

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Reorganization

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council 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

Boy Scout Aaron Tse Hou Sung of Troop 849 led the Pledge of Allegiance and was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for his Eagle Scout Project installing mile markers along Veterans Parkway.

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. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Boy Scout Troop 849 on [26-0298](#)
Their 70th Anniversary.

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented a Certificate of Recognition to Boy Scout Troop 849 in honor of their 70th Anniversary.

2. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Bob Beverly in Celebration of Shellback Tavern's Enduring Business and its Role in Celebrating the City's Beach Culture that Promotes the Essence of the Community. [26-0299](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented a Certificate of Recognition to Bob Beverly in celebration of Shellback Tavern's enduring business and its role in celebrating the City's Beach Culture that promotes the essence of the community.

3. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to TEDxManhattan Beach for Outstanding Contributions, Dedication, and Transformative Impact on Our Community [26-0300](#)

PRESENT

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lesser presented a Certificate of Recognition to TEDxManhattan Beach for its outstanding contributions, dedication, and transformative impact on our community.

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

Mayor Lesser stated that he would be pulling Item Nos. 5 and 16 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Howorth requested that Item No. 5 be continued to the next City Council meeting.

City Clerk Liza Tamura responded to City Council questions.

Per City Council consensus, Item No. 5 from the Consent Calendar was continued to a future City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to continue Agenda Item No. 5 to a future City Council meeting and pull Agenda Item No. 16 from the Consent Calendar and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

F. CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS (1 MINUTE PER PERSON)

El Camino College Executive Director Ann O'Brien invited the community to participate in the "Join the Conversation" campaign by providing feedback on educational priorities, campus needs, and the college's long-term vision.

Waste Management Recycling Education Representative Bobby Bell reminded the community that, in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2026, all waste collection services will be delayed by one day; and gave a shout-out in recognition of Public Works Week, expressing gratitude to the Public Works Department for their continued support and strong partnership with Waste Management.

Library Manager Cassandra Sargent invited the community to attend the Speaker Series featuring best-selling author Julia Quinn at Mira Costa High School on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Troop 849 Scoutmaster Troy Wollwage announced that all scouts will be recognized for their rank advancements, merit badges, and recent activities at the Joslyn Community Center on May 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Community Development Director Masa Alkire announced upcoming Project Pulse community workshops scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Joslyn Community Center, and stated that the workshops will include activities related to both properties and assist in developing conceptual project designs.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Wayne Powell - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Tiffany Barba - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Lucia La Rosa Ames - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Alita Rethmeyer - Scout House

Jimmy Franklin - Recognized Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Taylor Franklin - Recognized Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Brian Goldsmith - Recognized Mayor Lesser

Fred Taylor - Operating Budget

Julie Justus McGinity - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Jim Upchurch - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Heather Kim - Housing Element plan

Dean Francois - Sanitation County Board

Michael Jenkins (Zoom) - Housing Task Force

Tina Shivpuri (Zoom) - Recognized Mayor Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin

Councilmember Howorth - Leadership Manhattan Beach Graduation, Girl Scouts Awards & Older Adults Fair

Councilmember Tarnay - Mira Costa High School Athletics Program & CIF Champions

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

H. REORGANIZATION

4. City Council Reorganization:

[26-0305](#)

- a) Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Lesser
 - b) Selection of Mayor
 - c) Selection of Mayor Pro Tem
- (No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura)

(Estimated Time: 45 Min.)

SELECT NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, Councilmember Tarnay, Councilmember Charelian, and Councilmember Howorth recognized outgoing Mayor Lesser for his service during his tenure as the Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

The following agencies presented certificates:

*Councilmember Rob Saemann, City of Hermosa Beach
Councilmember Dean Francois, City of Hermosa Beach
Jessalyn Waldron on behalf of Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office
Mia Thiagarajan on behalf of Congressman Ted Lieu's Office
Ian May on behalf of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang's Office
Rabbi Yossi on behalf of the Friendship Foundation*

Outgoing Mayor Lesser provided comments regarding his term as Mayor.

