



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH COASTAL AREA ODORS AD HOC COMMITTEE

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MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2017

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Michael Posey (Mayor Pro Tem), Billy O'Connell, and Patrick Brenden.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Posey at 3:00 p.m.

II. **Presentation on Coastal Area Odors – South Coast Air Quality Management District**

Stacy Pruitt, Counsel for South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) along with Victor Yip, Fred Gonzalez, and Debra Ashby provided the City with an update on their investigation of coastal area odors. The investigation has been ongoing and the SCAQMD has been receiving calls from concerned residents for nearly two years.

Fred Gonzalez presented the Ad Hoc Committee with information on the types of samples taken and the types of equipment used to sample the air. The Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD) and several other fire agencies have been assisting with collecting air samples and has been provided with equipment from the SCAQMD. Victor Yip stated that there are multiple compounds found in the samples; some are natural occurring sources and others have been identified as petroleum based. At this point no known source has been identified. The SCAQMD is working with Federal and local agencies to identify the compound more accurately which in turn will help to identify the source. This is a multi-agency effort.

III. **Goals of the Ad Hoc Committee and Work Plan Discussion**

Mayor Pro Tem Posey stated that the goal of this Ad Hoc Committee is to identify the source and have the SCAQMD involved in investigating and identifying the source.

IV. **Public Comments (Open to the Public)**

This is the time of the meeting for the City Council Ad Hoc Committee to receive comments from the public regarding items of interest. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Ad Hoc Committee may not enter into discussion regarding items not on the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak to a member of the Ad Hoc Committee or an item not on the agenda may consider setting up an appointment with the staff liaison. Each speaker is allowed 3 minutes, and time may not be donated to another speaker.

Gina Clayton Tarvin, President of the Ocean View School Board and resident spoke about her concerns about the odors as they pose a public nuisance.

Jennifer Vaughn, Southern California Gas Company stated that she has been coordinating a multi-jurisdictional and agency working group since January of 2017. This group meets regularly with SCAQMD and also has a goal to find the source of the odors.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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