



AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

Agenda Item 11A7
Approvals:
City Manager js
Dept. Head _____
Attorney _____
Finance JW

Department: City Clerk
Prepared By: Joanne Baade, City Clerk/Legislative Administrator

Subject: *RESIGNATION OF JOHN MCGUIGAN FROM THE COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Fiscal Impact: Yes. The Clean Ocean Program budget will save approximately \$605 (i.e., \$55 per meeting) while the Coastal Advisory Committee position is vacant.

Summary: John McGuigan has resigned from the Coastal Advisory Committee, effective August 10, 2020. A copy of Mr. McGuigan's resignation email, dated August 10, 2020, is attached. Mr. McGuigan's term on the Coastal Advisory Committee, as well as the terms of all other members of the City's Commissions and Committees, are due to expire on June 30, 2021. On July 1, 2021, Ordinance No. 1697 will become operative, which will enact various changes to the City's Commissions and Committees, including reducing the number of Coastal Advisory Committee members from 7 to 5.

At this time, Council has the discretion to either direct the City Clerk to solicit applications to fill the current unexpired term on the Coastal Advisory Committee, or to direct that recruitment be deferred until May 2021 to coincide with the recruitment efforts for all City Commissions and Committees.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council take action as follows:

1. Accept the resignation of John McGuigan from the Coastal Advisory Committee, with regret.
2. Direct the City Clerk to defer recruitment efforts until May 2021 to coincide with the recruitment efforts for all City Commissions and Committees.

Attachment: Resignation email from John McGuigan

Campagnolo, Laura

To: Baade, Joanne
Subject: RE: Coastal Advisory Committee

From: "McGuigan, John" <McGuiganJ@san-clemente.org>
Date: August 10, 2020 at 6:34:45 PM PDT
To: "Mallett, Cynthia" <MallettC@san-clemente.org>
Subject: Coastal Advisory Committee

Good evening Cynthia,

I have thought long and hard about writing this note.

Please consider this communication as my official resignation from the Coastal Advisory Committee of the City San Clemente.

There are numerous reasons for selecting this course of action, including the ongoing inaction of the City Council to make clear its intentions of committee participation, selection process and term length, selection criteria, as well as what use the council finds in our activities. Nowhere in the past five months during which many coastal decisions were being made did anyone from the city contact our committee for insights, advice, or recommendations.

I have been serving in an ad hoc/temporary position for over one year now with no firm communication from the city of its plans for how they see future service. That lack of interest is telling about how most council members view the work of these important committees and the outreach effort they encourage to "regular" citizens.

Now in reading the documentation of the process of the council wanting work plans that look like project lists, and costing on the first line, shows how unfamiliar they must be with the work of their committees.

I have enjoyed my interactions with you, Eileen and other staff members, and my time on the committee, but current circumstances make clear that this activity is not valued by anyone at city hall and now starting to do these meetings via zoom is a situation that I don't see any reason to utilizing my time, skill set, or experience.

If I need to put this resignation in a different format, please let me know.

Respectfully,

John B McGuigan