

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



**February 24, 2026
6:00 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: City Manager Steve Napolitano, Interim City Attorney Jason Baltimore, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, Interim City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Executive Assistant Ann Yang, Office Assistant Ariana Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saemann called the Open Session to order at 6:05 p.m

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Brian Kane.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Olivia Pucci.

4. ROLL CALL

Interim City Clerk Reanna Guzman announced a quorum.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Councilmember Francois announced the upcoming Community Forum to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2026.

Mayor Saemann announced Saturday, February 28, at Clark Field is Hermosa Beach Little League Day.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

To approve the order of the agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

In Person Public Comment:

- David Pedersen
- Bode
- Mackenzie
- Rene Seamac
- Dan Madden
- Nancy Schwappach
- Jim Rosenberger
- Cheryl Mayne
- Marly
- George Barks

8. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

8.a ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION - 26-CCO-003

(Interim City Clerk Reanna Guzman)

Interim City Clerk Guzman provided a staff presentation.

Interim City Clerk Guzman requested the gavel from Mayor Saemann and opened nominations.

Councilmember Francois nominated Mayor Pro Tem Detoy as Mayor.

No additional nominations were made.

Interim City Clerk Guzman closed nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Detoy accepted the nomination.

A motion made by Councilmember Francois, seconded by Mayor Saemann, to nominate Mike Detoy as Mayor. Motion carried, 5-0.

Interim City Clerk Guzman opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Francois nominated Michael Keegan as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Keegan accepted the nomination.

Interim City Clerk Guzman closed the nominations.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

A motion made by Councilmember Francois, seconded by Councilmember Saemann, to nominate Michael Keegan as Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion carried, 4-1. Councilmember Jackson voted against the motion.

Council took a recess.

Council reconvened from recess at 6:55 pm.

Interim City Clerk Guzman conducted a new roll call. All members were present, and a quorum was announced.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

To appoint Mayor Detoy to the Los Angeles County-City Selection Committee and adopt Resolution No. RES-26-7539 to approve the Mayor Detoy to the South Bay Cities Sanitation District Board of Directors and Councilmember Francois to serve as Alternative Director.

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

Motion Carried

8.b RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR

Councilmember Saemann provided outgoing remarks.

Joey Apodaca from Congressman Ted Lieu's Office provided remarks.

Jessalyn Waldron from Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office provided remarks.

West Basin Water Board Vice President Scott Houston provided remarks.

Mayor Detoy read a statement on behalf of Lauren Pizer Mains from Senator Ben Allen's Office.

Mayor Detoy presented outgoing Mayor Saemann with a Gavel Plaque.

Laura Carmona President of Hermosa Beach Sister Cities provided remarks.

Councilmember Francois provided remarks.

Councilmember Jackson provided remarks.

Mayor Pro Tem Keegan provided remarks.

Mayor Detoy provided remarks.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

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

Motion Carried

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

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

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

9.b CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

(Interim City Clerk Reanna Guzman)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

To approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026 and February 3, 2026 regular meetings.

Motion Carried

9.c CHECK REGISTERS - 26-AS-018

(Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

To receive and file the check registers for January 28, 2026 through February 11, 2026. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

Motion Carried

9.d CASH BALANCE REPORT - 26-AS-017

(Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To receive and file the December 2025 Cash Balance Report.

Motion Carried

9.e REVENUE REPORT, EXPENDITURE REPORT, AND CIP REPORT BY PROJECT - 26-AS-019

(Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To receive and file the December 2025 Financial Reports.

Motion Carried

9.f CITY TREASURER REPORT - 26-AS-016

(City Treasurer Dave Pedersen)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To receive and file the January 2026 City Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

9.g CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT - 26-PW-009

(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Status Report as of February 17, 2026.

Motion Carried

9.h ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT (TA 25-03) AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO APPEAL PERIODS OF PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS - 26-CDD-019

CEQA: The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption per Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. (Community Development Director Alison Becker)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To determine the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; adopt by title only and waive second reading of Ordinance no. ORD-26-1496 approving a Zone Text Amendment (TA 25-03), amending various sections of Title of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code pertaining to appeal periods of Planning Commission Decisions; 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

9.i REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY DETERMINATION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE TYPE 42 (ON-SALE BEER & WINE) FOR THE DECK AT 1272 THE STRAND - 26-CDD-021

CEQA: Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

(Community Development Director Alison Becker)

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; determine that the issuance of a liquor license at The Deck, located at 1272 The Strand, will serve Public Convenience or Necessity and would not tend to create a law enforcement problem; grant the application for determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for the sale of alcoholic beverages, beer only, for on-sale consumption at The Deck, located at 1272 The Strand; and instruct City staff to transmit this determination to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as required findings under Business and Professions Code Section 23958.4.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**10.a APPROVAL OF IMPACT LEVEL III NEW 2026 SPECIAL EVENT—
AFTER DARK TOUR LA 2026**

(Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nichols)

Interim City Clerk Guzman requested the Mayor open public comment.

No public comment was provided.

Councilmember Francois asked a question.

Interim City Clerk Guzman provided information.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

Recommended Action:

To continue the Public Hearing to the next City Council meeting on
Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**11.a LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE MONTHLY
REPORT—DECEMBER 2025**

(Emergency Management Coordinator Maurice Wright)

**11.b PARKING CITATION AND METERED REVENUE REPORT—JANUARY
2026**

(Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales)

**11.c ACTION MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2026**

(Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nichols)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.