

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



**March 25, 2025
5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Suja Lowenthal, City Attorney Patrick Donegan, Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi, Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker, City Clerk Myra Maravilla, Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols, Police Chief Paul LeBaron, Public Works Director Joe SanClemente, Deputy City Clerk Reanna Guzman, Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza

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

Mayor Francois called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Francois 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 March 11, 2025

4.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

4.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: GENERAL PUBLIC LIABILITY LITIGATION

5. OPEN SESSION—CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

Mayor Francois called the Open Session to order at 6:16 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paige Kaluderovic.

7. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum.

8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Donegan provided the Closed Session Report. No reportable action was taken.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Mayor Francois announced the Spring Paper Shredding and Compost Giveaway for Earth Month on Saturday, April 5th from 8:00 a.m. to noon and the State of the City Address on Thursday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m.at the Community Theater.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Francois provided comments in support of hearing item 17.e and not continuing the item.

Motion 1

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To approve the order of the agenda, pull Consent Calendar item 15.i and 15.j for separate discussion, continue item 17.a to the next meeting and, 17.e until the Final EIR is released. No vote was taken on this motion.

Substitute Motion 1

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Saemann

To table item 17.e until the Final EIR is released.

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

Noes (2): Mayor Francois, and Councilmember Keegan

Motion Carried

Motion 2

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Saemann

To approve the agenda, remove items 15.i and 15.f for separate discussion and continue item 17.a.

11. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

11.a RECOGNIZING DAVID PEDERSEN FOR HIS SERVICE AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER

City Manager Lowenthal recognized David Pedersen on behalf of City staff. City Manager Lowenthal read a letter from former Community Development Director Carrie Tai into the record. A letter was also read from former Planning Commissioner Marie Rice.

Planning Commissioner Hoffman recognized David Pedersen.

Planning Commissioner Izant recognized David Pedersen.

Mayor Pro Tem Saemann recognized Rob Saemann.

City Treasurer David Pedersen shared a few words.

11.b LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE SERVICES AND MCCORMICK AMBULANCE JULY–DECEMBER 2024 SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW. - 25-CMO-022

Emergency Management Coordinator Maurice Wright provided a presentation.

Councilmember Deto provided comments about the improved times.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided the City Manager Report.

12.a POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Chief Paul LeBaron provided the Police Chief Update.

Mayor Francois provided comments about the accessibility mats on the beaches at 2nd & 22nd Street.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

In Person Public Comment:

- Sarah Harper
- Jenette M. Kurth
- Paige Kalvderovie
- Bob Wolfe

- Zein Obagi
- Richard Gotthoffer
- Wayne Craig
- Kimberly Gill
- Jim Rosenberger
- Colleen Villegas
- Chelsea Schreiber
- Niki Negrete-Mitchell
- Kevin Mitchell
- Yvonne Bernard
- Carolyn Petty

14. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Francois provided comments about item 17.e.

Councilmember Deto provided comments about Pay by App.

City Manager Lowenthal provided information.

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

Mayor Francois attended the Los Angeles Sanitation Board Committee meeting and Assembly Member Al Muratsushi's Town Hall on e-bikes and bike enforcement.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Councilmember Deto

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To approve the Consent Calendar and hear items 15.f and 15.i separately.

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

Motion Carried

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

Moved by: Councilmember Deto

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

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 - 25-CCO-017

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council approve the minutes for the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

15.c CHECK REGISTERS - 25-AS-025

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council ratify the check registers for the period February 27, 2025 through March 12, 2025. The Administrative Services Director certifies the accuracy of the attached demands.

Motion Carried

15.d CASH BALANCE REPORT - 25-AS-027

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council receive and file the February 2025 Cash Balance Report.

Motion Carried

15.e CITY TREASURER'S REPORT - 25-AS-026

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

The City Treasurer recommends City Council receive and file the February 2025 City Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

15.g PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CDD-052

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council receive and file the April 15, 2025 Planning Commission tentative future agenda.

Motion Carried

**15.h SUBJECT: FINAL MAP NO. 84202 (CUP, PDP No. 23-05)
LOCATION: 168 HILL STREET - 25-CDD-043**

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt Resolution No. RES-25-7476 approving Final Parcel Map No. 84202, which is consistent with the approved Vesting Tentative Parce Map; and authorize the City Clerk to endorse the certificate for said map.

Motion Carried

**15.j ACTION MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
OF JANUARY 15, 2025 - 25-PW-022**

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council receive and file the action minutes of the Public Works Commission meeting of January 15, 2025.

Motion Carried

**15.k ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REPEALING HERMOSA BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE (“HBMC”) SECTIONS 12.28.010(H) AND 12.20.240
AND ADDING CHAPTER 12.40 TO THE HBMC REGULATING
CAMPING IN PUBLIC AREAS - 25-CA-006**

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To waive the full second reading and adopt by title only Ordinance No. ORD-25-1486 of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, repealing Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (“HBMC”) sections 12.28.010(H) and 12.20.240 and adding Chapter 12.40 to the HBMC regulating camping in public areas and finding the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); 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.

Motion Carried

15.i APPROVE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - 25-CMO-020

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

Staff recommends City Council approve, authorize, and direct the City Manager to enter a Public Services Contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Motion Carried

15.f ACTION MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2025 - 25-CDD-053

Councilmember Keegan asked about the updated parking plan for the 24-Hour Fitness at 1601 PCH.

Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza provided information.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Kent Allen

Mayor Francois, Mayor Pro Tem Saemann, and Councilmember Keegan supported hearing the item at the City Council level.

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Saemann

To receive and file the action minutes of the Planning Commission regular meeting of March 18, 2025 and bring item 7.d to the City Council for deliberation.

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

Motion Carried

15.i REVIEW OF SUBMITTAL OF THE 2024 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - 25-CDD-041

Planning Manager Oropeza provided a staff report.

Mayor Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Keegan asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- Richard Gotthoffer
- An unidentified male spoke
- Laura Pena
- David Grethen

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Saemann

To receive and file the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and direct staff to submit the report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

Motion Carried

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

16.a REQUEST FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (TA 25-01), PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY USES AND EVENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AMENDING HBMC: 1) CHAPTER 17.04

Item 16.a was continued to the April 8, 2025 City Council Meeting.

17. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

17.a RENAMING THE GREENBELT PEDESTRIAN TRAIL IN HONOR OF GEOFF HIRSCH AND CASEY ROHRER AND THE SOUTH PARK ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND IN HONOR OF CASEY ROHRER - 25-CR-026

Item 17.a was continued to the April 8, 2025 City Council meeting to give the Naming Subcommittee another opportunity to meet.

17.b CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 13, 2025 - 25-PW-023

Item 17.d was heard before item 17.b.

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Mayor Francois recessed for a five-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 9:16 p.m. City Clerk Maravilla conducted a roll call and all members were present.

Director SanClemente resumed his presentation.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

- David Grethen
- Richard Gotthoffer

Virtual Public Comment:

- Kent Allen
- Laura Pena

Mayor Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Detoy asked various questions.

Moved by: Councilmember Jackson

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To move item 17.d before item 17.b.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy

Seconded by: Councilmember Keegan

To receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Status Report as of March 13, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

17.c MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 - 25-AS-029

Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker provided a presentation.

Mayor Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Detoy asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

Moved by: Councilmember Keegan
Seconded by: Councilmember Detoy

To approve the revisions to estimated revenue, appropriations, budget transfers, and fund balances as shown herein and in the attached Projected Change in Financial Position and the Midyear Budget Amendment; Transfer \$553,832 of unspent funds from the Midyear Budget Review 2024–25 from the unassigned fund balance category to the assigned fund balance category; and receive and file the City Council Travel Summary.

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

Motion Carried

17.d REPORT ON THE CITY’S REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS - 25-CA-007

City Attorney Donegan provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Francois asked various questions.

Public Speaker:

- Jonah Breslau
- Kena Castaneda
- David Grethen
- Claudia Aguilera
- Richard Gothoffer

Mayor Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Keegan suggested supporting short-term rental regulations in a limited area and on a trial basis for owner-occupied properties.

Mayor Pro Tem Saemann provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Mayor Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Keegan provided comments.

Moved by: Councilmember Detoy
Seconded by: Councilmember Jackson

To receive a report on the City’s short-term vacation rental ordinance.

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

Noes (1): Councilmember Keegan

Motion Carried

17.e CONSIDERATION OF A POSITION ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY C LINE EXTENSION ROUTE INTO TORRANCE - 25-CMO-024

Item 17.e was continued until the Final EIR of the project is submitted.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Francois requested an informational item on Builders Remedy. Support was provided by Councilmember Keegan.

Councilmember Keegan directed the Planning Commission to revisit the Land Value Recapture program for small lots. Support was provided by Mayor Francois and Councilmember Detoy.

18.a TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 25-CMO-025

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.