

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

2:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting - City Council Chambers

2:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting - Ethics Training

4:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting - Closed Session

City Council

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

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Tamura confirmed that the meeting was properly posted. The agenda was posted to the website and e-notified on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, and posted to the City bulletin boards at Joslyn and Manhattan Heights Community Centers on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Viet Ngo alleged a lack of information as no document relating to AB 1234 was provided to the public. He requested a roll call for ethics training be entered into the record.

Mayor Lesser asked City Attorney Barrow if there were issues with noticing of this meeting. City Attorney Barrow stated there was not. He also clarified that the public comment period was the time for the public to speak on both items listed on the agenda.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS -- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mayor Lesser thanked the attendees for coming to the training. City Attorney Barrow introduced Assistant City Attorney Diana Varat and Attorney Steven Flower, and summarized how the meeting would proceed.

Assistant City Attorney Varat gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Principles of Ethics and Eliminating Self-Interest.

At 2:55 p.m. the City Council recessed and reconvened at 3:07 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Attorney Flower gave a PowerPoint presentation on Governmental Transparency and Fairness and Due Process.

Assistant City Attorney Varat gave closing remarks and thanked the audience for their participation.

Mayor Lesser asked if there were questions regarding the presentation. Viet Ngo commented on a new law requiring public officials to disclose their financial information and the public's ability to criticize the government.

City Attorney Barrow stated the presenters did speak about the new bill, AB 1090, and the public's ability to criticize the government.

F. CLOSED SESSION -- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Mayor Lesser recessed the October 29, 2013, Ethics Training Meeting to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session Meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:06 p.m., the October 29, 2013, City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting - Ethics Training, was adjourned to the 4:00 p.m. City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting - Closed Session on October 29, 2013, in City Council Chambers, in said City.

Sheryl Garcia
Recording Secretary

David J. Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk