

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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 Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, 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

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

**1) Name of Case: Armando Marquez v. City of Manhattan Beach
County of Los Angeles Superior Court**

Case No: 25STCV34923

**2) Name of Case: Highrose El Porto LLC. v City of Manhattan Beach, et al.
County of Los Angeles Superior Court**

Case No: 25STCP04250

**3) Name of Case: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association, Local 3925,
a Labor Association, et al. v City of Manhattan Beach
United States District Court District of California**

Case No: 24-4228

II. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:02 PM, the City Council recessed into Closed Session.

III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 6:00 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 three items of litigation. With respect to Items 2 and 3 as listed on the agenda, the City Council gave direction on a 5 to 0 Vote. With respect to Item 1 on the agenda, the City Council gave direction on a 3 to 2 vote, with Councilmember Charelian and Mayor Pro Tem Franklin Voting No.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:01 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.

Jamie Morita
Recording Secretary

David Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk