

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

5:00 PM

Ceremonial

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

*Mayor David Lesser
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin
Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay
Councilmember Steve S. Charelian
Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth*

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lesser called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

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

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

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

F. CEREMONIAL

1. Presentation of a Video Montage for Former Manhattan Beach Engineering Technician I, Yuri Botelho.

26-0047

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented a Video Montage to Yuri's Botelho's wife, Kelsey, and their son, Tyson, in honor of Yuri's service as a former Manhattan Beach Engineering Technician I, Yuri Botelho.

Remarks were shared honoring Yuri's dedication to the City, his warmth and kindness, and the lasting impact he had on colleagues and the community.

2. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the Kiwanis Club,

26-0005

Manhattan Beach Police Department Volunteers, and Kinecta for Their Holiday Season Service, Preservation of the Santa Float Tradition, and Contributions to the Annual Community Holiday Cheer.

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented Certificates of Recognition to the following volunteers:

Recognition to the Kiwanis Club for coordinating and continuing the Santa Float tradition, accepted by Coordinator Steve Carvel.

Recognition to the following for helping Santa:

*Christopher Richardson
Tim Lillgren
Dennis Sullivan
Steve Johnson*

Recognition to the Following Manhattan Beach Police Department volunteers who accompanied the Santa Float:

*Anna Watson
Wendell Young
Dr. John Braitman
Jennifer Sharp
Eric Jonsson
Dale Edwards
Vikki McMahon
Steve Yi
Allen Kirschenbaum
Narendra Jain
Paul Curry (Retired)*

Recognition to Michael Block for managing the Santa Float Website.

Recognition to Kinecta for their generous donation to support the Santa Float.

3. Presentation of 2025 Recognition Awards for Longstanding Local Businesses (Finance Director Bretthauer).

[26-0039](#)

PRESENT

Finance Director Libby Bretthauer introduced Financial Services Manager Emy-Rose Hanna who provided a brief statement on the item and provided the PowerPoint presentation showcasing the following Longstanding Local Businesses:

Celebrating 5 Years in Business:

*Advanced Sports Medicine & Orthopedic PT
Allmon, Dibernardo & Associates, CPAS & Wealth STR
Amanda Wilkman, NP Psychiatric Nursing
Bek Foods, LLC
Blythe Kuttler, LMFT
Carol Povenmire
Chemocessories
Fine Line
Giant Smiles Dental - Manhattan Beach
Hagan Flynn, Inc.
Jack Nadel International
Julie Davidge, LMFT
Kristi Atkins Creative
Laboratory Corporation of America
Law Office Of Carina Castaneda
Le Pain Quotidien
Mikell Coiffure
Nordstrom Local
Nozomi Hair Makeup
Numedia Studios
Ocean Fitness
Oral Surgery Partners
Physician Anesthesiology Consultants, Inc.
Ragdoll PR, Inc.
RM NMT, Inc.
Rombro & Manley, LLP
Savva's
Seacrest Development
Skincare By Tiffany Mejia
Stefanie Chickey Hair
Studiobinder, Inc.
Synergy Homecare
The Lash Lounge
The Ryan Law Group
The Shade Store, LLC
Vans #570*

Celebrating 10 Years in Business:

220 13Th Street, LLC
25 6Th Street, LLC
Afterburn South Bay
Altamura Real Estate
Arthur J
BBC Imports
Beach Cities Learning Center
Brain Bridge
CVS Pharmacy #16049
Dacha
Evan Hawkins, MA, MAFT
Floyds 99 Barbershop
Gyrotonic South Bay
Kesselman Brantly & Stockinger, LLP
LaserMD Pain Relief, Inc
Law Office Of Steven Carvel
Mortgage Bank of California
NCX Productions, Inc.
Nomura Securities International, Inc.
Oasis Thai Massage & Spa
Rock And Brews Franchising, LLC
Skincare & Waxing Studio
Spanish In Action
Strand Hill Properties
Svelte Barbershop
The Boston Consulting Group, Inc.
The Strand Hair Salon
The Vitamin Shoppe
Vista Sotheby's International Realty

Celebrating 15 Years in Business:

Adrian W. Hall, MA, MFT, ATR
Cafe Rio #30
Chase Law Group, PC
Dr. Laser Medspa, P.C.
Human Touch Home Health Care Agency, Inc.
Kim's Tailor
La Marina Preschool & Extended Care
Manhattan Beach Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Revolution
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Pages: A Bookstore
Palmer Chiropractic
Pasha Fine Jewelry
Randt Salon
Robyn W B Fung, DDS, Inc.
The Izaka -Ya By Katsu -Ya
Torrance Memorial Physician Network - MB Urgent Care

*Walgreens #09685
Watermark Construction Inc
Wave Hotel
Waverly
Yogurtland South Bay*

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented Plaques of Recognition to the Longstanding Businesses in the City of Manhattan Beach that had reached the 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 75 year milestones.

Celebrating 20 Years in Business:

*AdventurePlex
Aldrich & Turkmany Insurance
Anne Norris & Steven W Ozer
Apple, Inc.
Body In Balance Health Center
Carol Frey, M.D., Inc.
Cynthia Snyder State Farm Agent
Directorsite, Inc.
Door To Door Valet Cleaners, Inc.
Edward Jones Investments
J. Jill
Kumon Manhattan Beach
Manhattan Fine Wines, Inc.
Michael B. Allmon & Assoc, LLP
Petros
Shade Hotel
The Belamar Hotel
Trotter Building Designs, Inc.
Zinc At Shade Hotel*

Celebrating 25 Years in Business:

*Beach Babies, LLC
Beach Cities Dentistry
Chic Studio
Children's Orchard
Harry's Cleaners & Shoe Repair
Icon Venue Group, LLC
Illumina Healing Center
John Y. Cha, D.P.M., Inc.
Manhattan Academy (1544 MBB)
Manhattan Academy (1808 MBB)
Mark A. Brisson, CPA
Patrice Elster, PHD
Rock N Fish
S. Roger Rombro, A Law Corp.
Tabula Rasa Essentials, Inc.*

Celebrating 30 Years in Business:

*Body By Design
Brian V. Bozajian
Current Events
Frances Nail Spa
Gail's Frames & Gallery
Janelle Holden D.D.S.
Lois Schunk
Skechers Usa Retail, LLC*

Celebrating 40 Years in Business:

*Chevron Usa, Inc. 99778
Creative Kids
Der Kinder Garden Preschool
O-Sho Restaurant
See's Candy Shops, Inc. #26*

Celebrating 50 Years in Business:

*El Sombrero #1
Manhattan Academy (1740 MBB)*

Celebrating 75 Years in Business:

*Bank Of America NT & SA #64
Du Ross & Du Ross
Ercole's
Manhattan Beach Motel
Manhattan Shoe Repair
Uncle Bill's Pancake House*

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.

**Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary**

**David Lesser
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Liza Tamura
City Clerk**