A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the February 12, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

**February 12, 2019 (Meeting Agenda)**

**Recognition of Hermosa Beach Green Businesses** – the first eight businesses to achieve certification in the Hermosa Beach Green Business Program were recognized by the City Council and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s office for implementing green practices to consciously conserve resources through waste reduction, energy and water conservation and pollution prevention:

- Cantelmo Architecture
- The Cultured Slice
- Fusion Academy
- Green Store
- Hi-Fi Espresso
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Pilatesology
- Spice Craze

Last spring, the City accepted a grant to implement the California Green Business Network Certification Program. For more information on becoming a Hermosa Beach Green Business, please visit the City’s [Environmental Programs Webpage](#).

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**City Manager Report** – Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia provided updates on the following items:

- **Hermosa Avenue and Strand Improvement Projects** – construction on Hermosa Avenue from 10th to 26th Street and the Strand from 10th to 15th Street is expected to be complete by the end of March. Hermosa Avenue improvements include asphalt resurfacing, installation of curb ramps and bulb outs, traffic signal upgrades, and bus shelter/bench replacements. Red brick banding replacement on the Strand will restart on February 25, 2019, weather permitting. Weekly progress updates are available on the [Construction Updates Page](#) of the City website.

- **Super Bowl Sunday Power Outage** – a 40-minute power outage on February 3, 2019 affecting 20,000 South Bay customers including the southern half of Hermosa Beach was caused by a
transformer malfunction on West 190th Street just outside City limits. City staff and Southern California Edison will begin meeting on a monthly basis to track power reliability issues and address community needs.

**Infiltration Project Status Update** – Council subcommittees from Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach met in December 2018 to discuss and receive an update on the current project status. Members of both subcommittees also discussed public and private parcels in Redondo Beach as potential alternative locations for the project. Following the discussion, Redondo Beach staff contacted Southern California Edison (SCE) again to discuss the feasibility of their site for the infiltration project. SCE notified Redondo Beach staff that they would not allow this project on their parcel. In December 2018, the City received a Breach of Agreement notice from the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the project grant. Staff are providing the detailed deliverables by the due dates outlined in the notice. In February 2019, staff from the Beach Cities Watershed group met to discuss how to proceed expeditiously to retain the grant funding and achieve the permit requirements. At this meeting, cities party to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expressed that if the original MOU for the project cannot be accomplished in Hermosa Beach, they would like the Hermosa Beach City Council to prepare a letter dissolving the MOU and forfeiting the grant since they are not confident that Hermosa Beach can site a project. This will require an amendment to the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) and potentially a time scheduled order to meet the deadlines outlined in the permit. They also stated that they would like their funding contributions to be repaid, including those that have been already been expended on the project to date. Council will receive a more comprehensive update and consider how to proceed at an upcoming meeting.

**North School Agreement** – Mayor Armato announced the work of the City and the School District to establish a “tolling agreement” that will provide additional time to establish a Memorandum of Understanding to address community traffic, transportation and safety concerns around North School without delaying construction of the new school. The press release is available on the City website.

**Public Hearing: Approval of 2019 Impact Level III and New Impact Level II Special Events** – Council approved the following 2019 special events (view calendar) as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Marymount California University women’s volleyball home games (Fridays on the volleyball courts north of the Pier) – February 22, March 15 and 29, and April 5th
- South Bay Surf Series amateur surf contest (south side of the Pier) – Sunday, March 24th
- POR Sandy Sauté beach run/walk fundraiser for families impacted by pancreatic cancer – Saturday, March 30th

**Fiesta Hermosa and Community Events Contract** – Council approved a three-year agreement (2019 – 2021) with the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce to continue producing Fiesta Hermosa on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and community events including the St Patrick’s Day Parade, Holiday Tree Lighting, and New Year’s Eve Celebrations. Fiesta Hermosa vendor business license in-lieu fees will be adjusted from $40 to $45 starting in 2019. As part of the agreement, the City will assume responsibility from
the Chamber for the annual State of the City Address and management of citywide holiday decorations. Council opted to repurpose up to $50,000 of a $100,000 Chamber donation towards holiday decoration maintenance and replacement, with the balance retained for potential replacement of the PCH / Pier Avenue marquee sign. Council’s Fiesta subcommittee will continue to meet to evaluate contract performance and future event planning.

Dedication of the Julian Katz Bike Route – Council approved the dedication and installation of signage to create the “Julian Katz Bike Route” on the “sharrow” lanes on both sides of Hermosa Avenue from Herondo Street to 24th Street in memory of Julian Katz, cycling safety advocate, past president and founding member of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, and Hermosa Beach Public Works Commissioner from 2006 to 2014. A Hermosa Beach resident since 1989, Mr. Katz, who passed away in June 2018, was instrumental in developing the South Bay Bikeway Master Plan, which has resulted in the installation of over 50 miles of bikeways to improve bicyclist safety and driver awareness. Representatives from the offices of Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and State Senator Ben Allen presented Gila Katz, wife of Julian Katz, with certificates of recognition.

Downtown Lighting Improvements Update – Council received the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Lighting Assessment Report and approved recommendations of the report including: implementation of security lighting, the "Vintage Hermosa" lighting style for Pier Plaza and the downtown area, and selection of “straight” string and catenary lighting for Pier Plaza. Council will receive recommendations for additional lighting and color design elements integrated with overall downtown aesthetics for furniture/fixtures at future Downtown subcommittee and/or Council meetings. Finally, Council directed staff to engage the lighting consultant in developing aesthetic lighting concepts for Hermosa Avenue and upper Pier Avenue.
Crosswalk Treatment Installations on Hermosa Avenue Between 10th and 14th Streets – Council awarded a construction contract to Shariden Design Asphalt Inc. in the amount of $284,562 to install Hermosa Avenue crosswalk treatments between 10th and 14th Streets, including the HB logo at the intersection of Pier and Hermosa, affirming previous Council direction on design, patterns and colors (Hermosa Avenue / Pier Avenue design pictured below).

Contract to Purchase and Install Storm Drain Catch Basin Screen Devices – Council awarded a contract to United Storm Water Inc., in the amount of $58,855.50, to install 123 catch-basin connector pipe screens by March 2019. Installation of the screens will prevent trash and debris from flowing into Santa Monica Bay from City and Los Angeles County storm drains in Hermosa Beach, supporting the City's compliance with applicable regulations. Staff provided a supplemental memorandum on February 12th amending the agenda item as posted to remove award of Phase Two: installation of 161 additional screens by March 2020 at a cost of approximately $77,000. Staff will return to Council at a future date for consideration of Phase Two work.

Police Department LexisNexis E-Commerce and Crossroads Agreement – Council accepted an agreement with LexisNexis E-Commerce in partnership with Crossroads to provide traffic collision report writing and database analytics software that can be integrated with the Police Department’s current records management system and comply with California Highway Patrol reporting requirements for traffic collision reports. Crossroads software will provide officers the ability to digitally enter and transmit collision reports, reducing the staff time currently required to transcribe and submit paper copies of the required reports to the CHP. Through a partnership with LexisNexis, the software will be provided at no cost to the City (software would otherwise cost $26,800 plus $1,500 per year in maintenance fees) by allowing Lexis Nexis to provide copies of traffic collision report requests and charge a $10 convenience fee to authorized requestors. Authorized requestors may also continue to obtain reports directly from the Police Department without the convenience fee.
Other Matters

- **City Council Report – 87th Winter Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors** – Mayor Armato reported on her attendance at the United States Conference of Mayors held in Washington, DC from January 23-25, 2019 and some of the pertinent issues discussed during the conference.

- **Updates from City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Standing Committee Delegates/Alternates** - Councilmember Fangary advised that Redondo Beach is in discussions with the potential buyer of the AES property to acquire a portion of the property for park space and indicated interest in discussing the impact of this project on Hermosa Beach residents as part of the City’s subcommittee with Redondo Beach.

- **Tentative Future Agenda Items** – Councilmembers Duclos and Massey requested an ordinance on plastic serviceware be prioritized on a future Council agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Campbell requested staff return with next steps on the Aviation Boulevard Concepts to work toward a regional solution in concert with neighboring cities and the Beach Cities Health District.

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019.**

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org

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