

**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH**

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING (STUDY SESSION)  
MINUTES**



**June 10, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**1315 Valley Drive**

**Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

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

Staff Present: Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman, Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, City Clerk Myra Maravilla, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Deputy City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza

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**1. CLOSED SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM**

Mayor Saemann called the Special Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum. Councilmember Jackson attended the meeting virtually at the Island Palms Best Western, 2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106. This location was posted on the agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Mayor Saemann opened Public Comment. No public comment was provided.

**4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

**4.a Approval of Closed Session Minutes of May 27, 2025**

**4.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Workers Comp Litigation**

**Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

The City finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in

open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.  
Name of Case: Matthew Rushton vs City of Hermosa Beach, administered  
by Athens Administrators  
WCAB Case Number(s): ADJ not yet assigned  
Athens Claim Number(s): 24021514  
D.O.I.: 1/1/2024

**4.c CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

**Government Code Section 54957.6**  
City Negotiator: Cynthia Stafford, Human Resources  
Employee Organizations: Hermosa Beach Police Officers' Association and  
Professional and Administrative Employee Group

**4.d CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION**

**Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)**  
A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council on the  
advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances,  
there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City.  
Number of Cases: 1 (claim from A. Lindgren)

**5. CALL TO ORDER—STUDY SESSION**

Mayor Saemann called the Budget Study Session to order at 5:22 p.m.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maurice Wright.

**7. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Saemann opened Public Comment. No public comment was provided.

**9. OPENING REMARKS**

Interim City Manager Steven Napolitano provided opening remarks.

**10. STUDY SESSION TOPIC**

**10.a OVERVIEW OF 2025-2026 BUDGET**

Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker provided a presentation.

**11. COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

Interim City Manager Napolitano provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments and asked various questions.

Director Walker provided information.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Public Works Director SanClemente provided information.

Police Chief Phillips provided information.

Interim City Manager Napolitano provided information.

Councilmember Keegan asked various questions.

Director Walker provided information.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

In Person Public Comment:

- David Grethen
- John Burry

## **13. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Director Walker provided information.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. The City Council recessed before the start of the regular meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m.