

**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**



**April 29, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

Members Present: Mayor Dean Francois, Mayor Pro Tem Rob Saemann, Councilmember Mike Detoy, Councilmember Ray Jackson, Councilmember Michael D. Keegan

Staff Present: City Manager Suja Lowenthal, Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman, Interim Deputy City Manager Leo Zalyan, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, Acting City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza, Office Assistant Ariana Rodriguez

1. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Francois called the Open Session to order at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Francois welcomed State and County representatives, neighboring city colleagues, former Mayors and Councilmembers, Board Members, School District and Beach Cities Health District representatives, and residents.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Laura.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Paula Fong. Mayor Francois introduced Paula as an American singer-songwriter and Southbay native, and read a brief biography.

4. ROLL CALL

Acting City Clerk Reanna Guzman announced a quorum. All members were present.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Saemann

To approve the order of the agenda.

Ayes (5): Mayor Francois, Mayor Pro Tem Saemann, Councilmember Detoy, Councilmember Jackson, and Councilmember Keegan

Motion Carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

7. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

7.a ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION – APRIL 2025 - 25-CCO-022

Acting City Clerk Guzman provided a staff presentation.

Acting City Clerk Guzman requested the gavel from Mayor Francois and announced the opening of nominations.

Mayor Francois nominated Mayor Pro Tem Saemann as Mayor and Councilmember Detoy as Mayor Pro Tem. No additional nominations were made.

Acting City Clerk Guzman closed the nominations.

Acting City Clerk Guzman opened voting.

Moved by: Mayor Francois
Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To elect Mayor Saemann for a 9.6 month term ending February 12, 2026 upon the election of another Mayor; elect Mayor Pro Tempore Detoy for a 9.6 month term ending February 12, 2026 upon the election of another Mayor Pro Tempore.

Ayes (5): Mayor Francois, Mayor Pro Tem Saemann, Councilmember Detoy, Councilmember Jackson, and Councilmember Keegan

Motion Carried

7.b RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR

Mayor Saemann announced the reorganization of various committees.

Acting City Clerk Guzman conducted a new roll call and announced a quorum.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments about outgoing Mayor Francois.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments about outgoing Mayor Francois.

Mayor Saemann provided comments about outgoing Mayor Francois and provided additional remarks.

Moved by: Councilmember Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Detoy

To appoint Mayor Saemann to the Los Angeles County-City Selection Committee; and approve Resolution No. RES-25-7485 to appoint Mayor Saemann to the South Bay Cities Sanitation District Board of Directors and Councilmember Francois to serve as Alternate Director.

Ayes (5): Mayor Francois, Mayor Pro Tem Saemann, Councilmember Detoy, Councilmember Jackson, and Councilmember Keegan

Motion Carried

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Saemann invited the public to the Hermosa Brewing Company immediately following the meeting for a reception.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. in memory of Kathleen Midstokke.

Councilmember Keegan delivered a eulogy in memory of Kathleen Midstokke.