

# 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.*

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**Jamie Morita**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**David Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Liza Tamura**  
**City Clerk**