

July 17, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
July 22, 2003

VETERANS PREFERENCE BALLOT MEASURE –
AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE

Recommendation:

That the City Council review the background material for the ballot measure.

Background:

I have attached the information on the ballot measure that you were provided in 2002 when this issue was last discussed by the City Council.

This includes the staff reports, City Attorney opinion, proposed resolutions and the minutes of the February 26, 2002 meeting when then decision was made to place the issue on the ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

July 17, 2003

City Council Meeting
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RESOLUTIONS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003 A MEASURE TO ALLOW A MILITARY VETERANS PREFERENCE IN THE SCORING OF EMPLOYMENT EXAMS AND AN ADVISORY MEASURE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BIKEPATH ON THE BEACH

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the order and wording of the two ballot measure questions; and
- 2) Adopt the attached resolution calling and giving notice of the submittal of the two measures to voters.

Background:

At its meeting of February 26, 2002, the City Council directed that the issue of a veteran's preference program be placed on the ballot of the November 2003 General Municipal Election. Attached is a memorandum from City Manager Burrell dated July 17, 2003, along with background material from 2002 related to that issue.

At its meeting of July 8, 2003, the City Council directed that an advisory measure relating to the construction of a separate bike path on the beach be placed on the November ballot as well. The issue had been agendized at the request of John Bowler at the meeting of June 10, 2003.

At its meeting of June 10, 2003, the City Council adopted the resolutions required to call the November 4, 2003 General Municipal Election for the election of a City Clerk, a City Treasurer, and two members of the City Council. The resolution required for placing the two above-noted measures on the November ballot is attached. The other relevant resolutions are included in the next agenda item.

The County's deadline for the submittal of all resolutions required for the placement of measures on the ballot is Friday, August 8. Unless the Council schedules a special meeting, the meeting of July 22 is the last regular Council meeting prior to that deadline.

Before adopting the resolution, the Council must approve the order and the wording of the ballot measure questions, which, pursuant to Elections Code Section 13247, is limited to a maximum of 75

words. The measures are listed in the order received. The City Attorney formulated the questions, and the suggested wording is as follows:

Shall an ordinance be adopted amending the City’s Civil Service System to allow military veterans a preference in the scoring of competitive employment examinations?	YES	
	NO	

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: Should the City Council consider constructing a separate bike path on the beach?	YES	
	NO	

If Council changes the wording suggested above, the resolution would be adopted noting the amended wording. The proposed ordinance amending the Civil Service Code is attached to the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF A PROPOSED QUESTION RELATING TO AMENDING THE CITY’S CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR A PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND AN ADVISORY MEASURE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPARATE BIKE PATH ON THE BEACH.

Elaine Doerfling, City Clerk

Noted:

Stephen R. Burrell, City Manager

Attachments: Resolution to place measures on November 4 ballot
 Proposed ordinance (veterans preference) attached to resolution as Exhibit A
 City Manager’s memo and attached background information

Exhibit “A”

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AMENDING THE CITY’S CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM TO ALLOW MILITARY VETERANS A PREFERENCE IN THE SCORING OF COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT EXAMINATIONS

The People of the City of Hermosa Beach Do Ordain as Follows:

SECTION 1 Section 2.76.110 of Title 2, Chapter 2.76 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code is amended by adding thereto a new paragraph G. to read as follows:

”G. Veterans’ preference. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the personnel rules and regulations from awarding a credit to the passing score of a military veteran on a competitive examination.”

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WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach desires to submit to the voters at the election a question relating to amending the City's Civil Service Ordinance to allow military veterans a preference in the scoring of competitive employment examinations, and an advisory measure relating to whether or not the City Council should consider the construction of a separate path on the beach; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized and directed by statute to submit the proposed ordinance and advisory measure to the voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Hermosa Beach, California, on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, a General Municipal Election.

SECTION 2. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does order submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election the following questions:

Shall an ordinance be adopted amending the City's Civil Service System to	YES	
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ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: Should the City Council consider constructing a separate bike path on the beach?	YES	
	NO	

SECTION 3 That the proposed ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections and as specified in Resolution No. 03-6272, adopted by the Council on June 10, 2003, calling and giving notice of the General Municipal Election of November 4, 2003 for the election of certain officers.

SECTION 5. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder.

SECTION 7. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2003.

PRESIDENT of the City Council and **MAYOR** of the City of Hermosa Beach

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney

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