

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council at Joslyn Community Center
Public Participation Via Zoom

City Council Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Suzanne Hadley

Mayor Pro Tem Hildy Stern

Councilmember Steve Napolitano

Councilmember Richard Montgomery

Councilmember Joe Franklin

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hadley called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Hadley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation Recognizing Police Officer Michael Lynch as Police Officer of the Year and Acting Battalion Chief Tyler Wade as Firefighter of the Year. [21-0097](#)
PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Hadley, Police Chief Derrick Abell, and Interim Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe presented certificates of commendation to Michael Lynch as Police Officer of the Year and Tyler Wade as Firefighter of the Year.

Mayor Hadley recognized Interim Fire Chief Knabe for his service, as his last day with the City is June 4, 2021.

Interim Fire Chief Knabe thanked the City Council.

2. Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Commissioners: Planning Commissioners Fournier and Thompson, Parks & Recreation Commissioners Nicholson and Cullen, Cultural Arts Commissioner Ryan, and Library Commissioner Bailey. [21-0163](#)
PRESENT

Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented plaques to the following outgoing commissioners: Planning Commissioners Stewart Fournier and Richard Thompson, Parks and Recreation Commissioners Steven Nicholson and Matthew Cullen, Cultural Arts Commissioner Shannon Ryan, and Library Commissioner Jordan Bailey.

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of June 2021, as LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer or Questioning) Pride Month.

[21-0179](#)

PRESENT

Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented PFLAG representative and Co-Founder of their South Bay Chapter, Linda Reeves, with a proclamation declaring June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Councilmember Napolitano, Councilmember Montgomery and Councilmember Franklin

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, to approve the agenda and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Hadley announced the Mayor's Town Hall on Public Safety, which will occur on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:00PM.

Management Services, Management Analyst Alexandria Latragna announced that the City of Manhattan Beach and the City of Beverly Hills were selected as joint-winners of the World Health Organization's "World No Tobacco Day Award."

Management Services, Senior Deputy City Clerk Martha Alvarez, confirmed that the following public comments were received by the City for the June 1, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting:

*Agenda Item No. 10
2 eComments
11 emails*

*Agenda Item No. 11
2 eComments
4 emails*

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals spoke:

*Josh Murray
Fred Taylor*

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

G. COVID-19**4. City Manager Report on EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and Update on COVID-19 Response.**

City Manager Bruce Moe reported on the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Napolitano, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

5. City Council Minutes: [21-0102](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meetings:

- a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes (Budget Study Session) of May 11, 2021
- c) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021
- b) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021 (City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. Financial Reports: [21-0125](#)

- a) Schedule of Demands May 6, 2021, and May 13, 2021
- b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending April 30, 2021
- c) Month End Report for April 30, 2021 (Finance Director Charelian).

ACCEPT REPORTS AND DEMANDS

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Consideration of a Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Confirmation [21-0176](#)

of a Prior Delegation to the City Manager of Authority to Take Action in the Emergency Without Competitive Bids Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, and Authorization of Repairs to Parking Structure Lot 3 (Interim Public Works Director Lee).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0045

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

K. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Report on the Use of Homeless Court Services and Funding Sources for Homeless Services (Continued from the May 18, 2021, City Council Meeting) (City Manager Moe). [21-0171](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Management Services, Senior Management Analyst George Gabriel provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Senior Management Analyst Gabriel, City Attorney Quinn Barrow, and Police Chief Derrick Abell responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

The City Council provided direction for staff to continue exploring homeless court, identify necessary funding, perform a cost-benefit analysis, and provide information on the process to request the authority to prosecute state law misdemeanors from LA County District Attorney Gascon.

**9. Report on the City's Ambassador Program Analyzing Activities, Expenditures, and Feedback of the Program (Verbal Report) (City Manager Moe).
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

City Manager Bruce Moe provided an introduction of the item.

Senior Management Analyst George Gabriel and Police Lieutenant Andy Harrod provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Police Lieutenant Harrod responded to City Council questions.

Councilmember Franklin inquired if the Downtown Business and Professional Association or the Chamber of Commerce could provide QR Codes to the Ambassadors to enable the public to scan them and receive a directory of the Downtown area.

City Manager Bruce Moe provided that the City will work with the Downtown Business and Professional Association to figure out the best way to distribute the information.

Senior Management Analyst Gabriel and Police Chief Derrick Abell responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals spoke:

*Mike Simms
David Slay
Jill Lamkin
Alita Rethmeyer
Michael Zislis*

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

City Manager Moe, Senior Management Analyst Gabriel, and Police Lieutenant Harrod responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Hadley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern to allocate \$125,000 toward funding the City's Ambassador Program through Labor Day and allow the Police Department to schedule the ambassadors at its discretion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

At 8:51 PM, City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:02 PM with all Councilmembers present.

10. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution to Express Support for Local Control and Authority as it Relates to Land Use, Zoning, and Housing Issues (ACA 7) (Community Development Director Tai). [21-0177](#)
CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-0046

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided the staff presentation.

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals spoke:

*Zack Dean
Alita Rethmeyer*

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to adopt Resolution No. 21-0046 expressing support for actions to further strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as related to local land use and housing issues. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

City Manager Bruce Moe responded to City Council questions.

11. Discussion of Fees for the Business Use of the Public Right-of-Way (Community Development Director Tai). [21-0178](#)
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided the staff presentation.

Community Development Director Tai, City Manager Bruce Moe, and Finance Director Steve Charelian responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals spoke:

*Donald McPherson
Susan Bales
Suzanne Lerner on behalf of Carol Perrin
Suzanne Lerner
Heather Kim
Ron Newman
Kelly Stroman
Staci Clark
Mike Simms
David Slay
Michael Zislis*

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to continue this item until the July 6, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

12. Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Council Work Plan (City Manager Moe). [21-0100](#)
APPROVE

Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Hadley closed the floor to public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Council Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

13. Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Operating Budget (Finance Director Charelian). [21-0170](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Councilmember Montgomery requested that staff take advantage of Edison and State monies available July 1, 2021 to add EV chargers to the east side of Manhattan Beach.

City Manager Bruce Moe and Finance Director Steve Charelian responded to City Council questions.

The City Council directed staff to allocate \$250,000 toward playground apparatus fall zone surfaces improvements at five elementary schools within the City's Proposed 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Finance Director Charelian provided a brief staff presentation.

City Attorney Barrow responded to City Council questions and stated that the public will have another opportunity to be able to provide comments during the public hearing on June 15, 2021.

L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

None.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Hadley requested that City Council reschedule the August 17, 2021 Regular City Council meeting to August 24, 2021. Councilmember Montgomery and Councilmember Franklin supported the request.

N. CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

14. Commission Minutes: [21-0164](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the following City Commission Meetings:

- a) Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman)
- b) Library Commission Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman)
- c) Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2021 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman)
- d) Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2021 (Finance Director Charelian).

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

Q. CLOSED SESSION

None.

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 PM, Mayor Hadley adjourned the meeting to the 4:30 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Patricia Matson
Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hadley
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk