



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION AGENDA

City Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 5:00 PM

Harbor Commission Members:

William Kenney, Jr., Chair
Scott Cunningham, Vice Chair
Ira Beer, Secretary
Marie Marston, Commissioner
Steve Scully, Commissioner
Gary Williams, Commissioner
Don Yahn, Commissioner

Staff Members:

Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager
Paul Blank, Harbormaster
Jennifer Biddle, Administrative Support Specialist

The Harbor Commission meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Harbor Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Harbor Commission. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 644-3001 or cjacobs@newportbeachca.gov.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Harbor Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which allows Harbor Commission Members to attend Harbor Commission meetings by electronic means. Please be advised that to minimize the spread of COVID-19, Harbor Commission Members may attend this meeting either electronically or telephonically.

Please know that it is important for the City to allow public participation at this meeting. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the in-person process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website.

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
- 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Harbor Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Harbor Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Draft Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Harbor Commission Regular Meeting**

[5-12-2021 Harbor Commission Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

[Additional Material Received May 12 2021 Harbor Commission Draft Minutes Commissioner Scully Comments.pdf](#)

[Additional Material Received May 12 2021 Harbor Commission Draft Minutes Chair Kenney Comments.pdf](#)

[Additional Material Received May 12 2021 Harbor Commission Draft Minutes Commissioner Marston Comments.pdf](#)

6) CURRENT BUSINESS**1. Harbor Department Code Enforcement Program**

The Harbor Department is responsible for many of the harbor-related programs and services in the City of Newport Beach (City). A robust code enforcement program is needed to protect and maintain the health, safety, and charm of Newport Harbor through the enforcement of Title 17 regulations and applicable State and Federal laws. This report will update the Harbor Commission on enforcement activities since March 2020.

Recommendation:

1) Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

2) Receive and file.

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2. Council Policy H-1 - Harbor Commission Review of Proposed Changes

As a result of recent applications for dock extensions and reconfigurations brought before the City Council, the City Council raised a concern regarding the inability of the Harbor Commission to resolve applications. The City Council requested the Harbor Commission review the policy and recommend changes that may allow them to approve dock permit applications that cannot otherwise be approved by staff. The Harbor Commission established a subcommittee at the February 10, 2021 Harbor Commission meeting to review City Council Policy H-1, Harbor Permit Policy, to clarify the Policy's intent and process, in order to assist staff and the Harbor Commission when considering future applications. The City Council also directed the Harbor Commission to review the recent changes adopted in 2020 and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding any proposed revisions thereto.

Recommendation:

1) Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it will not result in a physical

change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

2) Review, modify, and/or approve changes proposed by the Harbor Commission subcommittee to Council Policy H-1 and forward the recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

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[Attachment A - Council Policy H-1 - Redline](#)

3. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Several ad hoc committees have been established to address short term projects outside of the 2021 Harbor Commission objectives. The ad hoc committees will provide an update on their projects.

Recommendation:

1) Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

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4. Harbor Commission 2021 Objectives

Each ad hoc committee studying their respective Functional Area within the Commission's 2021 Objectives, will provide a progress update.

Recommendation:

1) Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

2) Receive and file.

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[Attachment A – Harbor Commission 2021 Objectives](#)

[Attachment B – Harbor Commission 2021 Objectives Tracking Sheet](#)

5. Harbormaster Update - May 2021 Activities

The Harbormaster is responsible for the management of the City's mooring fields, the Marina Park Guest Marina, a variety of Harbor activities and Harbor on-the-water City code enforcement. This report will update the Commission on the Harbor Department's activities for May 2021.

Recommendation:

1) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

2) Receive and file.

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[Attachment A - Harbor Stats YTD - May 2021.pdf](#)

[Attachment B - Harbor Stats YOY - May 2021.pdf](#)

- 7) **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS)**
- 8) **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH STAFF ON HARBOR RELATED ISSUES**
- 9) **MATTERS WHICH COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION, OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**
- 10) **DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5 p.m.**
- 11) **ADJOURNMENT**