

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Fire Operations Study Session

City Council Chambers

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

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

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Howorth called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Howorth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Amy Howorth, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Napolitano, Councilmember Nancy Hersman, Councilmember Richard Montgomery, and Councilmember David Lesser

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

None.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Presentation on Manhattan Beach Fire Department Services.

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DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

City Manager Bruce Moe provided a brief overview of the study session and introduced the new Executive Director of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) Erick Lee.

Fire Chief Robert Espinosa provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding Fire Administration.

Battalion Chief Ron Laursen provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding Operations and Training.

At 7:20 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:33 PM with all Councilmembers present.

Battalion Chief Mike Boyd provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding Emergency Medical Services.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) Medical Director, Doctor Mark Cohen, provided a brief overview of the support medical services the City of Manhattan Beach receives during EMS calls.

Battalion Chief Scott Hafdell provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding Support Services.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) Communications Operations Dawn Dohrmann provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding Communications as related to the RCC.

Mayor Howorth opened the floor to public comment.

Geoff Gerny, Fire Engineer for the City of El Segundo, spoke in support of the firefighters and how the City of El Segundo Fire Department mirrors the City of Manhattan Beach Fire Department. He also suggested a joint agreement with the City of El Segundo as to avoid smaller Cities going to Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Diane Wallace spoke on behalf of the Liberty Village Homeowners Association regarding the possibility of Nixle alerts and how the City coordinates their efforts to keep the residents informed of what is happening in the neighboring Cities.

Casey spoke on how most Cities have two paramedic rescues; that the City of Manhattan Beach only has one; that the number one call received is EMS; and the importance of training.

Pat Connor, Fire Captain Los Angeles County, spoke on ambulance needs for the City and that EMS transport is the number one concern for the residents in the City.

Dave Shenbaum, Manhattan Beach Fire Captain, spoke on the goals and the needs of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department, Los Angeles County services that can be provided and the need for the City to have more services and equipment for staff to get their work done on a daily basis.

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

Fire Chief Espinosa, RCC Communications Operations Dohrmann and City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.

Mayor Howorth suggested for the Nixle alerts to be used as a pilot to distribute information for the Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Napolitano requested for staff to return to City Council with new models and solutions on how to provide additional ambulance service, such as McCormick, once the new Fire Chief is appointed.

Councilmember Lesser requested to agendaize a discussion for City Council regarding notification to residents in the event of a Chevron incident.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 PM Mayor Howorth adjourned the meeting.

Martha Alvarez
Recording Secretary

Amy Howorth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk