

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



**August 26, 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, Deputy City Attorney Jason Baltimore, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, City Clerk Myra Maravilla, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza, Acting Senior Office Assistant Ariana Rodriguez

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

Mayor Saemann called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:00 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.

In Person Public Comment:

- Jim Holtz

4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

4.a MINUTES: Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on July 22, 2025

4.b Conference with Legal Counsel

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. (1 case)

Name of Case: Todd Koerner v. City of Hermosa Beach et al.

Case Number: 25STCP00891

Date of Filing: March 7, 2025

4.c Conference with Legal Counsel

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. (2 cases)

Name of Case: Jonathan Cruz v. City of Hermosa Beach

Case Number: EDCV 23-2593 JGB (DTBx)

Date of Filing: March 1, 2023

Name of Case: Jonathan Cruz v. City of Hermosa Beach

Case Number: 22STRCV01015

Date of Filing: December 5, 2022

5. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

Mayor Saemann called the Open Session to order at 6:09 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Simon Maddox.

7. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum.

8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Deputy City Attorney Jason Baltimore provided the Closed Session Report. No reportable action was taken.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Mayor Saemann announced the following:

Hermosa Beach Open will take place Thursday, September 4, through Sunday, September 7, on the volleyball courts north of the Pier.

Hermosa Friends of the Parks will host annual Movies at the Beach on Saturday, September 6 and 13.

Hermosa Beach Concert Series will be held on September 7 and September 14, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on both days.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilmember Keegan
Seconded by: Mayor Saemann

To move the City Manager Report to the end of the agenda and to hear Municipal Matter 17.i before Municipal Matter 17.a.

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

Motion Carried

11. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided the City Manager Report.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Saemann opened Public Comment. The following public comment was provided.

In Person Public Comment:

- Scott Hayes
- Genavieve
- Robert Aronoff
- Jaden Theodora
- Eric Oakes
- Jim Holtz
- Yvonne Bernard
- Charles Bellicker

14. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Saemann provided comments about his affiliation with the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments about a vote taken at the July 22nd meeting for the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club annual tree lot.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments about his past affiliation with the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club.

Mayor Saemann provided information about his affiliation with the Hermosa Beach Sister City Association.

Councilmember Francois asked about an action taken by the Planning Commission, ranked choice voting, and the City's historic designation program.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments about the Hermosa Beach Museum 9th Annual Gala, its accreditation process, and thanked staff for providing a crossing guard at a designated crosswalk.

Councilmember Jackson also asked various questions about the Tsunami Siren Program and Emergency Management Coordinator Maurice Wright provided information about it.

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

Councilmember Francois provided information about the Santa Monica Bay Restoration District meeting he attended.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

Mayor Saemann and Mayor Pro Tem Detoy pulled item 7.a from the July 28, 2025, Planning Commission minutes, listed as item 15.d, to discuss at a future City Council meeting in September 2025, and to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (4): Mayor Saemann, Mayor Pro Tem Detoy, Councilmember Keegan, and Councilmember Francois

Abstained (1): Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

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

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

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.

Motion Carried

15.b CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 25-CCO-034

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025, Regular Meeting and the July 22, 2025, Special Meeting.

Motion Carried

15.c CHECK REGISTERS - 25-AS-066

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

To receive and file the check registers for the period of July 16, 2025, through August 13, 2025. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

Motion Carried

15.d PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - 25-CDD-110

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

To receive and file the action minutes of the Special Meeting of July 28, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2025, and Mayor Saemann and Mayor Pro Tem Detoy pulled item 7.a from the July 28, 2025, Planning Commission minutes, listed as item 15.d, to discuss at a future City Council meeting in September 2025.

Motion Carried

15.e PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CDD-115

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

To receive and file the tentative agendas for the September 8, 2025, Special Meeting and the September 16, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

15.f PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - 25-CR-061

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

To receive and file the action minutes of the July 1, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

15.g CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF AUGUST 18, 2025 - 25-PW-051

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

To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Status Report as of August 18, 2025.

Motion Carried

15.h ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL FOR SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTION PLAN AND VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT - 25-CMO-054

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

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7510** to accept \$583,307 from Senate Bill 1 Sea level rise adaptation planning grant funds from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) for the implementation of a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (SLRAP) and a Vulnerability Analysis and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

15.i LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2025 - 25-CMO-052

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

To receive and file the May 2025 Fire and Ambulance monthly report.

Motion Carried

15.j LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2025 - 25-CMO-053

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

To receive and file the June 2025 Fire and Ambulance monthly report.

Motion Carried

15.k APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WOMAN’S CLUB OF HERMOSA BEACH FOR USE OF THE CLARK BUILDING - 25-CR-058

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

To approve an agreement with the Woman’s Club of Hermosa Beach (Woman’s Club) for use of the Clark Building beginning September 2025 through December 2028; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

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

17. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

17.a ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-057

Cyndi Stafford provided a presentation.
Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions.

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

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7510** approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hermosa Beach and the Police Management Group for Fiscal Years 2026-2028.

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

Motion Carried

17.b ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-065

Cyndi Stafford provided a presentation under item 17.a.

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

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7512** approving wages and terms and conditions of employment in Exhibit A for the Unrepresented classifications for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2028.

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

Motion Carried

17.c ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE GENERAL AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES' BARGAINING UNIT, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-057

Cyndi Stafford provided a presentation under item 17.a.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7513** approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hermosa Beach and the General and Supervisory Employees' Bargaining Unit, Teamsters Local 986 (Teamsters) for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2028.

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

Motion Carried

17.d ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SIDE LETTER TO THE PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE GROUP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2028 - 25-AS-058

Cyndi Stafford provided a presentation under item 17.a.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Mayor Saemann

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7514** to adopt the Side Letter to the Professional and Administrative Employees (PAE) Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Motion Carried

17.e ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE HERMOSA BEACH POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION BARGAINING GROUP EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-067

Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen provided a presentation.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7515** approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hermosa Beach and the Hermosa Beach Police Officers' Association (POA) Bargaining Group for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

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

Motion Carried

17.f ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE A SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN AND ADOPTION AGREEMENT - 25-AS-064

Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen provided a presentation.

Moved by: Mayor Saemann

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7516** to approve a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, retroactive to January 1, 2023; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Adoption Agreement, 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.g AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CIP 699 PARKING LOT C IMPROVEMENTS TO H.W. LOCHNER, INC. - 25-PW-050

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

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

To award a contract for construction management and inspection services for CIP 699 Parking Lot C Improvements to H.W. Lochner, Inc. at a not-to-exceed amount of \$256,720.60 for a term of one year ending August 26, 2026, with an option to allow the City manager to extend up to one additional year; authorize the Public Works Director to establish a 10 percent project contingency of \$25,672; authorize the City Manager to approve contract amendments up to the amount of the approved project contingency; 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.h ADOPT TWO RESOLUTIONS AND RATIFY THE EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THE SINKHOLE AND STORM DRAIN REPAIRS ON VALLEY DRIVE - 25-PW-049

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy identified that he lives within 500 feet of the emergency repair site and recused himself from the dais. He did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Moved by: Mayor Saemann
Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7517**, requiring a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, to declare an emergency in response to a sink hole on Valley Drive due to storm drain failure, ratify the action taken by the City Manager, and authorize the City Manager to take further action as may be necessary (Attachment 2); adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7518** proclaiming the termination of the existence of a local emergency (Attachment 2); and authorize the Director of Public Works to file a Notice of Completion following completion of the project.

Ayes (4): Mayor Saemann, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember Keegan, and Councilmember Francois

Recused (1): Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

Motion Carried

17.i CONSIDERATION OF REVERTING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER AND INCLUDING REMOTE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 25-CCO-032

City Clerk Myra Maravilla provided a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy requested information about the Informational Items category on the agenda.

Councilmember Francois provided comments and asked about separating out the Updates from City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Standing Committee Delegates/Alternates from the City Councilmember Comments category.

In Person Public Comment:

- Elka Worner
- John Burry

Virtual Public Comment:

- Kent Allen
- Laura Pena

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments in support of reverting to three minutes per speaker for general Public Comment and to allow remote participation.

Mayor Saemann provided comments in support of remote participation during general Public Comment, eliminating the 30-minute time limit, reverting to 3 minutes per speaker, and to allow visual aids for items on the agenda.

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Saemann

To amend Resolution No. **RES-24-7414** as follows:

1. To revert General Public Comment to 3 minutes and to allow a remote participation option;
2. To move the City Manager Report before the second General Public Comment opportunity;
3. To add a new Informational Items category after the second General Public Comment opportunity;

4. To separate the City Councilmember Comments from the Updates from City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Standing Committee Delegates/Alternates item; and
5. To eliminate the 30-minute time limit for the first General Public Comment opportunity.

A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Saemann, accepted by Councilmember Francois, to allow visual aids to be displayed during live meetings by public commenters for items listed on the agenda only and to be provided to the City Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting and subject to approval by the City Clerk.

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

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

Motion Carried

17.j INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT - 25-CCO-033

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

To introduce by title only and waive first reading of Ordinance No. **ORD-25-1488** updating the campaign contribution limit to five hundred dollars.

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

Motion Carried

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Saemann with the support of Mayor Pro Tem Detoy and Councilmember Jackson, requested an action item to discuss amending Ordinance No. ORD-98-5937 no later than September 2025.

Mayor Saemann with the support of Councilmember Keegan, requested an informational item to discuss allowing any vehicle type to park at any parking stall with a charging station which are currently reserved for electric vehicles.

Councilmember Jackson with the support of Mayor Saemann and Councilmember Keegan, requested an action item to direct the Public Works Director and the Community Resources Director to commence discussions with the Hermosa Beach Museum to renovate the unused vacant space adjacent to their location.

Councilmember Francois with the support of Mayor Saemann and Councilmember Jackson, requested an action item to consider adding another accessible mat, extending the "T" to the water line, and to seek grant funding to study a permanent solution to the current accessible mat setup.

The City Council directed the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission to review all rules, regulations, and ordinances governing the sale of merchandise on the beach, and to assess Manhattan Beach's sale of merchandise on the beach policies and procedures for professional volleyball tournaments.

18.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CMO-056

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

20. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Keegan read a eulogy in memory of Hermosa Beach resident Maggie Moore, who passed away on August 8, 2025. Mayor Saemann adjourned the meeting in memory of Maggie Moore at 8:59 p.m.