

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



**June 24, 2025
5:00 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 Manager Steve Napolitano, Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, City Clerk Myra Maravilla, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza, Office Assistant Ariana Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen, Human Resources Cynthia Stafford, Finance Manager Henry Chao

1. CLOSED SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 5:00 PM

Mayor Saemann called the Closed Session to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum.

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 5:15 p.m.

4.a MINUTES: Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on June 10, 2025

4.b CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

4.c CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

5. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

Mayor Saemann called the Open Session to order at 6:17 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dean Francois.

7. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum.

8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman provided the Closed Session Report. No reportable action was taken.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Councilmember Francois announced that he is hosting a Community Forum on June 26, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are invited to attend to discuss any topic.

Mayor Saemann announced that Shakespeare by the Sea will once again host free community theatrical renditions of classic Shakespeare in Valley Park at 7:00 p.m. on July 9th and 10th. Wednesday, July 9th will be a performance of As You Like It, and Thursday, July 10th will be a performance of Julius Caesar. The community is invited to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the presentations. More information is available at shakespearbythesea.org.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To approve the order of the agenda.

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

Motion Carried

11. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

11.a LEADERSHIP HERMOSA BEACH CLASS OF 2025 PROJECT PRESENTATION

Project Manager Nancy Domingues, from Leadership Hermosa Beach, presented the 2025 class project.

Councilmember Detoy provided comments.

Mayor Saemann announced that on July 26, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Hermosa Beach Sister City Association will host a gala at St.

Cross Episcopal Church in support of an orphanage in Loreto, Baja California.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided the City Manager Report.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Saemann opened Public Comment.

In Person Public Comment:

- Tara McNamara Stabile
- Chloe Hirsch
- Jeff Ogan

14. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

14.a UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

Councilmember Francois announced he attended the City of Cerritos State of the City on June 24, 2025 prior to the Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy announced he attended the release of two sea lions at the local beach organized and led by the Marine Mammal Care Center earlier in the day. He thanked the organization for their work in helping the marine wildlife.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the Consent Calendar.

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

Motion Carried

15.a WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To waive reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declare that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

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

Motion Carried

15.b CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 25-CCO-030

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the minutes for the June 10, 2025 Special Meeting and June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

15.c CHECK REGISTERS - 25-AS-050

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the check register for the period of June 4, 2025, through June 12, 2025. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

Motion Carried

15.d ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL TAX APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 - 25-AS-048

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7498** approving and adopting the annual Tax Appropriations Limit for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025–26.

Motion Carried

15.e ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY - 25-AS-053

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7496** amending the City's Investment Policy.

Motion Carried

15.f APPROVAL OF LEASE EXTENSION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 552 11TH PLACE (HERMOSA SELF STORAGE). - 25-AS-054

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the extension of a month-to-month lease; and direct the City Manager to execute the extension of the lease.

Motion Carried

15.g PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA FOR JULY 15, 2025 - 25-CDD-098

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the July 15, 2025 Planning Commission tentative future agenda.

Motion Carried

15.h APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - 25-CDD-101

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the proposed sixth amendment to an agreement with Willdan Engineering for plan review and staff augmentation services to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$70,000, resulting in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$565,000 and an extended term ending August 31, 2025; and authorize the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the sixth amendment subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

15.i CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF JUNE 16, 2025 - 25-PW-040

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Status Report as of June 16, 2025.

Motion Carried

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS—TO COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M

**16.a ANNUAL STAFFING VACANCIES REPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2561
(AB 2561) - 25-AS-051**

Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen provided a presentation.

In Person Public Comment:

- David Grethen
- Nancy Swappach

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To conduct a public hearing in compliance with the requirements of AB 2561; and receive and file the FY 2024-25 annual employee vacancy report as required by AB 2561.

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

Motion Carried

16.b ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025–26 BUDGET - 25-AS-052

Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions about departmental supplemental requests.

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided information about street signage beautification.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions about technology upgrades.

Director SanClemente provided information about a lift truck request.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions about staff vacancies.

Director Walker provided informatin.

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided information.

Councilmember Francois asked about funding for the HbCares Program and supplemental request for a Police Department intern.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions for ride share.

In Person Public Comment:

- Nancy Swappach
- David Grethen

Mayor Saemann asked various questions about the Greenwich Village District.

Interim City Manager and Director SanClemente provided information.

Councilmember Jackson provided various comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided a friendly amendment to remove the Deputy City Manager from the budget.

Councilmember Francois provided comments in support of removing the Deputy City Manager position.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments in support of the Deputy City Manager position.

Councilmember Francois provided various comments.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To receive public testimony regarding the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Budget; approve the contracts for services contained in the table herein; approve the revisions to the Preliminary Budget as shown in the Staff Report; approve transfer of \$90,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future Capital Improvement Project (CIP) needs; and adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7499** approving the 2025–26 Budget as presented in Exhibit A.

Councilmember Keegan offered a friendly amendment to delete the Deputy City Manager position from the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Detoy did not accept the friendly amendment.

Substitute Motion

Moved by: Councilmember Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To receive public testimony regarding the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Budget; approve the contracts for services contained in the table herein; approve the revisions to the Preliminary Budget as shown in the Staff Report; approve transfer of \$90,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for future Capital Improvement Project (CIP) needs; and adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7499** approving the 2025–26 Budget as amended to remove the Deputy City Manager position.

Ayes (3): Mayor Saemann, Councilmember Keegan, and Councilmember Francois

Noes (2): Mayor Pro Tem Detoy, and Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

16.c ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HERMOSA BEACH LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 - 25-PW-036

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

No public comment was provided.

Moved by: Councilmember Keegan

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To conduct a public hearing in connection with the levy of assessments for the Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2025–26; and adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7500** confirming the diagram and assessment found in the Engineer's Report for Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District 2025–2026 and levying an assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

16.d APPROVAL OF NEW 2025 SPECIAL EVENT, MINDTRAVEL LIVE-TO-HEADPHONES 'SILENT' PIANO CONCERT - 25-CR-047

Special Events Coordinator Austin provided a presentation.

A representative from MindTravel spoke.

No public comment was provided.

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission's (Commission) recommendation to approve inclusion of Impact Level II new special event: MindTravel Live-to-Headphones 'Silent' Piano Concert south of the Pier on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 and Sunday, October 19, 2025, on the 2025 Special Event Calendar.

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

Motion Carried

17. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

17.a THREE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION - 25-CCO-029

City Clerk Maravilla spoke.

In Person Public Comment:

- David Grethen

City Clerk Maravilla distributed voting sheets. The following votes were recorded:

- Councilmember Keegan voted to appoint Thomas Moroney, Todd Tullis, and Elka Worner.
- Councilmember Francois voted to appoint Todd Tullis, Katherine Walden, and Elka Worner.
- Councilmember Jackson voted to appoint Thomas Moroney, Jani Lange, and Isabel Rodriguez.
- Mayor Pro Tem Detoy voted to appoint Thomas Moroney, Cammie Herber, and Jani Lange.
- Mayor Saemann voted to appoint Thomas Moroney, Todd Tullis, and Elka Worner.

City Clerk Maravilla announced that by a majority vote, Thomas Moroney, Todd Tullis, and Elka Worner were appointed to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission to fill three terms ending June 30, 2029.

17.b AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR ON-CALL STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES TO TRANSTECH ENGINEERS AND Z&K CONSULTANTS - 25-PW-038

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

In Person Public Comment:

- Pamela Manning

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To award a contract for on-call staff augmentation services to Transtech Engineers, Inc. at a not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000 for a term of five years ending June 25, 2030, with an option to allow the City Manager to extend up to one additional year; award a contract for on-call staff augmentation services to Z&K Consultants at a not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000 for a term of five years ending June 25, 2030, with an option to allow the City Manager to extend up to one additional year; and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the proposed agreements subject to approval by the City Attorney.

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

Motion Carried

17.c A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BARGAINING GROUP FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-055

Cyndi Stafford from Human Resources provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

No public comment was provided.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7501** approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hermosa Beach and Professional and Administrative Employee Group (PAE) for the 2025-2028 fiscal years.

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

Motion Carried

17.d INFORMATION ON REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2025 (ITEM 4B) AND MAY 13, 2025 (ITEM 4B) BE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED - 25-CA-013

Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman provided an informational report.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

No public comment was provided.

Councilmember Detoy provided information.

Councilmember Francois provided information.

Councilmember Jackson provided information.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To bring back a future agenda item to have the closed session minutes from May 5, 2025 (item 4b) and May 13, 2025 (item 4b) publicly disclosed as a Consent Calendar item.

Ayes (2): Mayor Pro Tem Detoy, and Councilmember Jackson

Noes (3): Mayor Saemann, Councilmember Keegan, and Councilmember Francois

Motion Failed

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Saemann requested support to refer the public pool discussion to a future Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Detoy and Councilmember Jackson provided support.

Councilmember Keegan requested support for an action item to update the parking program based on staff suggestions and complaints sooner than its scheduled return in the fall. This item did not receive support.

Councilmember Francois requested support for an action item to modify the parking program to add one additional parking pass to each eligible household. Councilmember Keegan provided support. The item will return at its regularly scheduled timeframe in the fall.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy requested information about the Clark field improvements that were introduced by the Hermosa Beach Little League. Interim City Manager Napolitano provided information that the item is already being referred to its respective commissions for vetting.

Councilmember Jackson requested support to direct the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission to review the Lawn Bowling Property, as appropriate. Councilmember Keegan and Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided support. It was clarified that staff should take the lead to decide whether the review should be conducted by the City Attorney or another commission like the Public Works Commission.

Councilmember Francois requested support to discuss the size of the advertisements on the lifeguard tower and a Matter of Fact approval regarding the matter. It was requested that the City Council oppose the Matter of Fact

approval. Mayor Saemann and Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided support for this item.

Councilmember Francois requested that the Joint Special Meeting with the Public Works Commission on July 29, 2025 be removed from the calendar. No support was provided for this item.

18.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CMO-045

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

20. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Keegan requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of 40-year resident Judy Garland. Mayor Saemann adjourned the meeting in memory of Judy Garland at 8:57 p.m.