

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:00 PM

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 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. 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))**

**1) Name of Case: Highrose El Porto LLC. v City of Manhattan Beach, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior**

**Case No: 25STCP04250**

**2) Name of Case: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association, Local 3925,  
a Labor Association, et al. v City of Manhattan Beach  
United States District Court District of California**

**Case No: 24-4228**

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

**II. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

*At 5:02 PM, the City Council recessed into Closed Session.*

**III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

*At 6:00 PM, the City Council reconvened into Open Session with all City Councilmembers present.*

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

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced that Pursuant to the Brown Act, the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss three separate matters. The City Council gave direction in respect to Items A1 and A2. There was no other reportable action taken.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 6:01 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.*

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**Jamie Morita**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**David Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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