



Minutes:

This item contains minutes of City Council meetings which are presented for approval [(a)-(e)] and minutes from City Council subcommittees and from other City commissions and committees [(f)-(g)] which are presented to be received and filed by the Council. Staff recommends that the City Council by motion take action to approve the minutes of the:

a) City Council Meeting (Closed Session) and Regular City Council Meeting of May 15, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

b) Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #1 Meeting of May 16, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

c) Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #2 Meeting of May 22, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

d) City Council (Closed Session) Meeting of May 24, 2012 and Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #3 Meeting of May 24, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

e) Special Closed Session Meeting of May 29, 2012.

**RECOMMENADATION: APPROVE**

f) Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes March 27, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

g) Environmental Task Force Meeting of April 19, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
MAY 15, 2012**

The Closed Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 4:35 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
(Tell arrived at 4:45 p.m.)  
Present: City Manager Carmany and City Attorney Diaz.  
Absent: None.  
Clerk: Tamura.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**Viet Ngo** requested that the Council take action to recover the attorney fees spent defending the City Council in the case of Geoff Dolan versus the City of Manhattan Beach and Robert Wadden. He spoke of misuse of public money and asked the City Attorney to refer the matter to the FBI and District Attorney.

Mayor Powell suggested that **Mr. Ngo** file a complaint with the District Attorney's Office.

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

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz read into the record the following Closed Session items:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: David N. Carmany, City Manager

Employee Groups: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association;  
Manhattan Beach Police Officers' Association;  
Management Confidential; and  
Teamsters

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (EXISTING LITIGATION)**  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

- a) Geoff Dolan v. City of Manhattan Beach; Robert Wadden, et.al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court  
Case No. BC472421
- b) Jeff Goodrich vs. City of Manhattan Beach  
WCAB No. ADJ7558025
- c) Gustavo Valdes vs. City of Manhattan Beach  
WCAB No. ADJ7361158

3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**  
(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Attorney

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Council recessed into Closed Session at 4:40 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz announced that the City Council met in Closed Session and that there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Liza Tamura  
Recording Secretary

Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City. A full video of this City Council meeting can be accessed online at [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info).

**PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Marilyn Scott led the pledge of allegiance and sang the National Anthem.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Absent: None.  
Clerk: Tamura.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz reported that the City Council met in Closed Session for three litigation matters and she had one matter to report on. In the matter of Geoff Dolan versus the City of Manhattan Beach and Robert Wadden, Jr., on March 6, 2012, the Superior Court granted the City an anti-slap motion, in its entirety which effectively dismissed the law suit. She explained that the statute contains a mandatory cost and attorney fee provision; that the decision is not final until there is an entry of judgment; and that the City had to file an ex parte motion to get the court to issue the judgment. The City now has sixty days to file for attorney fees incurred in this case; the City will be pursuing this action; and the result will be at the discretion of the judge.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

**05/15/12-1. Presentation of Certificates to the Mayor's Youth Council Graduates – Inaugural Class of 2012**

Former Mayor Portia Cohen summarized the success of the Mayor's Youth Council program and she and the City Council presented certificates to the Mayor's Youth Council Inaugural Class of 2012 consisting of **Adam Gerard, Andre Vasilyev, Ari Howorth, Benjamin Kartub, Brenden Civale, Brigitte Clark, Brooke Winterhalder, Chari Noddings, Charley Binkow, Dana Sheckter, Emma Salzman, Gunner Robinson, Ian MacCormack, Jack Rosenberg, Jeffrey Rosenthal, Jessica Beeli, Elizabeth Wos, Krista Jamgotchian, Lauren Fournell, Lauren Winterhalder, Nikki Bordokas, Noelle Claycomb, Quinn Kropschot, Sara Chamberlain, Shelbi Thompson, Susanna Sieke, Sophia Silverman, Spencer Vale, Suzanne Cafilich, Sydney Walley, Taylor Lewis and Zachary Kay.**

Former Mayor Cohen, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the Mayor's Youth Council Committee which includes herself, Councilmember Howorth, **John Marsten (TEDx), Jim Oswald, Carol Anderson, Sarah Pariah, Elizabeth Wos** and City Clerk Liza Tamura.

05/15/12-2. Presentation of the Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Awards

The City Council and Former Mayor Mitch Ward presented Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award commendations and scholarships to **Stephanie Ortega** from Abraham Lincoln High School and **Adam Gerard** from Mira Costa High School.

05/15/12-3. Presentation of Certificates to Senior Advisory Committee Members

Mayor Powell introduced Senior Advisory Committee Members **Gwendolyn Binegar, Kim Neglia, Kate Nelson, Madonna Newburg, Freddi Segal-Gidan, Ken Thompson, Mary Lu Waddell, Richard Williams** and **Richard Zeif** and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

05/15/12-4. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 20, 2012 Through May 26, 2012 as Public Works Week

Mayor Powell, on behalf of the City Council, presented Public Works Director Jim Arndt, City Engineer Steve Finton, Maintenance Superintendent Juan Price and Engineer Technician II Ish Medrano with a proclamation declaring the Week of May 20, 2012 Through May 26, 2012 as Public Works Week.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 5 through 12), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Councilmember Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Tell and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with the exception of Item No. 10 which was considered later in the meeting under *Items Removed From the Consent Calendar*.

Ayes: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

**GENERAL CONSENT**

05/15/12-5. Minutes:

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- a) Regular City Council Meeting of May 1, 2012*
- b) Special City Council Meeting of April 30, 2012*
- c) Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of May 9, 2012*
- d) Centennial Committee Meeting of March 26, 2012*
- e) Centennial Committee Meeting of April 23, 2012*

The Council approved the City Council Meeting minutes and received and filed the minutes from the City Council Subcommittees, City Commissions and Committees.

05/15/12-6. Resolutions Approving Assessment Engineer's Report for Annual Levy of Street Lighting Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; and Declaration of City Council's Intention to Provide for Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for Street Maintenance; and Setting of Public Hearing for July 3, 2012

The Council adopted Resolution No. 6359 approving the Assessment Engineer's report for the annual levy of Street Lighting Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013; adopted Resolution No. 6360 declaring City Council's intention to provide for the annual levy and collection of assessments for the Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance Fund, and set the public hearing for July 3, 2012.

05/15/12-7. Financial Reports:

a) Ratification of Demands: May 10, 2012

b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending April 30, 2012

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register No. 24B in the amount of \$3,071,256.30 in payment of ratification of demands and claims as prepared by the Director of Finance, together with the original demands and claims as prepared by said Warrant Register; and received and filed the Investment Portfolio for the month ending April 30, 2012.

05/15/12-8. Resolution of Intention to Provide for Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Downtown Business Improvement District and Setting June 19, 2012 for a Public Hearing

The Council adopted Resolution No. 6361 announcing the City's intention to set assessments for the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and setting the public hearing for June 19, 2012.

05/15/12-9. Five-Year Telephone System Contract With Legacy Inmate Communications for Inmates Housed within the Manhattan Beach Police Jail Facility at no Cost to the City

The Council approved authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Legacy Inmate Communications for a five-year contract (with three one-year extension options) to provide telephone services for inmates housed within the Manhattan Beach Police Jail Facility.

05/15/12-10. Letter of Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Receipt of 2009 Metro Call for Project Funds for the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project (\$6,813,325 Grant Funds)

Item No. 3 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR. Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

05/15/12-11. Progress Payment No. 4 in the Net Amount of \$519,533.68 to Harbor Construction Co., Inc. for the Joslyn Center, Begg Pool and Manhattan Heights Community Center Renovation Projects

The Council approved passing a motion approving Progress Payment No. 4 in the net amount of \$519,533.68 to Harbor Construction Co., Inc. for the Joslyn Center, Begg Pool and Manhattan Heights Community Center Renovation Projects.

05/15/12-12. Progress Payment No. 2 in the Net Amount of \$147,222 to John T. Malloy, Inc. for the 2011-2012 Water Main Replacement Project

The Council approved passing a motion approving Progress Payment No. 2 in the net amount of \$147,222 to John T. Malloy, Inc. for the 2011-2012 Water Main Replacement Project.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

05/15/12-21 Dick Zeif Re 4th Annual Shakespeare Award

**Poetry Circle Member Dick Zeif** announced that two members of the Poetry Circle were recipients of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shakespeare Award.

05/15/12-22. Gwendolyn Binegar Re Poetry Circle

**Gwendolyn Binegar, Poetry Circle Member**, commented that the poetry jam, started by **Dick Zeif**, was fabulous and there was standing room only in the Police/Fire Conference Room.

05/15/12-23. Tanna Housh Re Strand Concerns

**Tanna Housh, Manhattan Beach**, expressed her concerns about professional dog walkers using the Strand and making it difficult for residents to walk their dogs. She also requested a survey for citizens to give input to the City on a regular basis.

05/15/12-24. Dick Zeif Re Poem

**Poetry Circle Member Dick Zeif** recited a poem about Mayor Wayne Powell.

05/15/12-25. Jon Chaykowski Re Manhattan Beach Education Foundation

**Jon Chaykowski, Manhattan Beach**, stated that he will be undertaking a second bike ride/fundraiser across America for the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation and this time, instead of riding horizontally, he will be riding from Canada to Mexico along the Pacific Coast. **Mr. Chaykowski** also handed out ride cards.

05/15/12-26 Viet Ngo Re Anti-Public Corruption Advocacy

**Viet Ngo, Anti-Public Corruption Advocacy**, explained that his purpose is to protect public money and asked that the City Council take action to correct past wrongs and set an example to the youth of Manhattan Beach.

05/15/12-27. Don Gould Re Library Events

**Don Gould, Los Angeles County Librarian**, announced upcoming Manhattan Beach Library events.

05/15/12-28. Willy Leventhal Re Access on the Sand

**Willy Leventhal, Hermosa Beach**, expressed a desire to have access to the beach for his 95 year old uncle who is a Bronze Star recipient.

05/15/12-29. Councilmember Howorth Re Centennial Events

Councilmember Howorth reminded the community of the Centennial Parade on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and the historic picnic after the parade.

05/15/12-30. Councilmember Howorth Re School District

Councilmember Howorth announced that the school district was looking for clowns to participate in the parade.

