

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

6:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting - Study Session

Police/Fire Conference Room

City Council

Mayor Amy Howorth
Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Powell
Councilmember Mark Burton
Councilmember Tony D'Errico
Councilmember David J. Lesser

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Alec Lautman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Councilmember Burton, Councilmember D'Errico and Councilmember Lesser

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Liza Tamura confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Powell, seconded by Councilmember Lesser that the agenda be approved. Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Howorth opened the public comment.

Joe Galliani, South Bay 350 action group, spoke about the City of Hermosa Beach sending a second letter of opposition regarding AB 2145 and requested that Manhattan Beach reiterate its opposition.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Howorth closed the public comment.

G. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS, FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

This item was taken out of order.

Mayor Howorth displayed her \$5 Gray Water Pail and encouraged her colleagues to not waste water, and to put a pail in the shower and use the water to rinse off the sidewalk.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Report on Water and Stormwater Management (Public Works Director Olmos). **14-0352**

RECEIVE REPORT

Mayor Howorth introduced Public Works Director Tony Olmos who gave an overview of the topics to be presented.

Public Works Director Olmos introduced Fernando Paludi, Manager of Water Policy and Resources Development, at West Basin Municipal Water District; Jason Weeks, Manager of Water Resources at the Water Replenishment District of Southern California; and Raul Saenz, Utilities Manager, City of Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Paludi then presented a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the West Basin District and the services provided.

Councilmembers questions were responded to by Mr. Paludi and Public Works Director Olmos.

Mayor Howorth opened the floor to public comment.

Craig Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation, thanked the City for supporting the ocean friendly gardens and asked questions about desalinization, ocean life and the recycling plant.

Joe Galliani, South Bay 350, inquired if the West Basin would be willing to partner with other groups in advocating the use of recycled water.

Diane Wallace, President of Manhattan Village Home Owners Association, voiced concerns with accountability from water boards.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Howorth closed the public comment.

Jason Weeks from the Water Replenishment District then gave a presentation on ground water management and responded to Councilmembers questions.

Diane Wallace, President Manhattan Village Home Owners Association, asked who decides the rates.

Mr. Weeks responded to the question.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Howorth closed the public comment.

At 7:18 PM the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 7:27 PM with all Councilmembers present.

Public Works Director Olmos introduced Raul Saenz, Utilities Manager, who gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the water usage/storage and supply for the City.

Public Works Director Olmos and Utilities Manager Saenz responded to Councilmembers questions.

Mayor Howorth opened the floor to public comment.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Howorth closed the public comment.

Public Works Director Olmos and Fernando Paludi then gave a presentation on the drought that the state is currently facing. Mr. Paludi also introduced E.J. Paludi, Government Affairs Program Manager from the West Basin Municipal Water District and all responded to Councilmembers questions.

Utilities Manager Saenz gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the usage of water from the South Coast Hydrologic Region.

Discussion continued and Public Works Director Olmos and Utilities Manager Saenz responded to Councilmembers questions.

Mayor Howorth opened the floor to public comment.

Craig Cadwallader stated that a simple graphic on the City website would work best in getting the word out to residents to conserve.

Joe Galliani, South Bay 350, suggested that this isn't a drought situation, it's the new normal as a result of climate change and spoke about the overall impact that climate change is having on society.

Bill Victor stated that tenants are not impacted by the billing since they don't pay the bills. He further added that the City should have discounts for older adults, and try to negotiate with a nursery to offer discounts on drought resistant plants.

Alec Lautman, Environmental Student at UCLA, asked about having water bills include a comparison of ratepayer users, that is water-friendly and water-unfriendly, as this can be an effective approach.

Diane Wallace, President Manhattan Village Home Owners Association, gave a handout to the City Council, and stated that Manhattan Beach is doing well this year in their water usage, but needs to do better.

Seeing no further requests to speak, Mayor Howorth closed the floor to public comment.

Public Works Director Olmos introduced Jason Weeks, Manager of Water Resources at the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, and Peter Brown, Senior Government Affairs Representative, of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, who spoke about the Lillian Kawasaki Eco Gardner Program.

City Council discussion continued and after questions were responded to, Public Works Director Olmos thanked West Basin and the Water Replenishment for attending and giving their presentations.

City Council had further discussion and it was decided to defer storm water to a later date as a standalone item, and City Manager Danaj and Mayor Howorth will choose a date.

Public Works Director Olmos introduced Utilities Manager Raul Saenz again, and he gave the final presentation on water rates.

Discussion continued and Public Works Director Olmos and Utilities Manager Saenz responded to Councilmembers questions.

Mayor Howorth and City Councilmembers thanked Staff and the Water District Representatives for the informative presentation.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 PM Mayor Howorth adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting (Study Session) to the 5:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting (Closed Session) on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in City Council Chambers in said City.

Matthew Cuevas
Recording Secretary

Amy Thomas Howorth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk