



# City of Hermosa Beach

City Hall  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

*Mayor  
Justin Massey*

*Mayor Pro Tem  
Dean Francois*

*Councilmembers  
Rob Saemann  
Mike Detoy  
Ray Jackson*

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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

5:00 PM

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**CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO  
DISCUSS MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**  
(The budget adoption item will be heard at 6:30 PM as noticed)

**5:00 PM**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Massey called the Special Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trent Larson.

#### 3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum.

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, Councilmember Saemann,  
Councilmember Detoy, and Councilmember Jackson

**Absent:** 0

#### 4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session and no Closed Session report was provided.

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Mayor Massey announced the screening of "Wade in the Water" followed by a discussion panel on Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Theater.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Detoy requested agenda item 14 "a" be discussed before agenda item 13 "b".

**A motion was made by Councilmember Detoy, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Detoy, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

**7. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Proclamations/Presentations.

**8. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Time for Police Chief Update: 7 minutes, and 17 seconds.

Time for City Council Questions: 5 minutes, and 13 seconds.

City Manager Suja Lowenthal invited Chief Paul LeBaron to provide a Police Chief Update.

Police Chief LeBaron provided a Police Chief Update.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Time for Public Comment: 4 minutes, and 46 seconds.

In-Person Public Comment:

Matt Mccool

Trent Larson

a) [24-0292](#)

**SUPPLEMENTAL ECOMMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

## 10. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- a) **24-0280** **UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES  
AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Mayor Pro Tem Francois attended the Skate on the 8th event, the Cal Cities General Membership meeting on the 6th, and the PRIDE Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall.

## 11. CONSENT CALENDAR

### *Approval of the Consent Calendar*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, seconded by Councilmember Deto, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

- a) [REPORT](#) **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
[24-0281](#) (City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- b) [REPORT](#) **VACANCIES-CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**  
[24-0283](#) **UPCOMING EXPIRATION OF TERMS**  
(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- c) [REPORT](#) **CHECK REGISTERS**  
[24-0289](#) (Finance Director Viki Copeland)

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- d) [REPORT](#) **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE**  
[24-0284](#) **MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2024**  
(Emergency Management Coordinator Maurice Wright)

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.



a) [REPORT](#)  
[24-0285](#)

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING TEXT  
AMENDMENT 24-02 TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE HERMOSA  
BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE FOR HOUSING ELEMENT-RELATED  
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT,  
REVIEW PROCESSES, AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

(Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

Time for Presentation: 8 minutes and 16 seconds.

Time for Public Comment: 10 minutes, and 45 seconds.

Time for Deliberation: 7 minutes, and 4 seconds.

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Deto asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

Trent Larson

Virtual Public Comment:

Jon Davis

Kent Allen

Laura Pena

Anthony Higgins

Mayor Massey asked various questions.

Director Tai provided information.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments and asked various questions.

Director Tai provided information.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Detoey provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Detoey to Introduce by title only and waive first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, approving Zone Text Amendment 24-02, amending Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) related to standards for mixed-use developments, review processes, and reducing multi-family residential parking requirements, and determine that the amendment is consistent with the PLAN Hermosa Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and direct the City Clerk publish a summary ordinance.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Detoey, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

b) [REPORT](#)  
[24-0291](#)

**ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET**  
(Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Time for Presentation: 5 minutes, and 2 seconds.

Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes, and 17 seconds.

Time for Deliberation: 9 minutes, and 10 seconds.

Finance Director Viki Copeland provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Deto asked various questions.

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided information.

In Person Public Comment:  
Trent Larson

Virtual Public Comment:  
Anthony Higgins

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Councilmember Deto provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to receive public testimony regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget; approve contracts for services contained in the table herein; approve transfers of unspent funds in the General Fund from Midyear 2023-24 to the Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) of \$337,424 and Insurance Fund of \$392,345 per the Financial Policies; approve transfers of 2023-24 unspent funds in the General Fund at year end to the Insurance Fund, if needed, to restore the fund balance to \$3 million and the transfer of any remaining funds to the Capital Improvement Fund for future Capital Improvement Project (CIP) needs; approve the revisions to the Preliminary Budget as shown in the Staff Report; and adopt Resolution No. RES-24-7441 approving the 2024-25 Budget as presented in Exhibit A. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

**14. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

a) [REPORT](#)  
[24-0279](#)

**CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE AND CERTAIN OTHER  
RESOLUTIONS NECESSARY FOR HOLDING  
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024  
(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)**

Time for Presentation: 3 minutes, and 33 seconds.

Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes, and 56 seconds.

City Clerk Myra Maravilla provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Massey asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

Trent Larson  
Janice Brittain

Virtual Public Comment:

Kent Allen

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Francois, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to:**

- 1. Adopt a Resolution No. RES-24-7436 calling and giving notice of the election for certain officers.**
- 2. Adopt a Resolution No. RES-24-7437 to permit a special runoff election for elective officers in the event of a tie vote.**
- 3. Adopt a Resolution No. RES-24-7438 to request the County of Los Angeles consolidate the City of Hermosa Beach General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election and render full services to the conduct of the election.**
- 4. Adopt a Resolution No. RES-24-7439 to adopt regulations for candidates for election office pertaining to candidate statements.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**



a) [24-0299](#)**TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Jackson requested a Special Meeting prior to July 4, 2024 to discuss an urgency ordinance addressing the use of fireworks in the City. This request was supported by Councilmember Saemann and Councilmember Detoy.

**16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No Public Comment was provided.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in memory of Hermosa Beach resident and City staff member, Ben Zachariah.