

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers and Zoom

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

Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

Present: 4 - Mayor Lesser, Mayor Pro Tem Franklin (Zoomed In), Councilmember Tarnay, and Councilmember Howorth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Charelian

At 5:13 PM, Councilmember Charelian arrived.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Tarnay, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay and Howorth

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Charelian

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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

Scott Yanofsky

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

F. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced the following Closed Session:

I. ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Agency Negotiator:

Peter Brown, Chief Negotiator

Employee Group(s):

Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (EXISTING LITIGATION)
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

1) Name of Case: Highrose El Porto LLC. v City of Manhattan Beach, et al.

Los Angeles Superior

Case No: 25STCP04250

2) Name of Case: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association, Local 3925,

a Labor Association, et al. v City of Manhattan Beach

United States District Court District of California

Case No: 24-4228

II. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 PM, the City Council recessed into Closed Session.

At 5:13 PM, Councilmember Charelian arrived.

III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 8:01 PM, the City Council reconvened into Open Session with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Franklin being absent.

IV. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced that the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss three separate items as identified on the agenda. The City Council gave direction. There was no reportable action taken.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting to the February 3, 2026, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Jamie Morita
Recording Secretary

David Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk