

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO RECREATION & PARKS
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Bob Motta called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Motta - Present
Vice Chairperson Watson - Present
Commissioner Cavagnolo - Present
Commissioner Lubs - Present
Commissioner Stolnack - Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Commissioner Cavagnolo, SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Watson, approving Regular Commission meeting minutes of September 17, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 4/0. *Commissioner Stolnack abstained as she was not present at this meeting.*

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Employee Spotlight: Viviann Gonzalez

Recreation Manager Linnea Palmer spoke about the achievements of Senior Administrative Specialist Viviann Gonzalez.

3. El Segundo Beach Shuttle Service

Recreation Supervisor Ryan Delgado reviewed the El Segundo Beach Shuttle Service presentation. Vice Chairperson Watson inquired about a potential correlation between the increase in shuttle usage during Fourth of July and the Junior Lifeguard Program, and whether the shuttle might be better utilized as a charter service. Commissioner Stolnack asked if a recent decline in ridership could be attributed to the introduction of the Rec ID requirement and the implementation of service fees. Commissioner Cavagnolo raised questions regarding the rider survey and requested clarification on the planned sunset timeline for the program. Commissioner Lubs asked how ridership is tracked and inquired about the grant funding the service. Recreation Supervisor Delgado provided additional information.

MOTION by Vice Chairperson Watson, SECONDED by Commissioner Cavagnolo approving to sunset the El Segundo Beach Shuttle Program and consider event-based use in the future. MOTION PASSED. 5/0.

4. Urho Saari Swim Stadium / Plunge Renovation Project Update

Aquatics Manager Joseph Lormans provided an update on the Urho Saari Swim Stadium/Plunge Renovation Project on behalf of Public Works regarding construction progress and the efforts of the Historical Display Working Group. Commissioner Lubs inquired about the metal cages on the west-facing windows, asking if they are still in place. Commissioner Stolnack asked for an update on the fundraising status, including the deadline for donors to contribute in order to be recognized with a commemorative plaque. Vice Chairperson Watson inquired whether images would be included on the donor recognition wall. Aquatics Manager Lormans provided additional information.

5. Appoint RPC Review Panel

The item was mistakenly included on the agenda and was not discussed.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Stolnack requested that future Director's Reports include a regular update on tree removals, including the reason for each removal and whether replacement trees are being planted to support regrowth. Parks Superintendent Christopher Hentzen provided additional information.

E. STAFF COMMENTS

Recreation Manager Palmer informed the Commission that an item on the revenue and usage of Pickleball, Tennis, and Paddle courts will be added to next month's agenda, following a request from the Park Renovation Subcommittee for the topic to be brought before the Commission.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stolnack provided an update on the General Land Use Element Update Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting that was held on Oct. 2nd, which focuses on the El Segundo Vision 2050 initiative. She noted the survey results from the community will be presented to City Council on the October 21st meeting and that the TAC is expected to meet again soon.

Commissioner Lubs congratulated Senior Administrative Specialist Gonzalez for being featured in the Employee Spotlight for the month. He also thanked the Aquatics Subcommittee for their efforts on the challenging and often controversial Aquatics Business Plan.

Commissioner Cavagnolo reported that the Aquatics Subcommittee will be holding a meeting on Monday, October 19th.

Vice Chairperson Watson gave an update on the Major Events Ad Hoc Committee, sharing that the committee will be presenting recommendations to

City Council including a proposed short-term rental program for the World Cup and Olympics, advertising opportunities, and pop-up events throughout the city. She also thanked Commissioner Cavagnolo for his work on the Aquatics Business Plan.

Chairperson Motta echoed the congratulations to Senior Administrative Specialist Gonzalez for being featured in the Employee Spotlight and expressed appreciation to Parks Superintendent Hentzen for providing thorough responses to Commission questions.

Adjourned at 6:37 PM

Viviann Gonzalez

Viviann Gonzalez, Senior Administrative Specialist II