

# City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Council Chambers**

## **City Council Regular Meeting**

### ***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

***Mayor Suzanne Hadley***

***Mayor Pro Tem Hildy Stern***

***Councilmember Steve Napolitano***

***Councilmember Richard Montgomery***

***Councilmember Joe Franklin***

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#### **A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Hadley called the meeting to order.*

#### **B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Mayor Hadley led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### **C. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Councilmember Napolitano, Councilmember Montgomery and Councilmember Franklin

#### **D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

1. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Henry Disser, Entrepreneur and Owner of Hank's Pickles.

[21-0038](#)

##### **PRESENT**

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Henry Disser as Entrepreneur and Owner of Hank's Pickles.*

2. Presentation of Recognition Awards for Longstanding Local Businesses  
(Finance Director Charelian).

[21-0003](#)

**PRESENT**

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented the following Certificates or Plaques of recognition to longstanding businesses in the City of Manhattan Beach.*

*Celebrating 50 Years in Business:*

*El Tarasco  
Globe Tire Company  
Montessori School of Manhattan Beach Inc.*

*Celebrating 40 Years in Business:*

*Bay Animal Hospital  
Dial Instant Printers  
Door to Door Cleaners #3  
Ralphs Grocery Company #166  
Red Carpet USA LLC  
James A. Snyder, Accounting  
Super Sports  
The Third Gallery  
Trader Joe's #34*

*Celebrating 30 Years in Business:*

*Advanced Management Systems  
Auto Chek Centers Inc.  
Corcovelos Law Group  
Growing Wild  
Islands Fine Burgers & Drinks  
Mackie & Associates  
Rock, Paper, Scissors Salon  
Valentino's Pizza*

*Celebrating 25 Years in Business:*

*Body By Design  
Current Events  
Frances Nail Spa  
Gails Frames & Gallery  
Janelle Holden D.D.S.  
Jamie L. MacDougall M.D.  
Lois Schunk Consulting  
Skechers USA Retail LLC  
Wave Hotel*

*Celebrating 10 Years in Business:*

*Allan Jeffries Framing  
Bardot LLC  
Beachside Ventures, Inc.*

*Café Rio*  
*Cami on Manhattan*  
*Chase Law Group P.C.*  
*Color Me Green*  
*D and T Nail*  
*Deep Roots Garden Center and Florist*  
*Digital Sign Solutions, LLC*  
*Dr. Laser Medspa P.C.*  
*Erik Struve Photography*  
*\*Fit On Studios, LLC (Business closed in the last quarter of 2020)*  
*Adrian W. Hall, M.A., M.F.T., A.T.R.*  
*Human Touch Home Health Care Agency Inc.*  
*The Izaka-Ya by Katsu-Ya*  
*Kim's Tailor*  
*La Marina Preschool & Extended Care*  
*Manhattan Beach Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*  
*Massage Revolution*  
*Mercedes Binge Bakery*  
*Nothing Bundt Cakes*  
*Pages: A Bookstore*  
*Palmer Chiropractic*  
*Pasha Fine Jewelry*  
*Power Cell*  
*Randt Salon*  
*Robyn W. B. Fung, D.D.S., Inc.*  
*RPM Mortgage*  
*Safe Ground Mediation Services*  
*Showstoppers, LLC*  
*SK Polymers, Inc.*  
*Walgreens #09685*  
*Waverly Boutique*  
*Yogurtland South Bay*

## **E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery, to approve the agenda and waive full reading of ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

*Senior Deputy City Clerk Martha Alvarez confirmed that the following public comments were received by the City for the January 19, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting.*

*Agenda Item No. 4  
7 eComments  
15 emails*

*Agenda Item No. 9  
1 email*

*Agenda Item No. 10  
2 eComments  
Over 250 emails  
2 Voicemails*

*Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:*

*Ann Pitts*

*City Manager Bruce Moe clarified for the record that the upcoming Art Exhibit will be a virtual exhibit.*

*Josh Murray  
Amy Kimyestasook  
Zack Winn  
Michael Monaghan  
Alice Kuo  
John Ward  
Jill Lamkin  
Michael Greenberg  
Kelly Stroman  
David Slay  
Dario Vullo  
Cady (no last name provided)  
Heather Kim  
Dean Francois  
Larry Auffrey*

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

**G. COVID-19****3. City Manager Report on EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and Update on COVID-19 Response.**

*City Manager Bruce Moe reported on the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).*

*Beach Cities Health District, CEO Tom Bakaly and Beach Cities Health District, Senior Policy Analyst Jacqueline Sun provided the PowerPoint presentation on COVID vaccine distribution and responded to City Council questions.*

*City Council directed staff to place the contact information provided by the Beach Cities Health District regarding COVID vaccine distribution on the City's website.*

**4. City Council to Consider Additional Measures to Address COVID-19.**

*Councilmember Franklin inquired about re-opening the parkletts.*

*Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Montgomery provided an update from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee regarding the re-opening of the parkletts.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Stern inquired about the public taking over parking in the Downtown area, and inquired if meters were shortened to one-hour from two-hours for beach users not to use the metered parking in the Downtown area if the Ad Hoc Subcommittee was looking into making any changes.*

*Councilmember Montgomery and Councilmember Napolitano provided an update from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee regarding the reduced time parking meters.*

*City Manager Moe requested for an additional staff update.*

*Finance Director Steve Charelian provided an update on the small business loan program and responded to City Council questions.*

*Councilmember Franklin inquired about the numbers provided by staff.*

*City Manger Moe responded to City Council questions.*

*Mayor Hadley inquired about face covering enforcement.*

*City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

*City Council directed staff to place additional signage regarding the City's face covering requirement.*

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

5. City Council Minutes: [21-0004](#)

This Item Contains Minutes of the Following City Council Meeting(s):

a) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2021

b) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2021

(City Clerk Tamura).

**APPROVE**

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. Financial Report: [21-0031](#)

Schedule of Demands: December 24, 2020 (Finance Director Charelian).

**ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS**

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

7. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [21-0005](#)

(Finance Director Charelian).

**RECEIVE AND FILE**

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. Consideration of a Resolution Declaring an Intention to Provide for [21-0006](#)

Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for the North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District and Setting February 16, 2021, for a Public Hearing (Finance Director Charelian).

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0011**

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

9. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 21-0001 Amending [21-0034](#)

Title 10 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, and Ordinance No. 21-0002, Amending the Local Coastal Program for Citywide Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); Consideration of Resolution No. 21-0006 Transmitting Local Coastal Program Code Amendments to the California Coastal Commission (Community Development Director Tai).

**a) ADOPT ORDINANCE NOS. 21-0001 AND 21-0002**

**b) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0006**

The recommendation for this item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

## I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

*None.*

*At 7:57 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:12 PM with all Councilmembers present.*

## J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Public Hearing *De Novo* to Consider a Master Use Permit for a New 162-Room, 81,775 Square-Foot Hotel with Full Alcohol Service for Hotel Patrons and A New 16,268 Square-Foot Retail and Office Building; and Reduced Parking with 152 Parking Spaces at 600 S. Sepulveda Boulevard; Waive Appeal Fee for Both Appellants; and Make an Environmental Determination in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (MB Hotel Partners, LLC) (Community Development Director Tai). [21-0007](#)
- a) **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING DE NOVO**
- b) **CONSIDER WAIVING APPEAL FEE FOR APPELLANTS**
- c) **CONSIDER DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION MAKING AN ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE MASTER USE PERMIT FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL MEETING**

*Mayor Hadley introduced the item and opened the Public Hearing.*

*Community Development Director Carrie Tai gave a brief introduction.*

*Community Development Department, Associate Planner Ted Faturos provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Associate Planner Faturos, Community Development Director Carrie Tai and Community Development Department, Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet responded to City Council questions.*

*At 9:53 PM, Mayor Hadley requested a motion to extend the meeting.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, seconded by Councilmember Montgomery to extend the meeting past 11:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

*Applicant for MB Hotel Partners, LLC, Jan Holtze and Kosmont Companies, Consultant Larry Kosmont, gave a brief presentation and responded to City Council questions.*

*Appellant for MB Poets, Darryl Franklin and Attorney, Douglas Carstens, gave a brief presentation.*

*Appellant for UNITE HERE Local 11, Danielle Wilson and Attorney, Gideon Kracov, gave a brief presentation.*

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow provided clarification.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Napolitano, to continue the Public Hearing De Novo to consider a Master Use Permit for MB Hotel Partners, LLC. to the February 2, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting and for the continued presentation to be scheduled for earlier in the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

*The Mayor announced that the public hearing has been continued to the February 2, 2021 City Council meeting at 6:00 PM, at which time the City Council would receive additional public comment. City Attorney Barrow notified the public that there will be no further notice for the continuation of this Agenda Item No.10 to the February 2, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting.*

## **K. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 11.** Consideration of Granting Hardship Exemption to 7-Eleven # 24549 Requesting Additional Time to Comply with Ordinance No. 20-0007 Which Prohibits the Retail Sale of Tobacco Products (Finance Director Charelian).

[21-0033](#)

- a) CONSIDER HARDSHIP EXEMPTION REQUEST**  
**b) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0012**

*Finance Director Steve Charelian provided the staff presentation.*

*Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments.*

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, to adopt Resolution No. 21-00012, approving a hardship exemption pursuant to Section 4 of Manhattan Beach Ordinance No. 20-0007 authorizing 7-Eleven #24549 to temporarily sell tobacco products until June 30, 2021, at the property located at 1221 Artesia Boulevard, subject to conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and Franklin

12. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Hardship Exemption Authorizing MB Smoke to Temporarily Sell Tobacco Products (City Attorney Barrow).

[21-0041](#)

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0010**

*Management Services, Management Analyst Alexandria Latragna provided the staff presentation.*

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.*

*Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments.*

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

*Management Analyst Latragna, City Attorney Barrow, City Manager Bruce Moe responded to City Council questions.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Napolitano, to adopt Resolution No. 21-0010, approving a hardship exemption pursuant to Section 4 of Manhattan Beach Ordinance No. 20-0007 authorizing MB Smoke Shop to temporarily sell tobacco products until June 30, 2021 at the property located at 1005 North Aviation Boulevard, subject to conditions, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Hadley, Stern, Napolitano and Franklin

**Nay:** 1 - Montgomery

*City Attorney Barrow and City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

*City Council directed Code Enforcement to ensure compliance by MB Smoke periodically.*

**L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

13. Consider Request by Mayor Hadley and Councilmember Montgomery to Agendize Belated Requests for Hardship Exemptions from Arco and Player's Liquor, Due to Extenuating Circumstances (Finance Director Charelian).

[21-0040](#)

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*Finance Director Steve Charelian provided a brief staff presentation.*

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow provided clarification.*

*Mayor Hadley and Councilmember Montgomery requested to agendize belated requests for hardship exemptions from Arco and Player's Liquor, due to extenuating circumstances, Mayor Pro Tem Stern concurred.*

**M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*None.*

**N. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

*City Manager Bruce Moe thanked Finance Department staff for putting together the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.*

*Management Services, Management Analyst Alexandria Latragna provided a brief update and reported that the Bruce's Beach Task Force is scheduled to provide an update on the proposals to City Council at the March 2, 2021 meeting.*

*Councilmember Napolitano and Mayor Pro Tem Stern provided an additional update on the Bruce's Beach Task Force.*

*City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

**O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

*None.*

**P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*None.*

**Q. CLOSED SESSION**

*None.*

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 11:23 PM, Mayor Hadley adjourned the meeting to a 6:00 PM, Joint City Council/Planning Commission and Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, in the City Council Chambers.*

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**Martha Alvarez**  
**Recording Secretary**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne Hadley**  
**Mayor**

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