

# City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, April 20, 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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*Mayor Hadley announced that the 4:30 PM Closed Session was recessed until Agenda Item "Q. Closed Session" on the agenda.*

#### **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 from Project O to the City of Manhattan Beach for Being the First Officially-Certified "Blue City."

**PRESENT**

*Community Development, Environmental Sustainability Manager Dana Murray, provided an introduction regarding the Blue City designation.*

*Chief Operating Officer of Project O and Manhattan Beach Resident, Evelina Marchetti, provided the requirements of the "Blue City" certification process and presented the City of Manhattan Beach with a certificate designating the City as a "Blue City."*

*Environmental Sustainability Manager Murray thanked the Sustainability Task Force members who volunteered their time and assisted the City in achieving the designation and those individuals that continue to further the City's environmental sustainability. She invited the community to join the next Climate Ready MB focus group on April 27, 2021.*

2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**PRESENT**

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented President and CEO of the Richstone Family Center, Roger Van Remmen, with a proclamation declaring the month of April 2021, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

3. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the Mira Costa High School Students for Receiving the 2021 Circle Award for Excellence in Poetry Composition.

**PRESENT**

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented the Parks and Recreation Department's Manhattan Beach Poetry Circle Member, Bob Perkins, with certificates of recognition for Mira Costa High School students: Alexa Aguilar, Ella Edwards, Kerry Kelly, Kinzie Malony, and Destheny Marinka for receiving the 2021 Circle Award for Excellence in Poetry Composition.*

4. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Ava Eisenberg, Teen Entrepreneur and Owner of Juels Jewelry.

**PRESENT**

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ava Eisenberg, Teen Entrepreneur and Owner of Juels Jewelry.*

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, 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)**

*Public Announcements:*

*Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) CEO, Tom Bakaly and Senior Policy Analyst, Jacqueline Sun provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding COVID-19 and vaccines.*

*Mayor Hadley, on behalf of City Council, thanked the BCHD for their presentation and their continued efforts to assist the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Councilmember Montgomery commented on the importance of more vaccines being provided to the BCHD AdventurePlex site.*

*Police Chief Derrick Abell provided a reminder to the community that dogs are not allowed on the beach and to report these violations by calling 310-545-4566.*

*Police Chief Abell responded to City Council questions.*

*Management Services, Senior Management Analyst George Gabriel provided an update regarding actions of nearby jurisdictions that aim to provide interim housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.*

*City Manager Bruce Moe informed the City Council that the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting will be held via Zoom and that an update will be provided once the City is able to accommodate a hybrid City Council meeting format.*

*City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

*Management Services, Senior Deputy City Clerk Martha Alvarez confirmed that the following public comments were received by the City for the April 20, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting:*

*Agenda Item No. 2  
1 email*

*Agenda Item No. 6  
3 eComments*

*Agenda Item No. 13  
1 eComment*

*Agenda Item No. 14  
1 eComment*

*Agenda Item No. 16  
14 eComments  
10 emails*

*Other Comments Not On The Agenda  
6 emails*

*Mayor Hadley opened the floor to public comments. The following individuals spoke:*

*Madeline Kaplan  
Diana Skaar  
Josh Murray  
Margaret Ng  
Krista Skinner  
Allen Kirschenbaum  
Lucia La Rosa Ames*

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

*Councilmember Montgomery thanked Public Works for replacing the parking meters at Parkview Avenue and Village Drive.*

## **5. Waste Management Presentation on Recycling - Earth Month 2021 (Community Development Director Tai).**

*Waste Management Regional Public Affairs Manager, Sharon Shapiro-Fox, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding waste reduction, recycling, and the shred event on April 24-25, 2021 in the Manhattan Beach Middle School parking lot from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.*

*Waste Management Regional Public Affairs Manager Shapiro-Fox responded to City Council questions.*

**G. COVID-19****6. 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)*

*Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided an update on the City's reopening plan and the latest County Health Officer Order.*

*Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman provided an update regarding Parks and Recreation programs, upcoming events, protocols, and the use of face coverings for youth sports.*

*Parks and Recreation Director Leyman and City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR (APPROVE)**

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

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

**7. City Council Minutes:**

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

- a) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021
- b) City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021
- c) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021  
(City Clerk Tamura).

**APPROVE**

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

**8. Financial Reports:**

Schedule of Demands April 1, 2021 (Finance Director Charelian).

**ACCEPT REPORT AND DEMANDS**

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

**9. Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Compliance with Senate Bill 1205 and California Health & Safety Code Section 13146.4 for Mandated State Fire Inspections (Interim Fire Chief Knabe).****ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0027**

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

10. Consideration of a Resolution Re-Adopting the List of Street Repair Projects from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to be Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Acting Public Works Director Tai).

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0033**

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

11. Consideration of:
- a) A Resolution Awarding a Construction Agreement to HYM Engineering, Inc. for the Aviation Boulevard at Artesia Boulevard Southbound to Westbound Right Turn Lane Improvement Project for \$707,930; Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Project; and Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Additional Work, if Necessary, for up to \$141,586;
  - b) A Resolution Approving an Inspection Services Agreement with Quantum Quality Consulting, Inc. in the Amount of \$110,630; and
  - c) A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 4 with Michael Baker International in the Amount of \$32,240 for Design Support Services During Construction (Acting Public Works Director Tai).

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 21-0034, 21-0035 AND 21-0036**

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

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

*None.*

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*None.*

**K. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 12.** Request to Discuss Existing Regulations Governing Animal-Related Activity, Specifically Bees, Pigs and Chickens, on Residential Properties (Community Development Director Tai).

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*Community Development Director Carrie Tai introduced Planning Manager, Talyn Mirzakhonian who provided the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Planning Manager Mirzakhonian and Community Development Director Tai responded to City Council questions*

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

*Lenora Marouani*

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

*Planning Manager Mirzakhonian responded to City Council questions.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Hadley, to continue to enforce existing animal-related regulations in the Municipal Code and work with the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures specifically on City enforcement of beekeeping-related code enforcement cases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*At 8:01 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:14 PM with all Councilmembers present.*



**13. Report on the City's COVID-19 Public Safety Engagement Efforts (City Manager Moe).**

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*City Manager Bruce Moe introduced the item. Management Services, Senior Management Analyst George Gabriel provided the staff presentation.*

*Senior Management Analyst Gabriel and Finance Director Steve Charelian 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.*

*Senior Management Analyst Gabriel, City Manager Moe, and Police Chief Derrick Abell responded to City Council questions.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Montgomery to continue to utilize the Ambassadors Program through Contemporary Services Corporation for the next 90 days and then discontinue service or bring it back for review. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

*Mayor Pro Tem Hadley asked Councilmember Montgomery if he would consider extending services until June 15, 2021.*

*Finance Director Charelian, Senior Management Analyst Gabriel, and Police Chief Abell responded to City Council questions.*

*A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern, to direct staff to return with a report in 30 days analyzing the weekly costs and activities of the Ambassadors Program.*

*Councilmember Franklin asked Councilmember Napolitano if he would consider receiving the report following the Memorial Day holiday instead of the 30 days in his initial motion.*

*Senior Management Analyst Gabriel and Police Chief Abell responded to City Council questions.*

*City Manager Moe provided that staff would return on June 1, 2021 with an oral report.*

*City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Napolitano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stern to direct staff to return with a report analyzing the weekly costs and activities of the Ambassadors Program following the Memorial Day holiday. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

14. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Preliminary Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Certificate Related to the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds (Finance Director Charelian).

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0037**

*Finance Director Steve Charelian provided the PowerPoint 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. 21-0037 approving the form of a preliminary official statement and a continuing disclosure certificate in connection with the issuance of bonds to refund certain pension obligations of the City and approving additional actions related thereto. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

15. Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Council Work Plan (City Manager Moe).

**APPROVE**

*Mayor Hadley requested to postpone the item to a future City Council meeting.*

*City Manager Moe confirmed the postponement and recommended that the item return at the May 18, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.*

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

16. Consider Request by Mayor Hadley and Councilmember Montgomery to Place on a Future Agenda a Resolution of No Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney, George Gascon (City Manager Moe).

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

*City Manager Bruce Moe introduced the item. Management Services, Senior Management Analyst George Gabriel provided the staff presentation.*

*Mayor Hadley and Councilmember Montgomery requested to agendaize consideration of a resolution conveying a "vote of no confidence" in Los Angeles County District Attorney, George Gascon. Councilmember Franklin concurred.*

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow provided that the item would return on a future agenda.*

**M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mayor Hadley requested that the City Council consider placing a discussion cancelling the August 17, 2021 City Council meeting on a future agenda, Councilmember Montgomery seconded the request.*

**N. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

*None.*

**O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

*None.*

**P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

17. This Item Contains the Library Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

**INFORMATION ITEM ONLY**

*This item was received and filed by order of the Chair.*

**Q. CLOSED SESSION**

*City Attorney Quinn Barrow announced that the City Council had a 4:30 PM Closed Session meeting regarding labor negotiations that was recessed until this point and that it would be appropriate to adjourn the 6:00 PM Regular meeting.*

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 9:20 PM, Mayor Hadley adjourned the meeting in memory of former Manhattan Beach Fire Chief, Keith Hackamack.*

*The meeting was adjourned to the 4:00 PM Boards and Commissions Interviews on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.*

*At 9:20 PM, Mayor Hadley announced that City Council would recess back into Closed Session.*

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**Patricia Matson**  
**Recording Secretary**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne Hadley**  
**Mayor**

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