05/15/12-31. Mayor Powell Re Centennial Pier Photo

Mayor Powell remarked that on Sunday, May 20, 2012 the Centennial Pier Photo will be taken at noon on the Manhattan Beach Pier.

05/15/12-32. Mayor Powell Re Older Adult Health Fair

Mayor Powell reported that the Older Adult Fair is going to be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at American Martyrs Church.

05/15/12-33. Councilmember Montgomery Re Kings Hockey Team

Councilmember Montgomery shared that the Kings Hockey Team is in the Western Conference Finals and urged support as many of the team and staff reside in Manhattan Beach.

05/15/12-34. Councilmember Montgomery Re Centennial Historic Picnic

Councilmember Montgomery reminded residents that the Centennial historic picnic will be held immediately following the Centennial Parade.

05/15/12-35. Councilmember Montgomery Re National League of Cities Conference

Councilmember Montgomery acknowledged that Manhattan Beach is hosting the National League of Cities Conference with elected officials attending Thursday through Saturday and that the Marriott is their official conference hotel.

05/15/12-36. Mayor Pro Tem Lesser Re Budget Study Session

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser announced that the first Budget Study Session will take place Wednesday evening May 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police/Fire Conference room. The second meeting will be Tuesday May 22, 2012, in the same location and a third meeting will be Thursday, May 24, 2012, if necessary. He explained that these meetings offer the public a chance to participate in the budget process.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

05/15/12-37. Kaye Gagnon Re Earth Day Celebration

**Kaye Gagnon, Redondo Beach**, thanked the City for co-sponsoring the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day event in April and communicated that Margot Mell of Manhattan Beach Middle School, won the National Essay Contest sponsored by the National Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.



05/15/12-38. Cassie Coleman Re Rigel Institute for Science Education (RISE)

**Cassie Coleman** announced that she wanted to discuss a new non-profit corporation named **Rigel Institute for Science Education (RISE)** whose purpose is to inspire students in Math and Science and to partner with the schools in the South Bay. **Ms. Coleman** handed out a brochure and asked for community support.

05/15/12-39. Viet Ngo Re Anti-Public Corruption Advocacy

**Viet Ngo, Anti-Public Corruption Advocacy**, restated his views on ongoing corruption in Manhattan Beach and cover-up of the use of public money.

05/15/12-40. Willy Leventhal Re Beach Walkway

**Willy Leventhal, Hermosa Beach**, conveyed his opinions about installing the beach walkway and stressed that it would not block emergency vehicles or need excessive modifications to install the walkway.

05/15/12-41. Councilmember Montgomery Re Election 2013

Councilmember Montgomery clarified that the City's General Municipal Election is not until March of 2013 and that there will be three Council positions on the ballot. Councilmember Montgomery said that he and Councilmember Tell are available to discuss the application process if anyone wished their assistance.

05/15/12-42. Mayor Powell Re National Mayors Challenge for Water Conservation

Mayor Powell announced that the City of Manhattan Beach won the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, one of only twelve cities nationwide to receive this distinction from the **Wyland Foundation**.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

05/15/12-13. Introduction of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Budget

Mayor Powell introduced the subject item and Finance Director Bruce Moe provided the PowerPoint presentation.

Finance Director Moe, Controller Henry Mitzner and Community Development Director Richard Thompson responded to Council questions.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Densy Nelson, Hermosa Beach**
- **Kay Gagnon**
- **Diane Wallace**
- **Craig Cadwallader**

Mayor Powell accepted the presentation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

05/15/12-14. Presentation of the Los Angeles County Health Department Report Regarding Alcohol Consumption and Liquor License Requirements in the City

Mayor Powell introduced the subject item and Police Chief Eve Irvine and Community Development Director Richard Thompson provided the staff presentation.

Police Chief Irvine and Community Development Director Thompson responded to Council questions.

**The following individual spoke on this item:**

- **Carol Wahlberg**

Mayor Powell received and filed the subject report. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

At 10:05 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 10:15 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

05/15/12-15. This Space Intentionally Left Blank

05/15/12-16. Extension of Existing Letters of Credit with Bank of America N.A. from July 1, 2012 to September 1, 2012 for the Marine Avenue Sports Fields and South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority Variable Rate Debt Instruments

Mayor Powell introduced and briefly described the subject item. There was no staff presentation.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tell moved to approve authorizing the City Manager to transmit a written request to seek a sixty-day extension of the existing letters of credit with Bank of America N.A. at the existing terms for the Marine Avenue Sports Fields and South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority variable rate debt instruments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

Ayes: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

05/15/12-17. Amendment of City Council Assignments Regarding the Neighborhood Watch Appointment and the Replacement of Councilmember Montgomery With Councilmember Howorth on the Centennial Committee

Mayor Powell introduced the subject item briefly explaining the requested changes to the City Council assignments: Mayor Pro Tem Lesser will replace Councilmember Tell as the Alternate on the Neighborhood Watch assignment and Councilmember Howorth will replace Councilmember Montgomery on the Centennial Committee.

Council began a discussion regarding a Council assignment change to the North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District when City Attorney Roxanne Diaz cautioned them that only the Centennial Committee and Neighborhood Watch changes were agendaized; therefore, Mayor Powell directed staff to include the other change on the next Consent Calendar of the next regular City Council agenda.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Montgomery moved to approve ratifying the two subject changes to the City Council assignments mentioned above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Howorth and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

Ayes: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

05/15/12-10. Letter of Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Receipt of 2009 Metro Call for Project Funds for the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project (\$6,813,325 Grant Funds)

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser pulled this item because it is an issue that the City has been talking about for years and because he would like to start "getting the word out". He requested that staff briefly speak about the funding and the timetable for bids, construction and completion.

City Engineer Steve Finton responded to Council questions.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Howorth moved to approve authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the Receipt of 2009 Metro Call for Project Funds (\$6,813,325) for the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lesser and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

Ayes: Howorth, Montgomery, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)**

None.

#### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS**

05/15/12-18. Request of Mayor Powell to Consider Increasing Total Time Allotted for Audience Participation

Mayor Powell provided background information on the changes that the City has made regarding when and how much time has been allotted for Audience Participation in the past and current. He reported on several surrounding South Bay cities all of which provide more time than the City of Manhattan Beach or have no time limits. Mayor Powell directed staff to agendaize the issue of increasing the time limit for Audience Participation on the next agenda. Council concurred and it was so ordered.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Lesser's comment about the length of the Ceremonial and Audience comment periods, Councilmember Montgomery commented that he would like to, at some point in the future, bring up the issue of how Ceremonial items are regulated.

Council held a brief discussion determining that the City Attorney should prepare a staff report and draft Resolution that may be adopted, if approved, at the next City Council meeting.

05/15/12-19. Status Report From Councilmembers Howorth and Tell Regarding Centennial Celebration Events

Councilmember Howorth explained that the Centennial Committee is considering the request to combine staff's proposal of a carnival event with the event on the beach that had previously been discussed. She spoke of a community-wide event that might include music, old cars, a photo walk, boxed lunches and things that would bring people into the businesses, dependent on what the budget will allow. She reported that the expectation is that at the next Centennial meeting the Committee will "nail down" the details of the event and then present a full accounting of the budget at the June 5, 2012 City Council meeting.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Lesser's concern regarding what could be discussed this evening, City Attorney Roxanne Diaz confirmed Council was fine to garner support for the idea; however, no action or direction could be given tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser expressed concern regarding the budget; requested that the amount of remaining sponsorship money be included in the report to the Council at the June 5, 2012 City Council meeting; and suggested that the other less costly types of events be explored.

05/15/12-20. Status Report From Councilmember Howorth Regarding Mayor's Youth Council Program

Councilmember Howorth reported that in talking with City Manager Carmany regarding the Mayor's Youth Council, they both agree that, from a risk management perspective, it would be a good idea to budget the program under the City to avoid risk.

City Manager Carmany concurred stating that during last year's program; there were kids out on field trips, boat rides, parent's driving kids and people asking for donations on behalf of the City. He also stated that the City would require fingerprinting for anyone supervising children.

Councilmember Howorth stated that when this item returns to Council, it will include a budget and students will be asked to pay a nominal fee. She reiterated that the cost of the program will be nominal; food for 25 students and possible some transportation fees, although most of the meetings will be held in the Police/Fire Conference Room; that the committee will consist of all volunteers; and that it is a valuable program designed to reach out and engage students.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Lesser's concern regarding staff responsibility and what other issues may be put aside, City Manager Carmany stated that, knowing that the City will be responsible, should decrease stress levels because staff can be better prepared.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Budget Study Session #1) on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in the in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

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Liza Tamura  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION #1  
MAY 16, 2012**

The Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #1 Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Police/Fire Conference Room, at 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

City Treasurer Tim Lilligren led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Absent: Montgomery and Tell.  
Clerk: Carmany (Acting).

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Joe Gallini, No Address Provided**
- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

*05/16/12-1. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget*

**Public Works**

Public Works Director Jim Arndt presented the Public Works Department detailed budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Civil Engineering, Street Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Transportation, Street Lighting and Landscaping, Streetscape Maintenance, Water Division, Storm Drain Maintenance, Sewer Maintenance, Solid Waste Management, Parking Facilities and Fleet Management.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Councilmember Howorth requested a list of the Environmental Programs Manager's projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested that signage be placed for large Public Works projects to inform the public what the project is for.

Mayor Powell, Mayor Pro Tem Lesser and Councilmember Howorth asked that the funding for upgraded wood chips for the Veterans' Parkway be reduced while still requiring a suitable material for the parkway.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested an analysis of the various levels of field improvements that may be possible and the estimated costs. Councilmember Howorth further asked that the analysis be provided on a per field basis.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested that staff revisit the costs associated with accepting credit cards for parking meters.

Mayor Powell requested that staff provide more detail on the Administrative Service Charge in the Storm Drain Fund.

Mayor Powell requested that staff provide a schedule of all vehicles recently replaced and those proposed to be replaced with their useful lives, the original useful lives and the actual useful life at time of replacement.

Mayor Powell requested that in the future, staff make public all CIP Project Spreadsheets.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested that staff provide another review of the Refuse Fund Cost Recovery Charge (CRC) at a later date.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Craig Cadwallader, No Address Provided**
- **Mary Ann Varni, No Address Provided**
- **Diane Wallace, No Address Provided**
- **Gerry O' Connor, No Address Provided**

**Human Resources**

Human Resources Director Cathy Hanson presented the Human Resources Department detailed Budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration and Risk Management.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

**Parks And Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill presented the Parks and Recreation Department detailed budget to City council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Recreation Services, Cultural Arts, Sports, & Aquatics, Volunteers, Older Adults and Transportation.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Mayor Powell requested an analysis of which part-time employees would be impacted and the total cost of providing healthcare benefits to part-time employees working 30 or more hours per week.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested that clarification on the use of Proposition "A" Funds for a City Trolley System.

Mayor Powell requested that staff review options for increasing registration and sponsorships for the upcoming Charlie Saikley 6-Man Beach Volleyball Tournament

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Fyliss Kramer, No Address Provided**
- **Richard Zief, No Address Provided**
- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**
- **George Butts, No Address Provided**
- **Craig Cadwallader, No Address Provided**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:45 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 6:00 p.m., Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #2 Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

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Eden Serina  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk



**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION #2  
MAY 22, 2012**

The Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #2 Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Police/Fire Conference Room, at 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Dr. Ed Caprielian led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Montgomery, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Absent: Tell.  
Clerk: Carmany (Acting).

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- Ed Caprielian, No Address Provided
- Jennifer Goldstein, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Zoe Taylor, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

05/22/12-1. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Robert Espinosa presented the Fire Department detailed budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Prevention, Suppression, Paramedics and Emergency Preparedness.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Mayor Powell requested that the service indicators be footnoted to explain the methodology for calculating response times.

Councilmember Howorth requested the strategic goals for the Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested future discussion on potential Fire Department consolidation and merger opportunities.

Mayor Powell requested that information on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) be disseminated via the City Newsletter and/or Water Bills.

Mayor Powell requested a study of cost versus revenues for the Fire Department Basic Life Support Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser and Councilmember Howorth requested FEMA Training.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided
- Zoe Taylor, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce

**Police Department**

Chief of Police Eve Irvine presented the Police Department detailed budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Patrol, Investigations, Technical Services, Crime Prevention, Traffic Safety, Jail Operations, Parking Enforcement, Animal Control, Asset Forfeiture and Law Enforcement Grants.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Councilmember Howorth requested a lecture from Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

Mayor Powell requested that summary crime statistics be included in future budgets.

Mayor Powell requested a yearly comparative analysis of overtime by department.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Ed Caprielian, No Address Provided**
- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:54 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 4:00 p.m., City Council Meeting (Closed Session) on Thursday, May 24, 2012, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City, to be followed by the 6:00 p.m. Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #3 Meeting in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

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Eden Serina  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 24, 2012**

The City Council Meeting of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 4:05 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 Powell called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Present: City Manager Carmany and Labor Counsel Peter Brown.  
Absent: Montgomery.  
Clerk: Aliabadi (Acting).

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

None.

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

Labor Counsel Brown announced the following items to be discussed in closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: David N. Carmany, City Manager

Employee Groups: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association;  
Manhattan Beach Police Officers' Association;  
Management Confidential; and  
Teamsters

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 5:59 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Labor Counsel Brown announced that the City Council met in closed session for the item listed on the agenda and there is no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:59 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 6:00 p.m. Budget Study Session #3 on Thursday, May 24, 2012, in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

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Terri Aliabadi  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION #3  
MAY 24, 2012**

The Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #3 Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Police/Fire Conference Room, at 400/420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in said City.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Steve Charelian led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Montgomery, Lesser and Mayor Powell.  
Absent: Tell.  
Clerk: Carmany (Acting).

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Wayne Powell reported that the City Council met in Closed Session and there were no reportable actions.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

05/24/12-1. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget.

**Community Development**

Community Development Director Richard Thompson presented the department detailed budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Planning, Building, Code Enforcement and Traffic Engineering.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Mayor Powell requested statistics on Dispute Resolution Services in cases where a contractor refused to participate in service when initiated by homeowner.

Mayor Powell, Mayor Pro Tem Lesser and Councilmember Howorth asked that staff return to Council to discuss El Porto traffic counts with costs and potential low-cost alternatives. Report should include discussion on past costs for traffic studies for El Porto.

Mayor Powell requested that the Traffic Engineer contract be revisited.

Mayor Powell requested activity metrics for the Community Development Department.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**
- **Zoe Taylor, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce**
- **Dee Ann Chase, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce**
- **Ed Caprielian, No Address Provided**

### **Management Services**

City Manager David Carmany presented the Management Services budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Attorney.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

City Manager Carmany will provide the City Council with a historical use of City Council Contingency. Future staff reports will refer to financial policy language establishing uses of the Contingency.

Mayor Powell suggested adding service indicators in the City Clerk's office including proclamations and resolutions prepared.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser suggested adding additional indicators including public records requests (number, time allotted to responding, etc.)

Mayor Powell requested that the words "... in a cost effective manner" be added to the City Attorney initiative regarding outside litigation.

Mayor Powell requested a yearly comparative analysis of overtime by department.

#### **The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Ed Caprielian, No Address Provided**
- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

### **Finance**

Finance Director Bruce Moe presented the Finance Department detailed budget to City Council and reviewed each program within the department including Administration, Accounting, Revenue Services, General Services and Information Systems.

After the presentation, City Council requested the following actions:

Staff will review the Information Systems service indicator regarding the number of e-notification subscribers.

Staff will include funds for Wi-Fi in the Council Chambers and Police/Fire Community Room

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser requested costing for larger display monitors in the City Council Chambers (Staff will review the possible use of Public Education Government (PEG) Funds for upgrade).

#### **The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:28 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 4:30 p.m. City Council Meeting (Closed Session) to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

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Eden Serina  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 29, 2012**

The Special City Council Meeting of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at the hour of 4:30 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 Powell called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Howorth, Tell, Lesser and Mayor Powell  
(Tell arrived at 4:40 p.m.).  
Present: City Manager Carmany.  
Absent: Montgomery.  
Clerk: Tamura.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

None.

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

City Manager Carmany announced the following items to be discussed in closed session:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: David N. Carmany, City Manager

Employee Groups: Manhattan Beach Firefighters' Association;  
Manhattan Beach Police Officers' Association;  
Management Confidential; and  
Teamsters

2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Attorney

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Council recessed into Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Manager Carmany announced that the City Council met in closed session for the item listed on the agenda and there is no reportable action.



**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:49 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 4:30 p.m. Closed Session to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

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Liza Tamura  
Recording Secretary

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Wayne Powell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

## **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

March 27, 2012

Police/Fire Conference Room

420 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Peter De Maria, Commissioner Russ Samuels, Commissioner Nancy Humbarger, and Commissioner Susannah Rosenthal.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Richard Gill, City Attorney Roxanne Diaz, Recreation Manager Gina Allen, and Acting Cultural Arts Manager Megumi S. Moisen

#### **III. APPROVAL MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 10 and 17, 2011 Cultural Arts Commission Meetings approved as written.

#### **IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### 12/0327-1 New Library Art Project Update

Director Gill reported that during the February 21 meeting, the City Council approved a \$150,000 allocation from the Public Art Trust Fund for additional artwork in the new County Library in Manhattan Beach. He also reminded the Commission to select a representative for the Los Angeles County Civic Art Selection Committee for the new library replacing Commissioner Sweeny who resigned in February.

##### 12/0327-2 Clarification from the City Attorney for the Cultural Arts Commission's Role Related to Expending Funds from the Public Art Trust

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz distributed a memo regarding the expenditure of funds from the Public Art Trust Funds. The City Attorney answered the first question whether the Cultural Arts Commission must first designate the use of Public Art Trust Funds prior to their expenditure by the City Council. Related to the recent City Council's decision to use \$150,000 of the Public Art Trust Fund for artwork in the new County Library, the second question was whether the City (through City Council) is violating the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 10.90.060, aka. Public Art Trust Ordinance, if City Council

intends to extend monies in an amount that differs from that recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission.

The Public Art Trust Ordinance states “Projects to be funded from the proceeds of fees collected hereunder shall consist of works of art placed in public places or incorporated into public buildings, art education programs or art display programs designated by the Cultural Arts Commission and approved or accepted by the City Council.”

Commissioner De Maria and Samuels took a stand for the Commission’s uniquely prominent position because of the Public Art Trust Fund. They introduced the City’s Public Art Master Plan stating, “The Cultural Arts Commission alone shall be vested with the power to forward requests to the City Council.” They also referred to the Public Art Trust Ordinance indicating that the Cultural Arts Commission “designates” the use of the Fund to specific projects.

City Attorney Diaz clarified that the City Council’s power to expend funds for the Library Art Project was a legislative function granted by the state and the California constitution. She reminded the Cultural Arts Commissioners that they are an advisory body to the Council. The Ordinance cannot be read or interpreted in a manner that would prohibit the City Council from exercising their legislative function and power to spend City funds. Commissioner Humbarger questioned the nature of the Public Art Trust Fund. City Attorney Diaz explained that the Trust is a restricted fund for the Art in Public Places Program, and it is still the City’s fund, not the Commission’s money. The expenditure of funds lies solely with the City Council.

Commissioner De Maria asked Sharon Greco, Manhattan Beach resident and a former Cultural Arts Commissioner, to explain how the Public Art Master Plan and the Public Art Trust Ordinance were created. Ms. Greco recounted that the Master Plan was drafted with consultation with other cities’ similar plans. Although the Commission intended to revisit the Master Plan to update it after the ordinance was passed, it never happened. Both the Cultural Arts Commission and the City Attorney agreed that those two documents contained contradicting and confusing parts, which should be reviewed and revised accordingly.

Commissioner De Maria expressed that he needed time to digest the information received from the City Attorney before moving forward with any projects. Commissioner Rosenthal also wanted to stop discussion at that point and come back to the next Cultural Arts Commission meeting to talk over implications of the restated Cultural Arts Commission’s authority over the Public Art Trust Fund.

#### 12/0327-3 The Centennial Art Project – Process and Budget Staff Report Attached

The Commissioners will review the staff report and sample RFQ and discuss the selection process and budget for the Centennial Art Project in the next meeting.

#### 12/0327-4 Cultural Arts Commissioner Resignation

Commission Chair De Maria reported Commissioner Sweeny’s resignation in February with his appreciation of her service on the Cultural Arts Commission. Ms. Sweeny stated that she was proud of the achievement of the Commission and enjoyed working with her fellow commissioners.

**VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Humbarger questioned what happened to the Cultural Arts Manager position, which had been vacant for more than six months. Director Gill explained, based on the City wide class comp study's recommendation, the manager's position will be eliminated and replaced by a Public Art Consultant. For activities other than public art, Recreation Manager Gina Allen will work with the Commission as staff liaison for the next fiscal year.

The application deadline to be considered for new memberships in the City's Commissions/boards is April 20, 2012. The vacancy of the Cultural Arts Commission will likely be filled by June 1.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2012

5:30 P.M.

Police and Fire Community Facility  
420 15th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Sona Kalapura called the meeting to order, and went over upcoming event announcements, including the 20th annual Earth Day festival with a special display from the Wyland organization on water conservation.

### 2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 minutes)

Questions on the upcoming South Bay Solar Homes tour were asked, including the setup of the event, and number of participants. Kalapura and Dency Nelson noted that event setup is up to the homeowner, with some taking place inside the home, but most events setup outside. Previous tours have had approximately 50-60 participants.

Kaye Gagnon from VOICE made a special presentation to Julie Gonella as one of this year's Environmental Heroes.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE: final update on projects (20 minutes)

Kalapura gave the update on the Environmental Task Force projects, with committee members and members of the public asking questions and adding comments.

#### a. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:

##### i. **Residential energy conservation program**

"Watt" Watchers contest has closed with 150 participants, and winners will be announced at Earth Day Festival in Polliwog Park on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Donations for prizes were raised by the ETF with Audrey Judson doing an incredible job securing sponsors. Daniel Salzman's company South Bay Green also contributed donations for the winning school, as well as secured a donation of energy monitoring tools from Belkin. Feedback from the program has been positive, with residents actually looking forward to receiving their Edison bills to see how much energy they have saved.

##### ii. **Green business challenge**

A free program for local businesses to monitor and implement sustainable business practices; Waste Management is leading the program and will award the first participating businesses certificates at the Earth Day festival. Five businesses have been certified so far, one of them being South Bay Green. Participants will receive a certificate and plaque, and be placed on the City's website for recognition.

##### iii. **Solar display in Metlox Plaza**

A Request for Proposals has been released for a solar vendor to install an educational solar display to raise awareness on the use of renewable energy at Metlox Plaza. Some donations for the project have been collected from local sponsors. However, this project is being placed on hold and will need to be reconsidered by staff.

b. Water Conservation and Sustainable Landscaping:

i. **Landscape Sustainability checkup**

Free landscape audits are available to the community, and even through advertising the program has been slow to take off during the winter months. As summer approaches, with higher water use, and the Post Office garden is completed, more interest in the program is expected. This program takes no staff maintenance, and the vetted landscapers are willing to continue offering their services to the community.

ii. **Community mulch pilot program**

Free mulch is available to the community at the Public Works Yard, and the program is popular and continuously being refilled. Staff recommends continuing this program with the tree trimming companies identified by the committee. The committee agreed that this program is one the city should continue to provide to the community. Councilmember Lesser asked for the quantity of mulch delivered to the site.

iii. **Post Office Demonstration garden**

The Leadership Manhattan Beach class is moving forward with the re-landscape of the post office site, and is nearing completion of the project (expected May 1<sup>st</sup>). The project will be a hands-on example of the principles of sustainable landscape. The project is completely funded through community donations, and will provide continuity of design with the existing City Hall drought tolerant landscape. Gonella mentioned that the Historical Society has allowed the LMB class to use the shadow box adjacent to the site for 1 year to provide educational information on the project.

4. Environmental Programs – Next Steps: (40 minutes) Discussion on current environmental programs and items the committee recommends for future consideration

a. Several members provided their input on the success of the current programs, and ideas on which programs they would like to see the City continue with during each of the program updates.

i. Energy Contest - Salzman and Judson felt that it would improve the energy efficiency program success if Edison would become involved early on in the next outreach effort. The contest was notable because even without Edison support, the program did really well. Scott Gobble from Edison replied that he would like to partner with the City's especially to promote the smart-metering program expected to be in July. The Councilmembers asked for a definition of the smart meter system, and if a presentation could be given to City Council.

ii. Green Business – Jonty Pretzer suggested that resources be provided to businesses to save energy, such as incentives for LED use that have been added to Edison's programs. Pretzer also said that businesses could benefit from on-bill financing programs and from more education on resources available. Judson said that the green business audits are important, and is something that Waste Management will continue to provide as part of their new contract.

iii. EV charging for the public – Judson said she wanted to see public-access to EV chargers in the community. Jim Arndt noted that this would be a policy call for City Council to decide whether or not to provide free parking or have a fee for the public to charge electric vehicles. Councilmember Howorth felt the City could champion

electric vehicles, and said staff should look into the issue and present options to Council on providing free parking. Councilmember Lesser pointed out that there is already an EV charging station at Walgreens. Salzman noted that there are free applications for smartphones that will map the areas that have EV charging stations, and let users know if the station is available for charging. He mentioned that if business districts work together they can apply for State grants to get more charging stations. Nelson stated that there are Coulomb chargers in Hermosa Beach on the Charge Point network, but warned the City to be wary of “free” installation offers. He suggested that the city look into owning the chargers out right so we don’t have to deal with proprietary issues from other companies.

- iv. Metlox Solar project – Judson asked if the City will continue to move this program forward. Robinson stated that this project would really educate the community on the benefits of renewable energy, and that the bi-facial panels would generate excitement with the public and youth that utilize the plaza.
- v. Landscape Audits – Beswick stated that additional advertising, such as a bill stuffer during the summer should be pursued. Other low cost advertising measures, such as flyers at the Library, public counters, and events should still take place to promote the program. Andrea Robinson suggested targeting areas of the community that may be higher-water users to see a better result. Beswick also suggested promoting the fact that switching to drip irrigation could save homeowners 30-40% in their water bills. Lisa Mittleman added that she went through the audit program and suggested providing recommendations on plants to use to the homeowners. Gonella and Renshaw stated this is something the committee has, and can make this list available. Councilmember Howorth asked that this list of recommended plants be placed on the city’s green website.
- vi. Water Conservation & Schools – Councilmember Howorth mentioned a study conducted by a Mira Costa student on water conservation, highlighting how many gallons of water could be saved by taking shorter showers. She suggested that the City work with the High School to get middle school students engaged in water conservation. Arndt stated that this would fit into the City’s water conservation ordinance and that more outreach can be done. Robinson suggested starting in September with the beginning of the school year.
- vii. Demonstration Garden – Councilmember Lesser asked if there would be any permanent signage at the Post Office site, similar to the existing signage at City Hall. He did not want a separate sponsorship sign as was proposed by LMB, but is interested in seeing the plant identification signs to promote education. Gonella stated that currently there are only plans for the LMB plaque, but no other educational signage. Craig Cadwallader said that Surfrider would like to see an educational sign denoting the elements of sustainable landscaping and ocean-friendly gardening. He said it was important to have an educational component. Gonella agreed that there should be an interpretative sign at the garden, but it was outside of LMB’s project scope and suggested that this could be a future effort through the City and Surfrider to create an educational sign for the space. Councilmember Lesser asked staff to come to City Council will options for signage at the Garden that would not interfere with the use of the space.

- b. California Green Communities: Chris Peck from Edison provided an overview of the CA Green Communities program as a way to structure future environmental initiatives. CA





Green is a recognition program that fosters innovative ways for participating cities to reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption while building vibrant, sustainable communities. He said that the program is a good platform for what the city is already doing. The City can decide which programs it wants to pursue, and using the ILG Best Practices Framework it can organize programs into ten areas of an action plan. The City will need to complete three activities in each area to become certified. Councilmember Lesser asked what value-added could be had by participating in this program since the City is already participating in the Beacon Award and other efforts. Peck mentioned that since the City is already participating in Edison's Energy Leader program, and is nearly at the Gold level, we would be able to get recognition and approval of the programs we are working on. He also said that the City's activities would be useful in influencing other communities and showing examples of leadership. Councilmember Howorth wanted to better understand the staff time and budgetary implications involved. She said it would be useful to have a list of items to pursue that are prioritized so council can decide which policy ideas to explore.

- c. Next Steps: ETF members also suggested rolling out the programs individually, instead of all at once so that each program would get enough attention by the public. Salzman suggested running 1 program each quarter, to avoid having any of the other programs suffer, and gain enough momentum in each area. Cadwallader suggested having more interaction and communication with other organizations to seek their support and partnerships, and take advantage of programs already in place. Salzman also stated that there should be more of an effort to incorporate the environmental programs into the schools and classrooms to see the effectiveness of each program. Judson noted that the science teachers are really interested in this, and that the City and school district should work with the ACE organization to bring climate awareness education to the schools.

Councilmember Lesser wanted to understand how to sustain these programs beyond the life of the Environmental Task Force, and what role the City would play. He does not want to be redundant and focus on issues that Edison is already working on. He said it is good to have citizen engagement, but the City needs a return on investment and staff time. Scott Gobble noted that these programs are important to show leadership among the communities, and as a good showcase for the city. He said that Edison was willing to help with these programs to provide education to the community. Councilmember Howorth noted that these programs are no longer political, but are of real interest to the community, as evidenced by the new attendees at each ETF meeting. She also stated that though the committee was small, it was mighty, and was able to launch each program successfully.

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (15 minutes)  
Cadwallader said that the City's decision on the plastic bag exemption for restaurants was a good one to avoid another long legal battle. He said that Surfrider would help promote businesses that are removing plastics voluntarily.
6. ADJOURNMENT: A status report on Environmental Task Force accomplishments will be presented to City Council in June, 2012. Future meeting information will be posted on the City's webpage at [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info).