

City Council Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers and Zoom



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor David Lesser

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin

Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

EXECUTIVE TEAM

City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian

City Attorney Quinn Barrow

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Finance Director Libby Bretthauer

Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman

Police Chief Rachel Johnson

Fire Chief Jesse Alexander

Community Development Director Masa Alkire

Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco

Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to provide excellent municipal services, preserve our small beach town character, and enhance the quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors.

MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!

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CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

I, Liza Tamura, City Clerk of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, state under penalty of perjury that this notice/agenda was posted on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, on the City's Website and on the bulletin boards of City Hall, Joslyn Community Center and Manhattan Heights.

BELOW ARE THE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED. THE RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION IS LISTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TITLE OF EACH ITEM IN BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY ACT ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Natalie Berger, Manhattan Academy

C. ROLL CALL

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 26, 2026, as Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness).

[26-0182](#)

PROCLAIM

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

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

This is the time for the City Council to:

- (a) notify the public of any changes to the agenda;
(b) remove items from the consent calendar for individual consideration; or
(c) rearrange the order of the agenda.*

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AND WAIVE FULL READING

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

City Councilmembers and community organization representatives may inform the public about upcoming events. If you would like to provide information from your seat, please inform the City Clerk's Office or raise your hand. Staff will provide a handheld microphone to ensure your comments are heard.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

At the discretion of the Mayor, the Mayor may allow 2 minutes of public comments.

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, including items on the agenda. The Mayor may determine whether an item is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow City Council to take action on any item not on the agenda. If you would like to provide public comments from your seat, please inform the City Clerk's Office or raise your hand. Staff will provide a handheld microphone to ensure your comments are heard.

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IN PERSON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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ZOOM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

Items on the Consent Calendar are routine and customary items and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the City Council during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

2. City Council Minutes: [26-0161](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meeting(s):

a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026

b) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026

(No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

Attachments: [City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026](#)

[City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026](#)

3. Financial Report: [26-0053](#)

a) Schedule of Demands: January 2026

b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending January 31, 2026

c) Month End Report for January 2026

(No Budget Impact) (Finance Director Bretthauer).

ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS

Attachments: [Schedule of Demands for January 2026](#)

[Investment Portfolio for January 2026](#)

[Month End Report January 2026](#)

4. Proclamation Declaring March 23-27, 2026, as Government Finance [26-0167](#)

Professionals Week.

PROCLAIM

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

5. Consideration of: [26-0096](#)

a) Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 26-0005, Amending Sections of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Chapter 6.01 Licensing Regulations; and

b) Resolution No. 26-0022 Amending the Citywide User Fee Schedule to Include a Business License Appeal Fee of a \$500 Deposit, Plus Actual Costs (Not Budgeted) (Finance Director Bretthauer).

A) ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-0005

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0022

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-0005](#)

[Resolution No. 26-0022](#)

[Staff Report - March 3, 2026 \(Hyperlink\)](#)

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6. Consideration of Awarding Bid No. 1346-26 to Villa Ford for the Purchase of a Budgeted Ford F-250 for the Fire Department in the Amount of \$75,089.07 (Budgeted) (Finance Director Bretthauer). [26-0152](#)
APPROVE
Attachments: [Bid No. 1346-26 Comparison](#)
7. Consideration of Leadership Manhattan Beach Service Project Proposal - Iron Rails to Green Trails on Veterans Parkway (No Budget Impact) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [26-0159](#)
APPROVE
Attachments: [Project Proposal](#)
[Sign Location](#)
[LMB Rails to Green Trails Sign Design](#)
8. Consideration of Awarding RFP No. 1347-26 and Adopting a Resolution Approving an Agreement with M. Arthur Gensler, Jr. & Associates, Inc. for Architectural and Public Engagement Services for Project Pulse: Downtown Manhattan Beach Redevelopment Projects for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$160,000 (Budgeted) (Community Development Director Alkire). [26-0180](#)
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0029
Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-0029](#)
[Agreement - M. Arthur Gensler, Jr. & Associates, Inc](#)
[Location Map](#)
9. Receive and File the 2025 Sixth Cycle Housing Element Annual Progress Report as Required by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (No Budget Impact) (Community Development Director Alkire). [26-0135](#)
RECEIVE AND FILE
Attachments: [2025 Housing Element APR](#)
[Sixth Cycle Housing Element \(Web-Link Provided\)](#)
10. Consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 26-0004, Amending Title 5 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Related to Plastic Carryout Bag Regulations (No Budget Impact) (Community Development Director Alkire). [26-0171](#)
ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-0004
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-0004](#)
[Staff Report - March 3 2026 \(Hyperlink\)](#)

11. Consideration of a Resolution Making a Determination that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project 602745-24 Cycle 4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Project Qualifies for a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, Approving Plans and Specifications, and Awarding a Construction Contract to Oppenheimer National for \$140,996.56, Including Contingency (No Budget Impact) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

[26-0062](#)**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0023**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-0023](#)
[Agreement - Oppenheimer National](#)
[Plans and Specifications \(Hyperlink\)](#)
[Budget and Expenditures](#)
[Location Map](#)

12. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Design Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants for \$743,550 for the Manhattan Beach Dominguez Channel Stormwater Infiltration and TMDL Trash Capture Project for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,130,419 and Reappropriating \$676,681 in the Storm Drain Fund to the Project (Partially Budgeted) (Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco).

[26-0105](#)**A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0024****B) REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-0024](#)
[Amendment No. 2 - Geosyntec](#)
[Agreement \(and Amendment No.1 - Geosyntec](#)
[Agreement - Clark Contracting Corp](#)
[MB DC Infiltration Project Feasibility Study Summary Memo \(2026-03-06\) Complete](#)
[Budget Expenditure Summary Report rev](#)
[Location Map](#)

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Each speaker may speak for up to 2 minutes on each item pulled from the agenda.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

At the discretion of the Mayor, each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes on each public hearing item. If you would like to speak from your seat, please inform the City Clerk's Office or raise your hand. Staff will provide a handheld microphone to ensure your comments are heard.

13. Consideration of:[26-0093](#)

- a) A Coastal Development Permit and Temporary Use Permits for the 2026-2031 Manhattan Beach Open Volleyball Tournaments; Request from Association of Beach Volleyball Professionals, LLC DBA AVP, Including Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act;
- b) A Special Permit for Limited Alcoholic Beverage Use in the VIP Bleacher Seating Area and Concierge Deck Adjacent to Stadium Court; and
- c) An Agreement with Association of Beach Volleyball Professionals, LLC DBA AVP to Operate the Manhattan Beach Open for 2026-2028 (Budgeted) (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0026 APPROVING THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND TEMPORARY USE PERMITS****C) APPROVE A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR LIMITED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USE****D) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-0027 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-0026](#)
[Resolution No. 26-0027](#)
[Agreement - Association of Volleyball Professionals, LLC DBA AVP](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

14. Consideration and Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 10.90.060 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code to Specify that Public Art Funds May Be Used for Performance Arts and Other Forms of Art (No Budget Impact) (Community Development Alkire). [26-0200](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Mins.)

A) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 26-0006

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-0006](#)
[Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26-01](#)
[Late Public Comment for Planning Commission Hearing \(Received February 25, 2026\)](#)
[Planning Commission Meeting Staff Report - February 25, 2026 \(Hyperlink\)](#)
[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

K. GENERAL BUSINESS

Each speaker may speak for up to 2 minutes on each general business item. If you would like to speak from your seat, please inform the City Clerk's Office or raise your hand. Staff will provide a handheld microphone to ensure your comments are heard.

15. Discussion of Building Permit Discounts to Qualified Older Adults for Aging in Place Projects (Potential Budget Impact) (Community Development Director Alkire). [26-0188](#)

(Estimated Time: 15 Mins.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Attachments: [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

16. Consideration of the City's Plans to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary (Not Budgeted) (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [26-0126](#)

(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Attachments: [Parade Cost Estimate](#)
[American Flag Holiday Placement Map](#)
[Power Point Presentation](#)

L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

In addition to providing reports of meetings and conferences attended by Councilmembers in connection with their official duties at City expense as required by AB 1234, Councilmembers requested at a previous City Council meeting that the following item(s) be placed on the agenda for discussion.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers may request that items be placed on a future agenda with the concurrence of one other Councilmember.

N. CITY MANAGER REPORT**O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT****P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

This section is for items that do not require City Council action.

17. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0162](#)
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

18. Commission Minutes: [26-0163](#)
This Item Contains Minutes of the following City Commission Meetings:
a) Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2025
(Parks and Recreation Director Leyman)
b) Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026
(Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).
INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

Attachments: [Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2025](#)
[Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes - January 26, 2026](#)

Q. CLOSED SESSION**R. ADJOURNMENT**

S. FUTURE MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 7, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
April 21, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
April 27, 2026 - Monday -- 5:00 PM - Boards and Commission Interviews
April 28, 2026 - Tuesday -- 5:00 PM - Boards and Commission Interviews
May, 2026 - Tuesday -- 5:00 PM - Boards and Commission Appointment
May 5, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
May 12, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - Budget and CIP Study Session
May 19, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting (City Council Reorganization)
June 2, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
June 16, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
July 7, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
July 21, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
August 4, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
August 18, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
September 1, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
September 15, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
October 6, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
October 20, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
November 3, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting (Rescheduled To November 4, 2026, Due to the General Municipal Elections)
November 4, 2026 - Wednesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting (Rescheduled From November 3, 2026, Due to the General Municipal Elections)
November 17, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
December 1, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting
December 15, 2026 - Tuesday -- 6:00 PM - City Council Meeting (General Municipal Election Results)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 23, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
March 25, 2026 – Wednesday – 3:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting
March 26, 2026 – Thursday – 4:00 PM – Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting
April 8, 2026 – Wednesday – 3:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting
April 13, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Library Commission Meeting
April 20, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
April 22, 2026 – Wednesday – 3:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting
April 23, 2026 – Thursday – 4:00 PM – Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting
April 27, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
May 11, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Library Commission Meeting
May 13, 2026 – Wednesday – 3:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting
May 18, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
May 25, 2026 – Monday – 4:00 PM – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting (Rescheduled to May 26, 2026)
May 26, 2026 – Tuesday – 4:00 PM – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting (Rescheduled from May 25, 2026)
May 27, 2026 – Wednesday – 3:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting
May 28, 2026 – Thursday – 4:00 PM – Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting

T. CITY OFFICES CLOSED

CITY HOLIDAYS:

May 25, 2026 – Monday – Memorial Day

June 19, 2026 - Friday - Juneteenth National Independence Day

July 3, 2026 - Friday - Observance of Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, 2026

September 7, 2026 - Monday - Labor Day

October 12, 2026 – Monday – Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day

November 11, 2026 – Wednesday – Veterans Day

November 26-27, 2026 - Thursday & Friday - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24, 2026 - Thursday - Christmas Eve (City Hall Closes at 12:00 PM)

December 25, 2026 - Friday - Christmas Day Observed

December 31, 2026 - Thursday - New Year's Eve (City Hall Closes at 12:00 PM)

January 1, 2027 – Friday – New Years Day Observed

January 18, 2027 – Monday – Martin Luther King Day

February 15, 2027 - Monday - Presidents Day