

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Budget and Capital Improvements Program Study Session

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Amy Thomas Howorth

Mayor Pro Tem David Lesser

Councilmember Joe Franklin

Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Howorth called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Howorth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

Present: 5 - Mayor Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Tarnay and Councilmember Charelian

City Staff:

Present - City Manager Talyn Mirzakhania, City Clerk Liza Tamura, Acting Finance Director Libby Bretthauer, Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins, Interim Community Development Director Michael Codron, Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman, Police Chief Rachel Johnson, Interim Fire Chief Mike Lang, Public Works Director Erick Lee, Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado, Police Captain Christian Eichenlaub, Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Gomes, Acting City Engineer Gil Gamboa, Senior Recreation Manager Melissa McCollum, Risk Manager Briza Morales, Planning Manager Adam Finestone, Facilities Operations Manager Sean Roberts, Utilities Manager Jeff Page, Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna, Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet, Assistant City Clerk Martha Alvarez, Environmental Programs Administrator Britny Coker-Moen, Senior Management Analyst Nhung Huynh, Senior Management Analyst Julie Dahlgren, Senior Management Analyst Tatyana Roujenova-Peltekova, Senior Management Analyst Linda Robb, Senior Management Analyst Nicky Petroff, Senior Management Analyst Erika King, Senior Human Resources Analyst Auvi Tonnu, Grants and Financial Analyst Marcelo Serrano, Budget and Financial Analyst Emy-Rose Hanna, Revenue Services Supervisor Toni Page, Deputy City Clerk Breana Contreras and Technology Specialist Ali Kazempoor.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Howorth, Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay and Charelian

Nay: 0

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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

Sarah Feakins

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

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Operating Budget
(Acting Finance Director Bretthauer).

[25-0217](#)

(Estimated Time: 1 Hr.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Acting Finance Director Libby Bretthauer provided background regarding the item, began the PowerPoint Presentation and responded to City Council questions.

The following staff members provided the PowerPoint overview of their departmental budgets:

Information Technology

Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado presented.

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian, Senior Management Analyst Tatyana Roujenova-Peltekova, and Information Technology Director Guardado responded to City Council questions.

Community Development

Interim Community Development Director Michael Codron presented.

Interim Community Development Director Codron, Planning Manager Adam Finestone and City Manager Mirzakhanian responded to City Council questions.

Planning Manager Finestone announced a community meeting to discuss potential interim uses of the site, to be discussed at Project Pulse at the Manhattan Heights Park Community Center on May 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna, Interim Community Development Director Codron, City Manager Mirzakhanian, Acting Finance Director Bretthauer and Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.

Police Department

On behalf of Police Chief Rachel Johnson, Police Captain Christian Eichenlaub presented.

Acting Finance Director Bretthauer, Police Captain Eichenlaub and Police Chief Johnson responded to City Council questions.

At 7:48 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:01 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

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

*Stefan Kampe
Paul Wafer
Steven De Baets
Jill Lamkin*

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

Fire Department

Interim Fire Chief Mike Lang presented and responded to City Council questions.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman presented.

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, Acting Finance Director Bretthauer, Public Works Director Erick Lee and Senior Recreation Manager Melissa McCollum responded to City Council questions.

Public Works

Public Works Director Lee presented.

Public Works Director Lee, Acting Finance Director Bretthauer and Interim Community Development Director Codron responded to City Council questions.

Human Resources

Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins presented.

Human Resources Director Jenkins and Risk Manager Briza Morales responded to City Council questions.

Management Services

Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Latragna presented.

City Manager Mirzakhania continued the presentation.

Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Latragna, City Manager Mirzakhania and Human Resources Director Jenkins responded to City Council questions.

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

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Public Works Director Lee, Acting Finance Director Bretthauer, Human Resources Director Jenkins responded to City Council questions.

2. Presentation of the Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Through Fiscal Year 2029-2030 (Public Works Director Lee).

(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

A) DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

B) APPROVE

Per City Council consensus, General Business Item No. 2 will be continued and considered at a future City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting on May 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT

*At 10:28 PM, Mayor Howorth adjourned the meeting to the May 20, 2025,
Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 4:00 PM.*

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Amy Thomas Howorth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk