

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Work Plan Meeting

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

Police Chief Rachel Johnson 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

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Tarnay, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, 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.

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

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Status of Current Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Council Work Plan and Development of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan (City Manager Mirzakhonian). [25-0045](#)

(Estimated Time: 2 Hrs.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhonian introduced the Work Plan and introduced Senior Management Analyst Patricia Matson who began the PowerPoint presentation.

The remainder of the PowerPoint was provided in the following order:

Management Services

Senior Management Analyst Matson presented.

Senior Management Analyst Matson and Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna responded to City Council questions.

The City Council directed staff to move the Enhancement of the City Website and Email Communications from the City Council Work Plan to the Department Work Plan.

Finance

Financial Services Manager Libby Bretthauer presented.

Financial Services Manager Bretthauer and City Manager Talyn Mirzakhonian responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to add a Parking Authority Study to the City Council Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman presented.

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman and City Manager Mirzakhianian responded to City Council questions.

The City Council directed staff to mark the Update City Donation Policy and Polliwog Dog Run Expansion as complete, designate the Sand Dune Park Master Plan as complete under Parks and Recreation while ensuring it remains on the Public Works Department Work Plan, and move the Bruce's Beach Art Project to the Parks and Recreation Department Work Plan.

A motion was made by Mayor Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Tarnay, to add an item to the City Council Work Plan under Management Services to assess opportunities for the City's participation in the 2028 Summer Olympics and 2026 FIFA World Cup. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Community Development

Acting Community Development Director Ryan Heise presented and responded to City Council questions.

The City Council directed staff to move the following items to the Department Work Plan: Housing Policy and Regulation Updates, Zoning Code Cleanup, and Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans. Additionally, the Council added the Exploration of Rear Yard Setback Regulations for Accessory Structures in Single-Family Residential Zones to the City Council Work Plan.

Public Works

Public Works Director Erick Lee presented and responded to City Council questions.

At 7:38 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:44 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

Human Resources

Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins presented.

Police

Police Chief Rachel Johnson presented and responded to City Council questions.

Fire

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

Information Technology

Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado presented and responded to City Council questions.

The PowerPoint presentation concluded.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 PM, Mayor Howorth adjourned the meeting to the March 4, 2025, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Amy Thomas Howorth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk