

RESOLUTION NO. CC-2407-060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONSTITUTING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CITY, AND THEIR FINANCING THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach (the “City”) is a charter city duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as mentioned in the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the City desires to undertake the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of the City’s police and fire facilities (together, the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, the City has outgrown its aging police and fire facilities, which were built in the 1950s when the City’s population was approximately one-third of the current population; and

WHEREAS the current fire stations, where constructed in 1959 for a total staff of 39 firefighters serving a population of 50,000. Today the fire department responds to over 8,000 annual emergency calls with a total staff of 69 personnel serving a population of 70,000 in the same facilities. These stations lack adequate space for personnel and paramedic equipment, hindering operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS on June 28, 2024, the Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury issued a report on *Earthquake Safety Readiness* directing cities to prioritize government building resilience and to initiate retrofitting and rebuilding of these buildings to ensure earthquake resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City falls within a region that is susceptible to earthquakes due to its proximity to several active fault lines which includes the Palos Verdes Fault, Newport-Inglewood Fault and San Andreas Fault. Redondo Beach is part of the broader Los Angeles area, which is classified as Seismic Zone 4. This is the highest seismic risk zone in the United States, indicating a high potential for significant seismic activity; and

WHEREAS, the City’s 911 communication center, police station and fire stations are critical infrastructure and critical components of the emergency response system and must adhere to stringent building codes designed to enhance earthquake resilience and ensure readiness in a disaster. This includes requirements for seismic retrofitting and/or replacement of older buildings to enhance the earthquake resilience of these buildings. These centers are the first point of contact in emergencies, providing immediate response and coordination in any disaster; and

WHEREAS, the fire stations are in need of repair, replacement and upgrades, including but not limited to, addressing structural cracking, seismic retrofitting, mold, asbestos and outdated plumbing and electrical systems, and adding or updating female sleeping quarters and restrooms in order to help recruit and retain fire fighters and paramedics; and

WHEREAS, the police station, which was constructed in 1957 for a total staff of 48, lacks adequate space for current personnel and equipment, hindering operational efficiency for the now roughly 240 Police Department employees; and

WHEREAS the current police station is in need of repair, replacement and upgrades, including but not limited to, mold, asbestos and lead, outdated plumbing and electrical systems, meeting California Structural Performance Category (SPC) requirements to survive a strong earthquake, addressing significant roof leaks during storms, updating inadequate restrooms to meet ADA requirements, and updating facilities to utilize more efficient, economical and environmentally friendly energy systems; and

WHEREAS a new police station would be able to accommodate space for new state-of-the-art technology to enhance the communications center, drone operations, jail operations, and a more contemporary Emergency Operations Center to keep the City secure during the management of emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS a new police station will incorporate modern security measures to better protect officers and arrestees, allow for community integration and meeting spaces, and foster positive relationships between law enforcement and residents to better accommodate the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the undertaking of the Improvements by the City constitutes the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or replacement of “municipal improvements” and “public infrastructure” because the Improvements are (1) part of the structures, facilities and equipment owned and operated under the control of the City, (2) part of the basic, underlying features of the City’s physical landscape, community identity, and organization, (3) once acquired or completed, open to the public for use and/or benefiting the public, and (4) necessary or convenient to carry out the objects, purposes and powers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to call an election for the proposition of incurring a bonded indebtedness and to issue such bonds to finance municipal improvements constituting public infrastructure of the City pursuant to certain provisions of the California Government Code, including Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Division 4 of Title 4 (commencing with Section 43600) and Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 (commencing with Section 53506) (collectively, the “Bond Law”); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) under and pursuant to the Bond Law to finance the cost of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, in order to initiate proceedings under the Bond Law to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds, the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) must make certain findings and determinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach as follows:

SECTION 1: The public interest and necessity demand, and it is the intention of the City Council to require, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of the Improvements, and to issue the Bonds to finance the cost thereof, subject to completion of the proceedings required by the Bond Law.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby finds and determines that the estimated costs of the Improvements will require an expenditure by the City greater than the amount allowed for it by the annual tax levy of the City. The principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed the estimated cost of the Improvements.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is adopted, and the Bonds, if approved by the qualified voters voting on the issuance of the Bonds, are to be issued pursuant to the Bond Law.

SECTION 4: The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution to initiate placement of the proposed measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because neither this Resolution nor the proposed ballot measure involves any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15378(b)(4). The proposed ballot measure is for the creation of a government funding mechanism which does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.”

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by two-thirds of all members of the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach on July 30, 2024.

Jim Light, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. CC-2407-060 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 30th day of July, 2024, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk