

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers and Zoom

## City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

### *ELECTED OFFICIALS*

*Mayor Richard Montgomery  
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin  
Councilmember Amy Howorth  
Councilmember David Lesser  
Councilmember Steve Napolitano*

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**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order.*

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Community Development Director Talyn Mirzakhonian led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. ROLL CALL**

*Roll Call by City Clerk Liza Tamura.*

**Present** 5 - Montgomery, Franklin, Howorth, Lesser and Napolitano

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Montgomery, Franklin, Howorth, Lesser and Napolitano

**Nay:** 0

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

*Mayor Montgomery opened the floor to public comments.*

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

**F. CLOSED SESSION**

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced the following Closed Session:*

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (EXISTING LITIGATION)  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

**Name of Case: Mozhagan Ellison Courtois v. City of Manhattan Beach  
Los Angeles County Superior Court  
Case No: BC700925**

**b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (ANTICIPATED LITIGATION)  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(e)(2))**

**A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council on the advice of its City Attorney, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City.**

**Number of Cases: 1**

**II. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

*At 5:04 PM, the City Council recessed into Closed Session.*

**III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

*At 6:02 PM, the City Council reconvened into Open Session with all City Councilmembers present.*

**IV. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION**

*City Attorney Barrow announced that the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss the two items identified on the agenda. The City Council gave direction on both items and there was no other reportable action taken.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 6:02 PM, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting.*

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**Patricia Matson**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**Richard Montgomery**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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