

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
MARCH 29, 2011**

The Special Closed Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, at the hour of 1:35 p.m., in the City Council Chambers Conference Room, at Manhattan Beach City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Richard Montgomery called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers: Powell, Howorth, Tell and Mayor Montgomery.  
Present: City Manager Carmany, City Clerk Tamura,  
Counsel Christi Hogin of Jenkins & Hogin, LLP and  
Counsel Melanie Poturica of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.  
Absent: Councilmember Lesser.  
Clerk: Tamura (1:38 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.).  
Tell (1:40 p.m. – 3:57 p.m.).  
Tamura (3:57 p.m.).

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Ed Caprielian, No Address Provided, distributed and read his letter to Council, dated March 29, 2011, requesting that the three documents outlined in his letter be provided to him as soon as possible.

**ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS**

Christi Hogin announced the following items to be discussed in closed session:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code § 54957  
Title: City Attorney
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Government Code § 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: Christi Hogin/Melanie Poturica  
Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
4. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
Government Code § 54957  
Title: City Attorney

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Council recessed into Closed Session at 1:40 p.m.

**RECESS INTO OPEN SESSION**

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 3:57 p.m.

At 3:57 p.m. Counsel Christi Hogin announced in Open Session that the Council met in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the posted agenda. She further announced for the record the following statement:

“This afternoon the City Council met in closed session and discussed the items that were listed on the posted agenda. The City Council asked me to provide as complete closed session report as possible under the circumstances.

We all understand, of course, that personnel matters involve individual privacy which is protected by law. However, by way of context, the City entered into an employment agreement with Bob Wadden in 1996 which has been restated a few times with adjustments in compensation. Mr. Wadden has served as the City Attorney for 15 years. The City Attorney serves at the pleasure of City Council.

Today in closed session the City Council voted unanimously, with Councilmember Lesser absent, to place Mr. Wadden on administrative leave for one week, effective immediately. The City Council will meet here April 5, 2011 at 1:30 pm, that’s next Tuesday, to take action pursuant to his employment contract.

As I mentioned, and you all know, you must not discuss personnel matters, that admonition is especially important because we are engaged in an on-going process. When this procedure is complete we will have more information. That concludes my report.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:58 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 1:30 p.m. Special Meeting to be followed by the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting and the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Liza Tamura  
Recording Secretary

Richard Montgomery  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura  
City Clerk