

# 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.

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**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,  
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.

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**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 Lilligren*

*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).

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**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 Massage  
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.*

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**Breana Contreras**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**David Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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