

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 23, 2015

6:00 PM

ULI Final Report/Downtown Plan Discussion

City Council Chambers

5:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting - Closed Session

City Council Study Session

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

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Planning Manager Laurie Jester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Wayne Powell, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Burton, Councilmember Tony D'Errico, Councilmember David J. Lesser, and Councilmember Amy Howorth

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ed Caprielian spoke about public engagement, presented some recommendations and touched on several key criteria that the City Council should consider for future public engagement processes.

Viet Ngo asked the City Council to reconsider opposing Measure O.

Jackie May, resident, voiced her concerns with the doggy pick-up bags that have an extra piece of plastic that birds can get caught in.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Prioritization of Urban Land Institute (ULI) Recommendations and Next Steps and Appropriation of Funds and Award Professional Services Agreement to Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) for An Amount Not-to-Exceed \$357,000 to Prepare a Specific Plan (Community Development Director Lundstedt).

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APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mayor Powell introduced Community Development Director Marisa Lundstedt who presented a PowerPoint Presentation on Urban Land Institute (ULI) prioritizations of recommendations, background of PMC Consultants and a summary of the Specific Plan recommendations.

Community Development Director Lundstedt introduced from Pacific Municipal Consultant (PMC) Loreli Cappel who spoke of the Specific Plan.

Community Development Director Lundstedt and Consultant Cappel responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Powell opened the floor to public comment

Bill Victor stated that he hadn't heard about a property owner meeting.

Councilmember D'Errico clarified that the meeting was a commercial property owners organization and started by a private citizen.

Bill Victor, asked about the private property owners and thinks this is the time to talk about residential property also.

Kelly Stroman, Executive Director Downtown Business and Professional Association, spoke on behalf of the Downtown Association and related that the awarding of the contract is what the focus should be tonight, wants to keep the momentum going, would like to see the Economic Development Director position filled and the Association would like to be a part of any improvements, as appropriate.

Martha Andreani, resident, related that she encourages momentum, not for selecting a consultant, but focusing on a parking strategy plan.

Angie Silverman, resident and Downtown Planner Specialist, wants to start acting to preserve the downtown using social media and let the people speak.

Ed Caprielian noted that the ULI engagement process was successful, but doesn't want to move forward without considering the public input and further engaging the public.

Philip Cook, resident and property owner, related that the report was inclusive and we need to move forward today.

Kris D'Errico, President of the Downtown Business and Professional Association, reported that six businesses have closed and three are changing dramatically since the end of the ULI study and timing is of the essence to save our businesses.

Gary McAuly, resident, addressed the low hanging fruit and requested that the City not give away public land for private use, such as for outdoor dining or commercial expansion.

Viet Ngo, alleged that the hiring of ULI is an example of waste and misuse of public funds.

Roger Lamont, resident, stated that he is working with commercial property owners to form an association, believes that the City should move forward with the consultant, and urges the position of Economic Development Director be filled.

Dr. Lester Silverman, resident and business owner, shared that PMC Consultants should be hired, keep the momentum going and not get bogged down.

Jackie May, downtown property owner and resident, related that simple everyday needs cannot be purchased downtown, and would like to get the downtown residents to be more involved for the future.

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

Discussion continue among City Councilmembers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to accept and approve next steps for ULI recommendations as set forth in the report, appropriate \$277,000 from the General Fund Balances to the Community Development Department Advanced Planning Budget and award a Professional Services Agreement to Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) for an amount not-to-exceed \$357,000 to prepare a Specific Plan and to direct the City Manager to include the Economic Development Director position into the proposed 2015/2016 Budget Process and fully explain benefits. A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Powell to not have the \$60,000 contingency, so that when the contract amount will be exceeded they come back to City Council for approval with justification. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

City Attorney Quinn Barrow clarified the amendment to state that any amount over the \$297,353 must be presented to the City Council, prior to going over the amount.

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

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 PM Mayor Powell adjourned the Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting (ULI Study Session) to the 5:00 PM Adjourned Regular Meeting (Closed Session) followed by the Regular City Council Meeting on March 4, 2015, in the City Council Chambers in said City.

Matthew Cuevas
Recording Secretary

Wayne Powell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk