

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

City Council

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

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Adrian Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mayor Powell introduced Marilyn Scott who sang the National Anthem.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Powell, Mayor Pro Tem Burton, Councilmember D'Errico, Councilmember Lesser and Councilmember Howorth

D. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Liza Tamura confirmed tha the meeting had been properly posted.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Burton thanked the City Manager and the Mayor for the great agenda.

City Manager Mark Danaj asked that the City Council defer Item No. 14 to a future meeting.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Powell so ordered the Agenda to be approved with the exception of Item No. 14 which was deferred to another meeting.

F. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

- 1. Recognition of Michael Norton for his Outstanding Accomplishment in the Television Industry. [14-0474](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Powell presented the "I ♥ MB Award" Commendation to Michael Norton for his outstanding accomplishments in the Television Industry.

- 2. Recognition of Captain Derrick Abell for Graduating from the FBI National Academy. [14-0462](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Powell presented a Certificate of Recognition to Captain Derrick Abell for Graduating from the FBI National Academy.

G. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mark Danaj reported that Staff will now present quarterly budget updates and the first update will be presented at the City Council Meeting on November 4, 2014. This first updated report will serve as a launch for the City's new "Open Gov" application that provides public access to the City's financial performance data. City Manager Danaj further added that Staff held a meeting with Management and Owners of the Manhattan Village, Mall at their request, and they have committed to getting back to Staff with a formal status update and proposed next steps, and this will be reported to City Council when it is received.

H. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton asked City Attorney Quinn Barrow to report on the recent settlement agreement.

City Attorney Barrow reported that the settlement agreement was a public document, there is a joint media statement (also a public document), and that the Attorney for the Plaintiff made certain statements to the press that he has recanted.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton commended the Manhattan Beach Police Department for the outstanding work that they do.

I. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Howorth announced the Pier-to-Pier Friendship Circle Walk sponsored by Sketchers, the Pumpkin Races and the Downtown Trick-or-Treating on Sunday, October 26, 2014.

Mayor Powell also commented on the competition between City Departments, City Council and Mayor's Youth Council. Mayor Powell further added that October 30, 2014, at 6:30 will be his first Town Hall Meeting at the Joslyn Community Center and the topic will be "Meet the City of Manhattan Beach".

J. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS

Police Chief Eve Irvine thanked Mayor Pro Tem Burton for his sentiments and support. Police Chief Irvine then announced that the Community Police Academy will begin in January, 2015.

Don Gould, Manhattan Beach Library, showed a photo on the document reader of the progress of the new library and confirmed that the library will be opening in April as scheduled. He also mentioned that Storytime is continuing and the Bookmark Contest winners will be announced at a future City Council Meeting.

Matt Friedman, Volunteer Board Member of the Roundhouse Aquarium, announced the "Fall Craft Weekend" on Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26, 2014, and it is free to the public.

Mayor Powell mentioned the "Great Shakeout" on October 25, 2014, at 10:25 AM and

asked that all members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) report to their pre-assigned areas.

Mayor Powell also thanked Jackie May for getting Michael Norton to rearrange his schedule to attend the City Council Meeting.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Patrick McBride, resident, spoke about the City Hall e-mail policy.

Mark Lipps, resident, wants to be put on agenda regarding an abandoned playground behind Grandview School and turning it into a community farm.

Mike Garcia, resident, highlighted details of the proposed community farm.

Robert Bush, resident, spoke about previous City Managers and City Councilmembers and mentioned the new staff positions.

Jon Chaykowski, resident, explained a safety issue regarding an intersection where Valley/ Ardmore crosses over from 1st to 2nd street.

Mike Backworth, resident, inquired about the new positions being added to City Staff.

Steve Packwood, resident, has questions about the new positions being "new" or replacements, and the financial implications.

City Manager Danaj will report back when an Adhoc Committee Meeting is scheduled with the School Board.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3-10. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Powell, Burton, D'Errico, Lesser and Howorth

3. Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Sepulveda Boulevard at [14-0469](#) Marine Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, Award a Construction Contract to Griffith Company (\$432,799), and Award a Professional Engineering Services Contract to Wallace & Associates (\$49,892) for Construction Inspection Services (*Continued from the October 7, 2014, City Council Meeting*) (Public Works Director Olmos).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

4. Final Payment in the Net Amount of \$26,584.33 to Asphalt Fabric & [14-0414](#)

Engineering, Inc.; Formally Accept the Marine Avenue Park Synthetic Turf Installation Project as Complete; and Authorize Filing of the Appropriate Notice of Completion and Release Retention in the Amount of \$19,949.65 (Public Works Director Olmos).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5. Approve Grant Agreement with South Coast Air Quality Management District and Appropriate \$45,000 for the Purchase of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, of which \$22,485 is Reimbursable by the Grant (Public Works Director Olmos). [CON 14-0050](#)

APPROVE AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. Request to Approve "We're Better Together," a City-Sponsored Event held by the Senior Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Youth Council on Encouraging Intergenerational Dialogue on December 6, 2014 at the Joslyn Community Center (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [14-0454](#)

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission to Approve Discussion, Planning and Execution of a Salute to the Troops Event for 2015 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [14-0457](#)

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. Adopt Resolution No. 14-0068 to Install Stop Signs at the Intersection of 19th Street and Rowell Avenue as Recommended by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (Community Development Director Thompson). [RES 14-0068](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-0068

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

9. Planning Commission Approval of a Use Permit to Replace Existing Multi-tenant Commercial Buildings with a New Pre-School (Daycare), Playground and Parking Lot at 1114-1126 22nd Street (Chalk Pre-School) (Community Development Director Thompson). [14-0468](#)

RECEIVE AND FILE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

10. Minutes: [14-0343](#)
This item contains action minutes of City Council meetings which are presented for approval. Staff recommends that the City Council, by

motion, take action to approve the action minutes of the:

- a) Adjourned Regular Meeting - Study Session of September 23, 2014
- b) Adjourned Regular Meeting-Closed Session of September 30, 2014
- c) Adjourned Regular Meeting - Study Session of September 30, 2014
(City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

N. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. (1) Approval of a Contract With the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Advisory Services in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to conduct a 5-day panel during the week of January 11, 2015 to assist the City with visioning and stakeholder outreach for the Downtown Area and appropriation of funds from the unreserved General Fund balance;
- (2) Form a two person City Council subcommittee for ULI pre-engagement Items: developing stakeholder list and development of questions; and
- (3) Consider directing staff to hire a consultant to prepare a Downtown Plan or Specific Plan after the ULI study is completed.

[CON 14-0051](#)

APPROVE; APPROPRIATE

Mayor Powell introduced City Manager Mark Danaj who clarified what is being requested in this item regarding the Urban Land Institute (ULI) .

City Manager Danaj responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Nancy Vrankovic, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce,, read a letter from Jim O'Callaghan, President/CEO of the Chamber, requesting a clear time frame for the City's plans.

Matt Friedman, resident, commented that he is still uncertain of the differences between a General Plan, A Strategic Plan, and a Specific Plan.

Steve Packwood, resident, commended the City Council for taking on this project, but wonders how much it will cost moving forward.

Kris D'Errico, President of the Downtown Business Association and resident, wants to see implementation of the plan, not just the visioning.

Faith Lyons used the document reader to show a matrix of National versus Local Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and thanked the City manager for bringing ULI.

Kelly Stroman, Executive Director of the Downtown Business Association, would like an opportunity to provide input on the panel that is to be selected and some clarification about the collection and distribution of the information that is gathered.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Powell closed the public comment.

Discussion continued with City Council and questions were responded to by Community Development Director Richard Thompson and City Manager Danaj.

Community Development Director Thompson introduced Loreli Cappel, Consultant from PMC, who also responded to City Council questions.

Councilmember Lesser stated that he would like to have Staff come back with a fuller comparison of at least the two different ULI Panels (Local or National), to have a full definition of how they differ, especially because of the cost differential. He further added that the LA Chapter would bring knowledge to our community and he is concerned about the total cost of this endeavor. He would also like to defer judgment on a Specific Plan until after the ULI Panel.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Councilmember D'Errico, to approve the ULI Contract, direct the City Manager to negotiate with PMC as to both contracts - Specific Plan Contract total for \$225,000 - Downtown Plan for \$50,000, to comeback with specific prices from ULI, and direct the City Manager to bring back to the full City Council the whole concept of ULI with selection of who we will have on the panel.

Councilmember D'Errico added a friendly amendment to make sure that PMC shadow ULI. in order to get the savings that was previously discussed.

City Attorney Barrow clarified that the City Manager has the authority to do that and direction can be given to include the shadowing of PMC as part of the process.

Councilmember D'Errico withdrew his friendly amendment.

Councilmember Lesser stated that he thought enough questions had been raised to have Staff comeback with a more robust presentation on certain issues, a further presentation on the different panels, hear about the mechanics - size of panel, schedule. He further added that he would like a better understanding of the total budget, what the problem is we're trying to solve, and that he is not in favor of the motion because there is a lot more information that needs to be flushed out.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton restated his motion, seconded by Councilmember D'Errico, to remove the word "caps" and replace it with "target/goals"1 Approve a contract for \$125,000 with ULI and appropriate the funds. 2 To direct the City Manager to negotiate with PMC with a target/goals of \$50,000 for a Downtown Plan and a target/goals of \$225,000 for a Specific Plan (with the understanding that the contract would come back before the City Council). 3 To hold a special meeting dedicated to this issue to establish criteria for ULI and select the one hundred stakeholders. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Powell, Burton, D'Errico and Howorth

Nay: 1 - Lesser

At 8:40 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:50 PM with all Councilmembers present.

12. Approve Funding Agreement Between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority and City of Manhattan Beach to Formalize the Terms and Conditions for Use of the Previously Awarded Measure R Funds for the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project in the Amount of \$9,100,000 (*Continued from the October 7, 2014, City Council Meeting*) (Public Works Director Olmos). [14-0470](#)

APPROVE

Mayor Powell introduced Public Works Director Tony Olmos who presented an overview of the Staff report.

Discussion continued and Public Works Director Olmos and City Attorney Barrow responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Jon Chaykowski, resident and a retired engineer, acknowledged that his main concerns are safety and the elimination of entrance and exit lanes into the Manhattan Village Mall.

Patrick McBride, resident, expressed his feelings that the project is a huge mistake.

Hans Neflin, resident and engineer, is interested in having the best flow of traffic possible.

Bill Elias, resident, questioned the impact on his commute and the benefit of the project.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Powell closed the public comments

Councilmember D'Errico stated that he doesn't see the benefit and agrees with some of the residents that \$17 million is a lot of money and he would feel better if he saw some substantive benefits. His opinion is that Cal Trans is getting a \$17 million bridge with \$4 million of the City's money. From a seismic point of view, the bridge is safe. He further added that it is not our bridge, not our road, it shouldn't be our project and if he votes "no" it is in the best interest of the residents of Manhattan Beach.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton stated that the fourth lane is a right turn lane and a deceleration lane. He stated that the fourth lane is going to be turned into a suicide lane and he could only support this if the fourth lane is a complete deceleration lane. He further added that he is for the retrofitting, but not with cellular cement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to approve the funding agreement between the Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Authority and the City of Manhattan Beach to formalize the terms and conditions for use of the previously awarded Measure R Funds for the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project in the amount of \$9,100,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Powell, Lesser and Howorth

Nay: 2 - Burton and D'Errico

13. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 14-0067 Authorizing the City to Participate in a Feasibility Study of Community Choice Aggregation (Public Works Director Olmos).

[RES 14-0067](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-0067

Mayor Powell introduced Public Works Director Tony Olmos. Public Works Director Olmos then introduced Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Manager, who presented a PowerPoint Presentation.

Environmental Programs Manager Coffee responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Craig Cadwallader, resident and representing the Surf Rider Foundation, commented that the Community Choice Aggregation is brilliant and he has not heard any objections or negative comments about this strategy.

Diane Wallace thinks this is a terrific way to go and she is very excited to participate in this.

Annette Barrigan, Mayor Pro Tem from Hermosa Beach, thought it was very important to come here and support this and the urged City Council to adopt this Resolution, so that Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach can be the leaders and have other Cities in the South Bay to follow.

Jeff Duclo, Hermosa Beach resident, stated that this proposition has many benefits and he would expect Manhattan Beach to be a leader in this visioning.

Joe Galliani, South Bay 350 Climate Action Group, acknowledged that this movement started at the Manhattan Beach 2025 Forum and added that all funds are reimbursable.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Powell closed the public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, to adopt Resolution No. 14-0067 authorizing the City to participate in a Feasibility Study of Community Choice Aggregation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Powell, Burton, D'Errico, Lesser and Howorth

14. Approve an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for Administration and Cost Sharing for Development of Phase II of the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (Public Works Director Olmos).

[CON 14-0048](#)

APPROVE

This item was continued to a future City Council Meeting.

O. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

P. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Q. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS, FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilmember Lesser inquired for the Senior Advisory Committee, when the item on Local Access Channels would be on the agenda.

Mayor Powell responded that the item would be on the next agenda at the November 5, 2015, City Council Meeting.

R. RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Powell closed the floor to public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to receive and file Item Nos. 15, 16, and 17. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Powell, Burton, D'Errico, Lesser and Howorth

15. Annual Report from Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc. as Required by the Occupancy Agreement for use of the Roundhouse Facility on the Manhattan Beach Pier (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [14-0459](#)

RECEIVE AND FILE

This item was Received and Filed.

16. Financial Reports: Schedule of Demands: September 25, 2014 (Finance Director Moe). [14-0458](#)

RECEIVE AND FILE

This item was Received and Filed.

17. Commission Minutes: [14-0463](#)
This item contains minutes of City Council subcommittees and other City commissions and committees which are presented to be Received and Filed by the City Council. Staff recommends that the City Council, by motion, take action to Receive and File the minutes of the:
a) Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting of

September 25, 2014
(Community Development Director Thompson)
RECEIVE AND FILE

This item was Received and Filed.

S. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:43 PM the Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned to the 11:00 AM Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting (Closed Session) on Friday, October 24, 2014, in the City Council Chambers in said City.

Matthew Cuevas
Recording Secretary

Wayne Powell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk