

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

City Council Regular Meeting

*Mayor David J. Lesser
Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth
Councilmember Steve Napolitano
Councilmember Nancy Hersman
Councilmember Richard Montgomery*

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lesser, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, City Councilmember Napolitano, City Councilmember Hersman and City Councilmember Montgomery

C. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Northrop Grumman for their Historic and Continued Contribution of Groundbreaking Aerospace and Defense Technology.

[17-0203](#)

PRESENT

Mayor Lesser along with the City Council, recognized Northrop Grumman for their Historic and Continued Contribution of Groundbreaking Aerospace and Defense Technology.

Northrop Grumman RF Microwave Design Doctor William Deal, Microelectronics Semiconductor Engineer Gerry Mei, RF Microwave Design Engineer Kevin Leong and Manager of State and Local Affairs Joe Ahn were present to receive recognition.

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

City Manager Mark Danaj recommended removing Agenda Item No. 13 - Request from Manhattan Beach Rotary Club for Special Permit: Limited Alcoholic Beverage Use on Public Property for June 16, 2017 for their Event at Joslyn Center.

Councilmember Hersman announced that she will be recusing her vote during the Consent Calendar regarding Agenda Item No. 7 - Resolution Approving Third Amendment to the Pass-Thru Agreement with Eyestone-Jones Environmental, LLC. for Environmental Review and Related Services for the Manhattan Village Mall Renovation Project since it is one of her clients.

City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, to approve the agenda removing Item No. 13 - Request from Manhattan Beach Rotary Club for Special Permit: Limited Alcoholic Beverage Use on Public Property for June 16, 2017 for their Event at Joslyn Center. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

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

Melissa McCullom, Manhattan Beach Public Library Manager, announced upcoming events.

Councilmember Hersman announced that the City of Redondo Beach is partnering with LA Metro for Bike to Work Day on May 18, 2017, will be hosting a bike pit stop as part of the Metro National Bike Long Celebration.

F. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mark Danaj introduced Information Technology Director Sanford Taylor.

Information Technology Taylor gave a brief staff presentation regarding the new City's homepage and introduced Information Technology Manager Leilani Emnace who provided details and demonstrated the new website.

Information Technology Manager Emnace and Information Technology Taylor responded to City Council questions.

G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ONE ITEM, A MAXIMUM OF 6 MINUTES IF A SPEAKER WANTS TO COMMENT ON MORE THAN ONE ITEM)

Mike Don spoke about the second anniversary for the Manhattan Beach Public Library and spoke about bike information for children and the upcoming Bike to School event with the Manhattan Beach Middle School.

Gary Osterhout spoke about Veteran's Parkway and tree maintenance.

Mark Lipps from the Chamber of Commerce spoke about the canvas bag, Northrop Grumman, downtown, assistance from City staff regarding Veteran Discount information out to the businesses in the downtown area, and "Young Entrepreneurs" program.

John Chaykowski spoke about staff pension.

John Maceachern spoke in support about the neighborhood traffic management plan agenda item.

Dolly Boden spoke in support about the neighborhood traffic management plan agenda item and the conflict between construction done in some of the properties.

I. PLANNING COMMISSION QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISIONS (RECEIVE AND FILE)

None.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, seconded by City Councilmember Montgomery, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2-6 and 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

2. City Council Minutes: [17-0159](#)
This Item Contains Minutes of the following City Council Meeting:
City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes - Closed Session and
Capital Improvements Projects of April 10, 2017
(City Clerk Tamura).
APPROVE

The recommendation for this item was approved.
3. Financial Report: [17-0179](#)
Schedules of Demands: April 13, 2017 (Finance Director Moe).
ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS

The recommendation for this item was approved.

4. Resolution of Intention to Provide for Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Downtown Business Improvement District and Setting June 20, 2017 for a Public Hearing (Economic Vitality Manager Sywak).

[RES 17-0045](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0045, SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 20, 2017

The recommendation for this item was approved.

5. Resolution Approving Assessment Engineer's Report for Annual Levy of Street Lighting Assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (Finance Director Moe).

[RES 17-0049](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0049; APPROVE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The recommendation for this item was approved.

6. Resolution Declaring City Council's Intention to Provide for Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for Street Lighting Maintenance and Setting of Public Hearing for June 20, 2017 (Finance Director Moe).

[RES 17-0050](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0050; SET JUNE 20, 2017 FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The recommendation for this item was approved.

7. Resolution Approving Third Amendment to the Pass-Thru Agreement with Eyestone-Jones Environmental, LLC. for Environmental Review and Related Services for the Manhattan Village Mall Renovation Project (Community Development Director McIntosh).

[RES 17-0054](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0054 APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT

The recommendation for this item was approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, seconded by City Councilmember Montgomery, to approve the Consent Calendar Item No. 7. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano and Montgomery

Abstain: 1 - Hersman

8. Resolutions Approving the Following with AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. for: a) Amendment No. 1 for Additional On-Call Construction Management and Inspection Services for \$43,234, and b) Task Order No. 3 for \$55,200 for Additional Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Strand Stairs Rehabilitation Project (Public Works Director Katsouleas).

[RES 17-0044](#)

ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 17-0044 AND 17-0061

The recommendation for this item was approved.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

None.

L. OLD BUSINESS

9. Re-Appropriation for Temporary Use of a Portion of General Fund Reserves for a Joint Funding Agreement Between the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Gardena and Hawthorne to Provide Advanced Funding to the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) for a Department of Homeland Security, Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Reimbursable Grant for Construction of Interagency Communications Interoperability Systems (Finance Director Moe).

[17-0222](#)

APPROVE AND RE-APPROPRIATE FUNDS

Mayor Lesser introduced Finance Director Bruce Moe.

Finance Director Moe provided the staff presentation.

Fire Chief Robert Espinosa responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor for public comments, seeing none he closed the floor for public comments.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by City Councilmember Hersman, to approve and re-appropriate funds for the temporary use of a portion of the general fund reserves for a joint funding agreement between the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Gardena and Hawthorne to provided advanced funding to the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) for a Department of Homeland Security, Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) reimbursable grant for construction of interagency communications interoperability systems. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

10. Veterans Parkway Preliminary Design Presentation (Public Works Director Katsouleas).

[17-0044](#)

APPROVE DESIGN ELEMENTS AND, IF NECESSARY, PROVIDE FURTHER DIRECTION

City Manager Mark Danaj introduced City Engineer Prem Kumar.

City Engineer Kumar presented the staff presentation and introduced David Voltz, President of David Voltz Design.

David Voltz, President of David Voltz Design presented the PowerPoint presentation.

Voltz, President of David Voltz Design, City Engineer Kumar, Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas and City Manager Mark Danaj responded to City Council questions.

Councilmember Howorth would like to hold the signage phase of this project until City Council decides on a standard wayfinding signage for the City.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor for public comments, seeing none, he closed the floor for public comments.

Friendly amendment by Mayor Lesser for staff to return at a later date with maintenance of Veterans Parkway.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Mayor Lesser, for staff to move forward with the proposed changes, use the designated grant money to do the construction of improvements to the Veterans Parkway, the excess money from the design that is not used (approximately \$80,000) to be set aside and be used for the park course replacement and maintain the trees and plants, replace what is needed and replace them with native, only have one or two boulders, three to four nodes per boulder. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

11. Status Update and Request to Approve the Proposed Facility Maintenance Improvements and Design Elements Regarding Pier Improvements and Harrison Greenberg Foundation Roundhouse Aquarium Beautification Project (Public Works Director Katsouleas).

[17-0193](#)

**APPROVE PROPOSED FACILITY MAINTENANCE
IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGN ELEMENTS**

City Manager Mark Danaj introduced City Engineer Prem Kumar.

City Engineer Kumar presented the PowerPoint presentation and introduced Michael Greenberg, Founder of Harrison Greenberg Foundation.

Greenberg, Founder of Harrison Greenberg Foundation provided brief presentation and introduced Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. Associate Principal Peter Sollogub.

Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. Associate Principal Sollogub continued the PowerPoint presentation.

City Engineer Kumar introduced Manhattan Beach Roundhouse Aquarium Director of Community Outreach/Boardmember John Roberts.

City Engineer Kumar concluded the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor for public comments.

Jim Burton spoke about full closure of the pier instead of creating a staging area.

Martha Andreani agrees with Jim Burton that the pier should be closed instead of creating a staging area and also spoke about the Fireworks show.

Manhattan Beach Roundhouse Co-Director Eric Martin spoke in support of the proposed design.

Mayor Lesser closed the floor for public comments.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, to approve the proposed the proposed facility maintenance improvements and design elements regarding pier improvements and Harrison Greenberg Foundation Roundhouse Aquarium beautification project and for the pier to have a complete closure during construction, however if the Coastal Commission does not approve of a complete closure, for staff to make necessary schedule arrangements to move forward with the project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

At 8:18 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:30 PM with all Councilmembers present.

M. NEW BUSINESS

12. Assignment of Manhattan Village Park City Parking Area Ground Lease with 1334 Partners LP (Manhattan Country Club) (Finance Director Moe and Economic Vitality Manager Sywak). [17-0209](#)

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT

City Manager Mark Danaj introduced Economic Vitality Manager Andy Sywak.

Economic Vitality Manager Sywak presented the staff presentation.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor for public comments, seeing none, he closed public comments.

Councilmember Montgomery clarified that the supplemental report was provided which includes additional information for this item.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by City Councilmember Hersman, to accept the improved assignment of the Manhattan Village Park City parking area ground lease with 1334 Partners LP to the Bay Club LLC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Howorth, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

13. Request from Manhattan Beach Rotary Club for Special Permit: Limited Alcoholic Beverage Use on Public Property for June 16, 2017 for their Event at the Joslyn Center (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). [17-0217](#)

GRANT SPECIAL PERMIT

Item was removed during Approval of Agenda and Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinances.

14. Approve the Valley Drive Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan Initial Measures as Recommended by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (Community Development Director McIntosh).

[17-0167](#)

APPROVE

Councilmember Howorth stated that she will be recusing herself from this item, she lives in the area and the decisions made for this particular item will affect her.

City Manager Mark Danaj introduced Traffic Engineer Erik Zanvliedt.

Traffic Engineer Zanvliedt presented the staff presentation and responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor for Public Comments.

Karen Darling spoke about the exclusion of 9th Street in the survey, parking problems and street closures.

Jim Harner spoke in opposition to the proposed turn on 6th Street and Valley.

Gala Raven spoke in support of 4th Street to be a one way street and spoke about the opposite side street cleaning and suggested limited parking during the days there is street cleaning.

Michele Colman spoke in opposition about the speed limit signage proposed.

Jim McCormich spoke in opposition for the proposed walk street.

Shannon Castellan spoke in support of the one lane proposal but it might not solve all the problems.

Peggy Nisen spoke in support of the of the one way proposal.

Nancy Lemm spoke about the walk street option trial parking spaces.

Mayor Lesser closed the floor for public comments.

Traffic Engineer Zanvliedt responded to City Council questions.

Friendly amendment by Councilmember Montgomery to do a full study regarding traffic, parking and walkstreets.

A motion was made by City Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by City Councilmember Hersman, to approve the Valley Drive neighborhood traffic management plan initial measures as recommended by the Parking and Public Improvements Commission which includes six recommendations and to move forward with a six month trial period for the proposed recommendations and report back to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission first, including the one way directional on 4th Street and residents to be informed about the opt-in about the street sweeping option. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Lesser, Napolitano, Hersman and Montgomery

Abstain: 1 - Howorth

N. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS, OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, AND COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS

Councilmember Montgomery reported that both he and Councilmember Napolitano attended the Annual Municipal Seminar for the California Contract Cities Association and took AB 1234 ethics training class as mandated by the State of California.

Mayor Lesser spoke before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding the City's social host ordinance which includes prohibition for minors drinking in a private property.

O. FORECAST AGENDA AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. Agenda Forecast (City Clerk Tamura).

[17-0207](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth inquired about the sailboat artwork in front of the Police/Fire Community Conference Room and for the City Manager to report back to City Council with an update.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth and Councilmember Montgomery asked for staff to come back to City Council with information for a discussion of a possible support letter as voted by the LA County Board of Supervisors to the Governor and the South Coast Air Quality Management District regarding Assembly Bills' introduced by Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi related to the Torrance Refinery Safety Plan.

Councilmember Montgomery and Mayor Lesser requested for a future discussion of possibly appointing two Councilmembers to serve in the C.E.R.T. Program and discussion of Councilmembers meeting FEMA training requirements.

Councilmember Hersman, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth and Councilmember Montgomery requested for a future discussion item regarding the reconsideration of the City's short-term rentals ordinance.

P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

16. Commission Minutes:

[17-0208](#)

This Item Contains Planning Commission Action Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2017 (Community Development Director McIntosh).

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

By order of the Chair, this item was received and filed.

Q. CLOSED SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 PM Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.

Martha Alvarez
Recording Secretary

David Lesser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk