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MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we're going to reconvene into open session from closed session. And if we could hear from City Attorney Snow.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY SNOW: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The City Council met in closed session to discuss the items on the closed session agenda, and they took no reportable action.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thank you very much. So, with that, we're going to adjourn the closed session, and welcome to the City Council adjourn, I'm sorry. Welcome to the City Council Regular Meeting for September 17. And could we please have our assistance with the pledge of allegiance? Mila, Aya, and Raina Steiner, and their teacher. Okay. How you doing? Good to see you. Why don't you stand up here on the step there? Good. How you doing, Aya? Okay, so the flag's behind you. Okay. So, go ahead and begin.

GROUP: 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: Wonderful. Well, no, stay here. Stay here. So, it's nice to know after summer vacation that you can

still remember the pledge of allegiance. I remember I always had a difficult time when school began. So, can you just say your names again and what grade you're in?

MILA STEINER: I'm Mila and I'm in fifth grade.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: In what school?

MILA STEINER: Grand View.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

AYA STEINER: My name is Aya and I'm in first grade and I'm six years old.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Terrific.

RAINA STEINER: I'm Raina and I'm in 7th grade and I go to MBMS.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Terrific. Well, I'd like to, do you want to stay there since?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, Robin Ralph is. Yep.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a fifth-grade teacher at Grand View, and Mila invited me to come and see her perform the pledge of allegiance. And I was very honored that she asked me to come. I love to come and see my students do things outside of school. And this is just the first one for this year. But Mila is such a sweet student. She's super funny. And today she ran for student council vice president at Grand View, and her speech

was fantastic. She stood up there, she memorized it. She was really, pinpoint on what she wanted to say. She talked about bringing Olympic athletes to our school to talk to some of our students. She had some environmental issues that she brought up that are close to her heart. And it was just such a treat to get to listen to her give her speech today.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you very much. We got proud parents. Sally and Franz right here as well. So, can we get a picture with our council? Oh, yeah, let's go ahead and we'll do certificates first. Okay. And we'll go ahead and we'll read these so everybody knows what we have given you. So, on behalf of my City Council colleagues here and myself.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Are they holding up the --. And before you go back to your parents, will you tie your shoe? Very nervous. Very nervous.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, the City Council, the City of Manhattan Beach, does hereby recognize the three of you for leading the City Council and the community and the pledge of allegiance on this date. So, thank you very much. And hold that up like that for the photos, and Madam Pro Tem.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: -- big camera. Look right at her. Way to go ladies.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you very much. Good luck in your election. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Student council seats --.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Martha, if we can have a roll call, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: 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: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Here. Okay, we move on to D, the ceremonial calendar. And this evening, we have the honor of a presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Maya, another Maya. Aya, Aya, Kai, Raina. Everything. Maia Rocha, as CEO of Doing Done, and winner of the Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneurs Academy. Good to see you. And can we have your teachers out here, too? So, Rose Scheider and I'm sorry. Rachel. Okay. So, I had the honor of being a judge or a panelist on the Young Entrepreneurs Academy this year, and we selected Maia over, well, how many applicants in that situation?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 21 businesses. We had 24 students, 21 businesses, I believe. That's right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And they all had to present a business plan. They had to create a business or an idea or a product and present them and Maya won. So, let me go ahead and have you explain what your product does.

MAIA ROCHA: Thank you. First of all, thank you so much for having me here. It's truly an honor to be speaking in front of all of you today. My name is Maia Rocha, and I'm a Senior at Mira Costa High School. But more relevantly, like Mayor Franklin said, I'm the Saunders award winner for last year's YEA program. And as a high school student with ADHD, I've always struggled with time management. That's why I created Doing Done. It's the ultimate productivity and motivation software designed to help everyone, especially those of us with ADHD, stay motivated and conquer our tasks. I've implemented popular productivity techniques such as the Pomodoro, which are intervals of 25 minutes of deep work followed by five-minute breaks. The Kanban board will separate your tasks into to do doing and done. And finally, added DO dates to tasks, which is the day you want to do them, versus just DUE days, which is the day they're actually due. Thanks to this program, I've been able to turn my personal solution into a growing business, going as far as to pitching as a national finalist in New York. But that's just the beginning. Since then, I've been able to publish the beta both on the App Store and on the web testing with a pool of students. And I'm

currently filing Doing Done as a public benefit corporation. I just want to say that absolutely none of this would have been possible without the incredible people at YEA. Namely Ms. Thomas Ms. Schriener, both of which would pour hours upon hours into this program. Before YEA, I never even would have considered entrepreneurship. But now it's what I aspire to do with the rest of my life. Thank you so much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, what's your next step now?

MAIA ROCHA: Now? Oh, in the short-term future, I hope to release the full version and not just to the general public, but to partner with schools in order to get Doing Done in front of the people who need it the most, students.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Terrific. Great. And we also discussed, my career before this was working with educational technology in colleges and universities. And I have a couple of people that I want to put in touch with Maia to help her in the instructional technology field, to take the product further along so it can help others. All right, well, let's get a picture here. Oh, well, actually let's, Rachel and Ro, talk a little bit about the program.

Rachel: Sure. YEA has been here in Manhattan Beach. It's a product of the chamber or it's sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce here in Manhattan Beach. It started in 2015 and I was hired then as a teacher and now I can't stop. I'm addicted

to it. It's just so inspiring to see Maya, to see students who are come in as little kids and leave as CEO's. They are. We support students in 6th through 12th grade and so we have kids who are just starting businesses, just trying to figure out things, hobbies that they do at home and going all the way to the national championship. It's an international program. And the Saunders Award that Maia spoke about takes place in Rochester, New York. We've had students, Maya was one of the top six. We've had many of our businesses be in the top six across the country winning our region. And then we've had one student that won first place and won college scholarships. So, it's pretty impressive to see what it is that students are capable of doing. We're really excited to see where Maia is going with this business. She programmed this software entirely by herself and it's just absolutely amazing. doingdone.fun, FYI. You can go on it on the web and you can download the app in the App Store. But I use it. It helps me keep track of things. So, it's just really inspiring. And so, I really encourage you to take a look at it. We're always looking for volunteers and for speakers. Ms. Howorth has been a part of our program as well. We are really excited to offer this to the community. Applications are actually due on Wednesday of this week. I've put some informational flyers on the table right outside the door if you

know anybody in 6th through 12th grade who might be interested.
So, thank you.

RO SCHEIDER: We're willing to extend beyond tomorrow because we would like to have a wonderful class again, like Maia's class. They're unbelievable. If you were to come and listen to them at the beginning and see what they're like at the end, you would know that Rachel is a miracle worker. She really, truly is. I'm only in my fifth year. She's in her 10th year. But I love the program. It truly is outstanding.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Wonderful. So, Maia, on behalf of my colleagues here on the City Council, we do hereby recognize Maia Rocha as the CEO of Doing Done and winner of the Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneurs Academy. So, congratulations. I think we got a pin for you. And then we'll move down and we'll get your photo with us.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: How about the teachers down here? You're in the middle.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm going right now to the Apple store. No joke. Don't push it. Just kidding. Yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, colleagues, we're going to go on to item E, which is the Approval of Agenda and Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinances. So, I have a motion to accept by Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm going to pull item number eight.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Item number eight. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Which case, the motion, your honor, is for the adoption of agenda, pulling item eight from the consent calendar.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor, it was my understanding that number ten was going to be pulled as well.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'm pulling that myself.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. I didn't hear anything, so.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'm waiting my turn.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, I'm going to pull item number ten.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well played.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, why don't I amend that motion with the pulling of the two items, eight and ten from the consent?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, moved by Councilmember David Lesser and seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. Did we?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, sorry. I was really thinking about it.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. All right, there we go. Great. Let's move on to item number F, and that's the City Council and community organization announcements of upcoming events. So, it's 1 minute per person. And if you, if someone's already at the podium and you want to speak, please move on down.

LIBRARY MANAGER MURRAY: Hello. Good evening, Mayor, members of the council. My name is Josh Murray. I'm here on behalf of Manhattan Beach Library. I'd like to invite the community to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Spanish classical flamenco dancer, Susana Elena, accompanied by Dr. Randy Pyle while they're playing a selection of timeless compositions created for the Spanish guitar. This free program is designed for adults and is sponsored by the Friends of the Manhattan Beach Library. Registration is now available on our website, lacountylibrary.org. And I thank you for your time and hope to see everyone there.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thank you.

BOBBY BELL: Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilmembers, city officials, Mr. Lee, my name is Bobby Bell. I am the WM, Waste Management Recycling Educator for the City of Manhattan Beach. Just a couple quick announcements. One of my

favorite jobs, you guys know, is working with the schools. We've got a lot of fundraisers starting up for the PTA. We donate their event boxes and liners and lids and green trash cans and I help them with their waste stream for that. But just so you know, everybody is welcome to go to these fundraiser events. You don't have to have a child at the view. Grand View has a movie night coming up this Friday, Pacific is next Friday, and then Robinson has a big one coming up in October. Everyone can be there. Also, being a partner of the MBUSD Green Committee, it's also the Garden Committee. If you didn't know, all of the elementary schools and the middle school have beautiful gardens, and they're constantly looking for volunteers and help. Anybody can do it. You just got to go to the main office, ask, probably have to do a live scan, but you can get out there digging and make this great. It's a great learning experience for these kids to get their hands in and dirty. That's all I got. Wishing you guys all a blessed evening.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you so much.

MIKE ARCHULETA: Hi, my name is Mike Archuleta. I grew up in the community since I was a toddler. I actually babysat Joe's kids for a long time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: There's some more Pine Avenue people.

MIKE ARCHULETA: I'm here to talk about the 24th Annual Matt Johnson blood drive. It's been going on in the community.

This is our 23rd year shirt last year. It goes on during the hometown fair weekend. Matt was my best friend growing up since we were in preschool at American Martyrs. He was diagnosed with leukemia in 7th grade. He passed away our freshman year of high school. This has been a great event that has continued to move his memory forward, as well as a really important need in the communities, which is blood. I work at a local hospital, and we constantly need blood for patients. Last year, our blood drive was designated as a premier drive, getting well over 50 units of blood, which designates it as a premier drive. I believe we got 89 units out of the 100 we were trying to get. We got so many units that they're going to bring a second blood unit truck out here in front of the fire station for both days, Saturday and Sunday. So please, during the hometown fair, come out and give blood or to someone you know, have them come out and donate. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Michael. Good cause. Anybody else?

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Good evening, Mayor Franklin, members of City Council, Rachel Johnson, your Police Chief. And I just wanted to invite the council as well as the community to our fall town hall, which is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 24, from 6 to 7:00 p.m. the public is encouraged to come join us, ask any questions they would like, and you can ask

us questions ahead of time at askacop@manhattanbeach.gov. And I look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday at the Joslyn center. Have a good night.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Chief. Anybody else here in chambers? How about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, colleagues?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, I have one.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you. On our consent calendar, we list proclamations. And I just didn't want to pull the item from the consent calendar, but I just wanted to highlight two of the proclamations. One is September 21, which is International Peace Day, and September 21 through 27th, which is United Against Hate week. And I believe we have somebody here who will speak during public comments about the two events and why they're special. But, you know, former Mayor Hildy Stern really has led the effort to recognize both International Peace Day and United Against Hate week. And I know sometimes it seems very, I've heard some people say, why do we even have to do that? Of course, everybody's against hate, and yet, you know, we see incidences in our community that are hate based, whether it be, you know, racism, whether it be homophobia, antisemitism,

whatever. And so, it is important just to acknowledge that is an important value in our community. So, I'm really grateful that she led the way on that and continues to. And International Peace Day is something started, I think. Well, it started in 1981 at the United Nations. And you've seen the peace polls around the community, but also around the world. May peace prevail on earth. And now, especially, there seems like a worthy cause a worthy goal. But obviously there's a lot that has to happen for peace to prevail. So, I just wanted to say I think it's wonderful that we are acknowledging it. And thank you, former Mayor Stern for your efforts.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, colleagues. Nothing?
Richard?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: No.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No? Okay, so I have a couple and one of them is, sadly, we had to cancel the Manhattan Beach car show, the Manhattan Beach Police Department K-9 Foundation Car Show. It was supposed to be September 30, but with the taking lot three offline downtown, it was just going to create too much of a hardship to also take all the parking spaces for the show. But we really want to encourage you to make a donation to the K-9 Foundation. It is at MBPD K-9. So, that's at mbpdk9.com, especially if you had a car that you're going to be showing in it, you can go ahead and make a donation and it would be greatly

appreciated. Also, too, this is their opportunity to the Police Departments to raise money by, you can buy plush toys like Nero, you know, the Brave K-9. And the K-9 foundation raises the money to support retired canines. They typically get retired with their handler's family and so not all the medical expenses are covered and the like. So that's why they're raising the money and also to get additional equipment for the canines so they can be effective and stay safe in the field. So, this is \$30 and do I hear 40? Oh, we're not allowed to do that. Okay. But it's online again, once again at mbpdk9.com. and I'll get this back to you, Chief.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Sure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I know you can't go to sleep without it.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You have two grandchildren.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, my second announcement has to do with our neighbors up in Palos Verdes, the Rancho Palos Verdes. You can see they're having a lot of problems up there, a lot of challenges. Can you even imagine your home of how many years sliding down the hill? We lost our, we lost the beloved Wayfarer's Chapel. I was married there. Anybody else here married or baptized there or anything like that? But it's going to be rebuilt in another area. But I got this. So, they reached out. We asked them, how can we help? And so, they reached out

and let me just read this. Over the Labor Day weekend, Manhattan Beach public works quickly responded to a request for aid from Ranchos Palos Verdes by providing them with a spare 3800-watt portable electric generator to help maintain power for a residential sewer pump. This action is one of the many steps that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is pursuing to minimize the risk of sewer overflows in residential areas and to prevent public health concerns in their community. Manhattan Beach's swift response to this request demonstrates our commitment to regional cooperation and to aiding neighboring communities in times of need. So, I want to thank all the departments in Manhattan Beach for helping and Public Works for responding to that. And then my final announcement is, you may not notice it, but we do. We got a whole bunch of new toys here in City Chambers, a whole bunch of electronics. And I want to thank the IT team, led by Director Miguel Guardado, for meeting the deadline. They were in here earlier this afternoon. I think I saw some beads of sweat, but it all came through. We've got electronic name boards now. We've got all new technology up here to better serve you. The display screens are all new, and it's quite the place now, so happening place. So, we want to see down here the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Okay. So, if we don't have any more community announcements, we will move on to public comments. So, speakers may provide public comments on

any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, including items on the agenda. So, if you speak about an item now, you cannot go back. When that item comes up on the agenda, you can't make public comments on it then. So, please come up and start lining up. Yeah, don't be shy. And the limit is three minutes.

MAUREEN MCBRIDE: Good evening, Mayor Franklin, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, and Council, Maureen McBride. I'm the owner of Tabula Ross Essentials. I'm also the past president and on the board of the Downtown Business and Professional Association, of which I'm representing this evening on this issue. I'm going to look at notes because I have a little jet lag. So, one of our most beloved and favorite days of the year downtown is the fireworks. It's a time when our community gathers to celebrate the winter season. Our business community loves this event as well so much. Yet retailers, in particular, are met with a significant impact to sales revenue on this day due to street parking closures on Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue. We see as much as a 30% drop in foot traffic and sales revenue compared to other Sundays during the month of December due to the early afternoon street closures. For some, revenue on a single Sunday can be equivalent to a week's worth of business other times of the year. This year, we're also going to experience a difficulty due to the lost parking in lot three. As

well as the fact that there's only four weeks this year between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when normally we have five. We fully acknowledge that safety is always our first priority, especially when hosting such a large event in the downtown area. However, the street closures have gotten earlier and earlier over the years, with this year's closures beginning at 1:00 p.m. for all of downtown. The city has also staggered closures in the past, with Manhattan Avenue remaining open 1 hour longer than Manhattan Beach Boulevard. We understand the snow park is moving back to downtown. Question, can the festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. as opposed to 3:00 p.m. like they've done in the past? By doing so, we have over 70 retailers downtown and that extra hour of street parking for our customers is crucial this close to the holidays. So, we ask you to please reconsider a 2:00 p.m. closure time to support our businesses. Additionally, once Manhattan Avenue is closed to the vehicles, the DBPA is asking for permission to activate the avenue, the closed avenue, by creating a holiday atmosphere, encouraging our community to arrive early to the fireworks and be entertained while shopping and dining. This can include street carolers, snow falling, letters to Santa, entertainment for everyone in the family. It would be extending kind of the fun of what's happening down at the pier, but activating it on one of our most main and vital shopping and dining corridors. So, our second request would be

would council consider allowing the DBPA to have a community street event on Manhattan Avenue before the fireworks, like what we do down at the pier. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We don't have the technology.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That was too old school.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: It's cashless.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It's cashless. Can you Venmo it? We can do it that way.

HILDY STERN: All right. Well, hello, Mayor Franklin and members of City Council. My name is Hildy Stern. It's nice to be here. It's nice to see all of you. It's especially nice to be here on a night when we have already been. We've already had the opportunity to hear about two proclamations that you have on the consent calendar that I would like to just elevate for just a moment. And those are the two proclamations that Mayor Pro Tem Howorth has already noted, the proclamation recognizing International Peace Day and the proclamation recognizing United Against Hate week. I'm here on behalf of the South Bay Community Coalition of Hate, for which I am the Chair, still, and you'll probably remember when we were the founding members of that coalition back in October 2022. That was by direction of council when we were seeing increased incidents of hate in our

community, and we knew that we had to do something to support our community and show our community that we could address these incidents and elevate our values of inclusion and acceptance of everyone here. After we formed in October of 2022 and we had about 15 members, it was just leadership in Manhattan Beach, some leadership in our county, including LA versus Hate, and our supervisor, our faith-based organizations in Manhattan Beach. We quickly, within a couple months, the word got out to our neighboring cities and our presence now, and our membership now includes our four beach cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. And it also includes many of our other supporting organizations and government entities like Beach City's Health District, our water Board, West Basin Water District as membership, and LA County with our supervisor. Even our state assemblymember and our state senator are in the coalition. So, we've done a lot of programming. We've done. We meet once a month to support each other, to learn how we can be better members of our community together, how we can share best practices and learn from each other in addition to programming. What you see here is our schedule of events for the upcoming week of United against Hate Week, which starts on Saturday the 21st, which is also International Day of Peace. We have a peace wave at Beach City Health District. They are planting a peace poll. There are peace polls being planted in El Segundo. There's

one in Redondo. We have ours, and they are throughout the country and throughout the world. Then we move on to a lot of really impactful programming. Sunday the 22nd, we have an interfaith gathering at the Manhattan Beach Community Church to recognize the desecration of the rainbow doors and to rededicate those rainbow doors. It's going to be a fabulous gathering. We have a wonderful, informative and educational program on Tuesday the 24th, Thursday the 26th, we have a candlelight vigil. Last year that vigil hosted over 200 people. We hope that you will join. And then our nutrition pantry happening in seven different locations of Pantry Drive, happening in seven different locations throughout the south bay to benefit the nutrition Pantry at Richstone Family center. So, thank you for your support of the coalition's work and being on the coalition. Amy is your delegate to the coalition. Mayor Pro Tem Howorth is the delegate, and I really appreciate the support of Manhattan Beach for our coalition's work. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

SCOTT YANOFSKY: Hello, City Council. My name is Scott Yanofsky. In the past, I've come up here and spoke, criticizing things. I'd like to change that to constructive criticism. I went to a Planning Commission meeting the other day for a new building on Sepulveda, and it passed. It proved it. But they said that what they're going to do is pick up trash between 6

and 9 in the morning on Sepulveda. And everyone said, that's great. And then the gentleman who works for the city at the planning commission said, well, there's parking. There's no parking on Sepulveda between six and nine. So, it doesn't make any sense that they approved it. But they went ahead and approved it with your parking structure being closed. I don't understand. You close the parking structure, call it a state of emergency, and then you talk about outdoor dining, which is going to take away parking. So, it's kind of confusing which way you want to go on that. The lower parking structure, let's take out the trucks in there. Let's take out a lot of the city employees to park there and allow the residents and the local businesses to park there. For those people who need a place to park, there's over by Polliwog park, the lower parking lot there. There's over by aviation and marine behind the soccer field, there's a parking lot there. You've got many places to park. And instead of hiring a bus company, we have the, I think it's the senior bus company, the senior transportation we have in the city. Let's use that and let them use the lift or something. We can make it a lot less expensive than \$50,000 for a bus for just a couple of months. So, I'd like to see more common sense being used with some of these emergency things that are coming up. Thank you very much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

LORI FORD: Good evening, Mayor Franklin and council. My name is Lori Ford and I own Gumtree right downtown on Manhattan Beach Boulevard. We are a home and gift shop. And I'm also the past president, another one of the DBPA. And here speaking on behalf of all of our businesses downtown tonight. First, I want to thank you for all of the measures you've already taken in response to the emergency at lot three. It's really helpful. In particular, my employees are incredibly grateful for the opening up of the hill section streets to employee parking. It's a huge benefit for them to be able to park right up there and walk down and they're all doing it. So, that is very, very helpful. Thank you. I am here tonight to talk about the importance of the red bags on the meters during the holiday season. So, for a little bit of background, I checked through my numbers today just to give you a little info. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, last year we did as much business, a little bit more business as we did June, July and August combined. So, the importance of that month of sales is huge for a retailer. Can't be overstated. So also, as Maureen mentioned, we have a shortened shopping season this year. Thanksgiving is November 28 as opposed to November 23. So that is going to be a big impact. It always is when that date changes for us. So, it's critically important that we do all we can to create the very best shopping environment in downtown Manhattan Beach. We have

so many competitors between online shopping and then all of our great shopping malls and shopping centers in the south Bay who all offer free parking. And so, it really keeps us competitive. And I can't tell you how happy my customers are when those red bags go on the meters. They all come right in and just are so excited that the holiday shopping season has begun. So, it's really an important program that we really value downtown. And let's see, the DBPA. So, you know, I'm on the marketing committee and we are spending extra dollars this year for holiday marketing to try to bring outside visitors into town. We have hired a PR firm for the first time to really get the word out about shopping downtown and we're excited about that. We, sorry, we, I don't know. I'm a little tired too. Anyway, we want you to enforce the two-hour parking limit so that you can encourage turnover. Absolutely. But we really just want you to know how important this program is to us and we thank you for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. And the Downtown Business and Professional Association also donated to the K-9 foundation as a result of the K-9 foundation not being able to put on their show. So, thank you so much for that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor, I'm confused. There's been no discussion of taking away the bagging of the

meters. And to our Acting City Manager, is that going to come back to council to approve soon?

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: I believe there have been some internal discussions with the DBPA and our staff, but there's been no conclusion reached.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Conclusion reached that we're not going to do anything to mess it up, at least not in the council so?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yup.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We haven't directed anything.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That's our conclusion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I haven't heard. Okay, next.

JOAN MUELLER: Good evening, City Council. My name is Joan Mueller. I live at 1220 Ardmere, Manhattan Beach. I haven't been here for a few years, like 20 probably. Anyway, I'm here to talk about the removal of the two-hour parking signs in the residential streets close to our downtown. I was very surprised that the signs were taken down without any notifications to the residents that fought to have the two-hour parking and paid a fee for the permits. I realize that parking is now a bigger issue since we are losing a large parking structure, but I don't feel that the residents that live close to downtown should take the brunt for this. Parking at the beach and on our streets has always been a challenge. But once the Metlox project was up and

running, we never. We never had a chance to park on our streets again because all their employees were told to park on the streets because it's free parking. And so, it was a parking. A situation that was difficult became impossible. So, we went, that's when we went and tried, we got our permanent parking. Well, let's see. Where am I? I lost my spot, too. Anyway, I don't know if any parking is provided for downtown employees at this time. The parking lot that's entering in Ardmore is free, and that's a good thing because people that work downtown park there, and it's full by 7:00 a.m. so every day, I believe, and I know it's the people that work downtown and that's good for them. And I have one more point. With two-hour parking, visitors could kind of come and go. I see it all the time because I'm on that street on Ardmore. People come, they go, they have lunch, they come back and they eat and they shop. Maybe a compromise is have three-hour parking, which should help the restaurants and retail stores. That would also give the residents just a shot at getting a parking place for a guest, because that soon will be totally gone. This is my home where I live, and I love it. And I'm just hoping you will consider my situation. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. Yeah, please. Yeah, come on down.

KRISTEN: Hello, my name is Kristen. I own the business Go Gently Nation, where organic children's and women's wear in

downtown Los Angeles. Downtown, I'm also the Vice President on the DBPA. I just have a quick request. So currently, there's nothing in the city code that allows businesses to have A frame signs or clothing racks. And our particular business, we're situated down on Manhattan Avenue, sort of across from Fishing With Dynamite. So, we're off the boulevard. We have to work a little harder to get folks down our way. So currently, obviously, restaurants have the ability to file for a permit to get tables on the sidewalks, but there's nothing in place for retailers to try and obtain a permit that we're happy to pay for, if necessary, to be able to have an A frame sign, clothing rack or whatever to help support our business. So, we're wondering, or I'm wondering and the DBPA is wondering if you would consider a temporary approval to allow a permit situation for retailers to obtain those to advance their business.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thank you.

LAURA MUNCHO: Hello. Good evening, everyone. My name is Laura Muncho. I also live at 1304 Ardmore in the parking issue area. Joan is my neighbor, and my biggest thing is the parking permits were created because there was a parking emergency for residents. That's why it exists. That's why you all approved it years ago. And that if things have gotten bigger, events have gotten bigger. Metlox is here. Everything has intensified, and now we're back where we were before, only

now it's worse. So, what has happened is people have unrestricted parking on our street. They can park 24/7 and only some areas have 2 hours where they have to move their car for street cleaning. Other than that, they can park 72 hours and go to the airport and leave their car as well as what are you trying to accomplish? If you want parking for employees, why don't you have some of your lots be free and all day? If you want parking for businesses, then the two-hour or three-hour that Joan was saying is a great compromise. People come in, you get the revenue, the businesses get the revenue. They're going and having lunch. They're going have dinner. They're not going to the beach all day and leaving their car for 12 hours, which is what happens. I mean, I have dirty diapers in front of my house, in my garden. I have all kinds of things. These aren't people that are dressing up and going to dinner. These are people that are hanging out and parking their van for the whole day, or maybe even two days or three days, or their friend has their car and they're leaving it for three days so they can go to the airport and take an uber. So, I'm just asking you, please. I know you did a reaction to a problem, and I understand it's a problem, but it was a problem before all this happened for us, which is why you created the permit parking, and now we're stuck. So, okay, I'm starting a job in a store at 9:00 I come and take that spot. I have it all day long. What happens to

us when we have hometown fair or fireworks or whatever is going on? And we want to have company at our house. So, we got to get up at 5:00 in the morning and save those spots so we can have our friends over. So, think about it a little bit. Maybe the visitors have to walk up three more blocks up the street, instead of us. Let us park in front of our house. Do you all get to park in front of your house? Think about it. And I thank you so much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

STEPHANIE HUBBARD: Well, I figure I should go now because I live between these two, at 1300 Ardmore. I'm Stephanie Hubbard, and I couldn't really say much that they didn't already say. We did have that emergency when Metlox was first built, we couldn't park anywhere near our houses. It was a disaster. There were employees, which we understood, waiters, whoever. We'd see everybody dress for work, heading down the street. And everything Laura said is true. We get people. I mean, they forget their sunscreen at my house. They leave their diapers. They leave towels. You'd be amazed at all the stuff that we put up with. But at least it's just 2 hours at a time. So, this kind of all-or-nothing thing where we just came home and the signs were gone, it was like, what? I just replaced a lost permit. I just paid for it a week before you took down the permits. So, you know, we've been having to pay for the service, for the

ability to park in front of our house all this time, and then with no warning, it was taken away. And I agree, we totally understand. Like, that loss of the lot is huge. But I do think there could be some more creativity. You have employees in the city that work specific hours. They all arrive at the same time, and they all leave at the same time. I would assume a lot of the ones that work at desks and things. And maybe they could all park at one of the places that was mentioned, and the bus could only take them back and forth. Or there could be a carpool situation. Like, there could be maybe some more creativity to open up some of the existing lots, and then if the two-hour parking is too short for the time that we're doing the lot, then maybe it does make sense to extend it to 3 hours. So, someone could park in front of my house, go downtown, have dinner, do a little shopping, and leave. But they're not kidding about the uber things. I had some people park, like, a van. They all came home to have lunch in front of my house at their van, and then they all went back downtown again. I don't know why they didn't eat downtown, but, I mean, they're just there all day, so just something to think about. It really does impact the residents. And we're the residents right across from, from Metlox, from Shade, Metlox, Police Department. Thank you very much for listening.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Stephanie. If you're going to talk, just come on down, get ready. Thank you.

KELLY OSCHLAGER: Hello, City Council and Mayor Franklin, thank you for having me. My name is Kelly Oschlager. I run Culture Brewing. I'm also on the Downtown Business Association and Professional board. I'm here to speak on holiday entertainment. So last December, the acting City Manager informed the DBPA that current city code requires that all the live entertainers, the DBPA employees for the holidays obtain permits, which costs about \$200 per entertainer, which would mean up to \$1,200 in permit fees each weekend. For years, we've provided the entertainment in multiple locations around downtown between noon and 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday and December. These entertainers are meant to create a more fun, festive holiday shopping and dining experience. In the past, we've had strolling carolers, acoustic guitars, saxophone, ukulele, Santa Claus, always individual entertainers playing holiday music during the middle of the day, not just random busters. So, our question is, if the DBPA provides each entertainer with a sign that indicates they have been retained by the DBPA, would council consider waiving the permit fees for our December entertainment?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

MARK OSTERKAMP: Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers, my name is Mark Osterkamp. I live at 575 31st Street, remarkably close to Sand Dune park. And that's exactly why I'm here to talk to you about Sand Dune Park. I want to, first off, thank the city, thanks to Parks and Rec for improving it. It's a great park. It's used daily. It's used on weekends, weekdays, everything. Part of that plan, candidly, I'm sort of scratching my head. There's a proposal to put a pathway, as you're probably well aware. You've seen the emails, you've seen my emails, you've seen my neighbors' emails through that park and wanted to take a step back and look at that park in general. If you go down and visit at any given time, you see baseball games, you see football games, lacrosse, they run track on weekends. They're just doing sprints. Whatever it is, you've got kids of all ages, from three years old, four years old, up to my kids who are in their twenties, using that park on a constant basis. And my fear, and I think our neighbor's fear, is that putting a path through there is really going to just diminish the use of that park. I view it as a problem that really doesn't exist. And when I look at something like a project like this, there's a cost benefit analysis. I imagine you all do it, and what is the benefit of putting the pathway in? That's my head scratcher right there. I cannot be happier about the park and what's being done in the playground. Sooner or later, I'll have grandkids,

they can use that. But the pathway is a tough one. And if you look at the park, the renderings that were done, you see the path on the way west side. And the one thing I want you to keep in mind is the way west side of that park is at an angle, so you can't put a pathway that west. I think the measurement is about 20-25ft from the fence line. There's trees, there's sewer pipes, and that's going to really bring down that width even more. If it's a six-foot path, plus any type of lighting, you're looking at maybe 10ft. So 30ft from the fence line to the middle of the park. And if you haven't been there recently, come down and take a look. But I implore you, approve the park, the pathway, put it aside, you know, for the residents, for the kids, non-residents who come down and use it, everybody. It's a wonderful park and let's leave it that way. I appreciate it. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Mark.

BO DEAN: Hello, City Council. My name is Bo Dean. I've been a resident of Manhattan Beach for over 40 years now, and I need my glasses. I've loved the parks department here in Manhattan Beach. It's fantastic. I use them all. I've loved it. The concerts in the park. You did a great job as Master ceremonies. A funny story, how I found Manhattan Beach. Well, you're dressed a little different. But anyway, how I found Manhattan Beach, I'm not from California. I grew up in North Carolina, and the company brought me out many, many years ago to

Los Angeles. And so, I was living in a hotel in Los Angeles and I met some guys. I used to play a lot of basketball. These guys said, you want to go play basketball? So, they brought me down to Manhattan Beach. I'd never heard of Manhattan Beach, and to Live Oak Park, and we played basketball and tennis. Fantastic. The parks are wonderful. Anyway, shortly thereafter that, I found a realtor and bought a house on 31st street. And that gets to the point of the Sand Dune Park, and I'm right up the street from the Sand Dune Park. I love the Sand Dune Park. I've used it so much through the years. I love doing the stairs. It's fantastic. I used to love running the. Well, not running, walking the dunes. And of course, what we were talking about was that green belt, which is over to the left side, that green belt. So many wonderful kids, I've taken kids there, the little ones especially get to play soccer and they throw whiffle ball or whatever. And it's just been a wonderful little area there and with a nature right behind it. And I'm to the same point, I am so against it. A paved path through that green belt. It's going to destroy the area. As far as little kids being able to play there in this rubbing, it's going to, with lights, it's going to affect nature in the park because I love the nature down there. It's fantastic. And also, you put a paved path through there, the skateboarders come. I don't know about skateboarders. I'm not in love with them sometimes, okay. And

then on top of that, the E-bikers, the little kids on E-bikes are so, it's a problem. It's a problem. And it's going to make things not very safe for little kids down there. And I just don't understand why we need to do it. I love the plans to fix the rest of the park up. I love that park. The park system in Manhattan Beach is wonderful. I've loved it. So anyway, I hope you'll reconsider. Thanks so much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Mr. Dean.

JOHN EHRENSORF: Hello, council. My name is John Ehrensorf. 562 30th Street, Manhattan Beach. And I'm also speaking on the sand dune issue. And like the previous speakers, you know, I love the proposal, the improvements in the park. The park has needed some work for quite a while, but I'm also in agreement that the path through there is just going to be bad for a lot of reasons. First of all, it's a small park. I coached soccer there for years with my little kids from the time that they were 5 till they were 12. And it's not big enough to really play soccer there. It's a very small park. It's one of the smallest areas that you can actually play something on. It's quite small. But you put a path through there. And as they were saying earlier, Bo was saying you're going to get E-bikers through there. I mean, all of us have ridden our bikes down the strand in the area that says, or we've walked our bikes through the area that says you don't ride your bike and I've seen E-

bikers come speeding through there. You talk about putting a path that they can ride their bike through in a very small area. And you've got kids who are on our block. We're on a dead-end street on 30th street. We got three and four-year old's kind of running up there into the park, you know, to play whatever. They might play soccer or play with their dogs or whatever. And you got e bikers going through there. And the E-bikers have started to come more recently. There's a lot of them that go in there right now, but they're riding on grass, which makes it a little bit tougher to go really fast, right? And they are somewhat respectful because they realize they're not supposed to be going through there. But you put a path through there, and I think that's going to be a big problem. I can see the city getting sued because there's going to be people going in opposite directions toward each other with kids, dogs, everything else. So, I think it's a liability issue. Do we really need more concrete? We need more grass. We need more natural areas. So, thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC COMMENTER: Hello, council. I'm here also about Sand Dune Park, and I just want to echo everything that all my neighbors have said. And nice to meet you. I live on 33rd at 561. Look, I don't need to reiterate what's already been said. I think one of the things I wanted to

touch upon is, as a father of young children, I have a six-year old and a four-year old. We constantly deal with the struggle of getting our children off screen. And if you think about Manhattan Beach, there is really no other park that is flat and has the amount of space that that green belt does in Sand Dune Park. And so, think of yourself in the afternoon trying to get your kid off a screen, and what do you want to do? You want to go throw football? You want to go play soccer? Or when they're older, you want to say, hey, go to the park, go play football, go do whatever. Throw a Frisbee. There is no other place to do that that is in walkable or bikeable distance for pretty much all of the tree section or maybe beyond the closest park I can think of is Valley Park, and that is potentially going to be removed. And in such a dense area, it's such a simple piece of grass, but it so valuable and so utilized by all the family and children in the area. So, I urge you not to change it. I, too, am a big fan of the park, and the adjustments that you all are making, but I would give up all of it just to keep that one piece of grass. It is just so utilized and so valuable to me, my family and all the children in the community. There's probably 20 kids at the same ages as mine and all of our families feel the same way. So, I just want to thank you for your consideration and that's it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC COMMENTER: Hi, Mayor Franklin and members of the City Council. Some of you have read my email. Some of you have not. I'm just going to read it again. For those in the audience and online. Thank you for your service to our community and your efforts are appreciated. I have lived near Sand Dune Park with some of these wonderful people for 30 years. We've raised our family for 20 years literally on the park. We live at 558, 31st. Never once did anyone ever mention that they wish there were a paved and lighted bike path through the grass. In fact, over the years, one of the joys of my life has been watching children play on, visit and grow up on the south lawn. Learning to ride a bike on the grass is the best and this important life milestone, believe it or not, happens almost every week and I can see it from our second story and it just thrills me each time. Makes me feel young again. Tossing a football or playing spike ball with friends after school, playing family soccer game on Thanksgiving before or after eating turkey and enjoying picnics with toddlers and grandparents, that just happen all the time. In addition to all the sports, all of this healthful, life boosting activity will be reduced with a paved bike path lined with electrified bollards and little will be gained. As some of my neighbors said, the grassy strip and the PowerPoint is a destination. The grass is not an obstacle to be navigated while going from point

a to point b, which a path is to facilitate navigation. The grass is the destination for hundreds of visitors a week at a time. When we want kids outside and off their devices, why would we want to chip away at some of Manhattan Beach's remaining open, grassy, beautiful play space? We have scores of miles of paved roads for bike riders, and bike riders are welcome through the park at any time and trust me, they come anyway. Lack of a paved path does not keep kids from riding through. And lastly, a paved bike path would encroach on valuable space for the hometown fair 10K. I did not reach out to Russ Lesser, but you don't want to mess with the 10K. You don't want to change the route and you don't want to create a pinch point or a bottleneck. But runners literally take up the entire width of the grass early in the morning, as Ro Scheider knows, who's done about a million water drops during the 10K. The other Sand Dune improvements in agenda item twelve are great. If you vote for those, great. If folks want them, that's great. If they don't, that's fine, too. But when you vote on agenda item number twelve, please, please remove the bike path and don't be the counsel that paved paradise. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

MARGARET PENNAPRAC: Hello, Mayor Franklin and Councilmembers. I am Margaret Pennaprac, and I live on 562, 31st street in Manhattan Beach. I live right next to Sand Dune Park,

and I really love playing there with my friends and all my family members, too. And I think that it's not necessary for a bike path to be in the middle of the green grass area next to Sand Dune Park. First of all, many people, I saw them, they were just biking on the grass, like on top. And it's very easy as well. And second of all, it's many little kids and young ones play there. Sorry. Many little ones play there, and they have so much fun and run around, and it could be dangerous just to put some concrete there because I, myself, play on concrete and I broke my wrists like that. And third of all, the bike path, it could be wide and it could, like, just cover up nature that, sorry, cover up nature that you don't have to cover up. And it can make that area of the green belt smaller, which is not necessary. Thanks for the consideration. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And how old were you? Young lady, so, I just got a quick question for you. How many years have you played on that grass area?

MARGARET PENNAPRAC: I actually grew up, oh, I actually grew up here since the second grade.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. All right. That's great. Thank you for coming here. Appreciate it.

JANE: Probably can't say it better than her. I'm Jane, and I live on 31st street, and I've lived there for 28 years. Similar comments. Safety for the toddlers that play down there.

I know we don't want bikes going through it 20, 30 miles an hour next to where a circle of toddlers are sitting and having their lunch with their moms or with their babysitters. It's also a place where I, with my kids, have met people from out of town, and that's been kind of fun and have met a lot of neighbors. We spent a lot of time down there with our neighbors, but also have met lots of other fun people who come to do activities there from out of town as well. The nature we love. We've had a lot of owls and different things in the trees down there. And again, the lights would take away from the nature. We love the owls that live in those trees. Anyway, everything else has been said. I just wanted to add those two things. Thank you so much for your consideration.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Okay, anybody else in chambers for public comments on any issue? Seeing none. Martha, online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'll close public comments at this time, and we'll go to the consent calendar. So, look for a motion to approve the consent calendar with the exceptions of items number 8 and 10.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So moved, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so do we have a voting?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: The official vote cast.

There it is.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, got it. Okay, so I didn't see it. So, it was moved. Motion by -

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Hold on a second, your Honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: -- Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY SNOW: If we have a motion and a second, then I would like to read the title of an ordinance, which is item number six.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, okay. Yes. So, it was seconded by Councilmember Lesser. There we go. Now, you're set.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY SNOW: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And so, item six is an ordinance. And I'll read the title of that ordinance. It is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.44 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Pertaining to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. And that's it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. And we can vote now.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That didn't change my vote.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Or my second.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so let's go to item number eight. Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes, your honor, this is a consideration of the purchase of a budget rescue vehicle from Lenco Industries, not to exceed \$325,000. I see the chief coming down here.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: What just happened?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: What's going on?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Excited to hear you speak.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Not as excited as I am. No, this is something that we shared before with other entities. I'm wondering, was that opportunity available for this as well? And it's a lot of money for one vehicle to have out there. Have we used it before? And I know that you're going to tell me that it's that one incident that matters and one incident that matters, and it's there to prevent anything, but again, a lot of money for one vehicle.

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Yes, sir. Councilmember Napolitano. Again, Rachel Johnson, your Police Chief. Captain Enriquez is here to kind of speak to that. He is a longstanding member of the SWAT team, and before his promotion, the captain was a SWAT commander, so I think he's kind of best served to provide that background.

FIELD OPERATIONS POLICE CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Good evening, Mayor. Members of City Council, Andrew Enriquez. I'm your Field Operations Captain and overall commander of the

Manhattan Beach spot team, which would utilize this vehicle the most and has utilized the regional one for more than the last 20 years, since we've shared it with other South Bay cities. So, to answer your first question, yes, we have utilized the regional one. It has reached its end of life. It's more than 20 years old. It's constantly out of service. And anytime we do need to use it, it's sort of a toss-up, if it's even available. Most agencies recognize the need to sort of purchase them because for a lot of events that we use them for special events in town, we actually utilize more than one vehicle. And to do that, more than one city would actually need to --

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Are the other cities then purchasing their own as well that we've started with in the past?

FIELD OPERATIONS POLICE CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Can you name those cities, please?

FIELD OPERATIONS POLICE CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: The City of Hawthorne has purchased, I believe they have three. Gardena has one. They're about to purchase another one. Redondo Beach is where the regional one is currently housed, and they are trying to procure their own. Torrance police has one. El Segundo does not. But they have asked, much like I have, several times in their budget, they have asked for it. Inglewood has several. The

only full-time tactical teams or SWAT teams in Los Angeles county are the city of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. And so, a lot of us are regional teams, so we work a lot together.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, once we purchase this, though, we won't be sharing with others, but we might be going somewhere for a mutual aid incident.

FIELD OPERATIONS POLICE CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Thank you, your honor. Open up to any questions from my colleagues or comments from the public.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Questions? Comments? Thank you.

FIELD OPERATIONS POLICE CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, public comments. Anybody here want to make public comments? Any public comments online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: No request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'll close public comments and Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, I made a motion to approve 24-0274, the purchase of one budget rescue vehicle, in an amount not to exceed 325,652.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, and we have a second by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth. A vote.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. And now item number ten.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Right, your honor, I'm not looking for a report over structure. I'm just going to make a comment about it and let everybody know what's going on with what's going on lot three. Most of you know that lot three, we closed it because of the danger of it falling. Pieces were falling off, so we had to close it. And the first thing that happened was public director could talk about if he wants to. As we looked at demolition permits, we cleared it a state of emergency didn't call the governor. We have a right to call emergency ourselves for our own purposes. We've done that. Tonight's comment number ten is to continue the emergency. We move forward with the demolition project. While that's going on, Mayor Pro Tem Howorth and I are on the council subcommittee to go out there and get design plans started on a parallel path. Times of the essence here. I thought incorrectly, corrected by the City Attorney, that the emergency doesn't allow me, the council, to skip the bidding process and hire an architect that we know of that's done a lot of work in the city international company and get started. In fact, active City Manager and I, along with this architect, walked the garage and saw the damage ourselves face to face. They pointed out other items that he said was a massive failure. That was one strong earthquake and to hit that, we're going to see them come down. So, demolition

is not the issue. We're moving forward with that. The council's concept of tonight is to finalize the vote. It's in the emergency. But I wanted you all to know the reason why. We were trying to make the architectural design bid contract happen quickly and go get processed, hire professional that we all know and get out there and get it started on a parallel path quickly. Turns out we're not allowed to skip that process. We must go out for a bid for design bid contract. However, we, the council, drive that project quickly and also can set time parameters on that bid process. So, the demo's going on. The goal here with my colleagues is to get that design build contract going. Now, an architect that we had talked to originally out of his own company's pocket, is giving us renderings of what possible options we are. We have, whether it's three story, whether it's four story, does it include underground? Does it include a retail portion? All different options the council look at. That's not stopping. All we're doing now. We're following letter of the law that says we must go out for public bid. From there, we can title, design, build contract from that point forward. Those who emailed me and said, why is it an emergency? Most disagree. It is an emergency, but we're not allowed to skip the bidding process. So, I'll stop to my colleagues, catch up on that part. Any questions someone might have, do you have any

legal questions? I know City Attorney Snow can answer them for you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Do you have any questions? So, I would like to ask a question. When we were talking about this on the last City Council meeting, we were talking about removing the parking restrictions in the hill section, and we mentioned that many times. It's in the minutes and the like. And I had interpreted the hill section to be Ardmore south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard. And the signs, as we heard this evening and can see, is that they were removed all along Ardmore north, up to what you would consider American Martyrs or whatever, but not the hill section. So, I'd like to get that clarified.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: You want the traffic engineer or do you want Public Works?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, we can, that's the acting City Manager's discretion.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: Thank you, council. I'd like to invite our City Traffic Engineer, Eric Zandvliet, and I believe we have a map to share with the council to clarify the parameters of the permitted parking program.

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: Thank you. Good evening, Mayor and members of the City Council. I'm Eric Zandvliet, the City's Traffic Engineer. The downtown resident permit parking program zone includes areas east of Ardmore

Avenue, both north and south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard. It's an area that was approved by City Council back in 2005 to capture the areas that were being impacted by downtown customer and employee parking. That's the area that we removed the parking restrictions from. Not every single street has or had permanent parking restrictions. It was an opt in type of arrangement. They can also opt out of that as well. And no other parking restrictions that were, that are in the area were removed for that. Ardmore Avenue itself is included in the parking zone. We have a map of that. So, the green areas are those areas that property owners or residents that have parking permits. The streets that have the signs posted were the ones that are in the brown or red lines, and the yellow areas are the areas where residents could opt in if they petition for resident parking permits. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Mr. Mayor. So just keep the map up. So, you're saying all of the green zone, the signs have been taken down to accommodate this problem that we're having?

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. And I don't know how much we can ask. I think I can ask this within this agenda item, but when we have a resident who said the week before she paid for her full permit and then the signs were taken down, are we

considering, and maybe this is for the acting City Manager, have we reached out to residents or are we checking in on that? Because that seems like that would be something we should -

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Refund.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Refund. Thank you.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: In terms of a refund, yes. And Traffic Engineer Zandvliet can correct me if I'm wrong. I believe it's a \$15 fee for the permit, correct?

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: It's a \$15 fee for the first permit and \$5 for the second and third permit.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I guess the point is, and maybe that's not, I'm not one to judge if that's cumbersome or not, but the point is, the residents feel that this kind of happened without them being notified, which, oh, it did. Now, we also, I think, did something to the best of our abilities to try to, everybody's got to kind of sacrifice a little bit, but perhaps there could be more communication in all of this. But this is a helpful map.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Eric, I wanted to understand what opportunities, if any, might exist to what has now transpired under the emergency. You heard one of the residents mentioned perhaps a, quote, compromise would be to have a certain number of hours, say 3 hours, as an allowable time

period. What do you think of that? Are there other areas where employees could park and perhaps could walk so that we can still preserve some of the parking that is available to residents or had been until this emergency was declared?

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: Sure. There were some good ideas that came out tonight and, in our correspondence, emails before from residents. If we were to increase the number of hours from 2 hours to three-hour parking, public parking without a permit, anything beyond that would require a permit. That would be something that could be done. We would put stickers on the signs and repost them. The longer you have the free parking or the unpermitted parking, the more likely you are of having people stay there a long time. So, if you have a four-hour parking, say for instance, they're going to come park their car in the morning. Move their car at noon time during lunch, and they'll come back again in the evening time. So, the car will essentially be in the neighborhood the entire time. So, people will find ways around that. 3 hours could probably be a reasonable time for a customer, but not necessarily an employee. Another option that could be considered is that the two-hour parking restrictions could be reposted again. The signs modified slightly by saying, except by permit, and then allow for merchant parking permits to be used in that area as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So that's what I wanted to get at. What's the problem we're trying to solve? It's parking for employees whose parking who used to park in lot three and no longer have spaces. Is that the problem we're trying to solve?

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: It's two fronts, of course, because lot three used to have public parking and overflow merchant parking permits in it. And so those are the ones that are most affected by the parking that's there now. If we had merchant parking permits allowed in the override zone, that would be kind of like an overflow area for those merchants. With those permits, they would fill, of course, Metlox first. There's an overflow area for lot seven, and then after that, they would then overflow into the neighborhood. That's for merchants' employees.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, I'm sorry, is this something that council can give direction on this evening under the agenda item here tonight, or is that something that would have to come back, or is this up to staff? I'm a little bit unclear as to who takes the lead here.

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: Correct. And I'll defer to the City Attorney for that answer. You gave us direction to explore all options at the last minute.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, why don't we have it brought back, though, to future agendas? Because at that point, we have other parking solutions that we're working on as well to expand the public parking, as well as potential employee parking as well. We're talking about stack parking, we're talking about valet, we're talking about Valley, we're talking about other areas in downtown that aren't remote lots that would be much more convenient for parking. But we just haven't fleshed those out entirely yet. We need to bring those back. So, I think that should work in conjunction, and let's bring that back at a future agenda.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, I could support that. I really wanted to laser focus on that area because I thought we were voting for an area south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard. So, I can go ahead and support that to bring it back. In fact, I had it written for a future agenda item. So, we can just go ahead and include that. Just one more question for Eric. Conceivably, if a staff, you know, if a worker at a business, had a business permit in lot three, could we then just repurpose that for that area over there on Ardmore?

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: So, to be more specific, there are no lot three permits. We have Metlox parking permits that overflow and are allowed to be parked in lot three. So those are the permits that could be considered.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Got you. Into that big, long downtown residential parking permit program.

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, yeah, I'd like to, so, Councilmember Napolitano said, let's bring this back with our other, the other things that we're talking about, parking.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We know how many parking spaces we can get.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I understand. I appreciate not making it just off the cuff, you know, decision out of nowhere. I will say that I do appreciate the idea of, you know, putting back the residential, you know, or permit only, but allowing those merchant permits to be used there for their employees. Because I think if you. I think the issue is that you have maybe visitors to downtown in their parking and eating their lunch or leaving their diapers. I don't think that's employees. I mean, it just for whatever solution they come up with and we approve, I think it has to meet the needs, which is, you know, having employees park so then people can go to their shops and then yet they can access their homes. So, those are the concerns we're looking at. So, I would support coming back with it as long as it's in a near term, you know. So, we're not, what I want to clarify, we're not putting the signs back up tomorrow. Let's say, no parking here. We're not doing that yet, but we are going

to look at all these different compromises. And this item, parking lot three, is on every agenda so that we can keep reacting at every meeting. We can make it happen rather than wait for months and months so it will be spoken about at our next meeting as well.

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ZANDVLIET: We really are treating this as a temporary measure, and we hope to restore those parking restrictions back or the permit parking back as soon as possible once we find enough parking to address the loss of the parking lot three.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, I'll make my motion, if you don't mind.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Do we need a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, if I may. First of all, I think we do need to have public comment. And second, I see that this is required, requiring a four-fifths vote. This item specifically on the need to continue the emergency action. Is that not the item specifically on the agenda?

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: That is correct, Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Before I make a motion, thank you, I want to make sure you understand demolition is totally separate from the design build. The object is to knock

down the existing lot three to remove everything that's there now, make a temporary parking lot out of it for now, just get some spaces put up, pave it while we're doing design build contract, get that temporary use going. That's what we're talking about. So, we have to extend this emergency action every time it expires. That's what we're doing tonight. So, I'll stop there in public comment, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so open to public comments.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no one on zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Here in the chambers.

UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC COMMENTER: Kind of fancy stuff here. Good evening, council. Honorable Mayor, thank you for the clarification. I think that was excellent. I really appreciate the feedback I got in my emails. That was really nice. On the vein of communications. This is a big one. I think it would be great if someone from the beach reporter could interview one of you guys or get some article out there. Let's let the community know even more about what's going on. Please push that on the communications. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. What's your email? We'll have you contact.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, I just want to make the motion to lot three parking structure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Just want to double check any more comments. Okay, so we'll close public comments. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Lot three parking structure local emergency update and continue the need for emergency action.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so moved and then seconded by Councilmember Howorth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yep.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Voting screen.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Of course.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we've got those. So now we will discuss items removed. Oh, we already did that from the consent calendar. So public hearings, there are none. So, we go to general business item k, number eleven. So, this is the consideration of a voluntary e bike registration program. Police Chief Johnson.

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Good evening again, Mayor, members of the City Council, this item will be presented by Lieutenant Sabosky, our Traffic Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT SABOSKY: Good evening, Mayor, members of City Council. My name is Matt Sabosky, lieutenant responsible for overseeing our traffic and safety and special events

programs. On the June 18 meeting, City Council directed staff to research and present information related to a voluntary bicycle registration program in the City of Manhattan Beach. Both the police department and the City Council have expressed interest in the feasibility of a voluntary bicycle registration program to aid in reuniting lost or stolen bicycles with their owners. So, a little history and legal. Our earliest Manhattan Beach bicycle registration program dates back to 1936 when an annual \$0.50 fee was paid for annual bicycle license. This program ran all the way into the seventies when officers would inspect bicycles for proper function and the license would be valid for one calendar year. The city provided a serialized license decal to be adhered to the frame of the bicycle. In 75, the council again discussed instituting either a mandatory or voluntary bicycle licensing program. The council at that time unanimously voted to institute a voluntary licensing program. No additional records can be found since 1975, but I do know in the 80s, there were some type of serialized licensing program. With regards to the legal aspects of the registration programs, California vehicle code does allow for local agencies to create a mandatory program by participating in the state's bicycle licensing program, which allows a maximum of \$4 to be collected per bicycle. However, these types of bicycle licensing programs have been phased out due to cumbersome administrative processes in

favor of online databases that are more user friendly and more cost effective for municipalities to operate. It should be noted that California Vehicle Code 39002(a), states it is clear that cities that adopt a bicycle licensing ordinance or resolution shall not prohibit the operation of an unlicensed bicycle. All right, so database options. Currently, databases available for voluntary bicycle registrations range from city created databases entry platforms to third party companies specializing in registering and storing registration information, such as bike index, University of California, Davis Bike Barn registration and Project 529. As stated previously, most cities have moved to online companies due to cumbersome and expensive administrative processes. After a review of platform options and cost, Project 529 offers a robust system that would meet the needs of the city. So, a little about Project 529 many cities, including Long Beach, Culver City and Hermosa beach, have encouraged bicycle owners to utilize a free or low-cost online registration program such as the National Bike Registry or Project 529. In February of 2017, Project 529 acquired the National Bike Registry and merged the two sites. Currently, Project 529 has over 500,000 bikes in the combined registries and is the largest of such services. Project 529 assists in verifying ownership of bicycle through user provided information. There's no cost to the user to register their bicycles in Project 529, but public agencies

are charged an annual service fee. The annual cost depends on the population of each city subscribing to the service. Based on the population of Manhattan Beach, our annual fee would be \$1,260 for annual access and search to maintain that database. They also offer an optional program of tamper proof stickers like we had back when we were younger that can be purchased by the police department that would be given to owners who have registered their bicycles. The cost of the stickers are in addition to the yearly service fee and are about \$2 a sticker. Our cost for the city's participation in the online database is roughly between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per year, depending on sticker purchases. All costs can be absorbed in the 2024 to 25 police budget. However, one City Council directs staff on this matter. Appropriations may be required in future years. Project 529 offers a free online, like I said previously, bicycle registration allows cyclists to capture detailed information about their bicycles quickly and secures the information in the cloud via the app or your phone from a link connected to the city website. If a bike owner's bike goes missing, a few taps on a mobile device allows the victim to alert the local cycling community, their social networks, and law enforcement agencies with real time notifications. On the screen above is an example of Newport PD's use of Project 529, where citizens can register online from their home. They can use as much information as they

want or as little. As I previously spoke about, the app, the downloadable application Project 529 can be downloaded for free via the Apple App Store or Google Play, and this is a screenshot of the data entry system using the app where bicycle specifics are entered by administrators of the system. This would be done at community events by police department, by school officials, whoever deemed to be the administrators. Like I said previously, Project 529 offers an optional program of temper proof adhesive stickers that can be purchased by the police department and would be given to owners who have registered their bicycles. These stickers are difficult to remove by thieves. They can be used to identify the owners within the database once registered. Once a program has been established, registration events will be conducted where bikes can be registered and stickers will be issued to participants and attached to the system in the case of a lost or stolen bicycle. The benefit of participating in a national registry over a local registry is the expansive network of bicycle information at the city's disposal. Unlike using a city specific bicycle registration database, Project 529 can conduct searches of stolen bicycles nationwide. Project 529 has a feature that allows Manhattan Beach residents to alert other registry members of a stolen bicycle by setting a push notification asking for them to keep an eye out for the bike. And up on the screen is where detectives and patrol officers

could search for bicycle owners of found stolen bicycles, and they also have an option where we can be able to contact them directly through the app. Our action plan related to the implementation of the project 529 would primarily focus on community engagement and building a large active user base in our city. Awareness, participation and effective communication strategies are essential to ensure high registration rates. The registration process would be advertised via our social media channels where individuals can register online or at dedicated bicycle registration events. Registration opportunities will also be offered at our annual community events and through partnerships and collaborations with our local bike shops. Additional outreach will be dedicated to our students and senior community to aid in bicycle registration and education on the use of the platform. And like some other bicycle shops depicted above at the screen, they offer the services there with the purchase of the bike. So, we recommend that the City Council discuss and provide direction on next steps, if any, and I'll open up for questions. Thank you very much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have one. I have one question, and that is this seems like a no brainer. I'm favorably disposed towards it subject to public comment, but I just want to make sure I'm understanding, there's no real administration costs

because this is a third-party platform, and it's online. I heard a reference to administering stickers and the like. I just want to make sure that we're understanding what the city obligation and participation would be if we move forward with it.

LIEUTENANT SABOSKY: Correct. It's just a searchable database. For that fee of \$1,200 per year, there'll be no other administration of that other than registering our bicycles and monitoring our bicycle loss. Bicycles or stolen bicycles.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You said four.

LIEUTENANT SABOSKY: I said four?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah.

LIEUTENANT SABOSKY: It was \$400. I apologize.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And you may not have this number, but I asked for it earlier and got it. But the number, how many bicycle thefts, I'm sorry. Anybody before me. How many bicycle thefts of have there been in, say, 2023 and year to date, 2024?

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Good evening again, Mayor Franklin. So, for 2023, we had 76 reported bicycle thefts. So far, year to date through today, we've had 50 reported thefts in the city. And I just like to note that this is something that's often underreported, because if most people, if they don't register their bicycle serial number at the time of purchase, they sometimes don't see the value in reporting it stolen

because it would be difficult to distinguish that bicycle from another bicycle of similar make and model. So, it's likely underreported. But those are our numbers for the last two years.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And the other question I have is, I mean, these thieves are so good at what they do. I can't imagine that that label is indestructible. I mean, it can be, you know, it's like the tags on our automobiles. We instruct people to slice them up with a razor blade so that they can't be lifted off and things like that. I mean, are they of such a material that they can't be destroyed by a bicycle thief?

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Sir, I think that tamper resistant is just that it's resistant to tampering. But something I would note is whether the bicycle has a sticker or not, we're going to run the serial number because the sticker, having the sticker is not a function of the registration. So, if someone registers from home and they don't receive a sticker, the bicycle is still in the database. And so, our team would run the serial number of the bicycle they suspect is stolen with or without that sticker. So, it's just another layer. Another. Just like having I'm protected by such and such security company yard sign is just another measure of deterrence, but all of it is layered, and we can only do so much that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Any other questions?
Thank you. So, public comments.

UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC COMMENTER: Good evening, once again, honorable Mayor, City Council. One more question, probably for the Police Department. When I was in a bike store a little while ago, bringing my son's E-bike in there, someone had just come in and said they had their batteries stolen. And that seems like a hot item that gets detached. So, my question would be is can you actually register the battery and the bike differently? Because we really would like to catch the thieves of the batteries. So, is that possible?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Could you possibly answer that? Thank you.

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Questions about serializing, registering the bicycle battery in the bicycle?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, because they have a universal key, don't they? Something like that.

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON: Some brands do have a universal key and some do not. Certainly, we would encourage, like we encourage with catalog converters to put some other identifying mark because it's easy to register a bike because it has a serial number, bike batteries often do not. And so, certainly, we could, like, see in concert with some, if someone has made their own serializing of their bicycle battery. And I don't know how reasonable that is. I don't play with electricity and things like that with batteries. And so, I don't know how reasonable it

is to serialize a bicycle battery. So, that's the challenge there is. It's non-serialized equipment.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And you definitely don't want to tamper with it and compromise it. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Wrong. Unless she has a Fire Department nearby.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, that's the thing. Yeah. Any other questions, comments? Here, how about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'll close public comments and Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think this is a good program for us to participate in or allow people to participate in, you know, but it doesn't, the feedback I've received is it doesn't replace enforcement, especially with E-bikes and regular bikes too. I have witnessed our police officers giving out tickets to, whether it's juveniles or adults on E-bikes, running stop signs, etc. I would hope that nobody thinks that this replaces that. I mean, this is about if your bike gets stolen, right, sort of. Think about it this way. If you're a parent, many of us are. And your kid, you know, you buy this expensive e bike for your child. I'm so glad my kids are flown and grown, or grown and flown. But anyway, you might take

this step and take this step with your child, which helps them also be more accountable. You know, it's just one more step in, hey, you've got this big expensive thing, and we know you're riding it, and now everybody else knows you're riding it. And if they catch this bike, you know what I mean? Like, I see it as not just theft protection, but almost some sort of mental behavioral accountability as well. So, I just want to throw that out there. But absolutely, we are going to keep enforcing. It's about theft protection, but it's also, I think, another step-in accountability for E-bikes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Napolitano.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'll be supporting.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, your honor. Mayor Pro Tem's trying to kill my 912 prediction, but I don't, I'm under no illusion that this has anything to do with enforcement of E-bikes regarding regulations and their use in the street. This is simply a redo or a reboot of the bike registration program we used to have, or if your bike is stolen, it'll make it that much easier to recover it. I actually have one of those registrations from the 70s still.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, were you on council then?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I would move approval. I was not on council at the time.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I second that, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we have a motion by Councilmember Napolitano and seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. Have a vote, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'd like to take a break, just a short break, and come back maybe at 8:12.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Just tell everyone here we're not in favor of the bike path.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No, no, that's too long. That's too long. It's 7:41 right now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Let's just do this and take out the bike path.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I got 8:03. It's 07:41.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I need a little break.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. Move approval without the bike path.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. We have to have public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Of course.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I need to use a bio, I need a bio break. I'm just going to say it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Please do it, and we'll come back. Sorry.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thanks for making me do that Councilmember Napolitano.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 07:41.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: With that, we have questions.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Questions?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Open to the public. No presentation.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No presentation. Questions?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. And I do have a question. I'm not trying to circumvent the process here because, certainly, we heard from the community earlier during public participation. We certainly received a lot of emails on this. My motion is to approve without the bike path. And I say that, and that can be adjusted if there is a need to. But I do have a question regarding the inclusion of wood in a lot of the redo. I mean, we've had that experience out at Polliwog. There's a reason why we didn't replace the old wood galleon with a new wood galleon. We replaced it with modern materials that last longer. Don't splinter. Don't create a liability issue besides just a shortened term of life for that play equipment. So, I

want to make sure that whatever we're doing out here is going to last a long time and isn't going to, like I said, cause all those other problems that wood can cause.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Correct. And so, regarding the galleon, it was a Robinia wood that does thrive in more of a marine environment for longevity. In terms of the materials that will be used for this, I will turn it over to Brian Avalos, and he can probably speak on this item better than I can.

BRIAN AVALOS: Hello, Councilmembers. Speaking of the wood that we'd be using there, it's a manufacturer called Earthscapes. They cultivate all this wood that has the same warranty that we see with playgrounds that have a plastic or a synthetic wood manufacturing guarantee. So, we made sure to kind of quiz them and grill them on the warranty that would receive, and it matches what we would with anything that would be of plastic. So, longevity is our goal here.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay, good. Thank you. Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, and then I just have a question is, what would the cost be? It was reflected that the cost included these, the cement bike path. Do we have an idea? What if we took that out, what the savings would be?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, I think we'll still work on that. We don't have an exact number in terms of breaking that out. When you look at project management and ADA and that number all in, I don't have a specific number to give you to break it out with that line detail at this point.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Okay, any more questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: No questions, your honor. But I was a second to Councilmember's motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so let's open it to public comments. If you've already spoken about it, you cannot speak about it now. But any other public comments? Seeing none here. How about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, we will close public comments. We have a motion by Councilmember Napolitano and seconded by Richard Montgomery, but with, oh, I'm sorry, Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I'm going to make a brief comment, and that is to the members of the public that have come down tonight and those that wrote in. I fully understand your feelings about the idea of a concrete path through that park, because my family and I used to live very close to that park, and when my kids were young, that was the park we went to, and

we would have playdates on that grass. I appreciate community input which led to this proposal in the first place, but this is, I think, going to be a nonstarter for everyone on council. And that's why there is this motion. So, I'm in favor of moving forward with the motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And then I realize I have one more question, and that is, in doing the research for this, I'm going back to September 2023, when we created ordinances to prevent bicycle riding on the green belt and want to see if that would apply to this green because it talked about grassy areas. And so, would that still apply here? And what would we do about enforcement?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Yes, my understanding is it would apply here. And in terms of enforcement, we would work with the Police Department and the Park Ranger.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All right. And if we could maybe put that high on the list for the, because it does sound like it creates damage and, also, it's a safety risk for people enjoying the park. And on that --

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor, the motion is to approve the conceptual design proposal, minus the bike path.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: My second remains.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And then seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. And a vote, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well done.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thanks for staying.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Pleasure. Thank you all.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We're here in two weeks.

Come on back.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: She was great.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Remember the budget meetings? Okay.

Moving on to item L, City Council AB. Okay. Item number L, City Council AB 1234 reports.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I have one, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I attended the fall summit at the Contract Cities Association meeting. It was really interesting. We had both supervisors, Janice Hahn and de Horvat there. They led the charge on Measure A, which is to repeal the current quarter cent sale tax that we have in LA County. All of us pay. They want to abolish that, but they're going to add a cent back. And the reason they want to add that Measure A back

to the ballot is because there's no sunset to it. It goes on forever. That \$0.01 is guaranteed just for homelessness, and it'll raise a billion dollars in their mind to get this move forward. And they say that money will actually trickle down to Manhattan Beach. Goes to our COG, not supervisor. It goes to your COG and it goes down to your city. So, that's what the whole debate is about, whether they want to pay, we want to pay another cent on Measure A to combat at homelessness itself. They'll wipe out the other quarter-cent that's there now, which is going to sunset in 2027. This new Measure A will go on perpetuity. With an extra cent, the county, goes right to the county. We don't touch it. They can't touch it. It goes right to them, to the county. Maybe we get money up, maybe we don't. That's their promise to us. We'll see what happens. The other part of the half the conference is talking Measure G, and that is a move by three of the supervisors in LA County. Two voted against it to expand the supervisors from 5 to 9. And Steve knows better than I would. But each supervisor has 2 million residents in their territory. Imagine that. 2 million more than most people in Congress. In fact, most Congress don't have 2 million members, but their idea is expanded supervisors from 5 to 9. So, we would have our own, imagine this, a South Bay supervisor. Steve, for example, could run the whole South Bay would be a supervisor. We break it all up, we'd have someone

actually lives here and knows our district. Right now, that doesn't happen. Very rarely do people know who we are and where we are. So, that's going to be on your ballot in November, and it was back and forth because half the elected officials in that room, I won't say join which side, but I'm not in favor of raising taxes. They were against it because they mentioned the fact that LA County, for better or worse, has done a terrible job of managing the funds. Millions that have gone, spent. No one knows where the money went. No one's held accountable to it, no one's been fired, no one's in jail. So, they asked the elected to step up the measure, endorsed Measure A, and half the room did not, which tells you the struggle they're going to have in convincing LA County voters to vote for Measure A. Measure G, Measure G, kind of the same issue. People are nervous about having a supervisor they didn't know it or break up the districts and, we don't know what's going to happen in that in 2026. So, it has to go through certain steps. It may get set up in 26, along with the new economy elected CEO, which is their idea. So, this is all going down quickly, folks. You don't pay attention. This is what's going to be on your ballot in November. A, Measure A to add a cent to everything you buy, that sales tax, and they were in the county, goes right to the county. And then Measure G will be whether it's expand the board from 5 to 9 in LA County. That was pretty much our whole

conference talking about what these two, how impact cities and money. I went, there's a one-day conference, really to see what they were going to do and how they're going to talk about it. But it's amazing, listening to a room full of electeds talk openly. Honestly, two supervisors pushing it, saying, why they support it and why we didn't feel it was the right move to make for our cities. So, that was a highlight of the event. You have a question, your honor? Question?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That was all. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. Excuse me, number 14. Consideration of request by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth and Councilmember Lesser to discuss the City's current and past practices for juvenile diversion. I believe we're looking for a third vote, which I will.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Great.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Go ahead. I was going to do it, but that's fine.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. That's all you need, right?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yep.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: It's E-bikes, man. Okay, and future agenda items.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'm not going to add this time, your honor.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Sidewalks for, no, I'm just kidding.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. I would like to look into what the Downtown Business and Professional Association requested to change the times at the fireworks to help the downtown area.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. I second that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we can look into that. I don't think it would take too much to change that.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yep.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: City Manager report, item N.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANI: Nothing to report this evening. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: City Attorney report.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY SNOW: Nothing to report.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Informational items. See, we move on to number 17.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. Your honor, regarding 17, this is another example, though, of why I brought up the whole issue of appeals because, we get this is an informational item. It's a decision on an appeal of a coastal development permit. There's really no definitive information in there. And at some point, council might want to appeal something. And the

clock is usually running by the time that we know about it, there needs to be some sort of, something told the council that this was approved, this is what the item is, and allow for council to appeal it in a timely manner if they want to. Because right now, council used to appeal lots of things. I don't think council appealed anything for years now. So, and there are some things that council is going to want to appeal. So, there is going to be some reformatting this, but I already asked for that item to be brought back for a future council meeting. So, that just reconfirms the intent. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And adjourn to 5:00.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We're not going to start at 3:00 next time?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Adjourn to 5:00 on October 1. Okay.
Thank you all.