

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, April 30, 2026

5:00 PM

State of the City

Westdrift Hotel

1400 Parkview Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor David Lesser

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin

Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lesser called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred after Item D. Public Comments.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna.

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

Absent: 0 - Mayor Pro Tem Franklin arrived after Roll Call

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

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

At 5:01 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Calista Yun, winner for her business "Tuff Cookie," led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Lesser introduced Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Chair, Jessica Vincent, who provided remarks for the 2026 State of the City and introduced John Thorrington, LAFC Co-President, General Manager and former professional soccer player, who presented Master of Ceremony.

LAFC Co-President, General Manager and former professional soccer player Thorrington introduced Mayor David Lesser, who presented the "2026 View for the City."

Mayor Lesser introduced Police Chief Rachel Johnson, who presented the "State of MBPD."

Police Chief Johnson introduced City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian, who presented "Moving Business Forward in Manhattan Beach."

City Manager Mirzakhanian introduced Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jill Lamkin, who presented "How to Capitalize on the World Cup in Manhattan Beach."

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Lamkin introduced Alexi Lalas, FOX Sports World Cup commentator and former Team USA soccer player, who presented "World Cup Visitors: What to Expect."

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Lamkin introduced Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board President Tina Shivpuri, who presented "Future of Public Education."

Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board President Shivpuri introduced Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Executive Director Hilary Mahan, who presented "Public Education Funding."

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce President Lamkin provided closing remarks for the 2026 State of the City.

Mayor Lesser recognized and introduced the Western State League Champion Red Bananas AYSO U14 Girls Soccer Team.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:03 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting to the May 5, 2026, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

David Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk