

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 8, 2014

6:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting - Budget Study Session #1

Police/Fire Conference Room

### City Council

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

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**A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Mark Lipps led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Councilmember Burton, Councilmember D'Errico and Councilmember Lesser

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Howorth

**C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING**

*City Clerk Tamura confirmed the meeting was properly posted.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES**

*Seeing no changes to the Agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Powell approved the Agenda.*

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mayor Pro Tem Powell opened public comments.*

*Viet Ngo made allegations of the former County Controller Robert Stock, and that City Council should appropriate public law for use for others.*

*Gerry O'Connor made a brief request to receive a PowerPoint summary of the budget proposal staff reports in advance of City Council meetings.*

*Acting City Manager Moe said the PowerPoints are available on the City's website. He said the goal is to get them out before the City Council Meeting.*

*Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Powell closed public comment.*

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget Study Session #1: **14-0163**  
Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments (Acting City  
Manager Moe).

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*PARKS AND RECREATION*

*Acting City Manager Moe stated that tonight's goal was to cover the Parks & Recreation budget, going program by program.*

*Parks & Recreation Director Mark Leyman gave a presentation on the proposed Parks and Recreation budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.*

*Gina Allen, Recreation Services Manager, spoke regarding her divisions role and accomplishments, and outlined her division's budget.*

*Idriss Al-Oboudi, Recreation Manager for the Recreation Services Division spoke regarding his divisions role, accomplishments, and outlined his division's budget.*

*Martin Betz, Cultural Arts Manager, spoke regarding his divisions role, accomplishments, and outlined his division's budget.*

*Jessica Vincent, Sports and Aquatics Division Manager, spoke regarding her divisions role, accomplishments, and outlined her division's budget.*

*Eve Kelso, Community Projects Division Manager, spoke regarding her divisions role, accomplishments, and outlined her division's budget.*

*Acting City Manager Moe and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions, and also responded that they would return with a listing of Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Joint Use Agreement costs included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, information about derived revenues from staffing changes in the Ceramics program, the Arts Festival financials and the cost to increase senior lunches to twice a week.*

*PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET:*

*Barbara Vandusen spoke regarding the importance of the ceramic studio and a salaried employee working there.*

*Phyllis Cramer asked Council to consider adding a full-time driver and provided a handout.*

*Robert Simzick passed out a handout, hopes more seniors will join the ceramics program, thanked Idris Al-Oboudi for starting the program, and commented how knowledgeable his ceramics instructor has been.*

*Viet Ngo alleged misuse of public funds and improprieties on the part of the Council.*

*Faith Lyons spoke regarding additional positions being created, the increase in costs in salaries, allowances, insurance, and bond interest. Also asked about the definition of older adults.*

*Gerry O'Connor spoke with concern regarding the proportion of the budget which is staff costs and its unsustainability.*

*Jackie May cited concerns with Metlox and asked for information regarding an art fair.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Powell requested a summary of a-typical one-time expenditures by department.*

*At 8:42 PM, City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:52 PM with all City Councilmembers present.*

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

*Public Works Director Tony Olmos gave a presentation on the proposed Public Works budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 relating to the Public Works Department which included: Administration, Civil Engineering, Street Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds, Street Lighting and Landscape, Downtown Streetscape, Water Source of Supply, Pumping and Treatment, Water Maintenance, Storm Drain, Sewer Maintenance, Refuse Maintenance, Parking Facilities, Fleet Maintenance and Fleet Management.*

*Acitng City Manager Moe and Public Works Director Olmos responded to the City Council questions relating to the Public Works Department Budget.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET:**

*Joe Galliano recommends a showing of electric vehicles at the Earth Day Celebration, and the dangers of global warming due to fossil fuel usage.*

*Jackie May asked for an alternative to slurry seal, and asked for New Zealand Christmas tree in Lot 1 to be removed.*

*Craig Cadwallader spoke negatively about the amount of people who do not clean up after their dogs. Would love to see expansion of water conservation in the city. Spoke against the construction of the D-Cell plant, and urged water conservation and use of recycled water to prevent it's development.*

*Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Powell closed the floor to public comment.*

### **G. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*None*

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

### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 11:12 PM, the May 8, 2014, Budget Study Session #1 Meeting was adjourned in memory of long-time Manhattan Beach resident Dr. Leon Hanson, to the May 9, 2014, Adjourned Regular Closed Session Meeting in the City Manager's Conference Room at 10:15 AM in said City.*

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**Marcus Raymond**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**Amy Thomas Howorth**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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