A motion was made by Mayor Lesser, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Franklin as Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor Franklin received certificates from the following agencies:

*California State Treasurer
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
City of Torrance
District Attorney Nathan Hochman*

Mayor Franklin provided comments regarding his upcoming term as Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charelian, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to nominate Councilmember Tarnay as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay provided comments regarding her upcoming term as Mayor Pro Tem.

I. RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 7:50 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:10 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to approve the Consent Calendar with Agenda Item No. 5 being continued to a future City Council meeting and Agenda No. 16 being removed to be heard under Section K - Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow read the title for Urgency Ordinance No. 26-0008-U:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AMENDING SECTION 4.88.060 (VIOLATION; NUISANCE) OF CHAPTER 4.88 (TRANSIENT USES INCLUDING SHORT-TERM RENTALS) OF TITLE 4 (PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS AND CONDUCT) OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 4.88 AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

City Attorney Barrow read the title for Ordinance No. 26-0008:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AMENDING SECTION 4.88.060 (VIOLATION; NUISANCE) OF CHAPTER 4.88 (TRANSIENT USES INCLUDING SHORT-TERM RENTALS) OF TITLE 4 (PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS AND CONDUCT) OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 4.88

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

5. Consideration of the Approval of City Council Assignments [26-0333](#)
(No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura).
APPROVE

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered at a future City Council meeting.

6. City Council Minutes: [26-0301](#)
This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meeting(s):
a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026
b) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026
c) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
d) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
(No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura).
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Declaration of Proclamations for the Following: [26-0302](#)
a) May 16-22, 2026 as National Safe Boating Week
b) May 2026, as National Bicycle Safety Month
PROCLAIM

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. Financial Report: [26-0107](#)
a) Schedule of Demands: March 2026
b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending March 31, 2026
c) Month End Report for March 2026
(No Budget Impact) (Finance Director Bretthauer).

ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

9. Consideration of the Continuation of the Oversized Vehicle Permit Program and Approval of an Updated Fee Resolution (No Budget Impact) (City Manager Mirzakhanian). [26-0069](#)
A) APPROVE CONTINUATION OF THE PERMIT PROGRAM
B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0036

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

10. Consideration of a Resolution Awarding a Three-Year Agreement for Cloud-based Irrigation Management Services to SGD Enterprises in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$325,000 (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0097](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-0038

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

11. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Assessment Engineer's Report for the Annual Levy of Street Lighting Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and a Resolution Declaring the City Council's Intention to Provide for the Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments, and Setting the Public Hearing to Consider the Assessments for June 16, 2026 (Budgeted) (Finance Director Bretthauer). [26-0116](#)
A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 26-0039 AND 26-0040
B) SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 16, 2026

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

12. Consideration of a Resolution Awarding an Agreement for a Mobile License Plate Recognition (LPR) System to EYEP Solutions, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$327,635 (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0154](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0041

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

13. Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Compliance with Senate Bill 1205 and California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 (No Budget Impact) (Fire Chief Alexander) [26-0225](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0042

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

14. Consideration of Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City Council Work Plan (No Budget Impact) (City Manager Mirzakhania) [26-0246](#)
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

15. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., for On-Call Construction and Repair Services, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$112,586 (Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0284](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0037

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

16. Consideration of 2026 FIFA World Cup Banner Locations (Budgeted) (City Manager Mirzakhania). [26-0296](#)
RECEIVE AND FILE

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard under Section K - Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.

17. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Approved for the 28th Street Stormwater Infiltration Project (No Budget Impact) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco). [26-0317](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0043

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

18. Consideration of Vehicle Wrap Advertising on One or More MB Wave Rider Microtransit Vehicles by Manhattan Village Shopping Center During Pilot Project (Budgeted) (Community Development Director Alkire) [26-0314](#)
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

19. Consideration of the Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance and Introducing an Ordinance Increasing Fines for Violations of Municipal Code Chapter 4.88 Relating to Short-Term Rentals and Other Transient Uses Pursuant to State Law (City Attorney Barrow).

[26-0332](#)

A) ADOPT URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 26-0008-U

B) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 26-0008

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 16.** Consideration of 2026 FIFA World Cup Banner Locations (Budgeted) [26-0296](#)
(City Manager Mirzakhonian).

RECEIVE AND FILE

Councilmember Lesser stated that he pulled the item to discuss the scale and number of banner locations and to clarify the total number of banners proposed.

Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to public comments.

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

Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Latragna responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to receive and file the map identifying the proposed locations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Banners to be displayed throughout May 1, 2026, and July 13, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

M. GENERAL BUSINESS

20. Consideration of a Position on Los Angeles County Measure ER, the Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County, and AB 1768 (Bryan) (No Budget Impact) (Finance Director Bretthauer).

[26-0330](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Min.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Finance Director Libby Bretthauer provided the staff presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Franklin opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Stefan Kampe

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

City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charelian, seconded by Mayor Franklin, to direct staff to prepare a letter opposing Los Angeles County Measure ER. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Franklin, Charelian, Howorth and Lesser

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Tarnay

N. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO A MEETING OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION

At 8:41 PM, the City Council recessed to the Capital Improvements Corporation Board Meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 8:41 PM, President Lesser called the Capital Improvements Board Meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call led by Secretary Liza Tamura.

Present: 5 - President Lesser, Vice President Franklin, Boardmember Tarnay, Boardmember Charelian, and Boardmember Howorth

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION

President Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

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

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

21. Reorganization of the Capital Improvements Corporation (No Budget Impact) (Financial Officer Bretthauer) [CIC-20](#)
(Estimated Time: 5 Min.)

ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

A motion as made by Boardmember Howorth, seconded by Boardmember Charelian, to appoint Vice President Franklin as the new President. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

A motion as made by Boardmember Howorth, seconded by Boardmember Charelian, to appoint Boardmember Tarnay as the new Vice President. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

O. ADJOURN THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

At 8:43 PM, President Franklin adjourned the Capital Improvements Corporation Meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting, with all City Councilmembers present.

P. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

22. Consideration of a Request by Mayor Lesser and Councilmember [26-0312](#)

Howorth to Discuss the Fines Associated with Violations of the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance on Private Property: Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 10.52.120, Subsections L & M; and Chapter 7.32 (Continued from the May 5, 2026, City Council Meeting) (City Manager Mirzakhani).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Councilmember Charelian provided that he would be the third vote in order to have the item return on a future agenda.

The City Council directed staff to provide a comprehensive report on the fines associated with violations of the City's tree preservation ordinances - Manhattan Beach Municipal Code (MBMC): Section 10.52.120, Subsections L & M (trees on private properties in Residential Zones, Area Districts I and II); and Chapter 7.32 (trees on City property and the public right-of-way).

23. Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Tarnay and Councilmember Charelian to Discuss the Creation of a Housing Task Force to Address the City's Housing Needs (City Manager Mirzakhonian).

[26-0311](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Councilmember Howorth provided that she would be the third vote in order to have the item return on a future agenda.

The City Council directed staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the creation of a Housing Task Force to address the City's housing needs.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay reported that she attended the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 7 and May 8, 2026, and participated in sessions on municipal uses of AI, which highlighted the importance of a cautious, well-planned approach to implementation. Key takeaways included ensuring staff first identify organizational needs and receive proper training to prevent the inadvertent sharing of private or proprietary information.

Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Future Agenda Items occurred following Item R, City Manager Report.

R. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhonian thanked former Mayor Lesser for his leadership over the past 9.5 months. She also congratulated Mayor Franklin and Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay on their respective appointments.

Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Tarnay requested to agendaize a discussion to evaluate whether the City should take an official position on the National Parks Service's efforts to include Manhattan Beach in the National Park System. Councilmember Howorth concurred.

S. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Quinn Barrow congratulated Mayor Franklin and thanked former Mayor Lesser.

T. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

24. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0303](#)
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

25. Commission Minutes: [26-0304](#)
This Item Contains the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

26. Recent Planning Commission Quasi-Judicial Decisions: Planned Development Plan Amendment to amend and supersede all prior approvals to allow for the demolition of an existing office building, construction of a new pool and pool amenities, and an increase in club memberships for the continued operation of the Manhattan Country Club located at 1330-1332-1334 Parkview Avenue (The Bay Club Company) (Community Development Director Alkire). [26-0275](#)
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.

U. CLOSED SESSION

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

*At 8:48 PM, Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting to the June 2, 2026,
Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.*

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Joe Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk