

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



**March 10, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

Members Present: Councilmember Rob Saemann, Mayor Mike Detoy, Councilmember Ray Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem 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 Ann Yang, Community Development Director Alison Becker, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Police Chief Landon Phillips, Interim Deputy City Clerk Ariana Rodriguez, Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss, Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle, Senior Management Analyst Kenneth Bales, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza

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

Mayor Detoy called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Saemann was not present for roll call

Interim Deputy City Clerk Ariana Rodriguez announced a quorum.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Detoy opened public comment.

No public comment was provided.

4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

4.a MINUTES: Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on February 3, 2026.

4.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: City of Hermosa Beach v. Independent Cities Risk Management Authority

Case Number: 22TRCV00700

4.c CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.6

City Negotiator: Tyler Cashman, Interim Human Resources Manager

Organizations: Teamsters, Professional and Medical Employees' Union, Local 986

Hermosa Beach Police Officers' Association

5. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

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

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kaci McCrossen.

7. ROLL CALL

Interim Deputy City Clerk Ariana Rodriguez announced a quorum.

8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

Mayor Deto announced that Councilmember Saemann was present in Closed Session.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Mayor Deto provided the following announcements:

Student Scholarship Opportunity

Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library is a nonprofit dedicated to promoting literacy, education, culture, and community in Hermosa Beach and the South Bay. Their 2026 Student Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. They will award two \$1,000 scholarships through a writing competition open to high school juniors and seniors attending schools in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach.

Students may submit essays in Creative Writing or Historical Research. Essays must be 500 to 750 words and will be judged through a blind review process. The application deadline is April 3, 2026. More information is available at hbfol.org/scholarship

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this Saturday, March 14th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to join this family-friendly event featuring some of our community's favorite local bands, nonprofits, vehicles, brands and more.

To accommodate the event, residents and visitors should be aware of the following temporary street closures this Saturday:

- Valley Drive between 18th Street and 11th Street, from 5am–3pm
- Pier Ave and Hermosa Ave between 13th Street and 8th Street, from 7am–3pm

City Manager Steve Napolitano provided an announcement on the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To pull Item 15. i, move Item 17.b after Item 16.a, and approve the remainder of the agenda.

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

Motion Carried

11. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

11.a PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RED CROSS MONTH

Andrea Reilly from the Red Cross Community Volunteer Liaison spoke.

Mayor Detoy read a proclamation into the record.

11.b PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Kaci McCrossen from HERmosa Circle spoke about the organization.

Mayor Detoy read a proclamation into the record.

11.c LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT PRESENTATION ON THE SOUTH BAY CITIES MAIN TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Michael Chee Public Information Officer and C.K. Kanda Resident Engineer from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District and provided a Presentation.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Mayor Detoy provided information.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

In Person Public Comment:

- Sarah Harper
- Nancy Schwappach
- Eric Horne
- Elka Worner

Virtual Public Comment:

- Matt McCool

13. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

14. UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To approve the consent calendar.

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

Motion Carried

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

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem 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 MINUTES

(Interim City Clerk Ann Yang)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 special meeting.

15.c CHECK REGISTERS - 26-AS-020

(Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To receive and file the check registers for February 18, 2026 through February 26, 2026. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the demands.

Motion Carried

15.d ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE HERMOSA BEACH LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT DURING FY 2026–2027 - 26-PW-008

CEQA: Determine the resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To determine the resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and adopt Resolution No. RES-26-7541 to approve the preparation of a report for the annual levy of assessments within the Hermosa Beach Landscaping and Street Lighting District during Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Motion Carried

15.e APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH RON'S MAINTENANCE, INC - 26-PW-006

CEQA: Determine the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5).
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To determine the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), approve the proposed amendment to the agreement with Ron's Maintenance, Inc. for On-call Storm Drain Catch Basin Maintenance Services, extending the contract term through June 30, 2027, and increasing the total not-to-exceed contract amount from \$173,351 to \$218,632; authorize the Director of Public Works to increase the annual project contingency from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27; and authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed amendment, approve minor non-substantive modifications if necessary, and execute all related documents, with the City Clerk attesting the agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

15.f ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE INCREASE OF PROJECT CONTINGENCY TO CIP 630 COMMUNITY CENTER GAS LINE REPAIRS - 26-PW-010

CEQA: Determine that CIP 630, Community Center Gas Line Repairs, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To determine that CIP 630, Community Center Gas Line Repairs is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); adopt Resolution No. RES-26-7542 authorizing the increase in project contingency by \$42,000 from \$46,600 to \$88,600 for CIP 630 Community Center Gas Line Repairs project for a total authorized amount of \$321,600; and authorize the Director of Public Works to approve contract change orders up to the approved project contingency amount.

Motion Carried

15.g APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH XANADU SYSTEM SERVICES - 26-PW-007

CEQA: The action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), as it consists of administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. The amendment pertains to ongoing custodial services within existing facilities.
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To determine that the Second Amendment to the Janitorial Services Contract with Xanadu System Services is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5) (administrative activities); approve the second amendment to the agreement with Xanadu Service Systems for janitorial services, adding additional services for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26, extending the contract term through June 30, 2027, and increasing the total not-to-exceed contract amount from \$651,696 to \$895,313; authorize the Director of Public Works to increase the established project contingency per year from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year starting in FY 26-27; and authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed amendment, approve minor non-substantive modifications if necessary, and execute all related documents, with the City Clerk attesting the agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

15.h APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ARC SOUTH BAY FOR USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER ROOMS 15 AND 17 - 26-PR-005

(Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nichols)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To consider approval of a lease agreement with The Arc South Bay for use of the Community Center rooms 15 and 17 beginning April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 with the option, at staff's discretion, to extend for two additional one-year terms; and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

15.j APPROVE A CONTRACT TO GEOSYNTEC FOR PROFESSIONAL STORMWATER CONSULTING SERVICES - 26-CMO-002

(Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss)

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To approve a Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants to develop a feasibility study for a dry well project at a not to exceed amount of \$65,000 for a term of two years ending January 13, 2028, with an option to extend one year and authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed agreements, and approve minor modifications if necessary,

with the City Clerk attesting the proposed agreements and subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Motion Carried

**15.i APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 84
DISABILITY ACCESS: CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY
CLAIMS: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT -
26-CMO-010**

(Senior Management Analyst Sara Russo)

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

City Manager Steve Napolitano provided information.

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To approve a letter of support for Senate Bill 84, including website accessibility protections, and direct staff to also transmit the letter to the League of California Cities

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

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

**16.a APPROVAL OF IMPACT LEVEL III NEW SPECIAL EVENT – AFTER
DARK TOUR LA 2026 - 26-PR-004**

Continued from meeting of February 24, 2026

(Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle)

Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nichols provided an announcement and introduced Lead Special Events and Film Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle.

Lead Special Events and Film Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle provided a staff presentation.

City Attorney Jason Baltimore provided information.

Councilmember Francois provided comments.

After Dark Tour LA 2026 event representatives Britany Knight and Jake Wanamaker provided a presentation.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Keegan asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann asked questions about financial packages.

Mayor Detoy asked various questions about event clean up

After Dark Tour LA 2026 event representatives Britany Knight and Jake Wanamaker provided information.

In Person Public Comment:

- Gregory Patten
- Jake Taylor
- Robert Campbell
- Sarah Musgrove
- Bob Leetch
- Nicole Nevhauser
- Brynn Condry
- Renee Williams-Smith
- Mario Montoya
- Alexandra Manss
- Kiana Nicio
- Briana Sharp
- Sam V.
- Michelle Crispin
- Laura Pena
- Barbara Ellman
- Alan Jeffery

Virtual Public Comment:

- Tony Higgins
- Matt McCool
- Anna Liza

The City Council continued to deliberate on this item.

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To approve the Nike After Dark run, contingent upon a voluntary \$50,000 community impact fee to the City, an additional \$50,000 charitable contribution through Nike's charitable arm to Friends of the Park for youth sports and recreation, 100 tickets for Hermosa Beach residents, and engagement with the Chamber and local musicians for collaboration opportunities.

Substitute Motion

Moved by: Councilmember Saemann

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To approve the inclusion of the After Dark Tour LA 2026 on the 2026 Special Events Calendar contingent on additional negotiations, a preferred date of October 24, and continue the public hearing to April 14, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

16.b INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND HBMC SECTION 3.32 TITLED TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX - 26-CMO-009

(Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales)

Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales provided a staff presentation.

No public comment was provided.

Moved by: Councilmember Saemann

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To introduce by title only and waive first reading of ordinance No. ORD-26-1497 updating the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code 3.32.020 Definitions, 3.32.030 Tax Imposed; and 3.32.100 Appeal.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

16.c INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 17.21 OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE

**RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS - 26-CDD-025**

CEQA: Determine the action to be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code § 21080.17.

(Community Development Director Alison Becker)

Associate Planner Jake Whitney provided a staff presentation.

In Person Public Comment:

- Allen Jeffrey

There were no Virtual Public Speakers.

Community Development Director Alison Becker gave outgoing remarks to Associate Planner Jake Whitney.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Francois

To determine the action to be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code § 21080.17; conduct a public hearing to consider repealing and replacing Chapter 17.21 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code relating to Accessory (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU); and introduce by title only and waive first reading of Ordinance No. ORD-26-1498 approving Zone Text Amendment (TA 26-01) repealing and replacing Chapter 17.21 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

17. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

**17.a ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOINT POWERS
AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING
TRUST - 26-CDD-028**

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

(Community Development Director Alison Becker)

Jacki Bacharach SBCCOG Executive Director and Ronson Chu Senior Program Manager provided a presentation.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Jacki Bacharach provided information.

Associate Planner Jake Whitney provided a staff presentation.

Public Speakers:

- Jon David
- Laura Pena

There were no Virtual Public Speakers.

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Detoy

To determine the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; adopt Resolution No. RES-26-7543 approving and authorizing the execution of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement joining the South Bay Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT); and authorize the Mayor to execute the SBRHT Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA).

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

Motion Carried

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Mayor Detoy

To appoint Councilmember Seaman as the City's representative to the Regional Housing Trust Board and Councilmember Francois as the alternate.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Jackson

Motion Carried

17.b ADJUSTMENT OF FEES FOR COMMERCIAL ENCROACHMENT AREAS - 26-CMO-012

(Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss)

The City Council took a recess at 8:32 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

Interim Deputy City Clerk Rodriguez conducted a roll call. All members were present.

Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Kraus provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Jackson asked various various questions.

Environmental Programs Manager Krause provided information.

City Manager Napolitano provided information.

Councilmember Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- Jon David
- Elka Worner
- Laura Pena
- Lana Istwani
- Michelle Crispin

Moved by: Councilmember Francois

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To adopt option 4, creating a new encroachment category for businesses conducting retail food sales and retail without table service and without alcohol, reduce the encroachment fee to \$1 per square foot, and make the fee retroactive to the previous fiscal year when the rate increased from \$1 to \$2.

Substitute Motion

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

Seconded by: Councilmember Saemann

To approve a new category of encroachment permit for off Pier Plaza businesses conducting retail food sales without table service and without alcohol service with an encroachment fee of \$1 per square foot, and make the fee retroactive to January 1, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by: Mayor Detoy

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Keegan

To direct staff to return with a new encroachment category for retail businesses on and off Pier Plaza, including size and aesthetic guidelines, with the fee to be determined.

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

Motion Carried

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 26-CMO-013

Mayor Detoy requested support for a future agenda item to increase the City's contract threshold limits including the City Manager's signing authority and the guidelines for consent calendar approval. The request was supported by Councilmember Francois and Mayor Pro Tem Keegan and will return to Council as an action item.

Mayor Detoy requested support to reactivate the Municipal Naming Subcommittee to consider a commemorative sign at 8th Street and Ardmore Avenue to honor the life and service of Torrance Police Officer Gary Elton Rippstein. Councilmember Saemann provided support. The request did not receive sufficient support to be placed on a future agenda as an action item, and Mayor Detoy rescinded his request.

Councilmember Saemann requested a letter of support for Assembly Bill 1942 (Bauer-Kahan) which proposes mandatory registration and special license plates for Class 2 and Class 3 electric bicycles through the DMV. Mayor Pro Tem Keegan provided support. The item will return to Council as an informational item.

19. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Steve Napolitano provided a reminder about the 2026-2027 residential parking permit grace period.

20. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

20.a POLICE CRIME STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2026

(Police Chief Landon Phillips)

20.b ACTION MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026

(Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nichols)

20.c PARKING CITATION AND METERED REVENUE REPORT— FEBRUARY 2026

(Senior Management Analyst Ken Bales)

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.