

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



**September 30, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
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 Napolitano, Interim City Attorney Jason Baltimore, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, City Clerk Myra Maravilla, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza, Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese, Senior Management Analyst Kenneth Bales

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**1. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM**

Mayor Saemann called the Open Session to order at 6:12 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Bonafede.

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum. All members were present.

**4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no Closed Session. No Closed Session Report was provided.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS**

Mayor Saemann announced the following community events:

- Coffee with a Cop is taking place on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Java Man from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The community was invited to attend.
- Carrie and the Prom is taking place on Friday, October 10, 2025 at the Community Center Theater. This event is for ages 18 and up. The event features a reception including a 70's-themed prom and tours of local

filming locations at 7:00 p.m. and a screening of the horror classic "Carrie" at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$10.

- Friends of the Park is hosting Pumpkins in the Park on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edith Rodaway Friendship Park on 350 Prospect Ave. Families are welcome to enjoy a costume contest, face painting, a photo booth, games and pumpkin decorating.

**6. 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**

**7. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**7.a RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY LEADERS KATHY KNOLL AND JEFF BONAFEDE**

Mayor Saemann read a Certificate of Recognition into the record, acknowledging Kathy Knoll and Jeff Bonafede for their contributions to the City.

Kathy Knoll provided comments.

Jeff Bonafede provided comments.

**7.b RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 - OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Mayor Saemann read a proclamation into the record recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2025 to October 15, 2025.

**7.c RECOGNIZNG CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY ON OCTOBER 1, 2025**

Mayor Saemann read a proclamation into the record recognizing California Clean Air Day on October 1, 2025.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Francois opened Public Comment.

In Person Public Comment:

- Sarah Harper
- Jan Brittain

- John Holway
- Nancy Schwappach
- Rory Barish
- Jeff Prugh
- Quint Carroll
- Eric Horne

Virtual Public Comment:

- Josh Krasnegor
- Anthony Higgins

**9. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Saemann provided comments about the upcoming Mayor's Town Hall at the Clark Building.

**10. UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Councilmember Francois provided the following announcements:

- Attended the Los Angeles County Library Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025;
- Attended Locale 90254: Oktoberfest event on Saturday, September 27, 2025;
- Attended the Leadership Herrmosa Beach orientation with Mayor Saemann on September 13, 2025; and
- Attended the City of Redondo Beach's groundbreaking ceremony for the open space improvement at the corner of Herondo Street and Pacific Coast Highway on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

**11. 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**

**11.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.

**Motion Carried**

**11.b CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**11.c CHECK REGISTERS - 25-AS-076**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the check registers for the period of September 3, 2025, through September 17, 2025. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

**Motion Carried**

**11.d CASH BALANCE REPORT - 25-AS-074**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the June 2025 and July 2025 Cash Balance Reports.

**Motion Carried**

**11.e REVENUE REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT FOR JUNE 2025 - 25-AS-071**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the June 2025 Financial Reports.

**Motion Carried**

**11.f REVENUE REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT FOR JULY 2025 - 25-AS-072**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the July 2025 Financial Reports.

**Motion Carried**

**11.g REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM FY 2024–25 TO FY 2025–26, APPROVAL OF RELATED REVENUE REVISIONS - 25-AS-079**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the budget reappropriation of certain unspent FY 2024-25 amounts to the FY 2025–26 Budget.

**Motion Carried**

**11.h CITY’S TREASURER’S REPORT - 25-AS-073**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the June 2025 and July 2025 City Treasurer’s Reports.

**Motion Carried**

**11.i ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND HMBC SECTION 17.42.180.D, ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT (TA 25-02), TO EXTEND THE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS UNTIL OCTOBER 25, 2027 - 25-CDD-136**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To adopt by title only and waive second reading of Ordinance No. **ORD-25-1489** titled “Approving a Zone Text Amendment (ZTA 25-02), amending Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) Section 17.42.180.D, extending the short-term vacation rental program an additional two years and determining the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)”; determine the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and direct the City Clerk to print and publish the summary ordinances in a newspaper of general circulation

within 15 days following adoption and post it on the City's bulletin for 30 days.

**Motion Carried**

**11.j REPORT ON RECENT ACTIONS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CALL UP DE NOVO REVIEW UNDER HBMC SECTION 2.52.040 - 25-CDD-133**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the action minutes of the Planning Commission Special Meeting of September 8, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2025.

**Motion Carried**

**11.k PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA - 25-CDD-131**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the tentative agendas for the October 13, 2025 Special Meeting and the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**11.l PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MINUTES - 25-PW-076**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the action minutes of the Public Works Commission meeting of July 16, 2025.

**Motion Carried**

**11.m OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) - 25-CCO-041**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To take a position in opposition of Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter expressing the City's position.

**Motion Carried**

**11.n CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 - 25-PW-065**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Status Report as of September 17, 2025.

**Motion Carried**

**11.o APPROVAL OF FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BETWEEN WESTGROUP DESIGNS AND THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH - 25-PW-061**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the proposed fourth amendment to agreement with Westgroup Designs, Inc. to provide on-call architectural services extending the term to October 11, 2026; and authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed amendment, approve minor modifications if necessary, and execute all related documents, with the City Clerk attesting the agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney.

**Motion Carried**

**11.p LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2025 - 25-CMO-063**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

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

**Motion Carried**

**11.q LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2025 - 25-CMO-064**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

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

**Motion Carried**

**11.r APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HERMOSA BEACH YOUTH BASKETBALL FOR USE OF THE HERMOSA BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM AND ROOMS AND OUTDOOR BASKETBALL FACILITIES - 25-CR-069**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve a three-year agreement with HBYB for use of the Hermosa Beach Community Center gymnasium and rooms, and outdoor basketball facilities commencing with the 2025-26 winter season through the 2028 summer season; determine the approval of the agreement with Hermosa Beach Youth Basketball (HBYB) to provide use of the Hermosa Beach Community Center gymnasium and rooms and outdoor basketball facilities would be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15304 (e); and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

**Motion Carried**

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

**12.a ITEM TO BE CONTINUED - INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND HBMC SECTION 2.52.40 RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS**

City Council continued the item to the next regular City Council meeting on October 14, 2025.

**12.b INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND HBMC SECTION 10.36.010 TO INCREASE PARKING METER RATES - 25-AS-069**

Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker provided a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions.

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided information.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

Director Walker provided information.

Senior Management Analyst Kenneth Bales provided information.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- George Barks
- Vincent Busam

- Kathy Knoll

Virtual Public Comment:

- Anthony Higgins
- Josh Krasnegor
- Matt McCool
- Ann Gotthoffer

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided information about the Finance Subcommittee meeting.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions and provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan asked various questions and provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

**Moved by:** Mayor Saemann

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To introduce by title only and waive first reading of Ordinance No. **ORD-25-1490** titled "Amending Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.36 Parking Meters, Increasing Meter Rates", as amended, to increase parking meter rates to \$3 and parking in beach lots A, B, and C to \$3.50.

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

Noes (1): Councilmember Keegan

**Motion Carried**

**12.c INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND HBMC SECTION 10.36.010 TO METER LOT E - 25-PW-075**

Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker provided a presentation.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions.

Director Walker and Senior Management Analyst provided information.

In Person Public Comment:

- George Barks

- Sam V.
- Ben Robishaw
- Duncan Pipes

Virtual Public Comment:

- Josh Krasnegor
- Anthony Higgins
- Mike T.
- Matt McCool

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To take no action to meter Lot E.

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

Noes (1): Councilmember Jackson

**Motion Carried**

### 13. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

#### 13.a APPROVAL OF NEW 2025 SPECIAL EVENT—AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE MATCHES - 25-CR-067

Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese provided a presentation.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Jackson

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Francois

To approve the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission’s (“Commission”) recommendation to allow a new Impact Level II special event, the AAU High School Boys Beach Volleyball League

Matches on the volleyball courts north of the Pier within the Commercial Zone on Sunday, October 12, on the 2025 Special Events Calendar; and determine the approval of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) High School Boys Beach Volleyball League Matches would be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304 (e).

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

**Motion Carried**

**13.b ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR CIP 619–KELLY COURTS IMPROVEMENTS - 25-PW-057**

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

In Person Public Comment:

- Scott Hayes

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Keegan

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Jackson

To award a construction contract for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 619–Kelly Courts Improvements to All-American Construction Solutions in the amount of \$825,999, ratifying City staff determination that lower bids were non-responsible (lowest-bid); authorize the Director of Public Works to establish a project contingency amount of \$124,000 and to approve contract change orders up to the amount of the approved project contingency; adopt the Resolution No. **RES-25-7522** entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach Approving the Construction of CIP 619 Kelly Courts Improvements Pursuant to Government Code Section 830.6 and Establishing a Project Payment Account”; authorize the Director of Public Works to file a Notice of Completion following final completion of the project and the City Clerk to record the document with Los Angeles County; approve the proposed fourth amendment to an agreement with NUVIS & Associates to provide on-call landscape architectural services extending the term to December 3, 2026; determine the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and section 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction); and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract and proposed contract amendment, approve minor modifications if necessary, and execute all related documents, with the City Clerk attesting the agreements subject to approval by the City Attorney. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Keegan,

accepted by Councilmember Jackson, that Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols work with HBYB to coordinate their practices at the Community Center gym should their practices be impacted during construction.

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

**Motion Carried**

**13.c AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR ON-CALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADMINISTRATION AND LABOR COMPLIANCE SERVICES - 25-PW-064**

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Keegan

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Francois

To award a contract for on-call CDBG Administration and Labor Compliance Services to Tina Gall at a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for a term of five years ending October 1, 2030; award a contract for on-call CDBG Administration and Labor Compliance Services to Willdan Engineering at a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for a term of five years ending October 1, 2030; and authorize the City Manager 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**

**13.d REQUEST TO REVIEW THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROCESS FOR OVERSIGHT AND INPUT ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) - 25-PW-074**

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

Councilmember Keegan asked various questions.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

City Clerk Myra Maravilla provided information.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- David Grethen
- Scott Hayes

**Moved by:** Councilmember Keegan

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Francois

To receive and file the report.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION 1**

**Moved by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Jackson

To bring back an action item to appoint Mayor Saemann, Councilmember Jackson, and two members of the Public Works Commission to a subcommittee to formalize the roles and responsibilities of the Public Works Commission.

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

Noes (1): Mayor Saemann

**Motion Carried**

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Francois moved to remove the future agenda item to discuss Ordinance No. ORD-98-5937 (Historic/Landmark Designations) from the tentative future agenda. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

Interim City Attorney Jason Baltimore provided information about CEQA review pertaining to historic and landmark designations.

Councilmember Jackson requested support for an update on the City's homelessness response program to include a discussion on car camping. Mayor Saemann provided support for this item.

**14.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CMO-065**

**15. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided a City Manager Update.

**16. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.