

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Final

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 Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem David Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay and 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 - Mayor Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem 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: [25-0087](#)
- 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.

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

Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation.

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

Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation.

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.

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.

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

Senior Planner Yoon continued with the PowerPoint presentation.

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 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 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 Mirzakhanian 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 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.

Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary

Amy Thomas Howorth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk