

# City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**City Council Reorganization**

**City Council Chambers and Zoom**

## **City Council Regular Meeting**

### ***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

***Mayor Joe Franklin***

***Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth***

***Councilmember David Lesser***

***Councilmember Steve Napolitano***

***Councilmember Richard Montgomery***

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**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order.*

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Nancy Franklin and Taylor Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mayor Franklin requested that all Veterans in the audience stand up to be recognized for their service.*

**C. ROLL CALL**

*Roll Call led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.*

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Franklin, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, Councilmember Lesser, Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Montgomery

**D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

*None.*

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Lesser to approve the agenda and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Franklin, Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano and Montgomery

**Nay:** 0

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

*Recreation Supervisor David Ibarra invited the community to the Pumpkin Race at the Manhattan Beach Pier on October 20, 2024, and to the Halloween Carnival at Manhattan Heights on October 26, 2024, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.*

*Emergency Preparedness Administrator Amanda MacLennan announced to the community "The Great Shakeout" which will take place on October 17, 2024, at 10:17 AM.*

*Waste Management Recycling Education Representative Bobby Bell announced to the community their Free Paper Shredding event at the Mira Costa High School Parking Lot, on October 21, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 AM.*

*Carol Patterson announced to the community that 'A Piece of My Heart' began this past weekend at Manhattan Beach Community Church and will continue to be shown from October 18 to October 20, 2024.*

*MB News Editor Jeanne Fratello announced to the community that the Candidates Forum will be held at the small theater at Mira Costa High School, on October 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM.*

*Environmental Programs Administrator Britny Coker-Moen announced to the community that the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) and SoCal Edison (SCE) have released their comparable rates, with CPA's rates being lower than those of SCE's; and informed the community that all joint CPA and SCE customers will receive this comparison by mail.*

*Resident Larry Zimbalist announced to the community his support for RLS and urged everyone to vote 'yes;' and thanked the City Councilmembers for their support.*

*Public Works Director Erick Lee provided an update to the community on the Parking Lot 3 demolition project, set to begin next week and that 12th Street, between Morningside and Crest, will be closed for demolition starting October 25, 2024. Additionally, staff have identified 90 extra parking spaces in the downtown area and a pre-demolition meeting will take place tomorrow at the Civic Center Plaza outside the Fire Building at 9:00 AM.*

*Firefighter's Association Fire Captain James Falls expressed gratitude to the City Council, City Staff, and the community for their support of the Second Annual Pancake Breakfast. The event raises funds to benefit local needs and charities.*

*Police Captain Christian Eichenlaub invited the community to the Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Police Department parking lot off Valley Drive on October 24, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. In honor of Breast Cancer*

*Awareness Month, they are selling challenge coins, pink patches, shirts, and magnets, with proceeds supporting Inglewood Homicide Detective Sipaque in her battle against breast cancer.*

*Manhattan Beach 10K representative Russ Lesser expressed his gratitude to the City, Fire Paramedics, Police Department, Public Works, and all others involved for making this the best race they've ever had.*

*Assistant City Clerk Martha Alvarez provided an update on the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election; informed the community that Vote-By-Mail ballots began mailing on October 3, 2024; the last day to register online to receive a vote-by-mail ballot is October 21, 2024; Vote centers will open for in-person voting throughout LA County on October 26, 2024, with Manhattan Beach vote centers opening for in-person voting on November 2, 2024; Election Day is November 5, 2024; and the vote centers in Manhattan Beach are as follows: Marine Avenue Park at 1625 Marine Avenue, Neptunian Woman's Club at 920 Highland Avenue and Cornerstone Christian Fellowship at 300 North Redondo Avenue.*

*Mayor Franklin announced to the community the 5th Annual VetFest, organized by the Rotary Club, taking place at Kinecta, located at 1440 Rosecrans Avenue, on November 9, 2024, from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.*

#### **G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

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

*Tara Shivpuri  
Madelyn  
Martha Andreani  
Fred Taylor  
Christine Daviduk  
Brenton Wright  
Heather Kim  
Unknown Speaker  
Taylor Franklin  
Nina Tarnay  
Steve Charelian  
Sally Peel  
Jim Burton  
Evan Chuck*

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

**H. REORGANIZATION**

1. City Council Reorganization:
  - a) Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Franklin
  - b) Selection of Mayor
  - c) Selection of Mayor Pro Tem (City Clerk Tamura).

[24-0374](#)**SELECT NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

*Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, Councilmember Lesser, Councilmember Napolitano, and Councilmember Montgomery recognized outgoing Mayor Franklin for his service during his tenure as the Mayor of Manhattan Beach.*

*The following agencies presented certificates:*

*Mayor Dean Francois and Mayor Pro Tem Rob Saemann, City of Hermosa Beach; and Deputy Jessalyn Waldron on behalf of Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office*

*Outgoing Mayor Franklin provided comments regarding his term as Mayor and thanked his family, colleagues, and staff.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Lesser, to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Howorth as Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Franklin, Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano and Montgomery

**Nay:** 0

*Mayor Howorth provided comments regarding her upcoming term as Mayor.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Napolitano, to nominate Councilmember Lesser as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

**Nay:** 0

*Mayor Pro Tem Lesser provided comments regarding his upcoming term as Mayor Pro Tem.*

*Mayor Howorth provided that the City Council Assignments would appear on the January 17, 2025, agenda.*

**I. RECESS AND RECONVENE**

*At 7:33 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:49 PM, with all City Councilmembers present.*

**J. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lesser, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

**Nay:** 0

2. City Council Minutes: [24-0363](#)  
This Item Contains The City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of  
October 1, 2024  
(City Clerk Tamura).

**APPROVE**

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

3. Financial Report: [24-0340](#)  
a) Schedule of Demands: September 2024  
b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending August 31, 2024  
c) Month End Report for August 31, 2024 (Interim Finance Director Jones).

**ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS**

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

4. Quarterly Update on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Council Work Plan (Acting City Manager Mirzakhania). [24-0291](#)

**RECEIVE AND FILE**

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

5. Lot 3 Parking Structure Local Emergency Update (Public Works Director Lee).

[24-0342](#)

**DETERMINE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE THE EMERGENCY ACTION**

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

**K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

*None.*

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*None.*

**M. GENERAL BUSINESS**

*None.*

**N. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO A MEETING OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION**

*At 7:51 PM, the City Council recessed to the Capital Improvements Corporation Board Meeting.*

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*At 7:51 PM, Vice President Howorth called the Capital Improvements Board Meeting to order.*

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Roll call led by Secretary Liza Tamura.*

**Present:** 5 - President Franklin, Vice President Howorth, Boardmember Lesser, Boardmember Napolitano, Boardmember Montgomery

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION**

*President Franklin opened the floor to public comments.*

*Seeing no requests to speak, President Franklin closed the floor to public comments.*

**IV. GENERAL BUSINESS**

6. Reorganization of the Manhattan Beach Capital Improvements Corporation (Interim Chief Financial Officer Jones).

[CIC-16](#)**ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

*Interim Chief Financial Officer Onyx Jones provided the staff presentation.*

**A motion was made by Boardmember Montgomery, seconded by President Franklin, to appoint Vice President Howorth as the new President. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

**Nay:** 0

**A motion was made by Boardmember Montgomery, seconded by Boardmember Franklin, to appoint Boardmember Lesser as the new Vice President. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Howorth, Lesser, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

**Nay:** 0

**O. ADJOURN THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*At 7:53 PM, President Howorth adjourned the Capital Improvements Corporation Meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting, with all City Councilmembers present.*

**P. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

7. City Council AB 1234 Reports.

[24-0380](#)**RECEIVE AND FILE**

*Councilmember Montgomery shared that he was invited to attend the inauguration of the President of Mexico, noting that no taxpayer funds were used for his attendance.*

8. Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Napolitano and Mayor Franklin to Place on a Future Agenda a Discussion of Requiring Cable Companies to Remove Old Cable Service Wires When Installing New Ones (Acting City Manager Mirzakhani).

[24-0381](#)**PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*Mayor Pro Tem Lesser provided that he would be the third vote in order to have the item return on a future agenda.*



**Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Councilmember Montgomery requested to agendize a discussion regarding recruitment incentives for police officers, specifically proposing medical insurance contributions upon retirement after a minimum of ten years of service with the City. Councilmember Franklin concurred.*

**R. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

*Acting City Manager Talyn Mirzakhania expressed gratitude to former Mayor Franklin for his service over the past 9.5 months, welcomed Mayor Howorth and Mayor Pro Tem Lesser to their new roles, and thanked them for their service as well.*

**S. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

*None.*

**T. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura). [24-0351](#)  
**INFORMATION ITEM ONLY**

*This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.*

10. Commission Minutes: [24-0384](#)  
This Item Contains Minutes of the PPIC Commission Meeting:  
Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting Minutes of  
September 26, 2024 (Acting Community Development Director Heise).  
**INFORMATION ITEM ONLY**

*This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.*

11. Recent Planning Commission Quasi-Judicial Decisions: [24-0378](#)  
a) Use Permit Amendment and Coastal Development Permit for a  
Restaurant Expansion with the Sale and Service of Alcohol and Live  
Entertainment Located at 309 Manhattan Beach Boulevard  
(Esperanza)  
b) Master Use Permit Amendment to Modify Existing Conditions of  
Approval Concerning Site Access Located at 3200 North Sepulveda  
Boulevard (Manhattan Village Shopping Center) (Acting Community  
Development Director Heise).  
**INFORMATION ITEM ONLY**

*This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.*

**U. CLOSED SESSION**

*None.*

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 7:56 PM, Mayor Howorth adjourned the meeting to the October 24, 2024,  
Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 12:00 PM.*

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**Breana Contreras**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**Amy Howorth**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Liza Tamura**  
**City Clerk**