



City of Hermosa Beach

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

*Mayor
Justin Massey*

*Mayor Pro Tem
Dean Francois*

*Councilmembers
Rob Saemann
Mike Detoy
Ray Jackson*

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

5:00 PM

Draft

5:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Maravilla announced a quorum.

Present: 5 - Mayor Massey, Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, Councilmember Saemann,
Councilmember Detoy, and Councilmember Jackson

Absent: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Virtual Public Comment:
Kent Allen

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a) **23-0747** **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on November 28, 2023.
- b) **23-0748** **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:**
Government Code Section 54957.6
City Negotiator: Mayor Massey
**Unrepresented
employee:** City Manager

6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Massey called the Open Session to order at 6:11 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Myra Maravilla announced a quorum.

Present: 5 - Mayor Massey, Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, Councilmember Saemann, Councilmember Deto, and Councilmember Jackson

Absent: 0

IV. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Councilmember Saemann provided an update on the Kiwanis Tree Lot hours and free photos with Santa Claus on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Massey announced the Grinch movie night event with a Santa Claus visit on Friday, December 15th; the Beach Cities Toy Drive Wrapping Party on Saturday, December 16th at the Joslyn Community Center at 1601 North Valley Drive in Manhattan Beach.

Mayor Massey announced a celebration of life for Hermosa Beach resident Ray Waters on December 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Pacific Unitarian Church.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to pull Consent Calendar item "h" for separate discussion and approve the remainder of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

VII. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

a) 23-0738

**LOCAL CONTEST WINNERS OF THE LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023 CHILDREN’S BOOKMARK CONTEST**

Mayor Masey invited Hermosa Beach Librarian Genavieve Gualano to the podium to announce the local contest winners of the Los Angeles Public Library 2023 Children's Bookmark Contest. Mayor Massey presented winners with a certificate of accomplishment.

Cashel Clifford; 2nd grader from Hermosa Vista, was recognized.
Roman Lucido; 4th grader from American Martyrs, was recognized.
Harper Bethea; 6th grader from American Martyrs, was recognized.
Isabella Bures; 10th grader from Mira Costa High School, was recognized but not present.

Librarian Gualano made announcements about upcoming library events.

b) 23-0739

**RECOGNIZING HERMOSA BEACH
2023 CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES**

Mayor Massey, Environmental Programs Manager Krauss, and Lisa Ryder recognized Hermosa Beach 2023 Certified Green Business.

- HD Structural Co.
- West Coast Sweat
- Pilatieology
- Cultured Slice Sandwich Shop
- Hammitt
- Sylvan Learning of Hermosa Beach
- Gitana Cafe
- Inch Furnishings
- Hi-Fi Espresso
- The Source Cafe

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided a City Manager Report.

a) 23-0737

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief LeBaron provided a Police Chief Update.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In Person Public Comment:

Dan Cox
Jonathan Cruz
Nick Wilson
Jennifer Kennedy
Moses Castillo
Willard Christine
Alex and Shay from Allcove Beach Cities
Trent Larson
David Bolog
Elka Worner

Virtual Public Comment:

Anthony Higgins
Kent Allen
Matt McCool

a) [23-0751](#)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Deto to receive and file the written communication. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

X. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

a) 23-0736

**UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES
AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Councilmember Jackson announced the birthday of Mayor Massey and provided comments on the enforcement of dogs off leash.

Mayor Massey announced an award from the Council of Governments regarding energy and provided comments on the enforcement of dogs off leash.

XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to pull Consent Calendar item "h" for separate discussion and approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

- a) **23-0752** **WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA**
(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- b) [REPORT](#) **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
[23-0743](#) (City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- c) [REPORT](#) **CHECK REGISTERS**
[23-0742](#) (Finance Director Viki Copeland)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- d) [REPORT](#) **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE**
[23-0724](#) **MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023**
(Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- e) [REPORT](#) **ACTION MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND**
[23-0733](#) **COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023
(Community Resources Manager Lisa Nichols)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- f) [REPORT](#) **PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA**
[23-0741](#) (Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- g) [REPORT](#) **CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION OF SIMILAR**
[23-0692](#) **USE (DD 23-01) FOR THE RENTAL OF FOUR OR FEWER RACING**
CAR SIMULATORS (AMUSEMENT OR ENTERTAINMENT
MACHINES) AS SIMILAR TO THE PERMITTED BILLIARD OR POOL
HALL USE IN COMMERCIAL ZONES
(Director of Community Development Carrie Tai)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- i) [REPORT](#) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$40,000 FROM**
[23-0744](#) **THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE**

CONTROL, ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

(Police Chief Paul LeBaron)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

- j) [REPORT 23-0730](#) **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES CENTERS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH AND CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES**

(Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

A motion was made to approve the recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- h) [REPORT 23-0725](#) **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AM-TEC TOTAL SECURITY INC. TO PROVIDE SECURITY CAMERA SERVICES**

(Police Chief Paul LeBaron)

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

City Manager Lowenthal provided information.

Captain Landon Phillips provided information.

In Person Public Comment:

Trent Larson

Virtual Public Comment:

Kent Allen

Matt McCool

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to reappropriate \$72,000 in the Grant Fund for State Homeland Security Program grant and add estimated revenue of \$72,000 in the Grant Fund; and approve a Professional Services Agreement with Am-Tec Total Security, Inc. to provide security camera services for a one-year term ending December 12, 2024 at a not-to exceed amount of \$53,382; and authorize City staff to establish a contingency of \$18,618 with the remaining grant funds for additional hardware as needed during installation and approve contract change orders up to the amount of the approved contract contingency; and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the proposed agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

b) [REPORT](#)
[23-0740](#)

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF
THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE ZONING TEXT
AMENDMENT (ZTA 23-02-B) ADDING THE LAND VALUE
RECAPTURE PROGRAM AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CONSIDERATION OF A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY MASTER FEE SCHEDULE
TO ESTABLISH THE LAND VALUE RECAPTURE FEES**
(Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

Mayor Massey opened the public hearing.

Director Tai introduced Senior Vice President Wil Soholt from Kosmont and provided a joint staff report.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Director Tai and Attorney Donegan provided comments.

Councilmember Deto provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

In Person Public Comment:

Jamal Thomas

John David

Laura Pena

Virtual Public Comment:

Anthony Higgins

Matt McCool

The City Council continued deliberations.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Mayor Massey to introduce by title only and waive first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, approving Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 23-02-B), to amend the Title 17 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add the Land Value Recapture Program for Affordable Housing, amend certain criteria for affordable housing, and determine the actions are consistent with the PLAN Hermosa Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and adopt a resolution amending the City Master Fee Schedule to establish fees for the Land Value Recapture program for

affordable housing and determine the action to be exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and direct the City Clerk publish the summary ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Massey, Saemann, and Jackson

No: 2 - Francois, and Detoy

Absent: 0

XIV. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

a) [REPORT](#) **2023-24 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM REVIEW**
[23-0726](#) (Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Finance Director Viki Copeland provided a staff presentation, and announced two corrections to the resolution that contained outdated information.

The City Council asked various questions.

Chief LeBaron answered various questions.

Virtual Public Comment:
Matt McCool
Anthony Higgins

In Person Public Comment:
Vince B.

City Council continued to deliberated on various components of the Parking Permit Program.

Staff will bring back recommendations of tiered pricing and pricing increases, parking zones, the vehicle registration requirement, employee parking program, and items listed on the staff report. Staff will distinguish items that may be implemented by February and which would require additional time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to bring back an amended resolution with the direction provided by City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Detoy, and Jackson

Absent: 0

b) [REPORT](#) **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR**
[23-0684](#) **CIP 616 BARD TRAILER IMPROVEMENTS AND TO ISSUE**
PURCHASE ORDERS FOR IT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE

FURNITURE

(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Public Works Director SanClemente provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

City Manager Lowenthal and Director SanClemente provided information.

Virtual Public Comment:

Matt McCool

Anthony Higgins

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to extend the meeting to 12:00 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Detoy, and Jackson

Absent: 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Detoy, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Pacific Mobile Structures in the amount of \$246,949.89 for modifications and maintenance of the Bard Trailer (CIP 616); and appropriate additional funds from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$21,645 to CIP 616 Bard Trailer Improvements; and transfer funds from the Public Works Administration and Engineering contract services account in the General Fund in the amount of \$32,566.36 to CIP 616 Bard Trailer Improvements; and authorize City staff to establish a 10 percent contingency amount of \$24,694.99 and approve contract change orders up to the amount of the approved contract contingency; and adopt the attached resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California Approving the Maintenance and Improvements of the Bard Trailer (CIP 616) Pursuant to Government Code Section 830.6 and Establishing a Project Payment Account"; and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Netrix, LLC in the amount of \$32,566.36 to purchase and configure IT equipment for the Bard Trailer (Attachment 5); and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to M3 Office under qualifying cooperative purchase agreements in the amount of \$29,284.47 for Bard Trailer office furniture. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Massey, Saemann, and Detoy

No: 2 - Francois, and Jackson

Absent: 0

c) [REPORT
23-0694](#)

**AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 696
POLICE STATION IMPROVEMENTS
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)**

Director SanClemente provided a staff presentation.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois to award a construction contract for CIP 696 Police Station Improvements to R Dependable Const Inc. in the amount of \$148,790; and authorize the Director of Public Works to establish a 30 percent project contingency amount of \$44,637 and to approve contract change orders up to the amount of the approved contract contingency; and adopt the attached resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach Approving the Construction of CIP 696 Police Station Improvements Pursuant to Government Code Section 830.6 and Establishing a Project Payment Account; and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney; and authorize the Director of Public Works to file a Notice of Completion following final completion of the project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

d) [REPORT](#)
[23-0746](#)

**DISCUSSIONS AND DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF REGARDING
REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT CITY MEETINGS AS WELL AS OTHER
FORMAT AND OPERATIONAL CONCERNS RELATED TO CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(City Attorney Patrick Donegan)

City Attorney Donegan provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Virtual Public Comment:

Anthony Higgins

Matt McCool

Laura Pena

The City Council continued deliberations.

A motion was made by Mayor Massey, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to make the following modifications to the agenda and meeting procedures and to the extent Commissions are able, they should conduct their meetings consistent with how the City Council conducts its meetings. Additionally, a resolution will be brought back reflecting adopted changes.

*** Initial general public participation period will be in person only and each speaker will be limited to two minutes for a total limit of 30 minutes. A second general public participation period will be available at the end of the meeting for any speakers unable to provide comments in the first public comment**

opportunity. The time allotted for each speaker is subject to change at the chair's discretion.

* Public participation on agenda items will remain in person and via remote participation platform. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and the time allotted for each speaker is subject to change at the chair's discretion.

* Written communications will be removed from the agenda.

* All public participation will be given a hard stop at the conclusion of the time allotted, unless the chair determines otherwise.

* The numbering of items will be changed to Arabic numerals.

* The remote participation platform will be a courtesy only. Staff will make every best effort to make this option available at every meeting.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

e) [REPORT](#)
[23-0735](#)

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION
DECEMBER 2023**

(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

A motion was made by Mayor Massey, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to extend the meeting to 1:00 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, and Deto

Absent: 1 - Jackson

City Clerk Maravilla provided a staff report.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Deto provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Mayor Massey to affirm current appointments; decommission the Fiesta Hermosa and Municipal Naming subcommittees and extend the Finance subcommittee, Joint-Use Park Amenities, and Lifeguards Plaque subcommittees to December 31, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

Absent: 0

XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) [23-0745](#)

TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Massey requested staff to bring back a discussion item on a sales tax measure for the 2024 ballot. It was supported by Councilmember Jackson and Councilmember Deto.

Mayor Massey requested staff to bring back a Capital Improvement Project item that shall determine whether painting lane stripes on Prospect Avenue will reduce speeds and if yes, paint them. It was supported by Councilmember Jackson and Mayor Pro Tem Francois.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the meeting in memory of Ray Waters at 12:48 a.m.