

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2025**

I. ROLL CALL – 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Michelle Barto, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Erik Weigand

INVOCATION – Mayor Stapleton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Fire Chief Jeff Boyles

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation for Mike Zimmerman, The President of The Friends of OASIS

Mayor Stapleton presented the proclamation to Mike Zimmerman honoring his leadership and years of service.

- Proclamation Honoring the Corona Del Mar "3rd Thursdays" Volunteers

Mayor Stapleton presented the proclamation to Kelly Galligan, Kirstie Acevedo, Nick Hampton, Brandy Valdez, Tani Ahmed, Jeremy Evans, Gina Klebanoff, Amber Johnson, and Ashley Johnson and recognized their unwavering dedication to the success of 3rd Thursdays.

Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman expressed gratitude for the volunteers who make 3rd Thursdays possible, emphasizing that their dedication and hard work bring the community and local businesses together and highlighted the event's success in fostering stronger community connections and engagement.

- Proclamation Honoring Tom Johnson for his Contributions to the City

Mayor Stapleton presented the proclamation to Tom Johnson, owner and publisher of Stu News and highlighted his lasting impact on the local community.

- Mt Rushmore of Newport Beach presented by Bill Lobdell and Tom Johnson.

Bill Lobdell and Tom Johnson presented slides highlighting the “four pillars” of Newport Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Curry spoke against the proposal for a study session on alternative investment options for pension funds.

Jim Mosher questioned if there were any recommendations from Council Policy Review Committee and suggested amending Council Policy A-1.

Dorothy Larson thought Councilmember Grant was most qualified to be the next mayor pro tem.

An unidentified speaker presented Mayor Stapleton with a gift.

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Councilmember Barto

- Attended the annual OASIS Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman

- Attended the Paint the Town event at Sherman Library & Gardens.

Mayor Stapleton

- Toured the Port of Long Beach to view the unsuitable material deposit site for harbor dredging.
- Attended the Newport Beach Association of REALTORS awards ceremony.
- Highlighted Marina Park's 10-year anniversary.
- Attended the 47th Annual Corona del Mar Christmas Walk.

MATTERS WHICH COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE ASKED TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

- Consider conducting a Study Session to evaluate investment options for the City's surplus revenues or other funds, including whether amounts currently contributed to CalPERS above the required minimum should be redirected into alternative investments. The Study Session would include presentations from independent subject-matter experts in public-sector investment strategies and institutional asset management (Councilmembers Erik Weigand and Sara J. Weber.)

Approved by a Straw Vote, 4-3

In Favor: Blom, Weber, Weigand, and Kleiman; No Vote: Barto, Grant, and Stapleton

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Jim Mosher commented on fees imposed within Agenda Item No. 3 (*Ordinance No. 2025-35: Repealing and Replacing Chapter 12.56 (Bicycles - Registration and Regulations) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code - Second Reading*) and was not supportive of adjusting the November meeting schedule as proposed in Agenda Item No. 6 (*Resolution No. 2025-86: Setting City Council Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026*).

Adam Leverenz spoke on Agenda Item No. 4 (*Ordinance No. 2025-36 Approving the MacArthur Court Development Agreement*) and encouraged increasing in-lieu fees, spoke on Agenda Item No. 5 (*Resolution No. 2025-84: Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach City Employees Association and Amending the Salary Schedule; and Resolution No. 2025-85: Approving a Revised Salary Schedule for the Part Time Employees Association of Newport Beach*) and thought that employees should contribute to their own pensions and spoke on operational costs associated with Agenda Item No. 12 (*Amendment No. Two to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach for the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter*).

Utilities Director Mark Vukojevic referenced a slide and gave a brief update on the progress of recent oil well mitigation efforts.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

READING OF MINUTES AND ORDINANCES

1. Minutes for the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting

Waive reading of subject minutes, approve as written, and order filed.

2. Reading of Ordinances

Waive reading in full of all ordinances under consideration and direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

3. Ordinance No. 2025-35: Repealing and Replacing Chapter 12.56 (Bicycles - Registration and Regulations) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code - Second Reading

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Conduct a second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-35, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 12.56 (Bicycles - Registration and Regulations) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code.*

4. Ordinance No. 2025-36 Approving the MacArthur Court Development Agreement

- a) Find the adoption of the ordinance is not subject to further environmental review pursuant to Section 21083.3 of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) and Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it is consistent with the previously certified Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2023060699); and
- b) Conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-36, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Approving a Development Agreement for the MacArthur Court Project located at 4665, 4675, 4680, 4685 and 4695 MacArthur Court, and 4770 Campus Drive (PA2025-0090).*

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

5. Resolution No. 2025-84: Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach City Employees Association and Amending the Salary Schedule; and Resolution No. 2025-85: Approving a Revised Salary Schedule for the Part Time Employees Association of Newport Beach

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Adopt Resolution 2025-84: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach City Employees Association and Amending the Salary Schedule;*
- c) Adopt Resolution 2025-85: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Approving a Revised Salary Schedule for the Part Time Employees Association of Newport Beach;*
- d) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-041, appropriating \$523,605.04 in increased expenditures in various City division salary and benefit accounts from the General Fund and the Water Enterprise Fund to fund the agreement with the Newport Beach City Employees Association; and
- e) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-044, appropriating \$45,642.61 in increased expenditures in various City division salary and benefit accounts from the General Fund to fund positions in the Part-Time Employees Association of Newport Beach.

6. Resolution No. 2025-86: Setting City Council Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-86, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Setting the Time and Dates of City Council Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2026.*

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 7. Amendment No. One to On-Call Service Agreements with GCI Construction, Inc. and T.E. Roberts, Inc. for Water, Wastewater and Storm Drain Services**
 - a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
 - b) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. One to the On-Call Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement with GCI Construction, Inc. to increase the agreement amount by \$1,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000; and
 - c) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. One to the On-Call Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement with T.E Roberts, Inc. to increase the agreement amount by \$1,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000.

- 8. Award Services Agreement to Superior Pavement Markings for Street Striping and Sign Maintenance (Contract No. 9937-1)**
 - a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
 - b) Award On-Call Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement with Superior Pavement Markings, LLC for Roadway Sign and Striping Maintenance, Repair, and Installation for a total contract amount of \$1,800,000 and five-year term and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

- 9. Approval of Amendment No. Seven to Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering for the West Coast Highway Intersection Improvements and Pedestrian Bridge - (Contract No. 8020-5)**
 - a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
 - b) Approve Amendment No. Seven to Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering for Superior Avenue overcrossing and parking lot project final design and engineering services (Contract No. 8020-5) to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2027, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

- 10. Amendment No. Four to the Professional Services and Software License Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Land Management System (Contract No. 8399-1)**
 - a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
 - b) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services and Software License Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Land Management System for \$933,181.21, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,074,194.29.(Contract No. 8399-1).

- 11. Amendment No. One to the Facilities Relocation Agreement with Southern California Edison**
 - a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
 - b) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-043 appropriating \$1,918,000 in new revenue and expenditures from Uptown Newport Jamboree, LLC. to Account No. 53401-561076 and Account No. 53402-941032; and

- c) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Amendment No. One to the Facilities Relocation Agreement with Southern California Edison for an increased not-to-exceed amount of \$3,311,000.

12. Amendment No. Two to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach for the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. Two to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Costa Mesa and the City of Newport Beach for the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter.

MISCELLANEOUS

13. Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar.

14. Central Library Elevator Modernization - Notice of Completion of Contract No. 8939-1

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Accept the completed work and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the project.

15. Final Tract Map No. 19261 for a Residential Condominium Development Located at 1401 Quail Street

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Review and approve the Subdivision Agreement for Final Tract Map No. 19261 pursuant to Section 19.36.010 of the Municipal Code, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Subdivision Agreement;
- c) Review and approve the required construction securities for the Final Tract No. 19261 pursuant to Section 19.36.030 of the Municipal Code, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute and release the securities; and
- d) Review and approve the Final Tract Map No. 19261 located at 1401 Quail Street pursuant to Section 19.60.010 of the Municipal Code.

16. First Quarter Budget Update

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Receive and file this report.

17. Review of Proclamation of Local Emergency, Resolution No. 2025-75

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15269(c), 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Review the continued need for the local emergency as required by Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 2.20.065 and, if emergency conditions remain, receive and file the report.

18. Planning Commission Agenda for the November 20, 2025, Meeting

- a) Receive and file.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman, seconded by Councilmember Blom, to approve the Consent Calendar, including amendments to Agenda Item No. 1, the Minutes; noting the recusal of Mayor Stapleton on Agenda Item No. 11, and the removal of Agenda Item No. 13 for further discussion.

The Motion carried by the unanimous vote: 7-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

13. Organizational Restructuring and Changes to Budgeted Positions

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Introduce Ordinance No. 2025-37, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending Various Provisions of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to Reflect Organizational Restructuring to the City Attorney, Finance, Human Resources, and Public Works Departments*;
- c) Adopt Resolution No.2025-87, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending Various Provisions of the Newport Beach City Council Policies to Reflect Organizational Restructuring to the City Attorney, Finance, Human Resources, and Public Works Departments*;
- d) Adopt Resolution No.2025-88, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Approving a Revised Salary Schedule and New Classifications for the Key & Management Group*;
- e) Approve the following changes to employee positions and assignments: (i) add one administrative services director and one municipal operations director; (ii) eliminate one finance director and one human resources director; (iii) convert one part-time human resources intern to one part-time human resources specialist; (iv) convert one public works crew chief to one management analyst; (v) convert two part-time library clerk II positions to two support services aides; (vi) reassign the positions/personnel as detailed in this staff report, including the transfer of 9.5 full-time equivalent Human Resources Department positions to the Administrative Services Department, 37.45 full-time equivalent Finance Department positions to the Administrative Services Department, 62.5 Public Works Department / Municipal Operations Division positions to the Municipal Operations Department, and three Human Resources positions to the City Attorney's Office;
- f) Approve the Job Descriptions for the administrative services director and municipal operations director in this staff report and authorize the administrative services director to approve new job descriptions consistent with the new positions and departmental changes approved by the City Council;
- g) Authorize the city manager, city attorney, administrative services director, and municipal operations director to execute amendments to existing agreements, as necessary, to implement the organizational changes described herein, including transferring (i) the administration of all agreements related to workers' compensation, insurance and risk management previously administered by the Human Resources Department to the City Attorney's Office; (ii) all remaining agreements entered into by the Human Resources Department to the Administrative Services Department; (iii) all agreements entered into by the Finance Department to the Administrative Services Department; and all agreements entered into by the Public Works Department that pertain to municipal operations to the new Municipal Operations Department; and
- h) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-045, appropriating \$14,856 in additional expenditures from the General Fund's unappropriated fund balance to fund the costs associated with the recommended position reclassifications.

Councilmember Weigand requested a brief staff report on the item.

Assistant City Manager Seimone Jurjis explained that, if approved, the proposed reorganization would relocate Risk Management, Insurance, and Workers' Compensation to the City Attorney's Office; consolidate the Human Resources and Finance Departments into a single Administrative Services Department; and reclassify the Municipal Operations Division within the Public Works Department as a standalone Municipal Operations Department, focused on municipal operations at the Corporate Yard.

Councilmember Blom thanked Assistant City Manager Jurjis and noted these changes will increase efficiency and better serve the needs of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Mosher did not support assigning risk management to the City Attorney, argued it conflicts with the City Charter and noted past attempts at merging the Human Resources and the Finance Departments.

Motion by Councilmember Blom, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman, to a) Introduce Ordinance No. 2025-37, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending Various Provisions of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to Reflect Organizational Restructuring to the City Attorney, Finance, Human Resources, and Public Works Departments*; b) Adopt Resolution No.2025-87, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending Various Provisions of the Newport Beach City Council Policies to Reflect Organizational Restructuring to the City Attorney, Finance, Human Resources, and Public Works Departments*; c) Adopt Resolution No.2025-88, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Approving a Revised Salary Schedule and New Classifications for the Key & Management Group*; d) Approve the following changes to employee positions and assignments: (i) add one administrative services director and one municipal operations director; (ii) eliminate one finance director and one human resources director; (iii) convert one part-time human resources intern to one part-time human resources specialist; (iv) convert one public works crew chief to one management analyst; (v) convert two part-time library clerk II positions to two support services aides; (vi) reassign the positions/personnel as detailed in this staff report, including the transfer of 9.5 full-time equivalent Human Resources Department positions to the Administrative Services Department, 37.45 full-time equivalent Finance Department positions to the Administrative Services Department, 62.5 Public Works Department / Municipal Operations Division positions to the Municipal Operations Department, and three Human Resources positions to the City Attorney's Office; e) Approve the Job Descriptions for the administrative services director and municipal operations director in this staff report and authorize the administrative services director to approve new job descriptions consistent with the new positions and departmental changes approved by the City Council; f) Authorize the city manager, city attorney, administrative services director, and municipal operations director to execute amendments to existing agreements, as necessary, to implement the organizational changes described herein, including transferring (i) the administration of all agreements related to workers' compensation, insurance and risk management previously administered by the Human Resources Department to the City Attorney's Office; (ii) all remaining agreements entered into by the Human Resources Department to the Administrative Services Department; (iii) all agreements entered into by the Finance Department to the Administrative Services Department; and all agreements entered into by the Public Works Department that pertain to municipal operations to the new Municipal Operations Department; and g) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-045, appropriating \$14,856 in additional expenditures from the General Fund's unappropriated fund balance to fund the costs associated with the recommended position reclassifications.

The Motion carried by the unanimous vote: 7-0.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS

19. Appointment to Fill an Unscheduled Vacancy on the City Arts Commission

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Appoint one of the nominated applicants, Bobby Barzi or Cory Glass, to fill the unscheduled vacancy on the City Arts Commission, with the term expiring June 30, 2029.

Prior to collecting the ballots from City Council, City Clerk Lena Shumway reported that applicants must receive at least four votes to be appointed.

City Clerk Shumway read the ballot votes for the City Arts Commission as follows:

Cory Glass - Barto, Blom, Grant, Kleiman, Stapleton, Weber, Weigand (7)

City Clerk Shumway announced that Cory Glass was appointed to the City Arts Commission.

- Proclamation Honoring Grace Leung on Occasion of her Retirement and her Dedicated Years of Service for the City of Newport Beach

Mayor Stapleton presented the proclamation to City Manager Leung, recognizing her years of dedicated service to the City of Newport Beach, and highlighted major career achievements.

Councilmember Grant expressed gratitude for City Manager Leung's leadership over the years.

Councilmember Weigand commended City Manager Leung's fiscal responsibility and fiscal leadership.

Councilmember Barto appreciated City Manager Leung's thoughtful and proactive leadership.

City Manager Leung expressed deep gratitude and admiration for City Council's leadership. She acknowledged the dedication and sacrifice of Council and praised staff for their relentless pursuit of excellence. She acknowledged key milestones of her career with the City and thanked her family for their support throughout the years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

District Director Russellie Bongolan representing Congressman Dave Min's office presented a congressional certificate to City Manager Leung.

Assemblymember Diane Dixon presented a resolution to City Manager Leung.

Max Wernher representing Senator Tony Strickland's office presented a certificate of recognition during his comments.

Supervisor Katrina Foley, 5th District, presented City Manager Leung with a certificate of recognition.

Following public comments, City Manager Leung stepped down from the dais and Assistant City Manager Seimone Jurjis took his proper place at the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Jim Mosher questioned the media's recent report of the reorganization results.

Tom Johnson clarified that Stu News publications were based off opinion rather than fact.

VI. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

20. Presentation of Gavel Plaque to Mayor Joe Stapleton

Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman presented Mayor Stapleton with a gavel plaque and praised him for his tireless dedication to his role as mayor.

Mayor Stapleton expressed gratitude to his Council colleagues, city staff, and the community, and listed various accomplishments throughout his tenure.

21. Election of Mayor

City Clerk Shumway, in presiding, placed all members of the City Council on an equal basis to nominate and elect mayor.

Councilmember Weigand nominated Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman for the position of Mayor.

Motion by Councilmember Weigand, seconded by Councilmember Blom, to close nominations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kleiman was selected unanimously as the Mayor of the City of Newport Beach for 2025-2026 and took her proper place at the Council dais.

22. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Kleiman in presiding, placed all members of the City Council on an equal basis to nominate and elect mayor pro tem.

Mayor Kleiman nominated Councilmember Blom for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Stapleton nominated Councilmember Grant for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Mayor Kleiman, seconded by Councilmember Stapleton, to close nominations.

The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Shumway read the ballots as follows:

Noah Blom – Weigand, Blom, Weber, Kleiman (4)
Robyn Grant – Stapleton, Barto, Grant (3)

Councilmember Blom was selected as the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Newport Beach for 2025-2026 and took his proper place at the Council dais.

23. Seating Arrangement for City Council

Councilmembers decided on the seating arrangement for the Council dais pursuant to City Council Policy A-1. The following seating order was determined (left to right):

Erik Weigand – Michelle Barto – Robyn Grant – Lauren Kleiman – Noah Blom – Joe Stapleton – Sarah J. Weber

24. Remarks

New Mayor Remarks:

Mayor Kleiman expressed her honor in serving as mayor and reflected on the 120-year growth of Newport Beach from a humble coastal area to a world-renowned modern city. She highlighted that striving for excellence is inherent to "the Newport way". Her focus for the upcoming year prioritizes four "Cs": 1) Communication: Enhancing communication through a refreshed website, new social media efforts, and strategic outreach; 2) Connectivity: Improving wireless connectivity via policy updates and partnerships with carriers; 3) Customer Service: Elevating customer service by equipping staff with necessary tools and training; and 4) Continued Commitment to Public Safety: Continuing dedication to public safety by bolstering support for police, fire, and lifeguard teams with resources and technology. Mayor Kleiman acknowledged the executive management team and asked newly appointed City Manager Seimone Jurjis to say a few words.

City Manager Jurjis extended his congratulations to Mayor Kleiman; expressed heartfelt appreciation for the chance to fulfill the role of city manager, along with his enthusiasm and eagerness for the year ahead.

VII. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The agenda was posted on the City's website and on the City Hall electronic bulletin board located in the entrance of the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, on December 4, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

Lena Shumway
City Clerk