City Council, acts on behalf of the City to assure future stability and growth in Huntington Beach.

Meeting Schedule

City Council/Redevelopment Agency regular meetings are held on the first and third Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) of each month at 4 p.m. (Study Session/Closed Session); Televised Evening Session begins at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street.

Agenda

The agenda for all regular meetings is prepared by the City Clerk's Office, and posted pursuant to State law at least 72 hours before the meeting. Agendas are available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk, the Huntington Beach Central Library and branches, and on the City's website, www.surfcity-hb.org the Thursday prior to regular meetings.

The City of Huntington Beach was incorporated on February 17, 1909 and Ed Manning was the first Mayor.