

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



**October 14, 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 Jason Baltimore, 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, Deputy City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza, Senior Management Analyst Kenneth Bales, Revenue Services Supervisor Paul Avila, Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle

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

Mayor Saemann called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:03 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.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Matt McCool

**4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:06 p.m.

**4.a MINUTES: Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on September 9, 2025**

**4.b CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

**Government Code Section 54957.6**

**City Negotiator:** Cynthia Stafford, Human Resources

**Employee Organizations:** Teamsters and Professional and Administrative Employees (PAE)

**4.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Threatened Litigation**

**Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(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.

Number of Potential Cases: 1

**4.d 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:** George Brunn v. City of Hermosa Beach

**Case Number:** 23TRCV02212

**Date of Filing:** July 10, 2023

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

Mayor Saemann called the Open Session to order at 6:07 p.m.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Koenig.

**7. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum.

**8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS**

Mayor Saemann announced the following events:

- Food Drive on October 20–25: The City will be joining the South Bay Community Coalition Against Hate in a food drive to collect food for the Richstone Family Center Nutrition Pantry, created in partnership with the Single Mom's Project, which distributes food twice a week to single mothers. Collection bins will be available at the Hermosa Beach Police Station, Community Center, and School District - Valley Campus.
- Fall Paper Shredding & Compost Giveaway Event: The City will hold its Fall Paper Shredding & Compost Giveaway on Saturday, October 25th

from 8-11 a.m. at the Hermosa Beach Community Center. The event is free to all Hermosa Beach residents. Bring your important documents to be shredded onsite and pick up free compost for your garden - just remember to bring your own containers and shovels.

**10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Keegan

To approve the order of the agenda, pull Consent Calendar item 15.d to be heard at the beginning of the meeting, and items 15.f and 15.h to be heard at the end of the meeting; and to table item 17.e to a future meeting.

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

**Motion Carried**

**11. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**11.a RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 19–25, 2025 AS UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK**

Mayor Saemann read a proclamation recognizing October 19–25, 2025 as United Against Hate Week into the record.

Representatives from the South Bay Coalition Against Hate Hildy Stern, Maggie Bove-LaMonica, and Scott Houston were presented with the proclamation and provided comments.

**11.b RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 13, 2025 AS METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

Mayor Saemann invited Dana Richards and her friends to the podium to provide comments.

Mayor Saemann read a proclamation into the record recognizing October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 13, 2025 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Month Day.

Councilmember Francois provided comments about the two proclamations that were presented.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

In Person Public Comment:

- Sarah Harper

- Jim Holtz
- Alan Jauffret
- Michael Kim
- Rick Koenig
- Justin Massey
- Nancy Schwappach
- Sam Edgerton
- Rob Strokke
- Victoria Iglol
- An unidentified person spoke
- Robert Aronoff
- An unidentified person spoke

Virtual Public Comment:

- Kent Allen
- Laura Pena
- Jon Davis
- Tama K.
- Kristin Moreno
- Matt McCool
- Tony Higgins
- Josh Krasnegor

**13. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided information about the Driveway Permit that is available to residents of single-family homes for a one-time cost of \$170 to park in front of their residence, blocking their driveway.

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

No updates were provided.

**15. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

To hear items 15.d, 15.f, and 15.h separately and approve the balance of 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:** 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**

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

To approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**15.c CHECK REGISTERS - 25-AS-084**

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

To receive and file the check registers for the period of September 24, 2025 through October 2, 2025. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

**Motion Carried**

**15.e PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES - 25-CR-075**

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

To receive and file the action minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission meeting of September 2, 2025.

**Motion Carried**

**15.g APPROVAL OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF LONG-TERM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE AAU HERMOSA BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS, AVP JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND JVA/BVCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 25-CR-056**

**Moved by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Keegan

To approve the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission's (Commisson) recommendation for staff to commence LTA negotiations with the following organizations for their respective special events on the dates listed below for a two-year term with an option, at staff's discretion, to extend the LTA for an additional one-year term for each organization's special events in 2028 on dates to be determined:

1. JVA/BVCA for the JVA/BVCA National Championships from July 6 through July 12 in 2026 and 2027;
2. AAU for the AAU Hermosa Beach Championships from July 12 through July 19 in 2026 and 2027; and
3. AVP for the AVP Junior National Championships from July 19 through July 28 in 2026 and July 19 through July 27 in 2027.

**Motion Carried**

**15.d ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.36.010 TO INCREASE PARKING METER RATES - 25-AS-083**

Item 15.d was pulled by Councilmember Francois to request that the City Council reconsider the increase of the parking meter rates to fifty cents instead of one dollar.

In Person Public Comment:

- An unidentified person spoke
- An unidentified person spoke (she spoke under general public comment)
- Sam Edgerton
- An unidentified person spoke

- Sam

Virtual Public Comment:

- George Barks
- Kristin Moreno
- Tony Higgins

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

Director Walker provided information.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

**Moved by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Jackson

To waive full second reading and adopt Ordinance No. **ORD-25-1490** titled “An Ordinance amending Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 10.36.010 to increase parking meter rates”; and direct the City Clerk to print and publish a summary ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation within 15 days following adoption and post a copy on the City’s bulletin for 30 days.

Ayes (3): Mayor Saemann, Mayor Pro Tem Detoy, and Councilmember Jackson

Noes (2): Councilmember Keegan, and Councilmember Francois

**Motion Carried**

**15.f APPROVAL OF 2026 RETURNING IMPACT LEVEL III SPECIAL EVENT - 25-CR-070**

Item 15.f was pulled by Mayor Francois to request additional information about scheduled "Nothing Weekends."

Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle provided information.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Laura Pena
- Anthony Higgins

**Moved by:** Councilmember Jackson

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To approve the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission’s recommendation to allow three Impact Level III returning special events and two “Nothing Weekends,” as proposed.

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

**Motion Carried**

**15.h CONSIDERATION OF FORMING A JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXPLORE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION - 25-CMO-068**

Item 15.h was pulled by Councilmember Keegan to request that the joint subcommittee be disbanded.

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided information.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Keegan

**Seconded by:** Mayor Saemann

To disband the joint subcommittee created by the City Council on September 30, 2025.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION 1**

**Moved by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Jackson

To create a joint subcommittee composed of Councilmember Jackson and Mayor Saeamann with the addition of two Public Works commissioners, for the purpose of improving the Capital Improvement Program oversight process, disband the subcommittee on April 14, 2026, and report back to the City Council with findings thereafter.

Ayes (3): Mayor Pro Tem Detoy, Councilmember Jackson, and Councilmember Francois

Noes (2): Mayor Saemann, and Councilmember Keegan

**Motion Carried**

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

Continued from meeting of September 30, 2025

**16.a INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.52.040 OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS - 25-CDD-127**

Community Development Director Alison Becker provided a presentation.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- Nancy Schwappach
- Sam Edgerton

Virtual Public Comment:

- Josh Krasnegor
- Kent Allen

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

City Clerk Maravilla provided information.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy provided comments.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Jackson

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

To conduct a public hearing to consider amending Section 2.52.040 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code related to the review of Planning Commission actions; and introduce by title only and waive first reading of Ordinance No. **ORD-25-1491** titled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, Amending Section 2.52.040 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code related to review of Planning Commission actions; and finding the action to be exempt from CEQA".

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

Noes (1): Mayor Saemann

**Motion Carried**

**17. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

**17.a ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE MANAGEMENT GROUP EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028 - 25-AS-082**

Human Resources Manager Tiffany Nguyen provided a presentation.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Laura Pena

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

**Moved by:** Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Keegan

To adopt Resolution No. **RES-25-7523** approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hermosa Beach and the Management Group 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.b CONSIDERATION OF A COMPLIMENTARY HOLIDAY PARKING PROGRAM - 25-CMO-067**

Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales provided a presentation.

Mayor Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Keegan asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- An unidentified person spoke

Virtual Public Comment:

- Jon David

Councilmember Jackson asked various comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided various comments.

Mayor Pro Tem provided various comments.

Councilmember Francois provided various comments.

**Moved by:** Mayor Saemann  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Keegan

To approve a 3-week complimentary holiday parking program and direct staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce to determine the start date of the 3-week program and bring back a report under "Informational Items" for City Council.

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**17.c CONSIDERATION OF A POSITION ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY C LINE EXTENSION ROUTE INTO TORRANCE - 25-CMO-066**

Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- Colleen Villegas
- Holly Osborne
- Bill Hall
- Janette Kurth
- Wayne Craig
- Doug Boswell
- Brandon Lim
- Chelsea Schreiber
- Karen Ruby
- Bob Wolfe
- Kim Gillen
- Niki Mitchell
- Carolyn Petty
- Vince B.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Brianna E.
- Matt McCool
- Kristin Moreno
- Patrick
- John
- Sam V.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Mayor Saemann provided comments.

**Moved by:** Councilmember Francois

**Seconded by:** Mayor Saemann

To take a position on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) C Line extension into Torrance to support the Hawthorne route and authorize the Interim City Manager to provide a letter representing the City's position to the Metro Board.

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

Noes (1): Mayor Pro Tem Detoy

**Motion Carried**

**17.d REVIEW OF THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL AND EMPLOYEE PARKING PERMIT PROGRAMS - 25-AS-080**

Item 17.d was tabled to the October 28, 2025 City Council meeting. However Mayor Saemann opened Public Comment to provide members of the public, who were waiting for the item to be heard, an opportunity to be heard.

In Person Public Comment:

- Brad Scott
- John Burry
- Carolyn Petty
- Vince

**17.e DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDING THE HISTORIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION ORDINANCE - 25-CDD-147**

Item 17.e was tabled to a future City Council meeting. No date was specified.

**17.f INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF TITLE 2 OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE TERMS OF OFFICE, APPOINTMENT, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY COMMISSIONS - 25-CCO-042**

Item 17.f was tabled to the October 28, 2025 City Council meeting.

**18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Keegan requested support to discuss the cost of outdoor encroachments on City property outside of the Pier Avenue corridor. No support was provided for this request.

**18.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CMO-070**

**19. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano provided the City Manager Report.

**20. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. in memory of Patricia Spiritus Benz who passed on October 5th after battling pancreatic cancer for nearly 10 years. Patricia was wife to former Mayor and Councilmember Robert "Burgie" Benz and mother to Shelby Benz.

Councilmembers Francois and Keegan extended their condolences to the friends and family of Patricia Spiritus Benz and provided comments.