



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FINANCE COMMISSION**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

5:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center – Lower Level Room B-7
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2702

Chair Small called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Romero; Small, Woodworth

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lori Ann Farrell Harrison; Stephanie Beverage;
Mary Loadman

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Chair Small noted it has been a pleasure serving as Chair for the inaugural term and asked if the Commissioners had any comments.

Hart suggested that the Commission operate similar to the City Council's pro tem policy and nominated Bunten for Chair. There being no further nominations the following motion was made.

Motion: Moved by Hart and seconded by Hreish to nominate Charles Bunten as Commission Chair.

Ayes: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Romero; Small; Woodworth

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 7-0

Chair Bunten thanked Small for his service and opened the floor for nominations for Commission Vice-Chair. Hart nominated Woodworth for Vice Chair and Small seconded. There being no further nominations the following motion was made.

Motion: Moved by Hart and seconded by Small to nominate Carol Woodworth as Vice-Chair.

Ayes: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Romero; Small; Woodworth

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 7-0

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Hart and seconded by Hreish to approve the Finance Commission Minutes dated December 16, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Berge; Bunten; Hart; Hreish; Romero; Small

Noes: None

Abstain: Woodworth

Motion Passed: 6-0

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Library Services – The Director of Library Services, Stephanie Beverage provided an overview of the Library’s recent upgrades: automation of material handling; acquisition of new furniture, modernization of learning zones at the Central Library and expansion of digital services. She reviewed the awards received, annual report and services provided to the community noting the library provides storytime programs to 100 – 400 persons per day; conducts early learning, bi-lingual, adult and workplace literacy programs, offers over 1,200 children’s programs annually with nearly 56,000 storytime attendees and over 1 million combined visitors annually to the five locations serving the Huntington Beach Community. Beverage noted the Central Library is celebrating its 40th year in service and shared that current goals include continued expansion of digital services, membership expansion and continued fund raising efforts to offset costs for services.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked Stephanie Beverage for her efforts to provide high quality services and programming with all of the reductions to staff and funding during the Great Recession. Commissioners asked questions regarding the budget, staffing needs, revenue, grants and donations. Farrell Harrison and Beverage responded to questions posed, with Beverage noting the Friends of the Library and Library Volunteers have given tirelessly and generously to support continued operation of programming and services to meet the needs of the community.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION

1. Huntington Beach Public Library Presentation
2. Huntington Beach Public Library Annual Report
3. FY 2015/16 Library Services Budget

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Director of Finance

By: Mary Loadsman, Administrative Assistant, Finance Department