



MINUTES FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.
City of Huntington Beach
Council Chambers
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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Chair Lo Grasso called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and Commissioner LoGrasso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Lo Grasso, Chair
David Cicerone, Vice-Chair
Austin Edsell, Commissioner
Dave Chennault, Commissioner
Jon Boomgarden, Commissioner
Tracey Pellman, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Geery, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Zack Zithisakthanakul, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Szilagyi, Finance Manager
Shelby Nobles, Finance, Management Aide

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establishment of subcommittee as directed by City Council at 8/18 meeting

The Commission discussed forming a subcommittee to review the financial impact of the proposed MOU on the General Fund. Commissioners discussed the limited timeline, availability of financial information, and the scope of the Commission's review. Staff confirmed that the proposed MOU, costing information, and related materials were publicly available and that staff would assist the subcommittee. A motion was made to decline establishing the subcommittee due to concerns regarding the timeline and available information. The motion failed. A subsequent motion to establish a three-member subcommittee to review the financial impact passed. The Commission discussed having the subcommittee report its findings and the possibility of holding an additional special meeting if necessary.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Chennault and seconded by Commissioner Cicerone the Finance Commission decline to establish this subcommittee directed by the City Council on the 18th of August regarding the tentative POA agreement. The commission lacks access to the closed session information necessary for a meaningful review, and at this late stage referral, it's not appropriate venue or timing of our involvement. We therefore return the matter to the city council.

The motion carried by the following votes: 3-3-1

Ayes: Chennault; Cicerone; Edsell

Noes: LoGrasso; Boomgarden; Pellman

Abstain: Geery

Motion: Moved by Chair LoGrasso and seconded by Commissioner Pellman to approve Paul Geery, Tracy Pellman, and Jon Boomgarden are part of the MOU subcommittee to provide information by Wednesday, August 26, meeting.

The motion carried by the following votes: 4-2-1

Ayes: LoGrasso; Chennault; Boomgarden; Pellman

Noes: Cicerone; Edsell

Abstain: Geery

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Chair LoGrasso and seconded by Commissioner Boomgarden adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

The motion carried by the following votes: 7-0-1

Ayes: Lo Grasso; Cicerone; Edsell; Chennault; Boomgarden, Pellman

Noes: None

Absent: Geery

Submitted by:

Zack Zithisakthanakul, Chief Financial Officer

By: Shelby Nobles, Management Aide