

# City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

**1:00 PM**

**Closed Session**

**City Council Chambers**

## **City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting**

*Mayor David Lesser  
Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth  
Councilmember Steve Napolitano  
Councilmember Nancy Hersman  
Councilmember Richard Montgomery*

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**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*At 1:00 PM, Mayor Lesser called the meeting to order.*

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. ROLL CALL**

**Present** 5 - Mayor David Lesser, Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth, City Councilmember Steve Napolitano, City Councilmember Nancy Hersman, and City Councilmember Richard Montgomery

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

*David Grethen spoke about the Gelson's litigation, transparency, and non-disclosure of cases involving the City.*

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow clarified that settlements involving the City are always public. However, sometimes, private parties settle litigation and the City is not privy to the terms of the settlement such settlements cannot change City approvals.*

*Mayor Lesser requested for there to be a report at the next City Council Regular Meeting regarding the same information that was just provided at this meeting.*

**E. ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN  
CLOSED SESSION**

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced the following Closed Session.*

**I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
(ANTICIPATED LITIGATION)  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))**

**Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Manhattan Beach  
City Council has decided to initiate litigation regarding recent road  
modifications in Los Angeles including Playa Del Rey, Marina Del  
Rey and Playa Vista.**

**II. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code Section 54957)**

**Titles: City Manager, City Attorney**

**F. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

*At 1:05 PM, Mayor Lesser announced that City Council would recess into Closed  
Session.*

**G. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

*At 4:38 PM, the City Council reconvened into Open Session with all Councilmembers  
present.*

**H. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION**

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced that in respect to item I, City Council gave  
direction to the City Attorney and in respect to item II, there was no reportable action  
taken.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 4:39 PM Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.*

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**Martha Alvarez**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**David Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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