

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:00 PM

Work Plan Meeting

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 led by City Clerk Liza Tamura.*

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

*City Staff:*

*Present - City Manager Talyn Mirzakhanian, City Clerk Liza Tamura, Finance Director Libby Bretthauer, Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins, Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman, Police Chief Rachel Johnson, Fire Chief Jesse Alexander, Community Development Director Masa Alkire, Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco, Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado, City Engineer Gilbert Gamboa, Traffic Engineer, Field Operations Manager Sean Roberts, Utilities Manager Jeffrey Page, Building Official Ryan Heise, Planning Manager Adam Finestone, Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna, Environmental Programs Administrator Britny Coker-Moen, Assistant City Clerk Martha Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst Patricia Matson, Senior Management Analyst Tatyana Roujenova-Peltekova, Police Officer Christopher Iniguez, Technology Specialist Ali Kazempoor and Deputy City Clerk Breana Contreras.*

**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. The following individual(s) spoke:*

*Councilmember Tarnay*

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

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Status of the Current Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City Council Work Plan, Development of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Work Plan, and Approval of the Prioritization of Pending City Council Requests (No Budget Impact) (City Manager Mirzakhonian).

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**(Estimated Time: 3 Hrs.)**

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*Mayor Lesser reopened the floor for public comment.*

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

*City Manager Talyn Mirzakhonian introduced the Work Plan and introduced Senior Management Analyst Patricia Matson who provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*The remainder of the PowerPoint was provided in the following order:*

Management Services

*Senior Management Analyst Matson provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*City Manager Mirzakhonian responded to City Council questions.*

***Councilmember Howorth suggested adding the word “challenges” to the City Council Work Plan item so that it reads: “Evaluation of Opportunities and Challenges for the City’s Involvement in the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Summer Olympic Games.” There were no objections.***

Finance

*Finance Director Libby Bretthauer provided the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council questions.*

Parks and Recreation

*Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman provided the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council questions.*

Community Development

*Community Development Director Masa Alkire provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Community Development Director Alkire, Building Official Ryan Heise and Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.*

***Councilmember Charelian suggested adding a notable accomplishment recognizing the City’s updated noticing policy for State Density Bonus and Residential Overlay District projects. There were no objections.***

Public Works

Interim Public Works Director Joseph DeFrancesco provided the PowerPoint presentation.

City Manager Mirzakhania, Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco and City Engineer Gilbert Gamboa responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments. The following individual spoke:

Jim Upchurch

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

City Manager Mirzakhania, Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco and City Engineer Gamboa responded to City Council questions.

At 7:21 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:30 PM with all City Councilmembers present.

City Manager Mirzakhania made a correction and clarified that the 28th Street Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

Human Resources

Human Resources Director Lisa Jenkins provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Police

Police Chief Rachel Johnson provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Police Chief Johnson and City Manager Mirzakhania responded to City Council questions.

Fire

Fire Chief Jesse Alexander provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Information Technology

Information Technology Director Miguel Guardado provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Information Technology Director Guardado and Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Alexandria Latragna responded to City Council questions.

Management Services

Senior Management Analyst Matson concluded the provided the PowerPoint presentation and continued with the prioritized list of pending City Council requests, starting with Management Services.

City Manager Mirzakhania responded to City Council questions.

*The remainder of the PowerPoint presentation regarding Pending City Council Requests was presented in the following order:*

Finance

*Finance Director Bretthauer provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*City Manager Mirzakhaniah and Community Development Director Alkire responded to City Council questions.*

***The City Council directed staff to prepare an annual briefing note on the fiscal impacts of the holiday meter bagging.***

Parks and Recreation

*Parks and Recreation Director Leyman provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

Community Development

*Community Development Director Alkire provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Community Development Director Alkire, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet and City Manager Mirzakhaniah responded to City Council questions.*

***The City Council directed staff to move the Discussion of the Use of a Shuttle Service in the City up from a low priority to a medium priority.***

Public Works

*Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Interim Public Works Director DeFrancesco and City Manager Mirzakhaniah responded to City Council questions.*

Police

*Police Chief Johnson provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Police Chief Johnson and City Manager Mirzakhaniah responded to City Council questions.*

***The City Council directed staff to return with a proposal to establish a diversion program for minors and adults who receive e-bike violations.***

Fire

*Fire Chief Alexander provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

***The City Council directed staff to bring back the discussion on Emergency Shelter Solutions at a future City Council meeting to help promote and raise community awareness.***

*Senior Management Analyst Matson, City Manager Mirzakhaniah and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.*

*The City Council directed staff to explore formatting options to restructure the City Council Work Plan, emphasizing each item's priority and its ability to be completed within the Fiscal Year, and to return with the format that best meets the City Council's objectives.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 9:03 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting to the March 3, 2026, Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting at 5:00 PM.*

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

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**David Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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