

May 14, 2019, City Council Consent Calendar Comments

The following comments on items on the Newport Beach City Council agenda are submitted by:

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Item 1. Minutes for the April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019 City Council Meetings

The following corrections indicated in **strikeout underline** format to the passages shown below in *italics* are suggested. The page numbers refer to Volume 64.

Page 74, Item SS5, paragraph 2: “Mayor Dixon introduced Leticia Clark, District Director, Public Affairs and Government Relations, **South Orange County Community College District**, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of her organization.” [Without identifying a particular community college district, it is impossible to know which of the several organizations she accepted the proclamation for. Ms. Clark is evidently an [employee of the South OC College District](#), as well as a [Tustin City Council member](#).]

Page 75, just before Item IV: “City Attorney Harp reported the City Council would adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the items listed in the Closed Session agenda and read the titles.” [I believe there may have been some Council recusals on Item IV.B, but the [video](#) cuts off when the Mayor announces the Council is adjourned to closed session, even though the City Attorney appears to continue to speak. If there were recusals, I think it is important that they be included in the minutes (as well as restored to the video).]

Page 79, paragraph 4 from end: “**Philip Phillip** Greer reviewed election reform history in the County and recommended changing the makeup of the committee.” [ref: [Cal. Bar #96438](#)]

Page 82, two votes recorded in top half of page: For consistency with page 93, since Council member Muldoon was recused from both of these, the vote should be reported as “*The motion unanimously carried **6-0***.” – although the word “unanimously” seems unnecessary in that case, and for the life of me I don’t know why the minutes persist in saying “*The motion unanimously carried*” when no literate speaker of English would say “*The motion 7-0 carried*.” The adverb “unanimously” belongs *after* the verb “carried,” not *before* it.

Page 86, Item SS6: “Nancy **Orazi Arrache** expressed concerns with the number of short term lodging on the Peninsula and Balboa Island, and noted that parking issues are also due to other sources, not just contractors.” [unless there is a speaker card to the contrary, this name and the next appear misspelled]

Page 86, Item SS6: “Jeff **Stoleron Stolrow** discussed parking impacts and safety concerns due to construction on Lido Isle.” [also under Item III on **page 87**]

Page 88, Item XIII: “Jim Mosher expressed concern that the ordinance does not allow for an appeal process relative to the **zoning** hearing **officer** decision (Item 3) ...”

Item 3. Confirmation of Citizen Appointments and Increase in the Number of Council Member Representatives to the Homeless Task Force

I was impressed by the number of applications received for appointment to this committee in a very short time.

That said, I am not convinced the practice of having the Mayor make citizen appointments subject to confirmation by the full Council is a particularly good one.

I also notice a slightly disturbing level of in-breeding among the selections offered, with several giving each other as references. And while I appreciate the prior service of each, I have to wonder if some might want to serve on the committee to promote their own causes and organizations.