

**City of Manhattan Beach
City Council
Adjourned Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024 5:00PM**

Mayor Franklin: Thank you. Welcome to the City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting of Monday, April 8th, at 5:00 PM. We need someone to lead the Pledge. City Attorney Quinn Barrow can lead that for us.

City Attorney Barrow: Put your hand over your heart, begin.

All: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Franklin: Okay.

Councilmember Napolitano: Slowed it down.

Mayor Franklin: May we have a roll call please?

City Clerk Alvarez: Councilmember Lesser?

Councilmember Lesser: Here

City Clerk Alvarez: Councilmember Napolitano?

Councilmember Napolitano: Here

City Clerk Alvarez: Councilmember Montgomery?

Councilmember Montgomery: Here

City Clerk Alvarez: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth: Present.

City Clerk Alvarez: Mayor Franklin?

Mayor Franklin: Here. Could I call for a motion to approve the agenda?

Councilmember Lesser: So moved.

Mayor Franklin: Moved by Councilmember David Lesser and seconded by Councilmember Richard Montgomery.

Councilmember Napolitano: Is this the AI version of Councilmember Montgomery?

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth: What's that?

Councilmember Napolitano: No teleconference?

Councilmember Montgomery: Is that what it said?

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth: It's a robot.

Councilmember Napolitano: That's what the agenda says. It says teleconference.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth: Oh.

Mayor Franklin: Yay, pretty good. I like this. Okay so we move on to Public Comments and I have an announcement to make before we begin. It has come to our attention that people have been disrupting City Council meetings in other cities with anti-Semitic or racially based comments through Zoom. Such comments are disruptive and interfere with the people's business and are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. I'm instructing the City Clerk's Office to mute any speakers who attempt to disrupt the meeting with anti-Semitic or derogatory comments, based upon race, gender, or other protective categories. And with that, do we have anybody for Public Comments? Seeing none in the Chambers. Online?

City Clerk Alvarez: For the two participants via Zoom, if you would like to provide Public Comments, please raise your hand. We have Asiye.

Mayor Franklin: Okay.

Asiye: Yes. I'm sorry. I'm just learning how to use this Zoom. Okay, my name is Asiye and I am attending from Orange County because my business is in LA. So that's why I follow all the cities, City Council meetings and I would like to add the comment on public privacy and safety in terms of schools and some of the city public locations like parks or recreation centers. Where I have 4 kids and safety and privacy always comes first, even when we're in public. We have been working with a different school district around Southern California, Northern California. For us safety and privacy, mostly for privacy and for the product will cover school's play yards, where there's been a lot of issues with different school districts. The intruders are contacting with children while they're playing on the play yard. Especially elementary level and middle school. Younger generations. Because many schools don't have a lot of teachers to watch children while they're playing on the yard. Due to that reason, intruders are contacting kids through the fence because they are visible. We have schools come up to with a lot of problems, the drug issues. We've been servicing schools with chain link fence, artificial grass combined together to protect our children for their privacy so nobody can contact from outside while they're on the yard. We've been servicing with the

schools with this product where, it's, I can't show you because my camera is not visible. My company is named grasstik.com. We are an artificial chain link fence company, where chain link and artificial grass combined together. It gives you privacy and safety in your environment and it also changes your environment because the color is green. I can provide the link to our website too, in the comment section, if any schools or city -

Mayor Franklin: Thank you. That was three minutes. Thank you. Martha, next.

Assistant City Clerk Alvarez: There are no other requests on Zoom.

Mayor Franklin: Okay. Great. With that I am going to close Public Comments and we're gonna enter into Closed Session with an announcement by City Attorney Quinn Barrow.

City Attorney Barrow: Thank you Mayor. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the City Council will now go into Closed Session to discuss the item identified on the agenda.

Mayor Franklin: Thank you.

[Recess into Closed Session]

[Reconvene into Open Session]

Mayor Franklin: So we are reconvening into Open Session. Can we have a Closed Session announcement from City Attorney Barrow?

City Attorney Barrow: Yes Mayor. As previously announced, the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss the item identified on the agenda. The City Council gave direction. There are no other reportable action taken.

Mayor Franklin: Great thank you. We are going to adjourn to the Regular meeting at 5:30 PM on April 16th. Thank you.

*Transcription provided by Jamie Morita, Administrative Clerk, Department of Management Services, City of Manhattan Beach.