

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

6:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting - Study Session

Police/Fire Conference Room

5:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting - Closed Session

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

Public Works Director Tony Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Liza Tamura confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Victor spoke about residential building compliance, the new water fountain in City Hall and requested that the BBQ grill near OASIS be repaired.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Urban Land Institute's Advisory Services (City Manager Danaj).

[14-0446](#)

ACCEPT PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION IF APPLICABLE

City Manager Mark Danaj gave a brief presentation on the Urban Land Institute (ULI) stating that it is an advisory service panel used to kick-start conversations around land use. The goal tonight is to learn how it works, how it helped other communities, and whether or not it is a useful tool for options for downtown Manhattan Beach.

City Manager Danaj then introduced Tom Eitler, Vice President for Advisory Services from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) who explained that ULI is a non-profit education research organization, that is world-wide and gave a PowerPoint Presentation.

City Manager Danaj and Mr. Eitler answered City Council questions.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Jim O' Callaghan, Chamber of Commerce, explained that the City needs to address public and professional perception.

Patrick McBride stated his opinion that bringing in experts is something he has always wanted.

Gerry O'Connor asked if City Council were to decide on ULI, would there be a Request for Proposal (RFP) or would this process be called a "Specialty Service".

Bill Victor commented that "Focus Groups" might be something to consider.

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

Discussion continued among City Councilmembers about the visioning process and including the residents.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to enter into negotiations to bring Urban Land Institute (ULI) to the City.

Discussion continued among City Council members and City Manager Danaj and City Attorney Barrow responded to questions.

The motion was restated by City Attorney Barrow: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to negotiate a draft contract with Urban Land Institute (ULI). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

At 7:21 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:28 PM with all Councilmembers present.

2. Interim Work Plan

[14-0436](#)

RECEIVE REPORT; DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

City Manager Mark Danaj presented an introduction to the Interim Work Plan, which is a bridge between now and executing a Strategic Plan. City Manager Danaj also introduced Nadine Nader, the new Assistant City Manager.

City Council asked questions and City Manager Danaj responded.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment.

Gerry O'Connor commented that the City Manager is on the right path with the work plan.

Bill Victor stated that the idea of a work plan is excellent and he doesn't think anything should be removed unless it is completed.

Diane Wallace announced that she would like to voice support for environmental issues.

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

Discussion continued between City Council and City Manager Danaj. Some City Council direction was given to come back with the Work Plan in a different format based on City Council feedback, including a six month plan, a long term plan, a

status column with a target update and distinction between City Council direction and staff initiated items.

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

Mayor Powell announced his "Walk N Talk" is coming on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 9:00 AM at Peet's Coffee. He stated that the walk would begin downtown on The Strand and continue to Hermosa. Walks are always the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month and all members of the public are welcome.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 PM the Adjourned Regular Meeting (Study Session) was adjourned to the October 7, 2014, Adjourned Regular Meeting (Closed Session) at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers in said City.

Matthew Cuevas
Recording Secretary

Wayne Powell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk