MINUTES
MALIBU CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 P.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Mayor Marianne Riggins; Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein; and Councilmembers Haylynn Conrad, and Steve Uhring.

ABSENT: Councilmember Doug Stewart

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Riggins opened the floor to public comment.

Speakers: Anne K.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 4:35 p.m., the Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items listed on the Closed Session agenda:

Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95(a)

1. Claimant: Adrian Fernandez
   Agency claimed against: City of Malibu

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

1. Fernandez v. City of Malibu et al., LASC Case No. 24STCV30411

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

1. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9
   Number of potential cases: (2)

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Mayor Marianne Riggins; Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein; and Councilmembers Haylynn Conrad, and Steve Uhring.

ABSENT: Councilmember Doug Stewart

ALSO PRESENT: Trevor Rusin, Interim City Attorney; Rob DuBoux, Interim City Manager; Christopher Smith, Assistant City Manager; Frances Arricale, Deputy City Manager; Richard Rojas, Deputy City Manager; Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director; Yolanda Bundy, Community Development Director; Tatiana Holden, Interim Public Works Director; Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Director; Parker Davis, Media Technician; Christina Muñoz, Deputy City Clerk; Nausicaa Smith, Administrative Assistant; Tyler Eaton, Assistant Community Development Director; Brandie Ayala, Senior Management Analyst; Travis Hart, Interim Assistant Public Works Director; and Julie Santia, Associate Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Riggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Interim City Attorney Rusin reported that the meeting convened at 4:30 p.m., after which time the City Council recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95(a), and 54956.9, with all Councilmembers present, except Councilmember Stewart. He stated the Council discussed the items on the Closed Session agenda and took no reportable action.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Pettijohn reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 15, 2026, with the amended agenda posted on January 23, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved, and Councilmember Conrad seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

ITEM 1 CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Riggins opened the floor to public comment.

Speaker: Anne K.

As there were no other speakers present for the Consent Calendar, the Mayor returned the matter to the table for discussion.

Item Nos. 1.B.3. and 1.B.5. were pulled by the Council.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved, and Mayor Riggins seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, pulling Item Nos. 1.B.3. and 1.B.5. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Waive Further Reading
Recommended Action: After the City Attorney has read the title, waive full reading of ordinances considered on this agenda for introduction on first reading and/or second reading and adoption.

2. Approve Warrants
Recommended Action: Allow and approve warrant demand numbers 77650-77868 on the register from the General Fund and direct the City Manager to pay out the funds to each of the claimants listed in Warrant Register No. 782 in the amount of the warrant appearing opposite their names, for the purposes stated on the respective demands in a total amount of $8,677,543.35. City of Malibu payroll check number 5546-5556 and ACH deposits were issued in the amount of $1,733,136.24.

4. Professional Services Agreements for On-Call Publishing, Printing, and Mailing Consulting Services
Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Earth Print, Inc. (DBA CR Print) to provide on-call publishing, printing, and mailing consulting services; and 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Brian Shore (DBA Totalgraphics) to provide on-call printing consulting services.

6. Professional Services Agreement for FEMA and CalOES assistance
Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with DCMC, LLC., for FEMA and CalOES assistance.

7. Investment Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2025
Recommended Action: Receive the Investment Report for the month ending November 30, 2025.

8. Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3 with Quinto Consulting, LP for City Treasurer Services and Request for Proposals
Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Quinto Consulting, LP for City Treasurer services to extend the term of the agreement; 2) Direct the City Manager to develop and issue a request for proposals (RFP) for future City Treasurer services; and 3) Assign the Administration and Finance

Subcommittee to review the proposals, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the selection of City Treasurer.

The following items were pulled from the consent calendar for individual consideration:

3. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the June 25, 2025 Special Meeting, June 26, 2025 Special Meeting, July 3, 2025 Special Meeting, July 10, 2025 Special Meeting, July 11, 2025 Special Meeting.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved, and Mayor Riggins seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the June 25, 2025 Special Meeting, June 26, 2025 Special Meeting, July 3, 2025 Special Meeting, July 11, 2025 Special Meeting. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

5. Amendment to Agreement with Integrated Performance Consultants, Inc.
Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Performance Consultants, Inc. (IPC) for operation and maintenance services of the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) extending the term of the Agreement for one additional year.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Performance Consultants, Inc. (IPC) for operation and maintenance services of the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF), extending the term of the Agreement for one additional year.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

Councilmember Conrad seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

ITEM 2 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 3 COMMISSION / COMMITTEE / CITY MANAGER UPDATES

Interim City Manager DuBoux announced Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan outreach center hours, a Habitat for Humanity workshop, the ribbon cutting for the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Signal Synchronization Project, a fire

rebuild design professionals workshop, the City Hall closure for Presidents Day, and a household hazardous waste collection event. He also reported on the Los Angeles County homeless count and statistics for Malibu.

Community Development Director Bundy presented an update on fire rebuild statistics. She presented information on City of Los Angeles rebuild statistics and stated it was not clear how many homes had been fully permitted to rebuild. She discussed staff's research into Building Code Section 110.2.3.6 and restrictions on who may rebuild in an active landslide area after a disaster. She stated she had spoken with Los Angeles County staff and explained the County's interpretation and process for permitting rebuilds for properties that had been sold to new owners. She explained that the City would follow a similar process.

The Council directed questions to Community Development Director Bundy.

Sergeant Chris Soderlund, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, discussed significant incidents from the last month.

Deputy Carlos Vindell, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer, provided an update on school-related incidents and resources made available to the school community.

The Council directed questions to Deputy Vindell about enforcement issues related to the school.

Officer Jason Lopez, California Highway Patrol (CHP), presented an update and statistics regarding the CHP Task Force patrol program for 2026 and since inception.

The Council directed questions to Officer Lopez regarding program reporting and Task Force operations.

Ranger Tim Pera, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA), presented the monthly ranger report.

James Latham, MRCA Chief of Operations, discussed operations during the last two weekends of warm weather. He discussed plans to install cameras on MRCA property to support ranger activities.

In response to Interim City Attorney Rusin, Mr. Latham confirmed the MRCA would apply for the appropriate permits and collaborate with the City's Public Safety Department.

The Council directed questions to Mr. Latham regarding visitor counts and off-trail enforcement.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Council directed staff to bring back an item on the current policy on Commissioner Updates and consider providing additional direction to the Commissions on the appropriate interval for updates.

ITEM 4.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michel Shane announced a February 9, 2026 safe driving program with AAA at Malibu High School and discussed a potential enforcement program to address excessive speeding.

Darren Graves commended Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein and Councilmember Conrad for efforts on the January 12, 2026 Item No. 8.A. report and discussed the importance of adopting that resolution.

Kevin Keegan discussed the Pier to Pier ferry proposal and provided updates on the enterprise.

Jason Riddick, Malibu West Homeowners Association, provided an update regarding the Broad Beach Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) litigation.

Meril May discussed ways to improve PCH striping and safety near Escondido.

Jack Gladney discussed the Code Enforcement violations on Councilmember Uhring's property. He discussed Commissioner John Mazza's comments at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Anne K. discussed cougars in town and her campaign for governor.

Terry Davis requested the City send a letter of support for sales tax relief for fire rebuild materials. She requested the City of Malibu participate in the water infrastructure improvements discussions.

Danny discussed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) interpretations of some seawalls as obstructions. He requested an update on how beachfront rebuilds with seawalls would be permitted.

ITEM 4.B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Uhring stated he met with a member of the Zuru team regarding plans to rebuild properties in Malibu using modular homes. He announced that Keegan Gibbs would be leaving the Public Safety Commission and encouraged interested individuals to apply. He discussed complaints he had received regarding food trucks and stated staff was working on an ordinance to improve food truck enforcement. He discussed a presentation from Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SM-MUSD) at the Planning Commission regarding demolition plans at Malibu High School. He suggested the City consider whether temporary

trailers could be repurposed by the City. He suggested organizing a community picnic to bring the community together after multiple disasters.

Mayor Riggins indicated support for organizing a community picnic if there was interest from the community.

Councilmember Conrad stated she had encouraged the residents to organize and hold community events.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Interim City Manager DuBoux stated he would request additional information from SM-MUSD regarding its demolition plans.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Interim City Manager DuBoux discussed the City's street vendor ordinance and explained staff was looking for ordinance options to better manage food trucks in the City.

Councilmember Conrad discussed ongoing issues in the City that are challenged by multiple agencies having jurisdiction, such as the Zuma Beach underpass closure. She suggested considering an ordinance or fine structure to encourage more timely improvements by other agencies with property within City limits.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Interim City Manager DuBoux discussed the City's collaborative efforts with Supervisor Horvath's Office and Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors to improve and reopen the Zuma Beach underpass. He stated City staff continued to work with Supervisor Horvath's Office and the relevant agencies on this issue.

Councilmember Conrad asked which agency owned the changeable message signs on PCH. She recommended that signs not in use be removed or used for other public communications.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Interim City Attorney Rusin discussed ways the proposed Pier to Pier ferry plan could come before the Council.

Councilmember Conrad discussed the importance of working with Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors to improve the maintenance of the beaches in the City and recommended appointing an ad hoc committee or liaison. She suggested advertising Charmlee Park as an alternative hiking site to Escondido Trail.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein, City Clerk Pettijohn explained that ad hoc committees could only be formed for a specific purpose and that subcommittees formed with an ongoing subject matter jurisdiction would be subject to the Brown Act.

Councilmember Conrad discussed an upcoming meeting regarding approval of funding for improved septic systems at Malibu beaches.

In response to Mayor Riggins, Interim City Attorney Rusin stated any Councilmembers could send letters of support as individuals for the upcoming meeting.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Council directed staff to bring back an item to discuss options on how the City Council could better interface with Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors and other partner agencies with open space in the City.

In response to Councilmember Conrad and Mayor Riggins, Interim City Manager DuBoux stated staff would bring forward an item on February 23, 2026 to address the FEMA seawall issue raised during public comment.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein, Interim City Manager DuBoux explained that a variance under FEMA's development standards is separate from, and has different findings than, a coastal development permit (CDP) variance.

Councilmember Conrad requested that the January 12, 2026 Item No. 8.A. report be rescheduled for a workshop or special meeting and noticed for final action.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Interim City Manager DuBoux stated staff was working on an item regarding the sales tax waiver request.

In response to Councilmember Conrad, Mayor Riggins discussed the permitting process for private water tanks and a Water District No. 29 water fee increase to fund improvements to the water system.

Councilmember Conrad thanked staff for working with MRCA to remove the dead trees from the Malibu Bluffs.

Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein suggested the schools make it mandatory for their students to participate in the safe driving program discussed by Mr. Shane.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein, Interim City Manager DuBoux stated construction of the Permanent Skate Park had been delayed by the winter rains. He stated staff was still confirming whether a portion of the park could be opened in February 2026.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein, Interim City Attorney Rusin stated there are some limits on the City's ability to regulate food trucks under State law.

Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein indicated support for a sales tax relief measure for fire rebuilds. He indicated support for scheduling the January 12, 2026 Item No. 8.A. report discussion for a special meeting. He requested consensus to form a Litigation Ad Hoc Committee to work with the City's counsel on litigation.

City Clerk Pettijohn explained restrictions on Ad Hoc Committees and Subcommittees.

Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein proposed bringing back an item to form a Litigation Ad Hoc Committee to work on all the City's existing litigation.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Council directed staff to bring back an item to consider forming a Litigation Ad Hoc Committee to work on all the City's existing litigation cases.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein, City Clerk Pettijohn explained that the Council had not formed a body to meet with the City's lobbyist, but that it was the City's practice to include the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in regular meetings.

Mayor Riggins stated the City was working to complete the Permanent Skatepark as soon as possible and encouraged members of the public to wait for the official opening and not interfere with construction. She discussed community concerns regarding food trucks. She stated she met with Senator Irwin in Sacramento to discuss the sales tax issue and Malibu Unification, and that she attended the SM-MUSD Malibu Pathways event on Saturday.

RECESS At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Riggins recessed the meeting. The meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

The Council discussed reordering the agenda and determined it would not reorder the agenda.

ITEM 5 ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ITEM 6 OLD BUSINESS

A. Receive and File Update on Malibu's Community Lands (Continued from January 12, 2026)
Recommended Action: Receive and file an update on Malibu's Community Lands, and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Deputy City Manager Rojas and Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Mayor Riggins opened the floor to public comment.

Speakers: Kevin Keegan, Deanna Armbruster, Anne K., Jo Drummond, Alicia Peak, and Ryan

As there were no other speakers present, Mayor Riggins returned the matter to the table for discussion.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein moved, and Mayor Riggins seconded a motion to direct staff to bring back a plan for temporary sports fields on the Ioki Parcel, specifically including soccer fields.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Councilmember Uhring moved to direct staff to work with the Use of Public Parks and Property Ad Hoc Committee on the plan for temporary fields.

The maker and the seconder accepted the amendment.

The amended motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein moved, and Councilmember Conrad seconded a motion to direct staff to work with the Use of Public Parks and Property Ad Hoc Committee to explore options for a native plant nursery with the Santa Monica Mountains Fund and a potential communal garden.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein moved, and Councilmember Conrad seconded a motion to direct staff and the Use of Public Parks and Property Ad Hoc Committee to continue working on the Heathercliff project design and suspend work on the La Paz Parcel C project. The motion carried 3-1-0, Mayor Riggins opposed and Councilmember Stewart absent.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein moved, and Mayor Riggins seconded a motion to direct staff to bring back an item at the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting to discuss potentially swapping lands in the Civic Center Area with a private property owner. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

MOTION Mayor Riggins moved, and Councilmember Conrad seconded a motion to work with the Chamber of Commerce to explore building a Chamber office and information center on the Triangle Lot, along with parking.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

The motion failed 2-2-0, Councilmember Uhring and Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein opposed, Councilmember Stewart absent.

ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS

A. Rejection of Bids for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange Center Project
Recommended Action: 1) Reject all bids received for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange Center Project, Specification No. 2103; and 2) Provide direction to staff on how to proceed.

Assistant Public Works Director Holden presented the staff report.

The Council directed questions to staff.

Mayor Riggins opened the floor to public comment.

Speaker: Darrell Riley

Anne K. was not available at the time of the hearing.

As there were no other speakers present, Mayor Riggins returned the matter to the table for discussion.

The Council discussed the item and directed questions to staff.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein moved, and Councilmember Uhring seconded a motion to: 1) reject all bids received for the Malibu Community Labor Exchange Center Project, Specification No. 2103; and 2) direct staff to redesign the project and identify funding sources, not to including more than $250,000 from the General Fund, redesign is to include exploring relocating the project to the Triangle Parcel.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
Mayor Riggins moved to direct staff to bring back a report with options for the project even if the General Fund costs would exceed $250,000.

The maker and the seconder accepted the amendment.

The amended motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Stewart absent.

ITEM 8 COUNCIL ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riggins adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Malibu on August 24, 2026.

BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KELSEY PETTIJOHN, City Clerk
(seal)