

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Joe Franklin

Mayor Pro Tem Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

Councilmember David Lesser

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Congressman Ted W. Lieu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

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

Mayor Franklin requested that all Veterans in the audience stand up to be recognized for their service.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Presentation of a Community Project Funding Check from Congressman Ted W. Lieu Supporting the City's Critical Infrastructure Project. [26-0428](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of Congressman Ted Lieu's office, Congressman Lieu presented a Community Project Funding check in support of the City's Critical Infrastructure Project.

2. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Orhan Taner as the America 250 Poster Contest Winner. [26-0429](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Franklin recognized Orhan Taner, who was not in attendance, as the America 250 poster contest winner.

3. Presentation Honoring the Life and Legacy of Chad Jenson for His Dedicated Service to our Nation in the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Forces Special Operations Command.

[26-0430](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Franklin presented a tribute honoring the life and legacy of Chad Jenson for his dedicated service to our Nation in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Forces Special Operations Command.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to approve the agenda and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

F. CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS (1 MINUTE PER PERSON)

Library Manager Cassandra Sargent announced a College Application class on July 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM and reported that the Summer Discovery Program continues for another month, with prizes available after completing six books or activities and entry into countywide weekly drawings.

Waste Management Recycling Education Representative Bobby Bell invited the community to attend the Composting Class at the Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden in Polliwog Park on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association Executive Director Kelly Stroman announced the upcoming 20th anniversary celebration of the Manhattan Beach Farmers Market on July 21, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, noting special activities and longtime vendors participating. She encouraged the community and City representatives to attend.

Planning Manager Adam Finestone announced the final community open house to preview conceptual designs for the Project Pulse effort, at the Joslyn Community Center scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and encouraged community participation.

Mayor Franklin invited the community to attend Coffee with the Mayor at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM, and at Verve Coffee on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

Councilmember Howorth recognized City staff, first responders, and the communications team for their extensive work supporting FIFA World Cup related activities, noting successful public safety efforts and strong community engagement throughout the event.

Mayor Franklin added that visiting guests expressed high praise for the City's beauty and cleanliness, noting how much they enjoyed their experience, and thanked staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Charelian thanked Public Safety staff for their work during recent major events, including the nation's 250th anniversary, Fourth of July, and the nearby Hermosa Beach Ironman, noting their ongoing efforts to keep the community safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay noted that copies of the United States Constitution are available in the lobby in front of City Council Chambers for residents and thanked staff for their work on the commemorative materials and activities celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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

Jon Chaykowski - State Density Laws

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

H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

4. City Council Minutes: [26-0405](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meeting(s):

a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026

b) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026

(No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5. Declaration of Proclamations for the Following: [26-0395](#)

a) July 5, 2026, as Salute to the Troops Day

b) July 31, 2026, as National System Administrators Appreciation Day

c) July 2026, as Parks and Recreation Month

PROCLAIM

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. Consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. [26-0422](#)

26-0009 Amending the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code (MBMC) and the Manhattan Beach Local Coastal Program (MBLCP) to Implement Programs Outlined in the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element; and Adoption of Resolution No. 26-0054 (No Budget Impact) (Community Development Director Masa).

A) ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-0009

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0054

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with IDS Group, Inc. for \$52,062 for the Parking Lot 3 Redevelopment Feasibility Study for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$121,234. (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0377](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0072

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. Consideration of Girl Scout Silver Award Service Project Proposal- Coyote Awareness at Polliwog Park and Veterans Parkway (No Budget Impact) (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman) [26-0327](#)

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

9. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Manhattan Beach and the Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association (MBFA) (No Budget Impact) (Human Resources Director Jenkins). [26-0393](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0073

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

10. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Comprehensive Citywide Salary Schedule for all City Positions and Adjustments to Salary Ranges (No Budget Impact) (Human Resources Director Jenkins). [26-0394](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0074

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS**11. Conduct a Public Hearing for Consideration of:** [26-0381](#)

- a) Coastal Development Permits to Approve an Adjustment to Hourly Public Parking Rates for On-Street Parking, City Parking Lots and Beach Parking Lots in the Coastal Zone;
- b) A Resolution to Approve an Adjustment to Hourly Public Parking Rates for On-Street Parking Outside of the Coastal Zone; and
- c) A Resolution to Approve an Increase to Citywide Parking Citation Penalties (Unbudgeted) (Finance Director Bretthauer and Community Development Director Alkire).

(Estimated Time: 45 Min.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 26-0068, 26-0069, 26-0070, AND 26-0071**

Finance Director Libby Bretthauer provided background on the item and introduced Financial Services Manager Emy-Rose Hanna who began the PowerPoint presentation.

Financial Services Manager Hanna introduced Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet who continued with the PowerPoint presentation with the section on Proposed Variable Parking Rates.

Financial Services Manager Hanna then resumed the PowerPoint presentation with the section on Annual Adjustment to Parking Rates.

Financial Services Manager Hanna, Finance Director Bretthauer, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, City Manager Tallyn Mirzakhani and City Engineer Gilbert Gamboa responded to City Council questions.

Financial Services Manager Hanna continued with the PowerPoint presentation on Parking Citations.

Financial Services Manager Hanna, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, Finance Director Bretthauer and City Manager Mirzakhani responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to the public hearing. The following individual(s) spoke:

*Lisa Mittleman
Heather Kim*

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Franklin closed the floor to the public hearing.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, City Manager Mirzakhani and City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay, to adopt Resolution No. 26-0071, as amended (with the removal of Section 5 related to annual adjustments), approving a \$6.00 increase in parking citation penalties. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet and City Attorney Barrow responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Franklin, adopt Resolution No. 26-0068, as amended (with the removal of Section 9.2 related to annual adjustments), approving a Coastal Development Permit to allow adjustments to the hourly public parking rates for on-street spaces and beach public parking lots within the appealable portion of the City's coastal zone; adopt Resolution No. 26-0069, as amended (with the removal of Section 9.2 related to annual adjustments), approving a Coastal Development Permit to allow adjustments to the hourly public parking rates for on-street spaces and City-owned lots, within the non-appealable portion of the City's coastal zone; adopt Resolution No. 26-0070, as amended (with the removal of Section 4 related to annual adjustments), adjusting hourly public parking rates outside of the coastal zone; and approve the variable rate parking structure and establish the on-street parking rates in North Manhattan Beach and Downtown Manhattan Beach at \$3.50 during peak season and \$3.00 during off-peak season. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

K. GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

12. City Council AB 1234 Reports.

[26-0407](#)

RECEIVE AND FILE

None.

13. Consideration of a Request by Mayor Franklin and Councilmember Lesser to Discuss Limiting City Councilmembers' Attendance at Conferences to Two Per Year (City Manager Mirzakhanian). [26-0408](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian and City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

Councilmember Howorth provided that she would be the third vote in order to have the item return on a future agenda.

Councilmember Lesser requested that the report include data on prior City Council conference attendance over the past five years to show how it has been utilized historically.

The City Council directed staff to provide a comprehensive report on a potential policy to limit City Councilmembers' conference attendance to two per year, including data on City Council conference attendance over the past five years to reflect how it has been used in prior years.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Howorth requested to agendize a discussion to explore a potential policy aimed at strengthening security on City-issued devices by ensuring that individuals only download City-approved artificial intelligence applications. Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay concurred.

N. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian expressed appreciation to Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco for his outstanding work over the past six months. She also announced that the City Council meeting scheduled for September 1, 2026, has been cancelled and that the Council will convene at the second meeting in September.

O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

14. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0406](#)
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

15. Commission Minutes: [26-0404](#)
This Item Contains Minutes for the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting of
May 18, 2026 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

16. Recent Planning Commission Quasi-Judicial Decision: Master Use [26-0432](#)
Permit Amendment to allow the on-site sale and service of beer and wine
in conjunction with food service at a new eating and drinking
establishment, including a new outdoor dining patio with hours of
operation until 11:00 p.m. daily, located at 451 Manhattan Beach
Boulevard, Suite B102 (Sogno Toscano) (Community Development
Director Alkire).

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

Q. CLOSED SESSION

None.

R. ADJOURNMENT

*At 8:51 PM, Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting to the July 21, 2026,
Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.*

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Joe Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk