



# City of Hermosa Beach

City Hall  
1315 Valley Drive  
Hermosa Beach, CA  
90254

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

*Mayor  
Justin Massey*

*Mayor Pro Tem  
Dean Francois*

*Councilmembers  
Rob Saemann  
Mike Detoy  
Ray Jackson*

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

5:30 PM

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**Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Massey called the Closed Session to order at 5:31 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

#### ***RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (Meeting will reconvene in the Council Chambers after Closed Session and recess to Open Session)***

The City Council recessed to Closed Session.

a) [24-0190](#) **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of Closed Session held on March 26, 2024.

b) [24-0189](#) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**  
**Initiation of Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)**  
The City finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation. Number of Potential Cases: 1

**6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION****1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rob.

**3. 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

**4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT****5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING CITY EVENTS**

Mayor Massey declared April 2024 as Earth Month and invited the community to participate in a series of upcoming events; on Sunday April 21st the Sea Sprite Hotel will host a beach clean up event from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m; on May 4th is the Hermosa Community garage sale; the Spring Sidewalk Sale is scheduled for April 20th and 21st from noon to 9:00 p.m; and the Surfers Walk of Fame Event will take place on April 27th on Pier Plaza at 11:00 with a ceremony honoring this year's inductees.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Saemann, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 0

**7. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Proclamations/Presentations.

**8. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided a City Manager Report.

**a) [24-0188](#)****PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a Public Works Update.

Councilmember Saemann asked questions about the Clark building rental fees.

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided information.

Councilmember Saemann asked questions about bike rack installations.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments about bike rack locations.

Mayor Massey asked various questions.

b) [24-0162](#)

**POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

Police Chief LeBaron provided a Police Chief Update.

Mayor Massey asked various questions.

Police Chief LeBaron provided information.

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided information.

City Clerk Maravilla provided information.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions about a settled lawsuit.

City Attorney Patrick Donegan provided information.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

In Person Public Comment:

- Donald Size
- Rosanna Savone
- Laura Pena
- Angelika Silverman
- Matt McCool
- Jessica Accamando

[REPORT](#)  
[24-0195](#)

**SUPPLEMENTAL ECOMMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**10. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Massey clarified that Lemonade Day will be held on Sunday April 21st.

Councilmember Saemann and Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided

comments about an artificial intelligence discussion that took place at the Council of Governments General Assembly.

Mayor Massey provided comments about artificial intelligence.

a) [24-0163](#) **UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES  
AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

Updates were provided under City Councilmember Comments Item 10.

## 11. CONSENT CALENDAR

### *Approval of the Consent Calendar*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Francois, seconded by Councilmember Saemann, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 0

a) [24-0191](#) **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**  
[24-0181](#) (City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

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

c) [REPORT](#) **CHECK REGISTERS**  
[24-0166](#) (Finance Director Viki Copeland)

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

d) [REPORT](#) **APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO REVISE THE CLASS**  
[24-0169](#) **SPECIFICATION FOR POLICE LIEUTENANT AND AFFIRMATION OF**  
**THE BARGAINING GROUP AS POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP**  
(Human Resources Manager Vanessa Godinez)

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

e) [REPORT](#) **APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO REVISE THE CLASS**  
[24-0167](#) **SPECIFICATION FOR POLICE CAPTAIN AND AFFIRMATION OF THE**  
**BARGAINING UNIT AS POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP**

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(Human Resources Manager Vanessa Godinez)

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

- f) [REPORT](#) **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH**  
[24-0164](#) **VAN LINGEN TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING AND STORAGE**  
**SERVICES**

(Police Chief Paul LeBaron)

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

- g) [REPORT](#) **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE**  
[24-0171](#) **MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024**  
(Emergency Management Coordinator Maurice Wright)

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

- h) [REPORT](#) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SPONSORSHIP DONATION TO**  
[24-0173](#) **MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NITE 2024**  
(City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

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

## 12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

## 13. PUBLIC HEARINGS - TO COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.

There were no Public Hearings.

## 14. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

- a) [REPORT](#) **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL EVENT DAYS**  
[24-0168](#) **TO THE LOS ANGELES RAMS NFL DRAFT EXPERIENCE**  
(Community Resources Manager Lisa Nichols)

Community Resources Manager Lisa Nichols provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Massey asked various questions.

Councilmember Deto asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:  
 Jessica Accamando  
 A RAMS representative spoke.  
 Barbara Ellman  
 Matt McCool  
 Adam Malovani

Virtual Public Comment:  
 Tony Higgins

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Detooy asked various questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Saemann to approve the request of Los Angeles Rams National Football League for activation of the beach field on April 27th, April 28th and May 2nd. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Francois, Saemann, Detooy, and Jackson

**No:** 1 - Mayor Massey

**Absent:** 0

b) [REPORT](#)  
[24-0152](#)

**DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATION CITATION FINES FOR CANNABIS DELIVERY AND SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS AND A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FINE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE RECENTLY ADDED VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROVISIONS AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

(Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

Community Development Director provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Detooy asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

City Attorney Donegan provided information.

Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi provided information.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

Angelika Silverman

John David

Laura Pena

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Councilmember Deto asked various questions.

Councilmember Jackson asked various questions.

City Attorney Donegan provided information.

Councilmember Saemann provided information.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Saemann, to adopt Resolution No. RES-24-7425 amending the City's administrative fine schedule and finding the action to be exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. with the following modifications:**

- 1- That the \$20,000 fine for illegal cannabis delivery remain in place and that the City Manager's have the authority to waive an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and**
- 2- Staff to come back with a parking pass revocation clause tied with STVR violations and that the STVR violations be \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$20,000 for the first, second, and third violation.**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Massey, Saemann, Deto, and Jackson

**No:** 1 - Francois

**Absent:** 0

c) [REPORT  
24-0153](#)

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE TO  
PROHIBIT OFFICES AND OTHER NON-PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED  
USES ON THE GROUND-FLOOR IN THE DOWNTOWN  
COMMERCIAL ZONE (C-2)**

(Community Development Director Carrie Tai)

Community Development Director Carrie Tai provided a staff presentation.

In Person Public Comment:

Mike Grannis  
Angelika Silverman  
Matt McCool  
John David  
Laura Pena  
Matt McCool

Virtual Public Comment:

Ray Dussault  
John Burry

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

Councilmember Saemann provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Jackson provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Deto, to receive and file the staff report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 0

d) [REPORT](#) **PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
[24-0172](#) (Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Public Works Director Joe SanClemente provided a staff presentation.

Councilmember Saemann asked various questions.

In Person Public Comment:

Matt McCool

Mayor Massey provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to authorize a purchase of two patrol pursuit vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$146,266 from National Auto Fleet Group the State of California's General Service Department Statewide Contract for Fleet Vehicles or sole source from a dealership as the vehicles become available; authorize outfitting, at an amount not to exceed \$54,000 for two vehicles through National Auto Fleet Group, and approve an additional appropriation of \$200,266 from the Equipment Replacement Fund balance to fund the purchase and outfitting of the two patrol**



pursuit vehicles. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 0

e) [REPORT  
24-0176](#)

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING  
OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2560 (ALVAREZ),  
SENATE BILL 1077 (BLAKESPEAR),  
SENATE BILL 1092 (BLAKESPEAR),  
AND SENATE BILL 951 (ALLEN)**  
(Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois provided comments.

Councilmember Deto provided a friendly amendment to the resolution.

Mayor Massey provided comments.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Saemann, seconded by Councilmember Deto, to adopt by title only Resolution No. RES-24-7423 of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California expressing opposition to Assembly Bill 2560, Senate Bill 1077, Senate Bill 1092, and Senate Bill 951.**

**Councilmember Deto provided a friendly amendment to send the adopted resolution to local representatives and the Coastal Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 0

f) [REPORT  
24-0174](#)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONTINUED OPPOSITION  
TO TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT INITIATIVE NO. 21-0042A1 RESTRICTING  
VOTER'S INPUT AND LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY**  
(Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi provided a staff presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Francois asked various questions.

No Public Comment was provided.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Deto, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francois, to adopt by title Resolution No. RES-24-7424 of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, expressing continued opposition to the**

**Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative No. 21-0042A1.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 0

a) [REPORT](#)  
[24-0180](#)

**TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No Public Comment was provided.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.