

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

6:00 PM

Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting

Police/Fire Conference Room

City Council

Mayor David J. Lesser
Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth
Councilmember Wayne Powell
Councilmember Mark Burton
Councilmember Tony D'Errico

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL - City Council and Planning Commission

Attendees:

*Mayor David Lesser
Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth
Councilmember Wayne Powell
Councilmember Mark Burton
Councilmember Tony D'Errico
Planning Commissioner Steve Ortmann
Planning Commissioner Martha Andreani
Planning Commissioner Paul Gross
Planning Commissioner Kathleen Paralusz
Planning Commission Chair Chris Conaway
City Manager Dave Carmany
Community Development Director Richard Thompson*

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Tamura confirmed the meeting was properly posted.

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

Mayor Lesser suggested that Item No. 3 (Status Report on Various Pending Projects) be heard before Item No. 2 (Discussion of Potential Initiatives for City Council Consideration) - current items before suggested new items. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person)

Viet Ngo emphasized that decisions made by the City Council and Planning Commission should be based on the law; stated that the \$500 charge for filing an appeal should be changed; alleged that some decisions are made based on friendships and that culture should be changed.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Purpose of Joint Meetings and Roles of the Planning Commission and City Council

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Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Boards and Commissions Handbook](#)

City Manager Carmany welcomed the City Council and Commissioners and spoke of the purpose of the meeting and aspects of Commissioners duties.

The City Council expressed their thanks to the Planning Commissioners and spoke of their high level of professionalism.

There were no requests from the public to speak on this item.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

3. Status Report on Various Pending Projects

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Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Sepulveda Development Guide](#)

The City Council, Planning Commission and staff discussed three of the main projects (Manhattan Village Mall, Mansionization and the Sepulveda Corridor) that are either currently before the Planning Commission or soon will be.

No direction was given to staff with regard to Mansionization and Sepulveda Corridor.

With regard to the Manhattan Village Mall, City Council concurred with staff's recommendation to designate City Council as the final decision maker.

There were no requests from the public to speak on this item.

At 8:05 p.m. the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:17 p.m. with all Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners present.

2. Discussion of Potential Initiatives for City Council Consideration.

DISCUSS, PROVIDE DIRECTION

The City Council and Planning Commission held a discussion including the appeal process, the Community Development Director's discretion, the four-point topography rule, public parking spaces used as private parking, how to best keep informed on current City issues, the sign ordinance, the 10:30 p.m. end time and downtown aesthetics.

There were no requests from the public to speak on this item.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:36 p.m. the April 30, 2013, Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting was adjourned to the 4:00 p.m. City Council Closed Session Meeting to be followed by the 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in City Council Chambers, in said City.

Vida Barone
Recording Secretary

David J. Lesser
Mayor

Liza Tamura
City Clerk