

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Joe Franklin

Mayor Pro Tem Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

Councilmember David Lesser

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Ava Wennerstrand-Penn of Robinson Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

Present: 5 - Mayor Franklin, Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, Councilmember Charelian, Councilmember Howorth and Councilmember Lesser

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

- 1. Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Commissioners: Planning Commissioner Ungoco; Parking and Public Improvements Commissioners Kirschenbaum and Marcy; Parks and Recreation Commissioner Aggarwal; Library Commissioners Doll and Cullen; and Board of Building Appeals Members Adami, Freitag and Yang. [26-0340](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Franklin presented plaques to the following outgoing commission members:

*Ishaan Aggarwal
 Dina Doll
 Kylie Cullen
 Cyrus Adami*

Unable to attend:
*Joseph Ungoco
 Allen Kirschenbaum
 Joe Marcy
 Thomas Freitag
 Jim Yang*

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Lesser, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to consider Item No. 16 prior to Item No. 15, and pull Agenda Item Nos. 8 and 12 to be heard under Section I - Items Removed From the Consent Calendar and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

F. CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS (1 MINUTE PER PERSON)

Library Manager Cassandra Sargent announced that the Summer Discovery Program has begun. The kickoff event will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM and will include entertainment by juggler Michael Raynor, arts and crafts activities, lawn games, and frozen treats. The program is open to all ages.

Waste Management Recycling Education Representative Bobby Bell announced the "Free Paper Shredding" event at Mira Costa High School on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Manhattan Beach Resident Mike Jenkins announced that the City's annual Juneteenth celebration will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at Polliwog Park, featuring food trucks, a vendor village, music, dancing, a poetry slam, and a performance by WST CMPLX to kick off the summer concert series. The event opens at 2:00 PM, with the ceremony at 3:00 PM and the concert at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Franklin announced that the Marine Mammal Care Center recently released three rehabilitated sea lion pups back into the ocean and noted the City's continued support for the Center over the next three years.

Councilmember Charelian announced that Mira Costa High School won its sixth championship this month, noting that the baseball team captured the CIF title after a strong comeback performance.

Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay congratulated the Mira Costa High School boys indoor volleyball team for winning the state final and noted that the school's 4x800 relay team placed third at the state level, highlighting the strength of the school's athletics program.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

*Stefan Kampe - Public Comments
Fred Taylor - Operating Budget*

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

H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Councilmember Lesser, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to approve the Consent Calendar with Agenda Item Nos. 8 and 12 being removed to be heard under Section I - Items Removed From the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

2. City Council Minutes: [26-0339](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meeting(s):

- a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2026
- b) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026
- c) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

(No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

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

3. Declaration of Proclamations for the Following: [26-0342](#)

- a) June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Day
- b) June 2026, as LGBTQI+ Pride Month
- c) June 2026, as National Safety Month

PROCLAIM

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

4. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Interagency Memorandum of [26-0274](#)

Understanding Agreement between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and City of Manhattan Beach for Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (No Budget Impact) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0045

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

5. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 to the [26-0323](#)

Professional Services Agreement with Jeffrey Miller Architecture and Design Corporation for \$350,000 for Additional Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Five City Building Facilities Remodel Projects for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$746,597 (No Budget Impact) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0051

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

6. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting a List of Street Repair Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road and Accountability Act of 2017; and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Submit the Necessary Project Information to the California Transportation Commission (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0318](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0052

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

7. Consideration of Resolutions Approving Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreements with Z&K Consultants, Inc. for \$299,972 and Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with SA Associates for \$99,850 for Project Management Consulting Services to Support the Delivery of Capital Improvement Projects (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco) [26-0325](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 26-0046 AND 26-0047

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

8. Consideration of a Resolution Waiving Formal Bidding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Purchase Order to Meridian Rapid Defense Group, Inc. for Public Safety Barriers Rentals for the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup 2026 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$200,000 (Not Budgeted) (Police Chief Johnson). [26-0315](#)
A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0044
B) WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING
C) APPROPRIATE FUNDS

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard under Section I - Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.

9. Consideration of Awarding Bid No. 1348-26 to Courtesy Chevrolet Center for the Purchase of Three Budgeted Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for the Police Department in the Amount of \$186,332.94 (Budgeted) (Finance Director Bretthauer). [26-0334](#)
APPROVE

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

10. Consideration of the Second Reading and Adoption of Increasing Fines for Violations of Municipal Code Chapter 4.88 Relating to Short-Term Rentals and Other Transient Uses Pursuant to State Law (No Budget Impact) (City Attorney Barrow). [26-0358](#)
ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-0008

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

11. Downtown Hazardous Spill Emergency Response Report (Unbudgeted) [26-0361](#)
(Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).
RECEIVE AND FILE

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

12. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee, LLC (LAWCHC) Grant in the Amount of Up to \$2,898,597 to Reimburse the City for Costs Incurred in Providing Public Safety Services in Support of the 2026 FIFA World Cup (Not Budgeted) (Police Chief Johnson). [26-0360](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0053

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard under Section I - Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Consideration of a Resolution Waiving Formal Bidding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Purchase Order to Meridian Rapid Defense Group, Inc. for Public Safety Barriers Rentals for the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup 2026 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$200,000 (Not Budgeted) (Police Chief Johnson). [26-0315](#)
A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0044
B) WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING
C) APPROPRIATE FUNDS

Councilmember Charelian stated that he pulled the item so the public could have a better understanding of what was being presented, noting that it was not budgeted at \$200,000 and involved waiving formal bidding.

Police Chief Rachel Johnson responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to public comments.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0044, waiving formal bidding and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a sole-source purchase order to Meridian Barriers, Inc. for public safety barrier rentals for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000; waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers); and authorize an appropriation of \$200,000 from the unreserved General Fund balance, which will subsequently be reimbursed by FIFA World Cup Grant Program Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

12. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee, LLC (LAWCHC) Grant in the Amount of Up to \$2,898,597 to Reimburse the City for Costs Incurred in Providing Public Safety Services in Support of the 2026 FIFA World Cup (Not Budgeted) (Police Chief Johnson). [26-0360](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0053

Councilmember Charelian stated that he pulled the item to obtain clarification on whether all associated costs were included in the current budget.

Police Chief Rachel Johnson, City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian and Finance Director Libby Bretthauer responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to public comments.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0053, approving a grant agreement between the City of Manhattan Beach and the Los Angeles World Cup Host Committee, LLC (LAWCHC) for reimbursement of the costs associated with public safety services incurred by the City in connection with the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. Public Hearing to Consider Introducing an Ordinance Amending Sections of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code and the Manhattan Beach Local Coastal Program to Implement Programs Outlined in the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element (No Budget Impact) (Community Development Director Alkire)

[26-0355](#)

(Estimated Time: 5 Mins.)

CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Director Masa Alkire stated that the recommendation is to open the public hearing and then continue to the June 16, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing.

Mayor Franklin stated that the Item will continue to the June 16, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

14. Conduct Public Hearing and Consideration of Renewing the City's Military Equipment Policy by Introducing Ordinance No. 26-0003 (No Budget Impact) (Police Chief Johnson).

[26-0338](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Mins.)

- A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
- B) RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2025 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT
- C) CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 26-0003 TO RENEW ORDINANCE NO. 22-0006 AGAIN, WHICH ESTABLISHED A MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY

Police Chief Rachel Johnson introduced Police Lieutenant Matt Sabosky who provided the staff presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing. The following individual(s) spoke:

Stefan Kampe

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing.

Police Lieutenant Sabosky and Police Chief Johnson responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to receive and file the 2025 Annual Military Equipment report; and introduce Ordinance No. 26-0003, renewing a previously approved Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Assembly Bill 481 and Government Code Section 7070, Et Seq.

City Attorney Barrow read the title for Ordinance No. 26-0003:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH RENEWING A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481 AND GOVERNMENT CODE §7070, ET SEQ.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

15. Conduct Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Through Fiscal Year 2030-2031 (Included in Proposed Budget) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

[26-0356](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Mins.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0048

Public Hearing Item No. 15 was heard after Public Hearing Item No. 16.

16. Conduct Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and the Gann Appropriations Limit (Finance Director Bretthauer).

[26-0328](#)

(Estimated Time: 1 Hr.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 26-0049 AND 26-0050

Finance Director Libby Bretthauer provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco, Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins, Finance Director Bretthauer, City Manager Talyn Mirzakhonian and Community Development Director Masa Alkire responded to City Council questions.

Finance Director Bretthauer continued with the PowerPoint presentation on Follow Up Items from May 5, 2026, Cost Containment - Review Contract & Professional Services.

At 7:58 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:16 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

Finance Director Bretthauer continued with the PowerPoint presentation on Follow Up Items From May 5, 2026 - Revenue Enhancement Options and responded to City Council questions.

Finance Director Bretthauer continued with the PowerPoint presentation on Follow up Items from May 5, 2026 - Other Modifications to Budget and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing. The following individual(s) spoke:

Stefan Kampe

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing.

City Manager Mirzakhonian and Finance Director Bretthauer responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lesser, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to incorporate the low- and medium-impact Cost Containment Measures and direct the Finance Subcommittee to explore additional expenditure reductions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Charelian, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to approve the CERT funding request of an \$10,200 annual contribution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to approve Item Nos. 2 through 6 on page 46 of the PowerPoint presentation as listed: (Street Lighting & Landscape Fund Transfer from General Fund Update, Gas Tax Fund Revenue Increase, Correction to move Roundhouse Contribution from General Fund to State Pier & Parking Fund, Cost Containment Measures, and CIP changes based on City Council direction from May 12, 2026). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

City Attorney Quinn Barrow, City Manager Mirzakhaniah and Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to convert one full-time Parks and Recreation Department Transportation Services Operator to one full-time Recreation Coordinator; upgrade one full-time Fire Department Executive Assistant to one full-time Administrative Analyst; and upgrade one full-time Information Technology Department Office Assistant to one full-time Administrative Assistant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco and Finance Director Bretthauer responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to add one full time Human Resources Assistant to the Human Resources Department, one full time Management Analyst to the Public Works Department, and will revisit the proposed addition of a full time Sewer Maintenance Worker at the Mid Year Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Tarnay, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 2 - Franklin and Charelian

City Manager Mirzakhaniah responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0049, adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget as amended in Exhibit "A." The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Charelian, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0050, establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2027, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

At 10:13 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Lesser, seconded by Mayor Franklin, to extend the meeting time past 11:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

At 10:14 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 10:22 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

15. Conduct Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Through Fiscal Year 2030-2031 (Included in Proposed Budget) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

[26-0356](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Mins.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0048

Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco introduced City Engineer Gilbert Gamboa who provided the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing. The following individual(s) spoke:

Stefan Kampe

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charelian, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0048, approving the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 through 2030-2031. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

K. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. Consideration of the Approval of City Council Assignments (Continued from the May 19, 2026, City Council Meeting) (No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0352](#)
(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

APPROVE

City Clerk Liza Tamura stated that this item was continued from the last City Council meeting to provide the City Council an opportunity for discussion.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow and City Clerk Tamura responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin confirmed that there were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tarnay, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to approve the City Council Assignments as amended at the conclusion of City Council's discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Tarnay, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 1 - Franklin

L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

18. City Council AB 1234 Reports. [26-0357](#)
RECEIVE AND FILE

None.

19. Consideration of a Request by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay and Councilmember Howorth to Discuss and Evaluate Taking a Position on the National Park Services Efforts to Include Manhattan Beach in the National Park System (City Manager Mirzakhonian). [26-0348](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Franklin provided that he would be the third vote in order to have the item return on a future agenda.

City Council directed staff to provide a comprehensive report evaluating whether the City should take a position on the National Park Service's effort to include Manhattan Beach in the National Park System.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Howorth requested to agendize a discussion to review the agenda structure as it pertains to the process for pulling items from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Lesser concurred.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

N. CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

20. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0341](#)
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

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

21. Commission Minutes: [26-0351](#)
This Item Contains Minutes of the following City Commission Meetings:
a) Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026
(Parks and Recreation Director Leyman)
b) Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026
(Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

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

22. Recent Planning Commission Quasi-Judicial Decisions: Use Permit to [26-0331](#)
allow the once-weekly Manhattan Beach Certified Farmers' Market to
permanently operate in the parking lot and plaza of the Manhattan Beach
Civic Center site on Tuesdays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00
p.m. located at 1400 Highland Avenue
(Community Development Director Alkire).
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

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

Q. CLOSED SESSION

None.

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 PM, Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting to the June 16, 2026, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Joe Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk