

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Friday, July 3, 2020

10:00 AM

CALL AND NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Chambers

City Council Special Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Richard Montgomery
Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley
Councilmember Hildy Stern
Councilmember Steve Napolitano
Councilmember Nancy Hersman

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 10:00 AM, Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Senior Deputy City Clerk Martha Alvarez confirmed that the following public comments were received by the City for the July 3, 2020, City Council Special Meeting.

*Peter Flack
Marc Cohen
Bob Beverly
Mike Simpson
Kelly Stroman
Charles Southey
Dave Furano
Neal Perlmutter
Sarah Nedelman
Christina Vaughan
Sanjay Tolia
Moti Ifergan
Colleen Soulis
Sue Freund
Jennifer Dunbar*

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

*Ron Newman
Kelly Stroman
Gary Barnes
Patrick Whitfield
Joe
Mike Zislis
Allen Hubert (Not Related to Agenda)
Tiffany and Jeffrey New
Bussack Osama (Not Related to Agenda)
Eric Bee (Inaudible)
Jessica (Technical Difficulties)
Linda (Inaudible)
Jill Lamkin
Jessica
Habib Vera (Inaudible)
Linda (Inaudible)
Thomas Gabriel (Did Not Respond)
Linda McLoughlin Figel
Marie*

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

City Attorney Quinn Barrow clarified for the record that for the Special Meetings, public comments are limited to the items identified on the agenda.

D. COVID-19

1. Consideration of Additional Outdoor Dining Options Including, but not Limited to, Usage of Portions of the Public Right-of-Way, for Restaurants to Accommodate State and County Prohibitions on Indoor In-Person Dining and Required Social Distancing Measures to Limit the Spread of COVID-19. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided the staff presentation and responded to City Council questions.

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

Kelly Stroman on behalf of Habib Vera

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

Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas, City Manager Bruce Moe and Community Development Director Tai responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stern, seconded by Councilmember Hersman to extend the application deadline for outdoor dining, until the expiration of the Executive Orders. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman

Community Development Director Tai, Public Works Director Katsouleas, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, CEO Kelly Stroman and Downtown Manhattan Beach Professional Association, President Jill Lamkin responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Councilmember Hersman, to direct staff to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour and make any other necessary changes to allow for parklets use by the North End Manhattan Beach area (Highland Avenue coming from El Porto). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman

Community Development Director Tai responded to City Council questions.

City Council authorized staff to close portions of Ocean Drive adjacent to the Strand House and Shellback restaurants, including exploring dining in the right of way.

City Council directed staff to explore the walk streets and see if its possible to accommodate outdoor activities on those walk streets and return to City Council.

City Council directed staff along with the Ad Hoc Committee to perform more outreach.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow provided clarification.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, seconded by Councilmember Hersman, to direct staff to consider on a case-by-case basis allowing both parklets and sidewalk dining where appropriate. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman

A motion was made by Mayor Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, to appoint Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman to the new Ad Hoc Committee that will be focusing on long term solutions for outdoor dining Citywide and report back to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman

City Attorney Quinn Barrow provide a re-cap on City Council direction:

- 1. Remove the application deadline for parklets.*
- 2. Direct the Traffic Engineer to take all necessary steps to reduce, the speed limit on Highland Avenue (Northern boundary to Rosecrans to 25 miles per hour.*
- 3. Mayor created an Ad Hoc Task Force and appointed Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Hersman.*
- 4. Authorized staff to close portions of Ocean Drive adjacent to the Strand House and Shellback restaurants, including exploring dining in the right of way.*
- 5. Consider parklets and sidewalk dining on a case-by-case basis where appropriate.*
- 6. Staff will be exploring the walk streets and see if its possible to accommodate outdoor activities on those walk streets and return to City Council.*
- 7. Directed staff along with the Ad Hoc Committee to perform more outreach.*

E. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 PM, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting.

Martha Alvarez
Recording Secretary

Richard Montgomery
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk