



CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Members Present: Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, Commissioner Elka Worner

Staff Present: Police Chief Landon Phillips, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Senior Recreation Supervisor Brian Sousa, Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle, Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese, Office Assistant Amari Gilbert, Recreation Specialist Peggy Magee Nolan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ellman called the Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tara McNamara Stabile.

3. ROLL CALL

Office Assistant Amari Gilbert announced a quorum.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle and Senior Recreation Supervisor Brian Sousa gave the presentation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.a CALIFORNIA GREAT SANTA STROLL POST-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

In Person Presentation:

Jillian Zalys, California Great Santa Stroll event representative
Kelly O'Brien, California Great Santa Stroll event representative

5.b COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

In Person Presentation:

Rabbi Dovid Lisbon, Community Chanukah Celebration event representative

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time for members of the public to address the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission on any items within the Commission's jurisdiction and on items where public comment will not be taken (Community Resources Director Reports, Commissioner Comments, Consent Calendar items not pulled for separate consideration, and Future Agenda Items).

The public is invited to attend and provide public comment. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker from those present in the Council Chambers and via the remote participation option(s) listed on the agenda. This time allotment may be modified due to time constraints at the discretion of the Chairperson or Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission. Another period is also reserved for general comment later in the meeting for those who could not be heard at this time.

No action will be taken on matters raised in oral and written communications, except that the Commission may take action to schedule issues raised in oral and written communications for a future agenda. Speakers with comments regarding City management or departmental operations are encouraged to submit those comments directly to the City Manager. Members of the audience will have a future opportunity to speak on items pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, Public Hearings, and Municipal Matters when those items are heard.

Chairperson Barbra Ellman opened Public Comment. The following public comment was provided.

In Person Public Comment:

Jack Levy
Tate Stabile

Tara McNamara Stabile
Connor Ogon
Ryan Sholtz

Virtual Public Comment:

Tony Higgins

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners may briefly respond to public comments, may ask a question for clarification or make a brief announcement or report on his or her own liaison or subcommittee roles, activities or meetings attended.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters will be acted upon collectively with a single motion and vote to approve with the majority consent of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission. Commissioners may orally register a negative vote on any Consent Calendar item without pulling the item for separate consideration before the vote on the Consent Calendar. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered separately, with public comment permitted at that time.

Moved by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

Seconded by: Commissioner Elka Worner

To approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

8.a NOVEMBER 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT

8.b ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2025

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.a APPROVAL OF IMPACT LEVEL III NEW 2026 SPECIAL EVENT: LA GALAXY SOCCER CELEBRATION - 26-CR-006

(Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

In Person Presentation:

Nick Gilbert, LA Galaxy Soccer Celebration event representative

Virtual Presentation:

Kara Korber, LA Galaxy Soccer Celebration event representative

Virtual Public Comment:

Tony Higgins
Nancy Schwappach

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve staff's recommendation to recommend to City Council the approval of Impact Level III new special event, Los Angeles Galaxy Soccer Celebration, on the 2026 Special Events Calendar, with the caveat there be no VIP section on the beach south of the Pier.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

10. MATTERS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

10.a CONSIDERATION OF VENDOR SALES ON THE BEACH IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT - 25-CR-081

(Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

Virtual Public Comment:

Tony Higgins
Nancy Schwappach
David Brandin

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

Seconded by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

To recommend to City Council modifications to Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Chapter 12.20 Beach and Strand Regulations, 12.20.300 Solicitation to allow the sale of prepared food, nonalcoholic beverages, and/or merchandise on the beach by vendors associated with an approved special event; and to establish a per-vendor daily fee, including a discounted rate for Hermosa Beach-based businesses.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

10.b INFORMATIONAL ITEM ON THE COMMISSION'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TRANSITION TO NEW RECREATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, REC TECHNOLOGIES INC. - 26-CR-005

(Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

Virtual Public Comment:

Nancy Schwappach
Laura Pena
Tony Higgins

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve staff's recommendation to receive and file the informational item on the options for the Commission's involvement with the transition to the new recreation management software, Rec Technologies, Inc.

Ayes (3): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, and Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Abstained (2): Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

10.c CONSIDERATION OF 2026 SPECIAL EVENT FEE WAIVER GRANT REQUESTS FOR THE EASTER SUNRISE MASS AND SOCAL BEACH FOUNDATION - 26-CR-004

(Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese)

Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese provided the presentation.

Virtual Presentation:

David Brandin, SoCal Beach Foundation event representative
Jamie McClune, Easter Sunrise Mass event representative

Moved by: Commissioner Elka Worner

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve the following fee waiver grant requests:

1. Our Lady of Guadalupe for its Easter Sunrise Mass special event in the amount of \$1,740; and
2. SoCal Beach Foundation for its volleyball tournaments in the amount of \$1,399.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

10.d APPROVAL OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION'S FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING DATE - 26-CR-001

(Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

Seconded by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

To approve staff's recommendation for a revised meeting date for February in 2026, scheduling the meeting for Tuesday, February 10.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Motion Carried

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Requests from Commissioners for possible future agenda items. No discussion or debate of these requests shall be undertaken; the sole action is whether to schedule the item for consideration on a future agenda. No public comment will be taken. Commissioners should consider the city's work plan when considering new items.

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

12. COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTOR REPORT

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols provided the presentation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.