

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

City Council Regular Meeting

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

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Manhattan Beach Unified School District, Clerk of the Board, Karen Komatinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Declare the Month of September, 2019, as "National Suicide Prevention Month." [19-0389](#)

DECLARE

Mayor Hersman spoke on "National Suicide Prevention Month," and shared "The In Between" video created by Hans Zimmer.

Mayor Hersman, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation to Beach Cities Health District, Youth Services Director, Ali Stewart declaring the Month of September 2019 as "National Suicide Prevention Month."

Manhattan Beach Unified School District, Superintendent, Mike Matthews, spoke on some of the programs that are being offered to students.

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

Mayor Hersman stated as the City previously notified the public that Agenda Item No. 10 - Fire Feasibility Study is being continued to a future City Council Meeting. City Council will be holding a Fire Study Session at a future date to review and discuss the information presented by staff.

Councilmember Napolitano requested to remove from the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item No. 7 - Expressive Activities Policy, and Agenda Item No. 9 - Agreement with West Coast Arborist, Inc.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Hadley, to approve the agenda, waive the full reading of ordinances, and remove from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration, Agenda Item Nos. 7 and 9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

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

Beach Cities Health District, Youth Services Director Ali Steward announced "Walk to School Day," on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery announced that Vista Del Mar will be under construction.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

The following individuals spoke:

*Jon Chaykowski
Linda McLoughlin-Figel
Yua Watanabe
Mike Simms
Molly Schneider
Rose Sweeney
Colette Bouvet
Leah
Mackenzie
Unknown Speaker
Liz Sweeney
Kristy Jones
Alisa Pedersen
George Barks
Maureen McBride
Karen Kometinsky
Ben Dale
Mike Matthews
Alice Kuo
Charles Thompson
Scott Ninegar
Heather de Roos
Kelly Stroman
William Wood
Steve Packwood
Wayne Powell*

G. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Hadley, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Agenda Item Nos. 7 and 9, which were individually considered after the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

2. City Council Minutes:

[19-0180](#)

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

- a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes (Closed Session) of August 28, 2019
- b) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes (Closed Session) of September 3, 2019
- c) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019 (City Clerk Tamura).

APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. Financial Report: [19-0319](#)
Schedule of Demands: August 15, 2019 (Finance Director Charelian).
ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

4. Consider Designation of a Voting Delegate and Alternate to the 2019 [19-0287](#)
League of California Cities Annual Conference; Authorize the Delegate
and Alternate Voting Authority on Proposed Resolution(s) Being
Considered at the Conference (City Clerk Tamura).
a) APPROVE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE
b) AUTHORIZE VOTING AUTHORITY

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5. Consider Approving an Update to the Boards and Commissions [19-0372](#)
Handbook Pertaining to the Annual Dates of the Joint City
Council/Commission Meetings (City Clerk Tamura).
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. Consider Awarding Bid No. 1214-20 to Courtesy Chevrolet for the [19-0354](#)
Purchase of Two Budgeted Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department in
the Amount of \$79,574.24 (Finance Director Charelian).
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Consider Adoption of the Expressive Activities Policy (City Manager Moe [19-0356](#)
and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0090

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard under Section H
- Items removed from the Consent Calendar.

8. Consider Accepting the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, [19-0288](#)
Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the Amount of
\$65,000 (Police Chief Abell).
a) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0065
b) APPROPRIATE FUNDS

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

9. Consider Approving Amendment No. 4 with West Coast Arborist, Inc. for [19-0367](#)
\$30,000 to the Existing \$160,000 Agreement for Additional Tree
Maintenance and Replacement Services, and Approve Appropriation of
\$30,000 from the General Fund (Public Works Director Katsouleas).
a) **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0089**
b) **APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard under Section H
- Items removed from the Consent Calendar.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. Consider Recommendation by the Parking and Public Improvements [19-0347](#)
Commission to Authorize a Grandview School Request for a Crossing
Guard at Blanche Road and 27th Street and Appropriate \$15,000 for
Additional Crossing Guard Contract Services (Interim Community
Development Director Gibson).
a) **APPROVE**
b) **APPROPRIATE \$15,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

At the request of Councilmember Napolitano, this agenda item was presented out of order.

Community Development Department, Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet provided the staff presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hersman opened the floor for public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Leaner Shean

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Councilmember Hadley, to approve the authorization from Grand View Elementary School for a crossing guard at Blanche and 27th Street and appropriate an additional \$15,000 per year for crossing guard contract services. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Consider Adoption of the Expressive Activities Policy (City Manager Moe and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [19-0356](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0090

City Attorney Quinn Barrow and Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hersman opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Hersman closed the floor for public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Councilmember Stern, to adopt Resolution No. 19-0090, approving an expressive activities policy with the following changes: exclude commercial speech, reconcile the need for a permit to be reduced to five calendar days, permits can only be filed during regular business hours, include provision about adding reasonable time, place and manner of restrictions, and include language stating no fees except for certain fees (e.g. amplification). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

9. Consider Approving Amendment No. 4 with West Coast Arborist, Inc. for \$30,000 to the Existing \$160,000 Agreement for Additional Tree Maintenance and Replacement Services, and Approve Appropriation of \$30,000 from the General Fund (Public Works Director Katsouleas). [19-0367](#)

a) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0089

b) APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hersman opened the floor for public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Jill Larkin

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Hadley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, to adopt Resolution No. 19-0089, approving Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with West Coast Arborist, Inc. for tree trimming, replacement and maintenance services for an additional \$30,000 and appropriation from the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Review Feasibility Study for the Provision of Fire Protection, Paramedic, and Incidental Services by the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (City Manager Moe). [19-0349](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Hersman previously announced that this item will be continued to a future City Council Meeting. City Council will be holding a Fire Study Session at a future date to review and discuss the information presented by staff.

11. Consider Recommendation by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission to Authorize a Grandview School Request for a Crossing Guard at Blanche Road and 27th Street and Appropriate \$15,000 for Additional Crossing Guard Contract Services (Interim Community Development Director Gibson). [19-0347](#)

a) APPROVE

b) APPROPRIATE \$15,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND

At the request of Councilmember Napolitano, this agenda item was presented out of order, earlier in the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery concurred.

At 8:07 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:16 PM with all Councilmembers present.

12. Sunshine Policy Review (City Manager Moe and City Attorney Barrow). [19-0143](#)
- ### **DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

Management Services, Management Analyst Alexandria Latragna provided the staff presentation.

Management Analyst Latragna and City Clerk Liza Tamura responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Hersman opened the floor to public comment.

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

City Clerk Tamura and City Manager Bruce Moe responded to City Council questions.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow and City Manager Moe provided clarification.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Hadley, to approve the Sunshine Policy and include in Section 5C to add to the phrase "where technologically feasible" the additional language of: "and practicable." The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hersman, Montgomery, Hadley, Stern and Napolitano

K. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

13. City Council Reports.

Councilmember Stern reported that she attended the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority on September 17, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery announced that he is gathering all complaints regarding the Hawthorne Airport noise.

14. Consider Request by Councilmember Steve Napolitano and Councilmember Suzanne Hadley to Discuss Potentially Eliminating Construction Hours on Saturday (Interim Community Development Director Gibson).

[19-0381](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Councilmember Napolitano provided a brief statement regarding the request.

Mayor Hersman opened the floor to public comment. The following individual(s) spoke:

Bill Robinson

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

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery requested when staff returns with information to include information on how removal of Saturday construction will affect CIP projects, undergrounding projects and property projects. Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Stern concurred.

15. Consider Request by Mayor Hersman and Councilmember Napolitano to Review the City's Existing Task Forces (City Manager Moe, City Attorney Barrow, and City Clerk Tamura).

[19-0373](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Hersman opened the floor to public comment.

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

Mayor Hersman requested for staff to return with a report on the City's existing task forces, Councilmember Napolitano and Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery concurred.

16. Consider Request by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery and Mayor Hersman to Discuss Funding for Manhattan Beach Residents to Attend the TEDx Manhattan Beach Event (City Manager Moe). [19-0385](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Hersman opened the floor to public comment.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery requested for staff to return with a report regarding the funding for residents to attend TEDx, Mayor Hersman and Councilmember Napolitano concurred.

17. Consider Request by Mayor Hersman and Councilmember Stern to Review the Mayor's Youth Council Program (City Clerk Tamura). [19-0374](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Hersman opened the floor to public comment.

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

Mayor Hersman requested for staff to return with a review of the Mayor's Youth Council Program, Councilmember Stern and Councilmember Napolitano concurred.

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [19-0342](#)
- DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

No requests were made by City Council.

M. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bruce Moe announced that the "Light Gate Sculpture" glass had been replaced for the November 14, 2019, "Light Gate Sunset" event.

N. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

P. CLOSED SESSION

None.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 PM, Mayor Hersman adjourned the meeting to a 4:30 PM Closed Session meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Martha Alvarez
Recording Secretary

Nancy Hersman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk