

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 23, 2026

3:30 PM

City Council Chambers and Zoom

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor David Lesser

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin

Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lesser called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call by City Clerk Liza Tamura.

Present: 5 - Mayor Lesser, Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, Councilmember Tarnay, Councilmember Charelian and Councilmember Howorth

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Tarnay, seconded by Councilmember Charelian, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

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

F. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced the following Closed Session:

I. ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

**Agency Negotiator:
Peter Brown, Chief Negotiator**

**Employee Group(s):
Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association**

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (EXISTING LITIGATION)
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

**Name of Case: People of the State of California and City of Manhattan Beach v
Douglas Cameron Aziz
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Los Angeles - Southwest District**

Case No. 21TRCV00335

II. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 3:32 PM, the City Council recessed into Closed Session.

III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 4:38 PM, the City Council reconvened into Open Session with all City Councilmembers present.

IV. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced that the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss two separate matters identified on the agenda. With respect to Item Fb, the piece of existing litigation, by a 5-0 vote, the City Council gave direction to the City Attorney.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:40 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting to the February 24, 2026, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Jamie Morita
Recording Secretary

David Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk