

**City of Manhattan Beach
City Council
Adjourned Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:00PM

Mayor Franklin: Okay. Thank you. Welcome to the City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 5, 2024. So we're gonna have a Pledge to the flag. To lead us off, Chief Lang could you do us the honors, please?

Fire Chief Mike Lang: Please put your right hand over your heart, ready 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: Thank you Chief Lang. Could we have roll call, please?

City Clerk Tamura: Thank you. Councilmember Lesser?

Councilmember Lesser: Here

City Clerk Tamura: Councilmember Napolitano?

Councilmember Napolitano: Here

City Clerk Tamura: Councilmember Montgomery?

Councilmember Montgomery: Here

City Clerk Tamura: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth: Present.

City Clerk Tamura: Mayor Franklin?

Mayor Franklin: Here. And colleagues, can we have an approval of the agenda? A motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Richard Montgomery and seconded by Councilmember David Lesser.

City Clerk Tamura: Motion passes. 5 - 0.

Mayor Franklin: Okay, and now we will open up the meeting to Public Comments. Limited to three minutes per person. Seeing none in Chambers, Martha Zoom?

Assistant City Clerk Alvarez: There are no request on Zoom.

Mayor Franklin: Okay, so we'll close Public Comments, and proceed to Closed Session.

City Attorney Barrow: Yes Mayor, I do have an announcement. We have a pretty busy schedule. We have five different items on the agenda. All five are identified on the agenda with respect to the Thompson Case, Councilmember Lesser will recuse. He will not participate or attend that portion of the Closed Session

Mayor Franklin: Okay, thank you. We'll resume at 6 o'clock.

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MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Hi. Good evening. Welcome to the City Council regular meeting for March 5, 2024.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Closed Session, your honor.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Mayor, I have an announcement from the closed session this afternoon. So earlier this afternoon, the City Council went into closed session to discuss five separate items identified on the agenda. They gave direction with respect to four of the five on the fifth item. It's the Chill the Build lawsuit at the, it's a housing project at the veranda's site. The Chill the Build dismissed their lawsuit with prejudice. The court documents are public records and available to the public and there'll be a press release to follow. So that's the only announcement on Chill the Build, and that's the entire announcement for the closed session.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Mr. City Attorney, I think I should make an announcement with regard to my recusal from one of the items. In the Thompson versus City of Manhattan Beach matter, I recused myself not because I have a financial interest in the litigation, but because the plaintiff has been assisting me with a matter related to the city at no cost, but I just felt it was appropriate to recuse myself. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great.

CITY ATTORNEY: At this time, it'd be appropriate to adjourn the closed session, 5 o'clock session.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So the closed session is adjourned, and now we welcome you to the City Council regular meeting for March 5, 2024.

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