

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



**May 5, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
1315 Valley Drive  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Suja Lowenthal, Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman, Interim Deputy City Manager Leo Zalyan, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, Acting City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Office Assistant Ariana Rodriguez, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza

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

Mayor Saemann called the Closed Session meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Acting City Clerk Reanna Guzman announced a quorum.

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

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

In Person Public Comment:

- Robert Aronoff
- Nancy Schwappach
- Salli Harris
- Rory Barish
- George Schmeltzer

- Ann Gotthoffer
- Gila Katz
- Sean Dennison
- Elka Worner
- Carolyn Petty
- Trent Larsen
- Jose Bacallao
- Izzy Bacallao
- Eric Horne
- George Schaecizel
- Robert Fortunato
- Ashley Tull
- Lynne Pope
- Mary Campbell
- John Burry
- Angela Crespi
- Carrie Tai
- Stacey Armato
- Bob Wolfe
- Moira Nelson
- Ray Dussault

Virtual Public Comment:

- Tony Higgins
- Laura Pena
- Josh Krasnegor
- Matt McCool
- George Barks
- Barbara Ellman

#### **4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Saemann provided additional comments before recessing to Closed Session.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

**4.a Closed Session Minutes**

**4.b Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Continued from 4/22/25**

**5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Acting City Clerk Guzman conducted a roll call and announced a quorum.

The City Council reconvened from Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

Interim City Attorney Todd Leishman provided the Closed Session Report. It was announced that no reportable action was taken.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.