



# City of Hermosa Beach

City Hall  
1315 Valley Drive  
Hermosa Beach, CA  
90254

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

*Mayor*  
*Justin Massey*

*Mayor Pro Tem*  
*Dean Francois*

*Councilmembers*  
*Rob Saemann*  
*Mike Detoy*  
*Ray Jackson*

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:00 PM

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### 5:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Massey called the Closed Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Myra 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**

There was no public comment.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session.

a) **23-0689** **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on October 24, 2023.

b) **23-0688** **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**  
**Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

The City finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.

Name of Case: Carrillo v. City of Hermosa Beach, et al., administered by

ADMINSURE  
Admisure Claim Number: 21-155126  
LASC Case Number: 21STCB31855  
DOL: 3/11/2021

- c) **23-0686**      **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**

Trent Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. 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

**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 announced the Hermosa Charity Classic on November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Massey announced the Hermosa for the Holidays on November 18 - 19, 2023 and the 31st Annual Beach Cities Toy Drive taking place from December 2nd to December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Francois pulled Consent Calendar item "i" for separate discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Detoy, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move Consent Calendar item "i" for separate discussion and to**

approve the remainder of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 0

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**a) 23-0674 OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT  
(NOV 9-10, 1938)**

Mayor Massey invited Rabi Gila Katz to the podium to speak about Kristallnacht.

Rabi Gila Katz spoke about Kristallnacht.

Superintendent Jason Johnson spoke.

Eva Asiddao provided a presentation about Kristallnacht and read excerpts from two poems.

Rabi Gila Katz invited the community to the 51st Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner.

**b) 23-0691 PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK IN HERMOSA BEACH  
(NOVEMBER 12-18, 2023)**

Mayor Massey invited Hildy Stern, Chairperson of South Bay Coalition Against Hate, to the podium.

Hildy Stern provided remarks about the South Bay Coalition Against Hate.

Mayor Massey presented a proclamation declaring United Against Hate Week in Hermosa Beach November 12-18, 2023.

**VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided a City Manager Report.

**a) 23-0675 POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

Police Chief Paul LeBaron provided a Police Chief Update.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

City Attorney Patrick Donegan provided comments about virtual participation options for commissions.

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

In Person Public Comment:

- Sarah Harper
- Andrew Clifton
- Trent Larson
- Jonathan Cruz
- Michael Sribney
- Laura Pena

Virtual Public Comment:

- Kent Allen
- Ryan Bozsán
- Matt McCool

a) [23-0676](#) **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Massey, Francois, Saemann, Detoý, and Jackson

**Absent:** 0

**X. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

a) **23-0677** **UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Mayor Pro Tem Francois announced his attendance at the 100 Year anniversary of Los Angeles County Water District on October 26, 2023.

Councilmember Jackson provided an overview of his recent trip representing Hermosa Beach on a California Delegation of China and with the Chinese People Association Friendship with Foreign Countries in China.

Councilmember Saemann asked about Andrew Clifton's public comment.

City Manager Lowenthal provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments about Pedone's Pizza.





i) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0673](#)

**APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT  
WITH KOSMONT & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR REAL ESTATE  
ADVISORY SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

Mayor Pro Tem Francois pulled the item for separate discussion.

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois requested more information.

In Person Public Comment:

Laura Pena

Virtual Public Comment:

Matt McCool

Kent Allen

Jon Davis

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to approve the proposed first amendment to an agreement with Kosmont & Associates, Inc. for real estate advisory services to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$17,000, resulting in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$47,000; and appropriate \$17,000 in General Plan Maintenance Fees from the restricted fund balance in the General Fund to the Planning Division; and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the attached first amendment, 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

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - TO COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.**

There were no Public Hearing Items.

**XIV. MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

a) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0682](#)

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF SPECIAL EVENT  
LONG-TERM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

(Community Resources Manager Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Manager Lisa Nichols provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments

In Person Public Comment:

Barbara Ellman

Mark Pauline

Virtual Public Comment:

Matt McCool

Kent Allen

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Community Resources Manager Nichols provided information about forecasted dates.

Councilmember Deto provided comments.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Al Lau, CEO of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, provided comments.

Denny Lennon, Director of AAU Beach Volleyball, provided comments.

The City Council continued deliberations on this item.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the commencement of long-term agreement negotiations with the following organizations for the following special events in 2024 through 2026: \* Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) for the AAU Junior National Championships; \* Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) for the Hermosa Beach Open; and \* Junior Volleyball Association (JVA)/Beach Volleyball Clubs of America (BVCA) for the JVA/BVCA National Championships. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Francois, Saemann, and Jackson

**No:** 2 - Mayor Massey, and Deto

**Absent:** 0

b) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0611](#)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE JILK HEAVY CONSTRUCTION, INC. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 629 MUNICIPAL PIER STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND CIP 660 MUNICIPAL PIER ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS THERETO**



(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a presentation.

Mayor Massey asked if the amendment would finish the work.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Director SanClemente provided comments.

Virtual Public Comment:

Kent Allen

Matt McCool

Councilmember Jackson made comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Deto to adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Jilk Heavy Construction, Inc. (Jilk) Construction Contract for CIP 629 Municipal Pier Structural Repairs and CIP 660 Municipal Pier Electrical Repairs in the not-to-exceed amount of \$268,511; and approve an additional appropriation of \$268,511 to CIP Project 629 Municipal Pier Structural Repairs from the RTI Under Sea Cable Fund and Capital Improvement Fund, to fund a concrete deck panel removal and replacement per a proposed change order from Jilk; and authorize the Mayor to execute the first amendment to the proposed contract and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.**

c) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0532](#)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITYWIDE PAVEMENT MORATORIUM**

(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Director SanClemente introduced Senior Engineer Stephanie Holst.

Senior Engineer Holst provided a presentation.

Councilmember Deto provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Director SanClemente provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

City Manager Lowenthal provided comments.

Virtual Public Comment:

Kent Allen

Councilmember Jackson made comments regarding a review of the Master Fee Schedule.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Deto Staff recommends City Council introduce by title only and waive first full reading of an ordinance of the City of Hermosa Beach to add Chapter 12.09 to the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) to establish a citywide pavement moratorium and to modify Chapter 1.10 of the HBMC to include violation of the pavement moratorium as a code violation subject to administrative penalty procedures and determine the ordinance to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 0

d) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0660](#)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IMPLEMENTING A 12-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION ON ARDMORE AVENUE, BETWEEN PIER AVENUE AND 11TH STREET, AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

(Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss)

City Attorney Patrick Donegan provided a staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss provided information.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adopt a resolution implementing a 12-hour parking restriction on Ardmore Avenue, between Pier Avenue and 11th Street, and finding the same exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 0

e) [REPORT](#)  
[23-0680](#)

**APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PEGASUS STUDIOS TO PROVIDE VIDEO BROADCASTING SERVICES**

(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

City Clerk Myra Maravilla provided a presentation.

City Manager Lowenthal provided information.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

Virtual Public Comment:  
Kent Allen

The City Council continued deliberations on this item.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Pegasus Studios to provide broadcasting services for an initial one-year term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with an option for the City Manager to extend for two additional one-year periods, at a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000 per year; 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

## **XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a) [23-0685](#)

### **TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

City Attorney Donegan announced the Conditional Use Permit timeline for an appeal.

Councilmember Jackson composition of meetings hybrid or in-person for consistency across the board with other commissions and for it to be brought back before the end of the year. It was supported by Mayor Massey and Councilmember Saemann.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m.