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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: September 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 2.01.010 Regulating Where City Council Meetings May be Held

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2149 amending the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 2.01.010 to require that all regular meetings of the City Council must be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall unless adjourned to another facility that has reasonable recording and audio capability.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

None anticipated.

BACKGROUND:

On August 2, 2011, the City Council considered options for determining where City Council meetings may be held. After receiving public input and discussing the proposed revisions, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 2149 and scheduled the second reading and adoption for the September 6, 2011 City Council meeting.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed revisions to the regulations regarding where City Council meetings can be held are intended to meet the goal of providing transparent and open government to the residents of Manhattan Beach.

Attachments: A. Ordinance No. 2149

cc: Christi Hogin, Special Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 2149

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 2.01.010 REGULATING THE PLACE OF CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS

FOLLOWS: THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH DOES ORDAIN AS

as follows: SECTION 1. Municipal Code Section 2.01.010 is hereby amended in its entirety to read

“2.01.010 – Place of Meetings

All regular meetings of the City Council shall be held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building located at 1400 Highland Avenue, within the corporate limits of the City, unless adjourned to another location, provided such location has adequate audio amplification and recording capability.

SECTION 2. Any provisions of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City, to the extent that they are inconsistent with this ordinance, and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and operation thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance; shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted; and shall within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption thereof cause the same to be published by one insertion in *The Beach Reporter*, the official newspaper of the City and a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated within the City of Manhattan Beach hereby designated for that purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2011.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Special Counsel