

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

July 23, 2020

Via Teleconference  
6:00 PM

*Pursuant to the Governor of the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20, and in the interest of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Human Relations Commission and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. All votes were taken by roll call.*

CALL TO ORDER

*A regular Meeting of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:07 pm in the Executive Conference Room 103A located at 276 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Chula Vista, California and by teleconference.*

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners: Branch, Felix, Godinez, Gutierrez (left at 8:19 pm) Kean-Ayub, Lake, Medina, Ratner (Left at 6:30 pm), Vice Chair Gonzalez, Chair Martinez-Montes

ABSENT: Commissioner Zadah

ALSO PRESENT: Courtney Chase, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management. Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager. Glen Googins, City Attorney. Kerry Bigelow, City Clerk. Summer Haskins, Human Resources Technician.

1. INTRODUCTION OF CHULA VISTA CITY MANAGER MARIA KACHADOORIAN.

Action: Ms. Kachadoorian introduced herself to the Commission and is looking forward to working with the Commission in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit any final electronic comments on items on the consent calendar. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that zero electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email.*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 27, 2020.

Staff recommendation: Commission approve the minutes with minor revisions presented by Commissioner Gutierrez

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Memorandum from Commissioner Godinez requesting an excused absence from the February 27, 2020 Human Relations Commission Meeting.

Staff recommendation: approve the absence.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Medina moved to approve staff's recommendations and offered Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3. Commissioner Godinez seconded the motion, and it carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 10 – Branch, Felix, Godinez, Gutierrez, Kean-Ayub, Lake, Medina, Ratner, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Chair Martinez-Montes

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit any final electronic public comments. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that 3 electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email.*

*[The Municipal Code (Section 2.25.230(B)) requires that the minutes reflect the name and city of residence of persons addressing the board/commission, the title of the subject to which their remarks related, and whether they spoke in support of or opposition to the matter. Members of the public cannot be required to provide their name or city of residence; however, if they elect to do so, it should be reflected in the minutes. Sample formats for recording public comments are listed below.]*

*The following public comments were submitted electronically:*

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit electronic comments on the item. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that zero electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email.*

**ACTION:** Commissioner Godinez moved to nominate Paola Martinez Montes to continue her duties as Chair of the Human Relations Commission for FY 2021. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. It carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 9 – Branch, Felix, Godinez, Gutierrez, Kean-Ayub, Lake, Medina, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Chair Martinez-Montes

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Commissioner Ratner left meeting at 6:30 pm and did not participate in the vote.*

**ACTION:** Commissioner Medina moved to nominate Petrina Branch to serve as Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission for FY 2021. Commissioner Martinez Montes seconded the motion. It carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 9 – Branch, Felix, Godinez, Gutierrez, Kean-Ayub, Lake, Medina, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Chair Martinez-Montes

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Commissioner Ratner left meeting at 6:30 pm and did not participate in the vote.*

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING RECENT CIVIL UNREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT AND FUTURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING USE OF FORCE AND OFFICER TRAINING**

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit electronic comments on the item. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that zero electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email*

Action: There was none. Chief of Police Roxanne Kennedy gave a presentation on actions CVPD is taking to address and respond to civil unrest, protests, and community concerns. Chief Kennedy appreciates the good relationship CVPD has with residents and is listening to input and feedback. Commission would like to agendaize for next meeting for additional discussion.

**6. PRESENTATION FROM STAFF ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA IN RESPONSE TO COVID19 AND DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY FROM COVID19.**

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit electronic comments on the item. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that zero electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email*

Action: There was none. Marlon King gave a brief presentation on the actions the City is taking in response to COVID to protect the residents of Chula Vista as well as the employees. Information was also provided by staff on Economic Development, Rental Assistance, and Community Services activities.

7. UPDATE ON STATUES OF HRC RESOLUTION REQUESTING (1) REMOVAL OF THE STATUE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (LOCATED AT DISCOVERY PARK); (2) THAT SAID STATUE BE REPLACED WITH A STATUE THAT REFLECTS CHULA VISTA’S DIVERSITY, INCLUDING ITS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE; (3) THAT DISCOVERY PARK BE RENAMED; AND (4) THAT COLUMBUS DAY BE RENAMED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION REGARDING SAME

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit electronic comments on the item. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that two electronic comments had been received and zero comments had been received via email*

Maggie Baker of Chula Vista submitted comments in favor of Agenda Item 7.

Pablo Quilantan of Chula Vista submitted comments in opposition of Agenda Item 7.

Action: There was none. Commission would like to bring it back for the next meeting to discuss further with more information on the resolution.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, INCLUDING UPDATES FROM, AND/OR FORMATION OF, AD HOC COMMITTEES, ON EVENTS/ACTIVITIES FOR HRC PARTICIPATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/DETAILS</u>	<u>AD HOC</u>
Know Your Rights - Police	TBD	Branch, Felix, Kean-Ayub
South Bay Earth Day	CANCELED	
Chula Vista Harbor Fest	CANCELED	
Chula Vista Pride Day	Est. September 19, 2020?	
National Night Out	Tentative. October 6, 2020	
Chula Vista Starlight Parade	CANCELED	
Know Your Rights - Immigration	TBD	TBD

*Chair Martinez-Montes called for a two-minute pause to allow members of the public to submit electronic comments on the item. Secretary Summer Haskins announced that one electronic comment had been received and zero comments had been received via email*

Maggie Baker of Chula Vista submitted comments in favor of Agenda Item 8

Action: There was none. Commission discussed holding a public forum on the topic of Know Your Rights-Police event. Will discuss at next meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 9. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Martinez Montes discussed the qualified electorate for people to serve on Boards and Commissions regardless of voter's status. The City budget this year is significantly impacted and because of the cost, no ballot measures will be included on the November 2020 ballot. The City Council had a positive discussion on considering changes to requirements for Board/Commission members. The City Council will consider measures to include on the ballot in the 2022 election.

### 10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Branch wanted to thank the Commissioners for voting her in as Vice Chair and she is looking forward to working with the Commission in the future.

### 11. STAFF COMMENTS

#### a. Welcoming City Quarterly Update

Anne Steinberger gave an update on the progress of the Welcoming City Certification. An extension has been granted to complete the Language Access Plan.

#### b. Qualified Electorate

#### c. Future Meeting Items (Meeting Requested):

i. Information on the naming of Discovery Elementary (1/20)

ii. Land Acknowledgement (1/20)

iii. Presentation from South Bay Community Services - Youth Services (1/20)

iv. Welcoming City Quarterly Update - March, June, September, December

ADJOURNMENT Chair Martinez Montes adjourned the meeting at 9:19 pm to the Regular Human Relations Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in Executive Conference Room 103A, located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Building A, Chula Vista, California.

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Summer Haskins

Secretary