

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Amended Outdoor Dining Study Session

City Council Chambers and Zoom

## City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

### *ELECTED OFFICIALS*

*Mayor Amy Thomas Howorth*

*Mayor Pro Tem David Lesser*

*Councilmember Joe Franklin*

*Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay*

*Councilmember Steve S. Charelian*

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**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Howorth called the meeting to order.*

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Maureen McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. ROLL CALL**

*Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.*

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Tarnay and Councilmember Charelian

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**Nay:** 0

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

*Mayor Howorth opened the floor to public comments.*

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

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of:

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- a) Preliminary Plans to Implement the Long-Term Outdoor Dining Program Preferred Vision; and
- b) Recommendations from the Outdoor Dining Task Force (Acting Community Development Director Heise).

**(Estimated Time: 3 Hr.)**

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*Acting Community Development Director Ryan Heise introduced Senior Planner Jaehee Yoon who provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Senior Planner Yoon, Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet and City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Preferred Program Vision.*

*Traffic Engineer Zandvliet and Senior Planner Yoon responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Preferred Program Vision.*

*Senior Planner Yoon, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet and City Manager Talyn Mirzakhania responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Preferred Program Vision.*

*Senior Planner Yoon, City Manager Mirzakhania and Public Works Director Erick Lee responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Fiscal Impact Analysis.*

*Senior Planner Yoon, City Manager Mirzakhania and Financial Services Manager Libby Bretthauer responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Parking Study Analysis.*

*City Manager Mirzakhania, Senior Planner Yoon and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Task Force Recommendations.*

*Senior Planner Yoon, Acting Community Development Director Heise, City Manager Mirzakhania and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Task Force Recommendations, and responded to City Council questions.*

*At 7:42 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:57 PM with all City Councilmembers present.*

*Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation, Code Amendment Initiation, and responded to City Council questions.*

*The PowerPoint presentation concluded.*

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

*Kristin Long Drew  
Martha Andreani  
Alexandra Smith  
Suzanne Lerner  
Carol Perrin  
Mia Johansson  
Niklas T.  
George Kaufman  
Kyle Ransford  
Mike Zislis  
Kathleen Smith*

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Tarnay, to proceed with Option 1b regarding the walk street commercial corner east of Manhattan Avenue at 10th Street by continuing to prohibit commercial uses while exploring public flex space improvements to benefit the community. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay and Charelian

**Nay:** 0

*City Manager Mirzakhania and Senior Planner Yoon responded to City Council questions.*

***City Council directed staff to not proceed with developing the preferred program vision and to initiate code amendments based on the Outdoor Dining task force recommendations related to operational standards, with further consideration to revise the proposed vehicle loading hours, limit live outdoor entertainment and amplified music, and explore a tiered sidewalk dining use fee system with increased fees. Staff was also directed to defer the sidewalk widening, including public flex space improvements, and revisit as a potential future Capital Improvement Program project. No direction was provided on identifying parking strategies to implement at this time.***

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 9:32 PM, Mayor Howorth adjourned the meeting to the March 18, 2025, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.*

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**Breana Contreras  
Recording Secretary**

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**Amy Thomas Howorth  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Liza Tamura  
City Clerk**