

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Section F**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Neutral  
Received: 03-05-2019 03:18 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

**Comment:**

**I commented below on the lack of aesthetic concerns about the Blanche Road traffic sign placement. As another example of your Traffic Engineer's aesthetic myopia, on Highland Rd there is a 30 mph sign (1) just a few feet before the flashing speed detection sign (2), also indicating 30 mph (as well as the speeds of the cars). Brought that to Erik's attention months back, and he said no way would he remove sign (1), although it is clearly redundant, unnecessary and aesthetically displeasing.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 7**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 01:11 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**7. 19-0127 Consider Approving a Comprehensive Citywide Salary Schedule for all City Positions and Adjustments to Salary Ranges (Human Resources Director Jenkins). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0026**

**Comment:**

**Council should view salaries in conjunction with all related costs, including pensions, vacation/sick, medical insurance, comp time, cash-outs, buy-backs, early retirement, shadow credits, etc., and compare all the PRIVATE sector (which is paying these costs). Our pensions are unsustainable because they are excessive. So you need to adjust other components to adjust to sustainable--like no salary increases. Then consider that reserves are increased in proportion to these extra costs per policy.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 8**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 01:56 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**8. 19-0133 Consider Adopting Resolution No. 19-00024 Establishing the Manhattan Beach City Logo and Authorizing and Directing Staff to Take All Related Actions to Implement and Trademark the City Logo (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-0024**

**Comment:**

**Unnecessary corporatization of M.B., and will likely result in unsightly proliferation like the "Parks Make Life Better" signs. Takes away from the historical seal. Was told by the mayor this will all be free and would not use staff time. I interpret different.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 10**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Neutral  
Received: 03-05-2019 01:13 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**10. 19-0094 Approve the Selection of the New City Website Domain Name: manhattanbeach.gov (Information Technology Director Taylor). APPROVE**

**Comment:**

**Another change to something I thought was weird from inception.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 11**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 01:53 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**11. 19-0108 Consider Introduction of Ordinance Nos. 19-0007 and 19-0008 Amending the Zoning Code and Local Coastal Program to Reinforce the Prohibition on Renting Residential Property for Less Than 30 Days, Except Under Limited Circumstances (Community Development Director McIntosh). a) CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING b) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NOS. 19-0007 AND 19-0008**

**Comment:**

**I think the council has a lot of gall, and not leadership, in scheduling this matter this way. The January meeting outlined a good process going forward, and did not need pre-empted. I suggest you back off, continue a 100% ban, and join with other cities with a current 100% ban to see what is practical going forward, including Coastal Commission challenges. Then assemble some good factual material with appropriate alternatives, and present to the residents for guidance and cogent feedback.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 11**

**Submitted by: Stephanie Monash  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-04-2019 10:30 AM**

**Agenda Item:**

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**Comment:**

**This proposed ordinance is nothing but a thinly veiled bequest to Airbnb and other platforms that have demonstrated contempt for our existing ban and will create an even-greater regulatory nightmare. As council already knows well, opening the door to STR's regardless of restrictions within the "coastal zone" area will cede our authority to the Coastal Commission, which supports the proliferation of STR's. Serve your constituents and not special interests by enforcing the existing ban!**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 11**

**Submitted by: Eileen Neill  
Position: Support  
Received: 03-02-2019 11:37 AM**

**Agenda Item:**

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**Comment:**

**I served as resident representative on the Sepulveda working group and helped craft this change. As a resident that was involved in the struggle to make the Gelson's development project more palpable to our neighborhood, I wish this ordinance had been in effect earlier. I personally would have welcomed a boutique hotel in my neighborhood. That would have been a much bigger revenue contributor (food sales are tax exempt) to the City. The proposed increased height is modest, no canyon effect.**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 15**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 02:04 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**15. 19-0146 Request by Mayor Napolitano and Councilmember Lesser to Review Two Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pedestrian Improvements: 1) Solar Powered Flashing Beacons, In-Road Warning Lights and a High Visibility Crosswalk at Blanche Road and 29th Street; and 2) a Solar Powered Radar Speed Awareness Sign Located 130 Feet North 29th Street on the West Side of Blanche Road (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT**

**Comment:**

**Hoping to send a separate e-mail to you. I saw the 29th St. installation 2 Sundays ago and immediately recognized it as out of scale and proportion. Later that day, neighbors Randy and Lissen Schnack stopped to bring this to my attention and express their concerns (i.e., "more than one complaint"). My home's side yard is along Blanche from 31st to 30th. Please consider replacing such signs with something more appropriate, the acceptance of which will be first vetted by the neighborhood.**



**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 15**

**Submitted by: Lissen Schnack  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 05:14 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**15. 19-0146 Request by Mayor Napolitano and Councilmember Lesser to Review Two Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pedestrian Improvements: 1) Solar Powered Flashing Beacons, In-Road Warning Lights and a High Visibility Crosswalk at Blanche Road and 29th Street; and 2) a Solar Powered Radar Speed Awareness Sign Located 130 Feet North 29th Street on the West Side of Blanche Road (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT**

**Comment:**

**16-foot tall FLASHING speed signs and 16-foot tall FLASHING cross walk signs commonly seen on commercial corridors are inappropriate in tight residential neighborhood settings when less invasive alternative measures can achieve the safety required. The impacted residents were not given any opportunity for input before construction began. This is setting a bad precedent and is not in keeping with the "small town character" in the City of Manhattan Beach's Mission Statement.**

**(Attachment)**

**City Council Meeting, March 6, 2019  
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 15**

**Submitted by: Randall Schnack  
Position: Oppose  
Received: 03-05-2019 05:01 PM**

**Agenda Item:**

**15. 19-0146 Request by Mayor Napolitano and Councilmember Lesser to Review Two Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pedestrian Improvements: 1) Solar Powered Flashing Beacons, In-Road Warning Lights and a High Visibility Crosswalk at Blanche Road and 29th Street; and 2) a Solar Powered Radar Speed Awareness Sign Located 130 Feet North 29th Street on the West Side of Blanche Road (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT**

**Comment:**

**The residents and City Council of Manhattan Beach have been misled as the City violates local, state and federal laws. The City has failed to comply with Safe Routes to School grant terms, the local municipal code, state laws, and federal laws. This failure, along with the failure to follow engineering principles and conduct traffic investigations has led to installation of the projects that are excessive and have resulted in waste of taxpayer funds exposing the City to liability. See attached**

**(Attachment)**